

# Your Guide to SpringFest 2010



## SPRINGFEST 2010 COMMITTEES

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8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Café	Gerry Zynda Colleen Scott	662-7572
Used Book Sale	Ruth Frost Marcia Mugridge	662-7572
Easter Candy Sale	Susan Auricchio	667-0112
Easter Flower Sale	Christen Enright	662-2622
Children's Arcade	OPEN	
Decorating	OPEN	
Parking	Doug Hamberger	480-6283
Set-Up/Break-Down	OPEN	
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# SpringFest

Saturday, March 27, 2010

## HISTORY

Families who are new to Nativity of Our Lord, may not know what SpringFest is and how they can become involved. For many years, Nativity of Our Lord School held an annual FallFest. Conceived as a major fund-raiser, FallFest grew into a beloved community event that included a rummage sale, craft fair, Chinese auction of theme baskets, used book sale and bake sale. Because it was a family event, entertainment was arranged for the children in the form of Glen Colton and a children's arcade where children were supervised while playing age appropriate games.

The rummage sale drew people from all over the parish as well as outside the Southtowns and veteran attendees were often lined up by 7AM --- well before the doors opened. These people would shop the rummage sale, eat lunch at the café traditionally run by the 8<sup>th</sup> grade class to raise money for their class trip to Toronto, shop the craft booths and pick up a homemade treat at the bake sale. Later in the day, there might be a chicken or spaghetti dinner where those heading home from 4:30 Mass could grab a quick bite to eat. All in all, it was a day to have some fun while supporting the school.

Parent volunteers would sort clothes and other donated household items, organize the parking lot, bake goodies to sell, decorate the gym and school halls in a seasonal theme or act as a cashier. Others would help to set-up or break down tables, serve dinners, or sell larger household items in the garage annex. Obviously, all of this takes an enormous amount of time and effort. It presented a perfect opportunity for parents to get their hours for the Time, Trash & Treasures commitment.

## Why Revive It?

Recently, I have been asked repeatedly when the rummage sale was going to be revived. People frequently call the church and school about this and many families have told me that they don't know what to do with the stuff in their attics and basements --- because they have always given it to Nativity! I figured that we might as well try to revive the rummage sale--- at a different time of year. I held the first volunteer meeting and lo and behold, it has grown from a rummage sale into SpringFest. Nativity parents and parishioners alike would like to see an enhanced sense of community.

## How Can You Get Involved?

Attached are a number of volunteer sign-up sheets. Please consider your individual talents, interests and availability and sign up for an event that interests you. Send the sheets to the school office to **my attention: Jen Hamberger**.

Please understand that this is a major fundraiser and community activity. You may receive multiple flyers requesting your time, talent, support and donations. We are all working for the betterment of our children's school. Your patience is appreciated.

## **SPRINGFEST EVENTS**

### **RUMMAGE SALE**

A mix of gently used donated clothing, electronics, toys and furniture, the rummage sale generates the largest proportion of income for the school. We need parent and parish volunteers to sort and price donated items, set up and break down the racks and tables and act as cashiers. The sale runs from 8AM -3PM on Saturday, March 27, 2010. Any left-over items are donated to AMVETS. Volunteers are needed to load up the AMVETS trucks at the end of the day.

### **CHINESE AUCTION OF BASKETS**

A display of theme baskets containing new items donated by parents, parishioners and local businesses. Tickets are purchased by those attending the SpringFest events and placed in containers. Winners are announced at the spaghetti dinner. You do not have to be present to win. Traditionally, this is a big draw for rummage sale people. We need families to donate basket items, baskets, basket fillers, and basket decorations.

### **CASH RAFFLE**

Parents and parishioners purchase raffle tickets for \$10 per ticket. The cash prize is \$1,000. We cover our costs if we sell 100 tickets. If we sell all 1000 tickets, the school will net \$9,000! We need families to buy tickets themselves and sell tickets to their friends and extended family. We also need volunteers to sell raffle tickets after Masses every weekend in late February and March. The winning ticket will be chosen at the spaghetti dinner. You do not have to be present to win. This is a wonderful opportunity to support the school with a minimal output of time and effort.

### **BAKE SALE**

Families and parishioners donate baked good for sale. These items needn't be homemade --- although the homemade items do sell very well! It helps if the baked goods are arranged on plates, wrapped with cellophane, tagged with a description and decorated with a bow. If you don't have time to do this, volunteers help out. Pies are BIG money-makers so if you have a special recipe, now is the time to try it out!

### **8<sup>th</sup> GRADE CAFE**

Managed by Gerry Zynda and Colleen Scott, 8<sup>th</sup> graders help cook and serve cheeseburgers, pizza, and chili. Soft drinks and water are also available for sale. The proceeds go to help off-set the cost of the traditional 8<sup>th</sup> grade trip to Toronto. Any donations of food, pop, paper goods etc. are greatly appreciated.

