

Dear parents and guardians of SJAM's newest students,

Welcome to École St. Joseph's – A. McKay School's Home and School Association

SJAM has a very effective Home and School Association. As your child joins the classroom, you now can become a member. The Home & School fundraises and puts on events so that our school can reach its full potential to brighten the future of our students. The more active members we have, the more we can:

- 1) help teachers buy extra classroom resources
- 2) make class trips affordable for all families
- 3) enable teachers design more ambitious field trips
- 4) Acquire equipment SJAM can use for years (music instruments, special-event tables, chess boards, art supplies, etc.)
- 5) enrich gardens and playground equipment and other facilities that are not in the HRSB budget
- 6) put on events that build school and community spirit



Events like Family Bingo raise money and bring community together



HSA helps pay for field trips like this one to Shubenacadie Wildlife Park

Volunteers

Your involvement can be as easy as attending a monthly meeting. We meet and work hand-in-hand with teachers and the school principal. It is a great way to learn more about what happens inside the classroom. It is also a great way to socialize with other fellow parents and have fun. Our needs change with every project. Sometimes we need muscle. In other cases, we need specific accounting, carpentry, face-painting or grant-writing skills, etc.

Events

We host the First-Day-of-School Coffee Social, Ice Cream Social, a Wine & Beer tasting fundraiser with silent auction, a Spring Fair, and a Family Bingo night. In addition, we handle SJAM clothing orders, citrus sales, magazine sales, Vessey's Bulbs, bottle drives etc. Specifically, this year, we are looking for people to shadow others who are on their last year of membership.

TO GET INVOLVED or FIND OUT MORE

- Attend a monthly meeting. We meet the 1st Wednesday of the month with the exception of September. The September meeting is **6:30 pm on Wednesday, September 13th in the SJAM library**. This is our Annual General Meeting where we elect Executives and accept its membership for the 2017/2018 school year.
- Contact Tina Hiscock, current Home & School chair, at sjamhomeandschool@hotmail.com
- Leave your name and contact information at the school office
- Follow us on Facebook or Twitter