



# January Newsletter 2009

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## Welcome Back

Happy New Year! We hope everyone had a safe and happy holiday. As this new year begins we are looking forward to many exciting activities at Harmony. Our year is planned and to help everyone get as excited as the board, executive, management and volunteers are, we thought we would give you a brief outline of the plans and events scheduled for this year.

We are hoping that many parents will consider signing up to help on these activities, or get involved in the planning of these events.

We have wonderful plans, but they will only be successful if we have as many youth and parents involved as possible. This past year Harmony achieved many successes. We have tried to plan activities that every member will enjoy and can be a part of. We try to plan events that family and friends can also join in. We look forward to sharing the 2009 year with all of you.

Joanne

## Harmony's Timetable

January; Board Elections/AGM  
 February; Valentines Day  
 February; Corporate Open House  
 March; March Break Activities  
 April; Rick Scott  
 April; Teen retreat  
 May; Music Monday  
 May; Trip to Chicago  
 June; Hamburger cook-off  
 June; Banquet  
 June; Loonie Month  
 June; Paintball Tournament  
 July; Bayfest  
 July; Month long day camp  
 July; Harmony billeting Choir from Mexico  
 July; Over-night camp  
 August; Family picnic  
 September; Convention  
 October; Teen retreat  
 October; Haunted House  
 November; Carol-o-grams  
 November; Annual Open Hosue  
 December; Christmas activities



## **Rick Scott**

Rick Scott is a long-time friend of Harmony's. He has been a large supporter of Harmony since 1999. He is a Juno award winning entertainer and is coming in April to perform some school productions, as well as two performances with the youth at the Industry Theatre. We are doing this in partnership with Bayfest Festival of Performing Arts. He will work every evening with the youth from Harmony, and together we will perform these shows. For those not familiar with Rick Scott, please take a few moments and go onto his web-site. [www.rickscott.ca](http://www.rickscott.ca). The youth will have to learn his songs and so we will begin rehearsals for this production in January. We will be hosting this on Wednesday evenings at 5:30-6:30.

## **Chicago**

We are planning our trip to Chicago and still have students who have not paid their deposit. The reservations will be made by January 31<sup>st</sup>. If you have not, you will not be able to participate on the trip after that date.

We will also be taking attendance at rehearsal. We require the youth to not miss classes. The kids need to learn the new material, which is in four part harmony and requires then to be in attendance. Thank you for your assistance. We will be having a parent meeting in the beginning of February with an itinerary for you. We will be doing some additional fund-raising events. The kids have requested a starve-a-thon, which they would get sponsors for, and sleep at Harmony, a read-a-thon, and Valentine and Easter chocolates. This group will also be hosting a few fish fry dinners for Lent. We are going to need the help of everyone to make these fund-raisers a success.

Jan. 29<sup>th</sup>; 6:00 p.m.-Jan 30<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 p.m.-Starve-a-thon (We need 3 chaperones....help!!!)

Feb, 10<sup>th</sup>; Parent meeting for trip (mandatory)

Feb. 24<sup>th</sup>- Family pancake supper (at Harmony)

Feb. 27<sup>th</sup>; Fish Fry

March 13<sup>th</sup> -Fish Fry

March 23<sup>rd</sup>; Read-a-thon due

March 27<sup>th</sup>; Fish Fry

## **Board of Directors**

Harmony will be holding our annual AGM and Board Elections in January. If you are interested in become part of the government of Harmony, please send resume and board application to Joanne.

All Harmony members and their families are invited to the AGM. This is a great opportunity to understand what the plans are for the 2009 year, as well as a greater understanding about the organizations and its centers.

## **Reminders**

Please take special note that if there is inclement weather, or the cancellation of buses Harmony closes. We do not want anyone travelling on the roads if it is dangerous. If you are unsure, please check the FOX FM, or our web-site or answering machine before you head out on the roads.

As well, please remember that we do not allow ANY youth to leave without supervision. Parents must pick up the children. It is dark and cold out and this is for your child's safety. Thanks for understanding and helping us with this important issues.

## **Bake Sale**

The bake sale will take place at Shopper's on Mitton St. On Thursday January 29<sup>th</sup>. Please note, many of our regular bakers have flown south for the winter. Please, help us out and bake if you can....we really need help for the next three months.

## **Volunteers**

We are recruiting volunteers to help out with many different things. The office, paintball, picnic, burger cook-off, etc. Please consider helping and paying it forward. We always seem to rely on a few regular folks. We all have talents, perhaps considering lending your talents to help the youth!!!

## **Office Help**

We really need some office help. The shifts are;

Mornings; 8-12  
 Afternoon; 12-4  
 Evening; 4-8

These shifts run Monday thru Friday. If you could dedicate one shift a week you would greatly help us out.

## **Exam Week**

The week of January 23-31<sup>st</sup>, only junior and intermediate programs will be held, so that the teens can study for their exams. Please mark this one your calendar!!!

## **Café**

Here is the rundown for the January and February Café's

Jan 16<sup>th</sup>-All Ages, Snowfest  
 Jan 23<sup>rd</sup>-Girls nights Ages 12-16-Manicure, pedicure and chick flick  
 Jan. 30<sup>th</sup>-Starve-a-thon  
 Feb. 6<sup>th</sup>; 12 and up; Bowling  
 Feb. 13<sup>th</sup>; All ages, Valentines party  
 Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup>; All ages, karaoke, sloppy joe's

**Babysitting Course;**

Cathy Millsap will be offering the babysitting course on Saturday Jan. 31<sup>st</sup>, from 9-4. Cost is \$20.00 for non-members and \$15.00 for members. This will provide you with ministry certificate of completion of course.

You must register by Jan. 26<sup>th</sup>, and paid in full to attend.