



VCPA E-NEWS

1. MOTHER'S CHRISTMAS TEA

In no time, it will be time for tea . . . the Mothers' Christmas Tea!

Join us on December 1 from 10:30 to 2:30 in the Brothers' Residence. It's coming fast!

Exquisite Handmade Cards



Order ahead of time and pick them up at the Tea!

A dedicated group of enthusiastic VC moms have made gorgeous, limited edition, handmade Christmas, birthday and thank you cards especially for the Mothers' Christmas Tea fundraiser.

Preorder or look for them in the Gift Certificate Room. To order ahead contact contact Susan Gautreau to place and order susan_gautreau@hotmail.com



Check us out on [Facebook](#) You can join the group, and the beautiful cards we are We are packaging orders event.

vcmomsfundraiser@groups.facebook.com



too! invite your friends to join, check out the pictures of selling. up right up until the

Updates for the week:

1. Mother's Christmas Tea
2. Finnegan Ball News

For information about the **Parent Participation Program (PPP)**, please go to our website:

<http://www.vc.bc.ca>

For all other questions and information regarding **PPP** contact Wes Bolton at:

wbolton@vc.bc.ca

or 604-267-4998

**Silent Auction "Wish List" Donations Needed
All Elves on Deck!**

Every year at the Mothers' Christmas Tea, we try and offer a unique assortment of baskets for our guests to bid on. We are able to get many of these items donated by the community but in order to have the best possible range of goods **we need your help.**



Please consider donating individual items that we can package up into baskets. Take a moment to check out the examples below and see if you have any of these items at home or if you can donate something for the Mothers' Christmas Tea:

Wine Connoisseur: wine, wine charms, wine notebook, wine book with corkscrew, wine cooler, biscuits, preserves, dark chocolate...

Health and Fitness: yoga mat, event tickets, water bottles, sports gear, work out wear, energy snacks...

Teenage Dream: iPod, CD's, gift cards, driving lessons, backpack, purse, wallet...

Baby Bliss: baby snuggler, blanket, cuddlies, baby books, creams and lotions...

Bath and Body: lotions, creams, perfumes, make-up, cosmetic cases, brushes, spa gift certificates, nail polish...

Foodie Fun: gourmet jelly, relish, or chutney, kitchenware, cookbook, cooking lessons, apron, linens, specialty coffee or tea, chocolate...

Christmas: Christmas napkins, decorations, wreaths, wrapping, cards, ornaments...

Gardening: pots, small tools, seeds, bulbs, books, gloves...

These are only a few ideas. Be creative and come up with your own ideas! It is important that all items be new (or completely unused). Kindly label your donation "MCT", and attach a [Donation Form](#) **Important: Please ensure that your donations are in the office by November 26th.**

Mrs. Claus, you make good cookies!**Earn Parent Participation Hours with home baked goodness**

"Holiday" baking is one of the most popular features of the Mothers' Christmas Tea. Your home baked contributions are welcome and will earn you PPP credits. Culinary creations should be suitable for the season: mince tarts, shortbreads, traditional Christmas cookies and fruit cakes; jams, jellies and holiday confections.



PLEASE, no store bought goods – as they will not be accepted and you will not be eligible for PPP hours!

Helpful tips for bakers:

Package everything ready for sale with cello, ribbons, festive tins, etc. (Smart marketing!)

Label your items so that they are easily identifiable (Good advertising!)

Allergy alerts are helpful, particularly if your products contain nuts (Somebody's Mother will thank you!)

If your goodies are wheat free, dairy free, sugar free or have unique ingredients, that can be a selling point for those with special dietary concerns (Somebody else's Mother will thank you!)

Baking Drop off information: Baking is to be dropped off the morning of Tuesday November 30th in the Alumni room *the day before the MCT*

PARENT PARTICIPATION - PPP Baking Information:

One cake = one hour of participation

Two dozen cookies earns = one hour of participation

Preserves, antipasto, chutney, jellies (i.e. Jalapeno, wine, red pepper), specialty chocolate sauces – one dozen = two PPP hours

Shortbread – two dozens = one PPP hour

Regular Tarts – one dozen = one PPP hour

Mini Tarts – two dozen = one PPP hour

Gingerbread Houses – one cake = one PPP hour

Fruit cake – one cake for two PPP hours

Biscotti – one dozen = one PPP hour

Pies – one pie = one PPP hour; two pies = one and half PPP hours

Christmas cookies – two dozens = one PPP hour

Rum Balls – two dozens = one PPP hour

Christmas Loaves – one loaf = two PPP hours



“VC SPIRIT ROOM” – Where you’ll find the most unique, handcrafted VC crafts and gift items for Christmas!



This Philippine inspired star lantern called parol has been transformed by a VC craft dad . . . into a winter sun catcher! Hang this hand crafted work of art by your window and see the nativity illuminated by the morning light!



Three cheers for BABY KOZ!!! As she sports one of our Fighting Irish pompom hats, we know which team she's routing for! For kids 3 and under, or show your spirit and wear one for the team. Available in white and in Christmas green and red, as shown in the photo insert.

Vancouver College Kitchen Paraphernalia: Our Fighting Irish 100% cotton aprons are always a hit at Mother's Christmas Tea.

This year, CRAFTS, have new VC kitchen must havespot holders and oven mitts, with the original VC logo, lined with light weight, Mylar insulation, which will protect your hands from the heat. (Mylar, and lots of our craft notions were generously donated by the Mair family).

For all other inquires for the Mother’s Christmas Tea, please contact Leslie Hoeschen at

Hoeschen@telus.net .

2. FINNEGAN BALL - FINNEGAN GETS A BUS!!

In a wonderful night of community building, over 300 guests at Vancouver College's 32nd Annual Finnegan Ball had a memorable evening. While exact figures aren't yet calculated, it would appear we raised an unprecedented \$150,000. Our Finnegan Ball Committee would sincerely like to thank those in attendance, our many tireless volunteers, Lettermen & our Edmundians.



A special thank you also to the ShowStoppers who sang and danced beautifully for our entertainment. As well, congratulations to the winners of the Finnegan Treasures, Teresa Domingo who took home the Diamond Omega Watch donated by Lawrence & Michelle Kosick, and Elaine Liu and Enia Cordick who took home the exquisite diamond pendants both donated by Spence Diamonds.

This evening would not be possible without the support of all our generous advertisers, sponsors and donors. Their contributions to the program, the live and silent auctions, and the Finnegan Treasure are a strong expression of support for the excellent education that defines Vancouver College. Please take special note of these organizations and in return support their businesses whenever possible – so many of these great folks have supported the College year after year – and again, we thank you.



We look forward to next year's Finnegan Ball, but for now Finnegan Needs A Vacation (and perhaps he can get there on his new bus).

With gratitude,
Finnegan Ball Co-Chairs, 2010
Dana Wright & Bianca Fusco Zanatta

Best Regards,

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