# **IT'S COMING ST. NICHOLAS!**

YOUR PARENT COUNCIL, TEACHERS AND STUDENTS ARE EXCITED AND GETTING READY FOR THIS YEAR'S MAJOR FUNDRAISER.

## THE 2019 HALLOWEEN DANCE-A-THON!

TAKES PLACE ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31ST

DANCE TIMES: JK, SK, Grades 1 & 2 8:40 a.m. - 9:40 a.m. (60 minutes)
Grades 3, 4 and 5 10:10 a.m. - 11:10 a.m. (60 minutes)

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We have an incredible **DJ providing us with music and entertainment** that will be sure to get every ghoul up and dancing! We encourage our students to dress up and have fun with their peers. We are asking that parents/guardians support this event by encouraging their children to collect as many donations as possible to help us achieve our goal of

>>\$15,000<<<

The goals of our fundraising initiative are to have fun, encourage school spirit, and raise money to:

- Purchase information technology resources for our students
- Support literacy, numeracy and art programs in our school
  - Support physical activity programs in our school
  - Upgrade our gym equipment and school resources
    - Improve our library resources

#### WE HAVE AMAZING PRIZES TO BE WON!

GRAND PRIZE: 11.6" ACER TOUCHSCREEN CHROME BOOK! (\$349.99 Value)

Donated by Best Buy East Gwillimbury

**SECOND PRIZE**: \$50.00 Upper Canada Mall Gift Card (one per division)

Contribution by Upper Canada Mall

**DRAW PRIZES**: 6 Cineplex movie passes donated by **Murray Family Chiropractic** 

3 Robotic Workshops donated by Tricks with Bricks

3 \$50 Gift Certificates donated by Academy for Math and English Aurora

3 Admission passes donated by Air Riderz Adventure Park Aurora

3 Gift Packages donated by Mastermind Toys E.G.

3 Large Pizza Certificates donated by **Toppers Pizza Newmarket** 3 \$50 Gift Certificates donated by **Molisana Bakery Newmarket** 

10 Admission passes donated by Funnery Play Park Café Newmarket

12 Gift Certificates donated by barBurrito Newmarket

3 \$25 Gift Certificates donated by **Luna Ristorante Newmarket** 3 \$20 Gift Certificates donated by **Guacamole Mexican Bistro** 

3 \$25 Gift Certificates donated by Swiss Chalet

We extend our **HUGE** thanks to **Best Buy East Gwillimbury** for their continued sponsorship of our initiatives and for donating our Grand Prize! Thank you also to all of our sponsors listed above, for contributing to our draw prizes. Please keep these companies in mind when you need their services.



#### **HOW DOES MY CHILD WIN PRIZES?**

All pledge envelopes must be returned no later than Thursday October 31st, 2019.

One draw ballot will be entered for every \$10.00 in pledges per student. (\$100 = 10 ballots)

These ballots will be eligible for the **draw prizes and second prize**.

One **grand prize** ballot will be entered in our grand prize draw, for every \$100.00 in pledges per student. (\$220 = 2 Grand Prize ballots + 22 draw ballots)

Any child that collects \$100 or more will also receive a FREE ST. NICHOLAS RE-USABLE WATER BOTTLE!!!

#### WE HAVE PARTICIPATION PRIZES AS WELL!

A pizza party will be awarded to the **top 3 classes** that raise the most money. Since class sizes vary, this will be determined by calculating, for each class, the average dollar amount collected per student.

For auditing purposes, <u>all pledge envelopes must be returned</u>. When your child returns their pledge envelope by October 31<sup>st</sup>, regardless of the donations they have collected, they will receive one free ballot for our second and draw prizes.

Additional dance-a-thon prizes have been generously donated by the following companies: Dairy Queen, Chapters, Swiss Chalet, Pickle Barrel, Baskin Robbins, Subway, and Bulk Barn

#### SNACKS ARE AVAILABLE!

Concession items and photo booth photos are sold in advance online at www.HealthyHunger.ca.

A <u>limited quantity</u> of snacks will be available for cash purchase on Halloween day, but cannot be guaranteed. We encourage you to order online, to avoid disappointment.

Log into your account, select October 31, and select your child's favourite options!

We have \$2 photo booth tickets and \$1 drinks and treats available.



Additional dance-a-thon concession donations have been generously donated by the following companies:

Metro (Yonge St), Superstore (Green Lane), and Food Basics (Yonge St)

All parents are welcome! © We are looking for parent volunteers to support on Halloween day to hand out snacks and drinks, assist with our photo booth and interact with our children.

If you would like to help, please e-mail stnickscouncil@gmail.com with your name and availability.



#### **DONATION DETAILS**

Our students have been given pledge envelopes to record their sponsors and donations.

Please note: <u>INDIVIDUAL</u> pledges of <u>\$25 or more are eligible for a tax receipt</u>. These individual pledge cheques are to be made payable to <u>YCDSB</u>.

Any other cheques may be written to St. Nicholas CES.

#### ALL PLEDGES MUST BE RETURNED TO THE SCHOOL NO LATER THAN OCTOBER 31st, 2019.

We encourage you to utilize the York Catholic District School Board's on-line payment system. It is easy to follow, and a safe and secure method to make a donation of \$25 or more to the school.

The website is: www.canadahelps.org

- Enter York Catholic District School Board as the charity name
- Click on "Donate Now", enter the amount of your donation, and then select St. Nicholas from the drop-down list
- Please click the "In Honour" link in blue, and enter the First and Last name of your student.
- Click "Continue with My Donation"
- Complete the "Donor & Tax Receipt Information" and "Payment Information"
- Click on "Complete Donation Now"

### Here are a few suggestions to help you with your fundraising efforts:

- E-mail is a great way to reach out to family and friends and request their support. Why not e-mail them this online donation website and tell them about our fundraiser? A sample letter you may choose to copy and send to your contacts, will be e-mailed to you from our school.
- Not everyone feels comfortable asking for donations. Older students may choose to offer to do chores and help someone they know in need to earn their donations. Win-Win! ©

PLEASE INDICATE ON THE STUDENT'S PLEDGE FORM IF THERE HAS BEEN AN ONLINE DONATION, AND INCLUDE THE AMOUNT IF POSSIBLE. WE WILL CROSS REFERENCE OUR RECORDS, AND ENSURE THAT EVERY STUDENT RECEIVES THEIR RAFFLE TICKETS.

An assembly will be held on **Thursday November 7**<sup>th</sup>, **2019** to announce the results of our fundraising efforts and draw ballots for our lucky winners!

Thank you in advance for your support!

