

International Night Food Fair 2019: ***Information for Parents/Guardians***

DETAILS OF THE EVENING:

DATE:

This year's *International Night* will be held on **Wednesday 6th November 2019.**

Each year in November, the school celebrates the international, multicultural student body we have in St. Andrew's College with International Night – an evening where students, staff, parents and guardians from the Junior and Senior school come together to embrace each other's culture and international roots. Concurrently, we also run Intercultural Week which is a week-long celebration of the same ethos run during the school day by students in conjunction with staff.

Our aim for International Night 2019 is to again focus on the festival atmosphere and hence we will have the *International Night Ceremony of Flags* followed by the much-enjoyed food stalls and activity booths.

Last year, at International Night, students in the Ceremony of Flags represented over forty countries and more than twenty countries were represented at the food fair. The evening allows for staff, students and parents/guardians alike to mingle, socialise and experience the incredible cultural diversity of the College.

HOW CAN YOU GET INVOLVED?

1. As a parent/guardian, if your son/daughter is involved in the parade, you will be allocated a wristband to watch them in the Ceremony of Flags and to attend the rest of the evening.
2. However, if this is not the case or you wish to be more involved, we would love you to consider applying to manage a food stall in the food fair. To do this, please complete the form attached to this email and return to reception (for the attention of Ruth Devane) or email directly to rdevane@st-andrews.ie
The deadline for applying to manage a food stall is 4th October 2019. (See below for more details on the food fair.)
3. If you would like to help out at a food stall – regardless of nationality – please email rdevane@st-andrews.ie directly.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

- ❖ Due to health and safety regulations, we must cap the number of people in attendance at this event.
- ❖ Staff, parents and students participating are allocated wristbands for entry on the night.

- ❖ To obtain a wristband as parent/guardian, please see box above.
- ❖ Students are granted a wristband by participating in one of the following areas: the Opening Ceremony; helping with an Activity Booth; as a helper on the night.
- ❖ Please note that only students who participate in the Ceremony of Flags are allocated 2 extra admission wristbands for family members. All other students are given a wristband for themselves only.

FOOD FAIR GUIDELINES:

The general rule for International Night is everyone who attends gets involved in some way. Every year, the spread of food presented by the parents/guardians of St Andrew's College is incredible and showcases the effort and pride put into that work.

Food stalls will be open from **7:20pm – 8:30pm** so you may wish to organize helpers to work on your stall on the night in order for you to have some time to visit the other stalls and activity booths.

You are more than welcome to encourage your son/daughter to help with your stall. **However, please note that we do need at least one adult at each food stall at all times for health and safety. Similarly, students given wristbands to help at the stalls must complete that job and should not be allowed to wander unsupervised.**

If you are new to the school and would like to run or get involved in a stall, please get in touch. Where possible, we can attempt to put you contact with families in the College from the country you wish to represent.

We anticipate every year approximately 300-400 guests will attend the evening. This sounds like an extraordinary amount of people to feed! However, there are usually 12-18 food stalls serving food so you are not expected to feed everyone. Furthermore, everything should be distributed in small, tasting portions. For example, one typical sized Spanish omelette, or a tray of brownies, could feed 20-30 people with bite-size morsels on offer.

Ideally, we would like food stalls to serve cold food that is easily distributed from a stall. We do not have access to the school canteen kitchen, warmers, etc for health and safety reasons and cooking of food during the night (frying, boiling, for example) will set off our fire alarm system so is strictly prohibited. Some stalls do like to request access to a plug and use their own warmers or slow cookers if serving hot food. We can accommodate a small amount of stalls with plugs but again would prefer if you could go without.

We sincerely hope you will consider applying to run a food stall in this year's International Night Food Fair.

If you would like to apply, please remember to fill out an application form and drop it in to the Senior School reception or email to rdevane@st-andrews.ie on or before **4th October 2019**. Don't hesitate to email if you require any additional information.

Once the application has closed, applicants will be emailed confirmation of their stalls and passed on information from any other stall-holder who may have applied for the same stall.

****Please note that nuts and alcohol are prohibited on the night.****