### **USED BOOK SALE**

Miss Frost, Marcia Mugridge and Sister Geraldine run this used book sale. If you have hard cover or paperback books that are in good condition and are taking up a lot of shelf space, please donate them to this sale. The ladies sort them by subject and sell them in the art room. If you are getting ready for vacation and need something to read, this is the place to stop! You can find recent best-sellers as well as beloved classics.

### **EASTER CANDY SALE**

Back by popular demand, the Niagara Candy Easter candy sale runs from 2/3-2/22. If we sell \$2000 of candy, Nativity School gets to keep 50% of the proceeds. If we sell less than \$2000, we *still* get to keep 37% of the proceeds. Shop for your Easter candy without leaving home! Pick-up will be in the gym on March 27, 2010. We need volunteers to help sort the orders and man the table during pick-up hours.

### **EASTER FLOWER SALE**

Similar to the poinsettia sale in November, we are offering spring plants --- lilies, hyacinths and tulips for sale throughout March. Easter is April 4<sup>th</sup>, so why not buy that traditional Easter lily for Grandma through Nativity? Look for order forms in the Wednesday envelope. We get our flowers through Lisa's Greenhouse in Orchard Park. They are always beautiful and the proceeds benefit Nativity School. We need volunteers to help sort the plants and man the tables during pick-up on Saturday.

### **CHILDREN'S ARCADE**

Traditionally set up in the Mgr. Beasley Center above the gym, this consists of games like Toss-Across, Twister etc. Kids pay a small amount to play games of chance under the supervision of older students and parent volunteers. If you are volunteering elsewhere, it's a great way to keep your kids occupied in a fun, constructive way.

### **HIGH SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS**

Many high school students are required to perform a specific amount of community service hours. Joyce Jaisura is great at coordinating these young men and women in the areas where we need them most throughout the day. If you know of someone who needs hours, please contact Joyce directly.

**SPRINGFEST VOLUNTEER SHEET  
PARKING LOT**

**Contact: Doug Hamberger  
7:00AM – 3:00pm**

This requires directing traffic within the parking lot itself and possibly on the side streets surrounding the school. Parking volunteers also keep an eye on the safety of the children who may be darting from building to building. We'll keep you warm with coffee and baked treats!

Please include your name, phone number and the hours you are available:

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**SPRINGFEST VOLUNTEER SHEET  
RMMAGE SALE CLOTHES SORTING  
Sunday March 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> 9AM-1PM  
Set-Up Friday March 26, 2010 TBD  
Sale Saturday March 27, 2010 8AM-3PM**

**Contact: Patti Dignitti or Meg Hughes**

Many parishioners and OP families drop off clothing, household goods, electronics and furniture before, during and after church. We need assistance sorting, hanging, pricing and organizing these items. Clothing is handled in the pre-K room outside the gym and other household items are sorted in the garage annex. Coffee and baked donuts keep the crew going. Sorting isn't for everyone, but most veterans will tell you that it's actually a lot of fun.

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SPAGETTI DINNER  
SET-UP, COOKING, SERVING, CLEAN-UP  
CONTACT: GREG & SHEILA GANNON

If you have any expertise in the kitchen, we need you to help cook, slice bread etc. Perhaps you have a special recipe to share? This is your chance to shine.

Please include your name, phone number and the hours and duties you would

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BAKE SALE  
BAKE, SET-UP, BREAK-DOWN & SALES  
CONTACT: Myra Lucero

**Friday, March 26, 2010**

Baker volunteers will be dropping off their goodies. You can help organize the treats so that they will sell. This can mean breaking up large trays into smaller plates, pricing each offering and making a pleasing display on the appointed tables.

**Saturday, March 27, 2010**

We need people to man the table, cash people out and keep the display tables looking inviting as the baked goods sell. At the end of the day (3PM), we need help breaking the tables down and running any remaining baked goods over to the cafeteria for the spaghetti dinner.

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USED BOOK SALE  
SET-UP, BREAK-DOWN & SALES  
CONTACT: Ruth Frost

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CHILDREN'S ARCADE  
COORDINATE, SET-UP, BREAK-DOWN & SALES  
CONTACT: TBD

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CASH RAFFLE  
SELL TICKETS AFTER MASSES ON SATURDAYS & SUNDAYS  
CONTACT: Jen Hamberger

Please include your name, phone number and the hours you are available: \_\_\_\_\_

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DECORATIONS  
DONATIONS, SET-UP, CLEAN-UP

Please include your name, phone number and the hours you are available

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