

Dear Parents of Sands Secondary

The Parent Advisory Committee needs your HELP!

Due to recent additional funding cuts we will be forced to raise much needed money for Sands Secondary students ourselves. Given the activity in our school and our need to facilitate communication, we are looking at acquiring a large screen TV and a complimentary program that will run up- to-date information on all activities going on throughout the school. The TV will be located in the front hall of the school to ensure maximum exposure.

With this in mind, we need to raise \$2,900 within the next 6 weeks, and to do so, we have opted to do a onetime Christmas campaign using **FUNDSCRIP** to meet our objectives. The best news, **Fundscrip costs you nothing!**

Picture this: You make your usual visit to the grocery store. You fill your cart and go to the check out. Instead of paying with cash or a debit card, you use a gift card that you purchased through our school.

How does Fundscrip work?

All you have to do is buy gift cards from us supplied by Fundscrip for the very stores where you already shop. You spend the gift cards just like cash and in the process, earn money for our school. How is this possible? FundScrip purchases cards in huge quantities and as such benefits from volume discounts which are in part passed on to us.

For the most part, the gift cards do not have an expiry date and in the worst case scenario, they are valid for two (2) years. The cards come from the participating retailers themselves, just like the ones available in the actual stores. The cards have a declining balance and as such, any remaining balance can be used for future purchases.

So, what do you have to do?

We are asking each parent to make a minimum purchase of at least \$100 for any grocer they happen to frequent. Please fill out the attached Paper Order Form and return it with a cheque made out to the school in the amount of your total order. This is a perfect opportunity to not only purchase a grocery gift card, but think of upcoming Christmas Purchases! **Use this opportunity to ask co-workers, family members or neighbors if they wish to purchase some cards from you and add this to your purchase.** Know someone doing renovations on their house? Looking to buy a laptop? There are retailers that have gift cards that can fill just about any need.

If every family in the school were to purchase a mere \$100.00 (just part of your grocery budget) worth of gift cards, we would be able to come close to meeting our target. Now add all the possible Christmas gifts!

Imagine, you pay us a \$100.00 and in return receive a gift card worth a \$100 to spend like cash, and along with that the school receives a percentage back as a bonus.

We ask that you select your gift cards and return the attached paper order form to us (along with your payment – cheque made out to the Sands Secondary PAC) by Dec. 1st, 2009. Your orders will be available for pick up at the school on Dec. 8th & 9th.

If this fundraiser is a success we will look at running it more frequently.

Orders will be available to pick up on Tuesday Dec.8 (2:50-3:30) Dec.9 (8:30-9:00) (2:50 -3:30)
Front Hall at (Sands Secondary School)

**If you have any question please call
(Tammy Leard) at (604-951-4451)
Or email leard.family@yahoo.ca**

Happy Shopping