
St. Hedwig Parents' Association

Communicator

Letter From the President

Dear Parents,

Wow, a snap of my fingers and summer is almost over! It seems like we were just watching our talented children as they performed in the Spring Show. And once again, what an exceptional performance by all!

You can always tell when summer vacation is coming to an end. The days seem to be getting darker earlier, camps are over, bathing suits and beach toys are hard to find. Not to mention schools supplies are filling store shelves. I hope you all had a memorable summer and spent some quality time with your children. The time goes so fast, it seems like I was just preparing my eldest for kindergarten and now he is in 8th grade (talk about a snap of the finger!).

In just a few short weeks it will be time to go back to the routine of school. Don't forget to check the school website for the school supplies your children will need. Did you remember to purchase Scrip during the summer?

While all the St. Hedwig families were enjoying summer vacation, there were several improvements being made to the school; classroom windows were tinted (Grade 1-4), trees were planted (Grades 1-4), and the Auction room as well as the Scrip offices were refurbished. Thanks to those who helped make all this happen.

Please ink in the following dates before your calendar is full of other activities:

August 27th – New Parent Night

August 31st – First Day of School and Back to School Coffee.

Please join us in Quinn Hall at 8:15 am

September 8th – 10th – Back to School Nights

September 9th – Back to School BBQ –5:00 pm on the field.

This is a great way to visit with old SH families and meet new families.

September 9th – Fall Fundraiser Kick-Off

September 16th – Picture Day

September 22nd – First Parents' Association Meeting, 7:00 pm in room 8, all are welcome to attend.

As the new school year begins, I look forward to an exciting year as the Parents' Association President. I am confident that once again this year we will see great accomplishments and contributions being made by our **AWESOME** St. Hedwig families.

One thing that really made an impression on me this summer was SH Bible Camp. As a crew leader we were asked each day to discuss with our group of children God's sightings. I found my self spending a lot more time talking with my own children about the presence of God all around us.

With that, I'll see you all on the first day of school in Quinn Hall. I already have my new outfit..... do you?

Joni Best

Parents' Association President

Key Reminders:

First Day of School Parking:

Please park on the playground. Leave the church parking lot for parishioners attending mass. After August 31, please use the normal drop-off procedure. (See enclosed diagram)

Morning Coffee:

Join Ms. DeVaney at Quinn Hall at 8:15 A.M. after drop off on the first day of school for some refreshments. This is a nice time to reacquaint yourself with your fellow parents after the Summer vacation. See you there!

Supply and Class Lists:

Supply lists are available on our website at www.sainthedwigparish.org. Class lists will be posted on the board outside Room 1 the Sunday before school begins.

New and Resale Uniforms:

Uniform resale is scheduled for Sunday, August 30, from 9-12. All new school uniforms must be purchased from Vicki Marsha Uniforms. Purchases can be made on-line at www.vickimarsha.com. Use school code SHS5001.

Family Envelopes:

Brown envelopes contain valuable and important information on school activities. It will be sent home with the youngest child the second and fourth Thursday of the month. Please sign and return the next day.

Christmas Greens:

Don't forget to add **Christmas Greens** to your CHRISTMAS shopping list. Be sure to give them to family and friends. You will earn money towards your family obligation.

Birthday Signs:

The church received a visit from the County Maintenance Supervisor explaining that a county permit is required in order to hang signs on the fence across the street from the school. This information is being passed on as a courtesy to parents.

Back to School Special Events!

Back to School Night

Come and meet your child’s teacher and get vital information to ensure a successful year.

9/8 Tuesday 7:00 Grades K,6,7,8

9/9 Wednesday 7:00 Grades 2,3
7:50 Grades 4,5

9/10 Thursday 7:00 Grade 1

Back to School BBQ

Don’t forget to mark your calendar for Friday, September 11th, 2008, at 5:00 P.M. for the Back to School BBQ. St. Hedwig’s Parent Association will be sponsoring the event. This is your chance to welcome new families and reacquaint yourselves with old friends. Thank you to all the volunteers who make all association events a success.

