

Shop Smart Update

I'd like to take a quick moment to thank all of the families who are participating in our **Shop Smart program**. It is FREE money to the school from the places you normally shop at anyway.

Christmas is coming and people LOVE to get Gift Cards. Why don't you take a moment, and look at the list of cards available. Buy some Christmas gifts this pay cheque, and over the next few pay cheques. This saves time and gas and having to brave the crazy malls. An order will be going in this Friday and should be back by the following Friday (as the Christmas season gets nearer it sometimes takes them an extra day or two). One family had the great idea of buying their child's bus pass with the London Drugs Gift Cards. Are you going to the movies soon? Buy Cineplex ones. You need to eat, buy your grocery store cards. There is a huge list of cards to choose from. And the Spaghetti Factory has just been added.

Whether your budget is big or small, you can help with this fundraiser just by buying cards for the stores you normally shop at such as Grocery and Gas. **With just a small effort on your part to purchase the cards BEFORE you go shopping, you can help us fundraise – and again, it isn't costing you any extra money.**

A quick explanation in case you missed it before:

Through a fundraising company St. Pat's purchases gift cards at a discounted rate (% 's shown on the order form). You purchase the gift card at face value – eg a \$25 Starbucks Card for \$25. We earn 5% on this or \$1.25. All of these little amounts add up to a great fundraiser if lots of families participate with their regular household budget. I know we can earn \$800-\$1000 a week if we have a high family participation rate. That is \$40,000-\$50,000 a year in FREE money! This money can go a long way to support the needs of St. Patrick's. We need your participation.

Order forms can also be found on our school website www.stpatsschool.org under Shop Smart News.

Thank you again for those who have participated, and I look forward to all of you participating in this great fundraising program. The children of St. Patrick's thank you also.

If you have any questions, you can call me at 604-463-6993 or email me at correat@telus.net.

Sincerely,

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