

## Money Matters

The **Checklist of Contributions sheet** lists areas where money is needed throughout the school year. Please send a check with your student and this sheet to registration on **August 16<sup>th</sup>**. *Check the items you wish to pay for, and attach your cash/check send with your student on **August 16<sup>th</sup>**. We will sign the form and return one as your receipt.*

We really need families to buy yearbooks now so that we know how many books to order. We can set up a monthly payment plan if that makes advance payment easier for you.

You will also see options for a variety of donations to help projects at the school as well as to support our picnics and Staff Appreciation Day. These are described below.

### **Classroom Supplies Donation**

Please refer to the school supply sheet to find out about items needed by the school, in general.

These contributions will help replace the supplies used by students throughout the school year. You can bring these items on **August 16<sup>th</sup>** or any time afterward. If you prefer to donate cash, rather than go shopping, we will be happy to accept your contribution.

### **Pizza Money (otherwise known as a donation to help fund lunchtime student activities)**

One of the ways that we encourage a wide range of students to be involved in the school or to use important support services is to offer them a free lunch in exchange for their participation. Without this incentive, participation tends to be very limited. In order to involve more students, we offer pizza. But, as you know, there is no such thing as a free lunch. So if you would like to help us reach out to a wide range of students to get them involved in co-curricular activities, consider making a \$10 donation to our pizza fund.

### **Friday Cookie Money**

Many years ago, a parent volunteer who worked on Friday mornings started bringing cookies for the students. When her students graduated, another parent volunteer continued the tradition. But since it's not fair to expect volunteers to give both time and money the school now collects donations, shops for the cookies, and teaches students to share them. Our students love their Friday cookies and despite the sugar, they help create a warm and friendly environment. Please donate between \$1 - \$5 to keep this tradition alive.

### **Scholarships for Teen Bus Passes**

With gas prices rising and incomes dropping, more and more students are interested in bus passes and more and more of our students need financial aid to buy them. This last year it cost us \$600 each month to subsidize student transportation. We use the Opportunity Fund from Impact on Education and some of our Football parking revenues for this purpose. But we would love some additional contributions so that we can use our Football dollars for other educational needs.

### **Payback Coupon Book**

A great fundraiser for us and discount coupons for you and your family, they also make great gifts for friends and family. We make \$10 from every \$20 book sold. All coupons are for the Boulder County area.

### **Grocery Coupons**

We have discovered that a very effective way to raise money for special programming is through the sale of grocery coupons. We ask each family to participate in this program, which costs you nothing, and donates up to 5% of your grocery dollars to New Vista. Check out the program on a detailed flyer explaining how the program works.

### **Other Financial Contributions**

Any other money donated to the school will be used to support school programming, including: books, classroom supplies, equipment, computers, landscaping, and scholarships. If you would like to make a tax-deductible contribution of any amount, please do so at any time. Let us know whether you would like your gift to go for a specific activity or into the general fund.

### **Other Expenses you might encounter throughout the year depending on a student's schedule or choices**

- Students participating in a sport at one of the other high schools can expect to pay a fee for doing so, in addition to uniform costs.
- Students taking art classes at New Vista can expect fees ranging from \$5 to \$35 per class. These fees cover the cost of art materials which will be incorporated in projects students take home.
- Students taking Photography can expect a fee of **\$35** per class. We also have a limited supply of cameras for those students who need to rent a camera from the school. The rental fee is \$25.00 per quarter.
- Students taking math classes will be expected to own a simple calculator which must be brought to every class. Graphing calculators will be provided, as appropriate, in class.
- Students taking a Spanish class are expected to have a personal copy of a Spanish/English dictionary.

- Graduating seniors can expect to pay approximately \$25 for their caps and gowns and at least \$30 for announcements. Deposits are due **January 20, 2012**. (*All graduating seniors must buy a cap and gown, late orders will triple in price.*)
- School dances cost no more than \$25 per person.
- Student parking permits will cost **\$35** per semester. (parking within 2 blocks of the school, for more than 2 hours results in a ticket from the City of Boulder, the current parking ticket charge is \$40 and you can get more than one ticket in a day.)
- There may be other class-related fees associated with a variety of field trips.

Students who cannot afford fees associated with class activities may access scholarship funds by speaking with the school treasurer, Ann Thomaier.