Hamburgers and Hot Dogs are provided. Please bring a dish to share:

- A-G Appetizers
- H-N Side Dish
- O-Z Dessert

Don’t forget your blanket, chairs and your own drinks! Come be a part of the fun, and help celebrate the start of another year at St. Hedwig School.

Hope to see you there!

Disaster Preparedness Program

Students are required to bring in their own disaster preparedness bag. The bag should be labeled with the child’s name and room number. Please put in a few “comfort” items for your child in case of an emergency.

Some examples include:

- Family/buddy photo
- Favorite book
- Deck of cards
- Healthy snack (no chocolate/non-perishable, expiration date June 2010)
- Bottled water (16 oz.)

The school has purchased emergency food supplies for each student and faculty member.

More information will come home in the first family envelope.

Autumnfest 2009

Save the date! **October 9th to the 11th**

This is a wonderful event and a fun way for you and your family to get involved with the school and parish. Countless hours by many volunteers, coupled with an enormous amount of work help make Autumnfest a success. What we need is you and some of your time to ensure that success! You will be asked to sign up at Back to School Night.

If you are interested in helping, please contact Tim Flores at 562-430-9163.

Moms In Touch Information and Coffee

Moms In Touch is a gathering where two or more moms meet for one hour each week to pray for their children, their schools, their teachers, and administrators. Our St. Hedwig group meets every Monday when school is in session after the 8:30 mass in the Prayer Room in the back of the church. Our first meeting will be on Monday, September 14th in the Parish Lounge at 9:00am. We’ll have coffee and goodies and you’ll receive information on the history and structure of Moms In Touch. You will also hear some personal experiences about how praying in a Moms In Touch group is positively affecting lives. Finally, you’ll have an opportunity to join in prayer for your children. Watch for more highlights about Moms In Touch in future Communicators as well as information about our other Prayer Ministry outreaches. Please call Ann Getscher, Prayer Ministries Coordinator, for any questions (714) 903-9349.

Altar Servers Invited for students in 4th through 8th grade

Boys and girls of the parish are invited to serve God and their parish by becoming Altar Servers. They are trained to assist the priest during Daily and Weekly Mass, and at other liturgical celebrations. Altar Servers are an integral part of the liturgy, and their participation provides a heightened spiritual connection and understanding of the Mass.

All students from 4th through 8th grade are invited to serve at the altar. Training classes will be held both this summer and in the fall. For more information please contact the parish office at 562-296-9000.

Make It a Habit

"Besides this you know what hour this is, how it is high time now for you to wake up out of your sleep.. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed." Romans 13:11

The Word says that Jesus had a habit of going up the mountain to spend time with God. Luke 22:39 says, "And He came out and went, as was His habit, to the Mount of Olives, and the disciples also followed Him." Jesus formed a habit of communicating with God every morning.

It has been said that if you do something consistently for thirty days, it will become a habit. You can either make or break a habit by consistently doing the same thing.

Clean Up

"Let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith." Hebrews 12:1-2

Have you ever gone on a cleaning rampage to straighten up your home or office? Did you enjoy pitching junk, straightening objects, and organizing materials so that you could find them when you need them?

You may need to get on a Holy Spirit rampage and do the same thing with your life. Say, "I've had enough bondage. I've had enough negative thoughts. I've had enough of the lies of the devil. I am not going to have any more bad days. I am not going to be discouraged, depressed, or despondent. I am going to enjoy my life!"

Jesus is ready to help you live life to the fullest!

Devotions by Joyce Meyer



*Awesome...
We reached \$51,000 in
scrip profit for the
fiscal year, ending
June 2009.*

Remember

Saint Hedwig School has a very flexible fundraising plan in which each family can determine which fundraising program works best for them. The fundraising year goes from Jan. 2009-Dec. 2009. The goal for each family with one child is to realize \$350.00 in fundraising profit. For two children, the goal is \$500. If a family does not meet their goal, the difference will be due to the school.

DO NOT PAY THIS YEAR!!!

You still have plenty of time to use Scrip as an easy way to pump up your fundraising totals. Scrip is fundraising while you shop. Use the following tips...

