



Welcome to Bishop Allen Academy

Invest in the future of our children

CATHOLIC SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL and FRIENDS OF BISHOP ALLEN

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome to Bishop Allen Academy. The purpose of the Catholic School Advisory Council and Friends of Bishop Allen is to improve student achievement and to enhance the accountability of education to parents. The Council functions in an advisory role to the school principal. CSAC/FOBA meet on a monthly basis throughout the year, and welcomes the input of parents. Your suggestions and input are important to us, so please endeavour to attend one of our meetings.

Parent Involvement or “What’s my kid up to at school these days?”

As a parent of a teenager, do you ever wonder if your job as their guide, role model, teacher or disciplinarian has started to come to an end? Are you suffering from a lack of awareness of their lives, activities, friends and challenges to school? The members of CSAC are often asked by other parents, “What is going on at school?” or “What can I do to get involved at school?” These questions are usually followed by the caveat, “But I don’t have the time to attend all of those meetings.” We fully understand your dilemma and have attempted to build a comprehensive list of activities which may be of interest. The list of activities is available on the school’s website at www.bishopallen.ca under the Parent-CSAC link. Please review the options and decide what best fits your skills, interests and schedule. The ideas offer worthwhile opportunities to get involved in your child’s education.

CSAC and FOBA members have very full lives but we also see the benefits of getting involved in our children’s education. These benefits include meeting and working with staff outside of the school day, getting to know the challenges facing the school and using our talents to overcome challenges. Building the Bishop Allen community, which will celebrate its 22nd anniversary this year, is a critically important role.



You are the most important person in the life and education of your child. We hope you can find something of interest on the list and we look forward to seeing you around the school. ✦



CSAC and FOBA Meeting dates for 2010-2011:
7:00 pm in the Library

Sept. 28 • October. 26 •
November 23 • January 18 • February 22 •
April 26 • May 24

Friends of Bishop Allen (FOBA)

Bishop Allen's CSAC (Catholic School Advisory Committee) does little or no fundraising and depends mostly on FOBA to raise funds for items of critical importance to a fully rounded education. Every year we ask for your support through FOBA, which is a registered charity with the mandate to enhance the educational environment at Bishop Allen.

FOBA's annual campaign is a more attractive fundraising method than depending on multiple fundraising activities because:

- FOBA's charitable status allows it to issue tax receipts for your donations;

FOUR WAYS TO DONATE;

1. Donate directly to FOBA by simply filling in a form which is available at the office and leave it with any staff member. Please ensure your Cheque is made out to "FOBA" and that the envelope is addressed to FOBA, 721 Royal York Road, Toronto Ontario, M8Y 2T3
2. As a registered charity you can ask the United Way to direct all or a portion of your UnitedWay contributions to FOBA; Please state the name, address and BN number.
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BN Number: 863 190 740 RR0001, 721 ROYAL YORK ROAD, TORONTO, ONTARIO, M8Y2T3. As a registered charity you can ask your company to match your FOBA donation if they have a matching grant program where you work.



CSAC and FOBA Voice Mail:
(416) 393-5549 EXT 88549

CSAC and FOBA Email Address:
csac.bishopallenacademy@tcdsb.org

Website:
www.bishopallen.ca

3. CANADA HELPS: For Canada Helps, all you need to do is go to www.canadahelps.org and insert FOBA into the "I want to donate now" box and then follow the prompts. The funds go directly into the FOBA bank account and you get a charitable receipt immediately.
4. One recent strategy to fill the technology gap is to appeal to the community for donations 'in kind' of technology. Basically if you have or know of a contact who might have an older television (no more than 10 years old, 26" and has digital inputs) or computer and peripherals that one would donate to the school we would be most appreciative. For individuals donating in kind we would be open to offering a tax receipt up to \$50. in value thru FOBA (Friends of Bishop Allen.) To contact us concerning gently used equipment please contact me at adrian.dellamora@tcdsb.org

As a registered charity you can ask your company to match your FOBA donation if they have a matching grant program where you work. Your donation will fund items such as library materials, digital projectors, Science Guru's, student initiatives, SMART boards, and teacher supplies.

All donations will go directly to support Bishop Allen student programs.

Visit FOBA at our website or call us for further information.

Thank You
The Friends of Bishop Allen

CSAC and FOBA for 2010/2011

- Andy Kwiatkowski (Chair)
- Adam Coote (Co Vice-Chair)
- Valerie Devine (Co Vice-Chair)
- Anne Walsh-Rieger (Treasurer)
- Aoife Humphreys (Co Secretary)
- Venita Indewey (Co Secretary)
- John Grassby (FOBA Chair)

- Krystyna Dix
- Josie Allen
- Joanna Bak
- Marisa Neim
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- Deirdre Mackintosh
- Mary-Jo deQuintal

