



Holy Ghost Preparatory School Mothers' Guild

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Dear HGP Moms and Guardians:

Planning is in full swing for the 2017 **HGP Mothers' Guild Holiday Craft Show!** The Craft Show is the major fundraiser sponsored by the HGP Mothers' Guild each year. This year it will take place on **November 11-12, 2017**. It is an amazing event with well over a hundred talented Crafters and thousands of shoppers each day. In addition, there are games of chance, raffles and lots of homemade food. It is truly the most popular Craft Show in the area. Thousands of dollars have been raised over the past years. Profits from the Craft Show are given directly to the school; thus, the Craft Show directly benefits our sons.

The success of the Craft Show depends on you -- the Moms of HGP. Keep in mind that the Craft Show is not just work, but a lot of fun for the Moms (and Dads) who lend their help and support. It is a wonderful way to make new friends and to be a part of the HGP family as we continue this great tradition year after year. **We couldn't be successful without YOU!**

A listing of the Craft Show Committees follows, along with a brief description of each committee's function. **At this time, we are recruiting Co-Chairpersons and "Chairperson Shadows" for certain committees.** The "Shadows" will eventually become Committee Chairs. Should you have any interest, please reach out to me or any of the Tri-Chairs listed below:

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Thank you very much for all the help and support you can give to this important fundraiser. The HGP family comes through every year and we know that this year will be no exception. If you are new to HGP, we know you will enjoy being a part of the continuing tradition of successful HGP Craft shows.

Please note that hgpcraftshowinfo@gmail.com is the general craft show email address for all crafters and general public.

Sincerely,

Kate Braunstein

2017 HGP Holiday Craft Show Committee Tri-Chair

2017 HOLIDAY CRAFT SHOW COMMITTEES

BAKE TABLE (Kathy Galasso/Jean Nycz) - This committee sells all the beautiful and delicious home baked goodies generously donated by HGP Moms and extended families. Each HGP Mom has traditionally donated 3 home baked items for this table. This table is very popular with our shoppers and by Sunday afternoon, everything is sold!

CENTER-STAGE CRAFTER'S AUCTION (Tara Carbino/Colleen Ginnett/Teri Seibert) - This committee is responsible for the collection and display of items donated by our crafters. Our shoppers purchase tickets to place in tins in front of the items they would like to win. Volunteers set-up on Friday and sell tickets on Saturday and Sunday. The Moms on this committee have the most fun on Sunday when they pack, wrap and distribute the winnings.

HGP CAFÉ (Keya Watkins)- Our Café is a popular stop for hungry Craft Show shoppers. Volunteers ensure the café runs smoothly and provide good food and friendly service. At the HGP Café, having too many cooks in the kitchen is a good thing! **Needs Chairperson Co-Chair and Chairperson Shadow!!**

VENDOR SUPPORT (Jen Cannon) - The Vendor Support team is very important and is responsible for bringing coffee or tea and a donut to each crafter in the morning, taking and delivering crafters' lunch orders (most are not able to leave their tables), and providing refreshments to our volunteer Dads. This committee needs the largest number of volunteers. **Needs Chairperson Shadow!!**

50/50 DRAWING (Michelle Beck/Trish Monaghan/Karen Wirgau-Yohe) – Volunteers sell 50/50 tickets in shifts throughout the day.

GIFT BASKET RAFFLE COMMITTEE (Becky Gabriele/Terese Martin/Julie O'Connell/Cathleen Parsons) - A highlight of the Craft Show is our wonderful themed basket raffle. For each chance, the purchaser has the opportunity to win one of the gorgeous baskets, overflowing with items in various themes including a Christmas Basket, Home & Hearth, Sports and more. Volunteers sell chances during the two days of the show. **Needs Chairperson Shadow!!**

DECORATING COMMITTEE (Mary Ann Quigley/Alice Braun/Jen Costigan) - If you enjoy holiday decorating, this committee is for you! The Moms on this committee have a great time transforming the field house into a Christmas wonderland with trees, wreaths and other festive decorations.

PUBLICITY COMMITTEE (Courtney Elliott/Begona Platero) - Spread the word! Put up flyers in stores or at work, put announcements in church bulletins, or place ads in community sections of local newspapers. All ideas are welcome!

As noted above, our Café, Vendor Support and Gift Basket committees are looking for a “Co-Chairperson” and/or “Chairperson Shadows.” We also need a Shadow for our Committee Tri-Chair in charge of vendor relations. The “Shadows” will eventually become a Chairperson. If you are interested in volunteering for any position or committee, please feel free to contact me and we can discuss the duties in more detail. Sign up forms for committee volunteers will be also be available on our website and at our Mothers' Guild meetings on September 17, October 2 and November 6.