

BNS Fundraising Event Participation Agreement

In addition to tuition, Blacksburg New School relies on the funds generated by the following annual events. Money earned from these events goes directly to the school's operating budget. True to its historical roots, BNS is a parent-teacher cooperative. This means that parents join the teachers in contributing to the well-being of the school. There will be dozens of small ways to help at various moments in time and you can choose which of these to do. We must, however, have a *declared commitment* from each family for *solid participation* in one or more of the following annual fundraising events. Solid participation means about 10 hours toward one of the projects. Higher participation is, of course, welcome... and quite common at BNS. Here are the big events for 2016-2017:

The Holiday Shopping Day at BNS [usually the first Saturday in November]

The Chocolate Party at University Mall [the Saturday before Valentine's Day]

The Auction for Education [this has become a spring event; late April or early May]

Please place a **check mark** next to the event(s) in which you plan to participate.

Also, please print your name and sign this agreement form at the bottom.

_____ **The "Holiday Shopping Day" at BNS (the first Saturday in November; November 5)**

This is a very pleasant event in which vendors set up throughout the BNS classrooms. BNS earns a booth fee from vendors and/or a percentage of their sales. We make about \$1500 each year and feel this event has the potential for even more financial yield. We offer a fabulous bake sale in the lobby along with some warm apple cider. Work includes organizing the vendors and executing the bake sale.

_____ **The "Chocolate Party" at University Mall in February (Saturday before V-Day; Feb 11)**

This event is linked to Valentine's Day and is our most highly visible event. Customers enjoy chocolate brownies, chocolate chip cookies, chocolate truffles, and many free kid-activities. Families take on a food, craft, and/or activity booth and go wild with it. The variety that emerges each year is fantastic, creative, and delicious! Additionally, 4-6 professional vendors pay a fee and sell items that make terrific valentine gifts. The Chocolate Party earns \$4000+ each year.

_____ **The "Auction for Education" (late April or early May)**

This is our most financially successful fundraising event—earning between \$8,000 and \$13,000 each time. The workload includes soliciting and gathering a wide variety of auction items, meeting during the winter/spring months, making plans for food and beverages, publishing a program for the auction, setting up and taking down the event itself, and writing thank-you notes to all contributors. This fundraising event is held every other year.

_____ **Financial Contribution Option**

This option allows those that may have significant time limitations a means to participate fully in the fundraising efforts of BNS. Those choosing this option will make a one-time payment of \$600 (to be provided when this form is completed and returned to BNS). Families choosing this option will be considered to have completed their fundraising obligations for the school year. At the same time, of course, they are more than welcome to join in the community spirit of any fundraising events as they so choose.

Please remember that aside from your participation choices above, attending all fundraising events as a supportive patron, possible customer, and friendly community member is always encouraged—and is rather vital to the overall fundraising program.

Other suggestions: (Suggestions will be considered by the President and/or Board. Use back of form if necessary.)

Payment Agreement: My signature below indicates my understanding that I will either fulfill my above-checked fundraising commitment or I will pay the \$600 Financial Contribution Option.

Parent Name (Printed): _____ Parent Signature: _____

Student(s) Name(s): _____

***Please return this form with your other registration materials. Thanks!**