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Hello SCCS Families!

The Fundraising committee is excited to embark on a new year of possibilities to enhance our community. Last year, the SCCS Board of Management sent a community survey that identified a few areas of opportunity. Of note was the need for improvements and upgrades to our classroom technology. Based on a subsequent needs assessment, the **total IT Improvement goal was set at \$180,000 and was comprised of four phases.**

For the first phase and as a first step to meeting this goal, the Board approved that 2022-23 fundraising efforts would be earmarked for the IT improvements. Improvements and upgrades to technology began over the summer. New Loft Boards and supporting technology were purchased for the classrooms. The cost of these upgrades was approximately \$45,000 and will be funded from our chocolate bar and raffle sales. We ask that all families be engaged and promote the sale of chocolates and raffle tickets to ensure that we cover the costs of these upgrades.

To assist with the completion of the remaining phases, SCCS is initiating an **IT fundraising campaign**. The additional upgrades to be completed include: a new computer lab; new teacher/staff desktops and laptops; upgrades to the AV/IT in the gym. Board members will be reaching out to individuals and corporate donors to assist with this initiative. If you are interested in supporting this effort, please download, complete and submit the IT Campaign forms located on the website as of November 1, 2022. Alternatively, you may contact the board chair at boardchair@stccs.ca to discuss opportunities for sponsorship.

Of course, there are other fundraising efforts on the agenda for the school. These include KinKar, Family Bingo Night, Pizza, Spring Craft Sale and more. For a complete list, please visit our website.

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VIP HOURS

Our Volunteer Incentive Program is an integral part of the SCCS community building initiative. We are aware that it has been difficult to find opportunities to volunteer over the past two years due to Covid. However, with the lifting of restrictions, there should be ample opportunity this year to meet your VIP requirements.

As we move forward into 2022-23, the expectation is that each family contributes 20 hours towards the betterment of the school or within the SCCS Community. Here are some ways you can reach this expectation over the school year:

- Volunteer for, or coordinate a fundraising event OR SCHOOL EVENT (there are many more fundraisers this year)
- Connect with teachers to do prep work or other duties to ease their load
- Attend the Parent Advisory Council (PAC) meetings (yes, this counts & any parent can attend!)
- Assist with parking/driving patrol or the parking committee to improve traffic flow at SCCS
- Provide carpooling for school events
- Donate items towards fundraisers, each item valued at \$20 will be honored for 1 hour toward VIP

Or we invite you to think outside the box! If you see a need that is not being met and can be done through the heart and soul of the SCCS volunteer community, please contact us.

All volunteer hours will be logged on a separate permission click form which will be located on the SCCS website parent portal. If you have any issues with logging volunteer hours, we ask that you email vip@stccs.ca directly to assist with any concerns. Families who choose not to volunteer have the option to opt out by paying a fee.

If you have questions for the fundraising committee, please feel free to contact us at Fundraising@stccs.ca