

HTS Parents' Guild

Pretzel Post



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Summer 2009

Trinity Fair, the Guild's annual "fun-raiser," held on Friday, May 8th, was a smash-hit again this year. With awesome rides and amusements (thank you Superior Events Group!), humorous contests and fantastic live music plus carnival treats, a BBQ, used book sale, Hawk Shop Toonie Table, and unique artisan vendors! Lots to do for everyone at this great end-of-year fair. Mark your calendar now for our next Trinity Fair: May 14, 2010!

Did you know that every HTS parent is a member of the Parents' Guild?

Why the Pretzel is our logo...

Like a heart with three chambers, it represents the components of HTS' community: Students, Family and School. The pretzel's flowing curves portray the ever-present values in all Parents' Guild activities: Children, Caring, Commitment, Camaraderie, and Communication. The pretzel's intertwined structure reflects how these elements are linked together.

Guild Volunteer Events

Fall 2009

Ice Cream Day: Sept 10

Father Bob Run: Oct 2

Magazine & Giftwrap

Campaign: Sept to Oct

Can you help out?
Email Nonna Schiefer at volunteering@hts.on.ca

**Hawk Shop
Back-to-School
Hours**
8 to 11 a.m. & 1 to 4 p.m.

**September 8 thru 11
only**

8-8:30 M-F; 3-4:30 M-Th
thereafter

At the annual **Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast** on June 4th, the Administration and the Guild feted hardworking HTS volunteers. More than 100 guests were treated to a delicious gourmet breakfast while enjoying each other's company and the warm morning sunshine in the Dining Hall. It's worth repeating: thank you, all volunteers, for making our HTS community a special and welcoming place, and for contributing your valuable time and talents for the benefit and betterment of our school community. Every contribution you make is important and valued highly.

At the Breakfast, **Lifetime Achievement Awards** were presented to Parents' Guild volunteers who, in positions of varying responsibility, have given five or more years of service to the HTS community. This year's recipients are: Lorrie Boehmer, Summer Filgiano, Michelle Kielhauer, Lynda Kroen, Naz Moolani, Heather Msi and Gaye Spence. In addition to receiving keepsake gifts, their names have been added to a plaque hanging outside the Hawk Shop. And recognized for their service were this year's retiring Parents' Guild Executive members: Marianne Baker, Lorrie Boehmer, Shirley Marchant, Sandra Murphy, Carole Palmer, Mona Schulz and Cathy Stuart.

HTS Parents' Guild initiatives, including the Used Textbook Sale, Hawk Shop, Trinity Fair, Carols and Cookies Family Christmas celebration, and the annual Magazine and Giftwrap Campaign, raised over \$32,000 this year. Funds raised through these efforts are used by the Guild to support ongoing community events including Sundaes on Thursday, Popsicle Day, Grade Lunches, Grade Parent Program, Family Mentor Program, the Ladies Luncheon, and refreshments at the Father Bob Run and Coffee Cabaret. All monies raised are given back to HTS to buy books in both libraries, fund student scholarships, and contribute to the Yearbook, the Gala, and Grade 12 graduation festivities.

The **Parents' Guild Donation** is a culmination of the Guild's annual fundraising efforts, and is presented to HTS twice-yearly to purchase enhancements to our school's physical environment; past years' donations bought items such as spectator bleachers for sports fields, theatre lighting and gym equipment. This year, \$15,000 was presented at Christmas, and \$10,000 was presented at the Breakfast. These sums will purchase items such as library books, display cases for student work, and a large HTS crest to be mounted on the school façade atop the main doors. Never expected by the Administration, but always appreciated, the Guild is thrilled to contribute its time, talent and fundraising efforts to enhance students' extra-curricular experience in our school community.

The Guild hosted the **Annual Ladies' Luncheon** on a warm and sunny May 21st at the Thornhill Golf & Country Club. A springtime tradition, many future, current and alumnae HTS moms, and guests and grandmothers too, enjoyed a delicious three-course gourmet meal in a friendly and elegant setting. The Tritones, directed by Ms. Marshall, sang a delightful medley of Abba songs to generous applause. All in attendance agreed: it was a memorable occasion, not to be missed next year!