



Back-to-School Hosting Opportunities

The return to school. It's the season for refining and reorienting schedules, perhaps rearranging our homes to better accommodate homework and study zones, and preparing our hearts for new rhythms of life. As we do, perhaps we also could seek ways to live invitationally with our neighbors, our children's classmates and teachers, and even the parents of those classmates. We have assembled a few ideas for you to consider. It's not an exhaustive list, but we hope at least one spurs you into action or inspires you to develop your own inviting ideas! Have fun! And may you enjoy new bonds in this back-to-school season!



- Organize a First Day of School Meet-Up. Invite moms who are sending their children to school for the first time to a doughnut and coffee gathering; meet at the mall; or take a wagon filled with goodies to the bus stop on the first day of school.
- Host weekly Morning Muffin and Coffee Hours.
- Offer after-school Homework Clubs.
- Provide after-school babysitting for parents who work or who have appointments while their older children are in school.
- Invite a fellow parent to run errands together while your kids are in school.
- Host a Back-to-School Bible Study or Book Club. (We'd love to have you read *The Sublime Soiree!*)
- Create an Exercise Club or organize weekly Family Fitness Nights.
- Invite moms to a themed Mom's Night Out:
 - 1950s Theme -- Have dinner at a local diner, then do a craft or play a game at home with a great 50s movie in the background!
 - Pumpkin-Making -- Pick up some old sweaters from the thrift store and turn them into beautiful pumpkins to decorate your homes or gift to your kids' teachers. How to here: <https://www.confessionsofserialdiyer.com/diy-sweater-pumpkins/>
 - Soup-making or Meal-prepping!
- Host informational seminars for parents:
 - Let a dental hygienist show parents fun ways to teach oral hygiene
 - Invite a fireman/police officer to teach about developing a family safety plan
 - Have a tutor offer help for successful homework nights at home

More great ideas in our book:

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