



CSSFA RESTART

Connaught Street School Family
Association

Many Families, One Community

The aim for the future of our family association is to...

- help us (re)learn how to be a **community** after the impacts of the pandemic
- increase our **activities and special events** (especially with the new gym and cafeteria)
- **invite and include** all families into this school community
- make decisions on **how to spend raised money**
- This is what a **family association** does. But *CSS no longer has active one.*

A group of CSS families wants to see the CSS Family Association begin again – yet with *suggestions from all families*. You have this opportunity at the end of the slide deck.





CSSFA Past Accomplishments

Have you heard about:

- Spookarama?
- The Holiday Gift Shop?
- Snack Masters?
- The Family Fun BBQ?
- Staff Appreciation Week?
- The Bike Rodeo?
- The Yard Sale and Bottle Drive?
- Art Stories?
- The Living Playground?

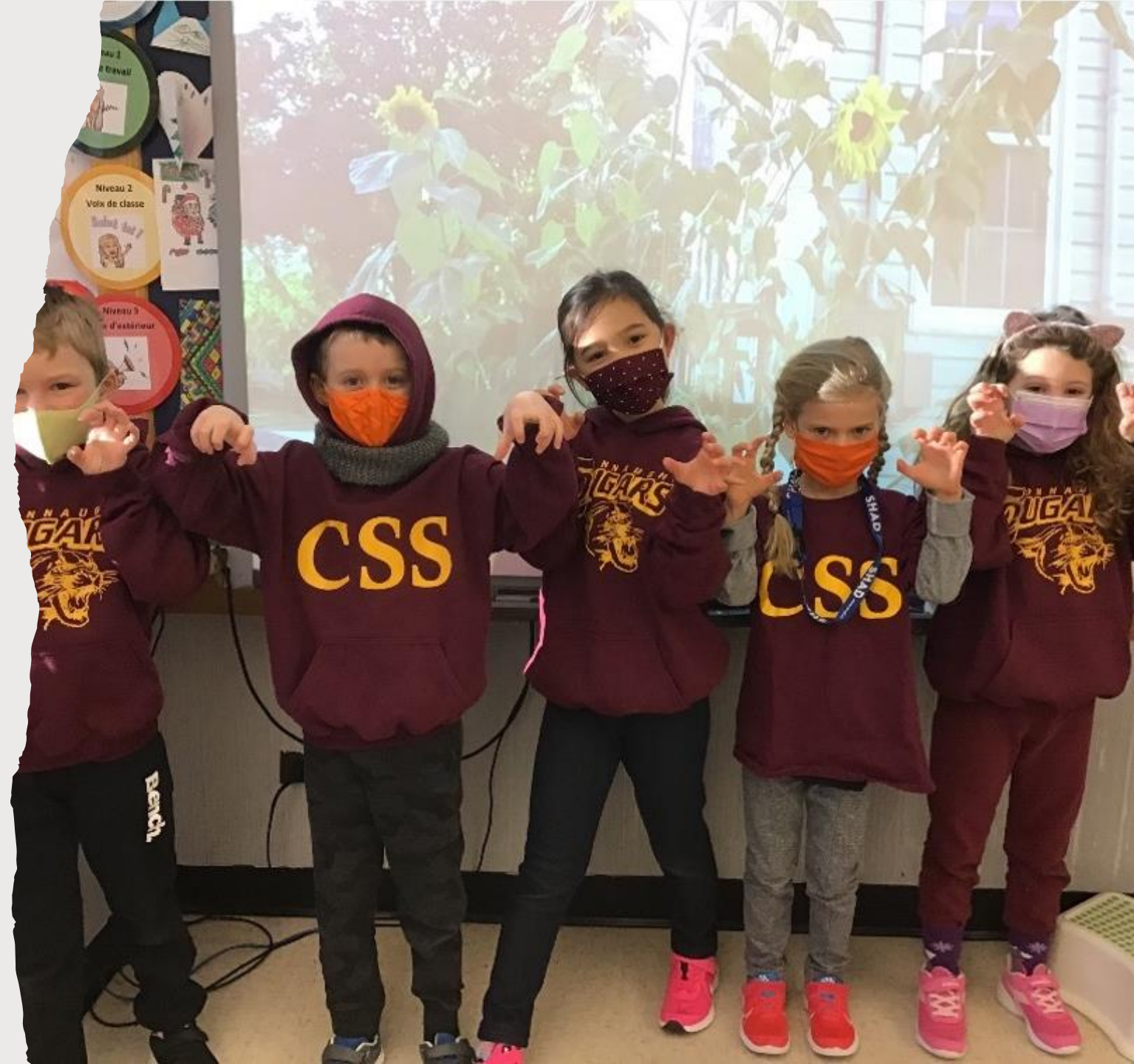
These events were created by CSS's Family Association. Each event brought families into the school community and some raised money for future projects.

Our Current Situation

- There is currently **no active Family Association**.

Why?

- School construction. COVID. Contributing families no longer have students attending CSS.
- Some events stopped. Some continue through extra work by school staff.
- Right now, we do not know **what families want** to increase family-led activities that connect the school and families.





Your Interests & Needs



What kind of events and activities do you want to see at CSS?



How can you feel connected to the school?



What skills can you bring to the school community?



How should we spend our raised money?



How can we be a community during this pandemic?

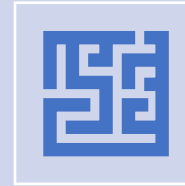
Your input, ideas, and questions will get us started on building the school community you want for your children.

CALL TO ACTION

Collecting your vision for our school community



Please share what you are thinking and feeling about our school community.



The focus group will use your answers to understand your needs. This is how we can make a strong CSSFA possible in September.



We will share the results and follow up with another request for volunteers, co-leaders or leaders of possible events.



What's the Plan?

Learn

(Apr-May)

Create a focus group to gain momentum

Ask all families about school community

Explore

(May-June)

Share responses with families

Plan for September discussions and possible solutions

Do

(Sept–June '22)

Form the CSSFA leadership committee

Families create ideas and make decisions

Create events that make school better for your children

Celebrate our cultures, languages, abilities within one school

How do I join the Family Association?

You already did! Because your child goes to CSS, you automatically belong to this group.

You can reach the focus group or school leaders through CSS Administrators:

- **Barb Corbett**, Principal (barb.corbett@nbed.nb.ca)
- **Cheryl Storey**, Vice Principal (cheryl.storey@nbed.nb.ca)



Who Can You Talk to About the Family Association?