- Make scrip a habit. Choose one day a week when you will stop by to pick up your scrip
- Use scrip for daily purchases such as grocery, restaurant and fast food. Use it to pay on your Kohl's account.
- Think scrip for large purchases like appliances, furniture and vacations.
- Give the order form to friends and coworkers. It saves them time and helps you earn fundraising dollars.
- Sign up your grocery cards and tell your family and friends to do the same.

Scrip is being sold on Sundays all summer. Many people also LOVE placing orders on line...no checks to write, and your order is ready in a week! *

Go to www.shopwithscrip.com.

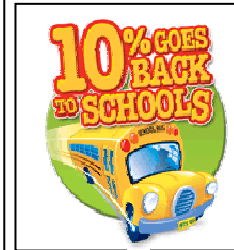
Our enrollment code is 8585921L9534. Orders must be paid for through Presto Pay before they are released.

(* Orders placed Aug. 2-12 may take up to 2 weeks)

Congratulations to our 2009 Scrip Contest
Winners!

The Hurley Family- \$100 in Scrip
The Ashworth Family- \$100 in Disneyland Scrip

**The 2009
10% Back to
School
Program is
coming! Earn 10%
of your purchase
amount on thousand
of participating
products when you
use your registered**



Grocery card sign -ups

Sign up your Ralph's, Food 4 Less, Albertson's, Von's or Pavilions and Macy's cards to earn money every time you shop. You can also sign-up your debit and credit cards up with eScrip to earn money each time you shop at one of their merchants. Or... sign up for the eScrip Visa to earn money whenever and where ever you shop!

To find out more, email the scrip office at sh_scrip@yahoo.com

**We did great in our
Box Tops and Campbell Soup
UPC contest!!!**

And the winners were...

Box Tops

1st place – Room 2 with 540 box tops!!
2nd place- Room 3A with 525 box tops!!!

Campbell's Soup UPCs

1st place- room 6 with 519 UPC's.... that's a lot of Soup!!!

**Collect Box Tops and Campbell's UPCs
over the summer and help the school by
signing up at labels4education.com**

John R. Russell Golf Tournament

Date: August 24, 2009
Place: Navy Golf Course in Cypress
Shotgun: 1:00 Shamble team play

More information e-mail Paul Nolta at PaulNolta@Verizon.net or call at 562-761-2210

Health Notes from the Health Room

We hope that all of you are enjoying your summer, staying healthy and relaxing. This article is an important measure in preparing for the 2009-2010 school year. It will provide an overview of the changes made to the **Late Sign In Procedure**. In the past, it has been the policy for all students arriving late to proceed to the health room and receive a signed pass to enter the classroom. This new school year will provide a more expedient entry into the classroom should a student arrive late. Students need to arrive at school no earlier than 7:40 A.M. and before 8:00 A.M. Students arriving after 8:00 A.M. may proceed directly to their classroom, joining the line up, or participation in the flag ceremony, morning prayers and announcements. The teachers will record all tardies prior to 8:10 A.M. **If a student arrives after 8:10 A.M. they must go directly to the health room to sign in and receive a pass to enter the classroom.** This pass will be required before the student can participate in class. When signing in late in the health room, it is important to have the student bring any documentation, medical or dental excuse form, or information with them so that the reason can be recorded. We hope this new procedure will be beneficial in reducing lost class time and improve student attendance information. Please share this communication with your children and those who participate in transporting your student to school. We will see you on August 31st!

From the Service Job Coordinators:

A huge thank you to those who have helped us in placing parents in the service job program. We still have a few jobs to be filled (jobs are being filled continuously – there are no guarantees these will be available): Library Coordinator, Library worker, Morning traffic control, In-class teacher aides, Extended day care – before and after school, Auction Committee, Hospitality Committee, Hot Lunch worker (Fridays only), Health room, Special Projects Assistant.

If you did not complete a service form before June 30, you have been removed from the service program, and will not receive a tuition reduction. If your work schedule or personal commitments have changed, and you cannot perform the service job to which you were assigned, please contact us immediately. Please bear in mind that the purpose of the service job program is to provide necessary services to the school, not simply to serve as a vehicle for reducing tuition. No position is guaranteed.

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