

Communicator

Letter From the President

Dear Parents:

Yikes!.....Can you believe the first quarter of school is over? Time is moving a little faster this year for me. As a parent of an eighth grader, we are already looking at high schools and it's only November. It's hard to believe that I am already preparing for that next step for the 2010 school year. I am really trying to slow down our busy life and enjoy every moment as a parent of an eighth grader. One thing I can say, the last eight years at St. Hedwig seem to have flown by. It is so exciting to look back and see how the students have blossomed into confident and very educated individuals.

In trying to keep humor in my family, my kids are always wondering what I will do next to make them laugh. Hopefully, you all had a chance to see my colorful outfit on Friday, October 30th during morning drop-off. I decided I needed to be a little more creative when choosing what my new outfit additions would be. Since this is my last year as President, I thought that each of my new outfits should be unforgettable. I was the Green Crayon on the black top waving to you through the drop-off line with a friendly smile. I was so excited to see how many of you returned my wave and smiled. Well, according to the Crayola Website the largest box of crayons has 120 different colors. That means I could actually have 119 more colorful outfits to wear throughout the school year. Hmm... I wonder if I can pull this off? Maybe I better consult my calendar, my budget and my husband on this crazy idea. Stay tuned!

While I am on the subject of outfits, I was thinking about the impression our students make when they are out in the community wearing their St. Hedwig uniforms. I happened to be in one of our local stores this past week with my boys (in uniform) and one of the clerks walked by and commented, "Hey, you must go to St. Hedwig". My third grader responded very proudly and politely, "Yes I do". The clerk responded with a smile and thumbs up and said "awesome".

Please remember, every time our children put on their school uniform and are out in the public they are ambassadors of St. Hedwig School. What a great marketing tool each one of us has in the little gifts God has given us, our children!

As we end the month of November with Thanksgiving, remember to take some time each day, and give thanks for all God has given us. Our lives are so busy that sometimes we need to slow down and take a moment and enjoy life's precious gifts (our children and family).

Joni Best

Parents' Association President

Key Reminders:

- November 13: Diocese in-service-No School
- November 15: School Sponsored Parish Food Collection– Before/After all Masses
- November 17: Parents' Association Meeting– 7:00 P.M. Room 8A
- November 19: Teacher Conferences– No School
- November 20: Teacher Conferences– 12:00 P.M. Dismissal
- November 25: Thanksgiving Mass – 9:30 A.M.
- November 26-27: Thanksgiving Vacation
- November 30: 9:30 A.M. Advent Prayer Service
- December 4: Faculty Meeting– 12:00 P.M. Dismissal

Looking Ahead:

- December 17: Christmas Show
- December 18: Early Dismissal– 12:00 P.M.
- December 21– January 3: Christmas Vacation
- January 4: School Reopens

Teacher Feature on Keri Flynn

Mrs. Keri Flynn was born and raised in Long Beach, California. She has two kids that she adores. Kelly Ann is sixteen and a junior at OCHSA where she sings. Sean Michael is eleven and in sixth grade at Rogers Middle School (her alma mater) where he plays the trumpet and La Crosse. Her family lived in Mammoth for eighteen years. She has never lived without a dog (or two, or three).

Keri's schooling consisted of Wilson High School, UCSB-Liberal Studies, USD-School of Law-J.D., Chapman University-Single Subject Teaching Credential in Social Studies, Walden University-M.S. Ed Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment. In college, she swam competitively.

The reason she came to St. Hedwig is her love of teaching. She believes in the private/parochial school educational system. Her main goal is to develop a strong writing and reading curriculum for the seventh grade.

She has many hobbies. She has been skiing and surfing since she was in elementary school and still enjoys both sports. Most recently she has taken up the sport of Stand-up Paddling (SUP). She has competed in two SUP races and plans to compete in a third one in October. She loves to read and go to the movies. St. Hedwig welcomes this new teacher to our school.

Prayerful Thanks!

“No matter what happens, always be thankful, for this is God’s will for you who belong to Christ Jesus.” (1 Thessalonians 5:18)

Thanksgiving is a great time to remind ourselves about the attitude of gratitude towards God that should reside in our hearts all year round through the daily inconveniences, annoyances, difficulties, and trials that enter our lives. It is tempting to complain or be discouraged. This is a battle that we often face, but it is better for our hearts to win the battle and thank God for all that happens believing that He has a plan and purpose for everything in our lives and is working everything together for His glory and our good. God is in the business of transforming and He can help our hearts to thank him for everything.

The St. Hedwig Community Prayer Network offers a great way to participate in helping others through the battles they face or by getting yourself or a loved one through a difficulty. You can be a prayer warrior in the Prayer Network or if you don't feel God's calling in this way, you can still request prayer through the Prayer Network when you have a concern for yourself or a loved one. God is listening to our prayers in the Prayer Network. We are thankful for all that He does. He is giving hope and transforming lives. For more information about the Prayer Network and how you can request prayer and/or be a member who prays, please contact Ann Getscher at 714-903-9349 or send an email to agetscher@socal.rr.com.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR OUR BARNES & NOBLE BOOKFAIR!

Thursday Evening - December 3, 2009

Do your Christmas shopping and support your school at the same time.

The kids are going to love this! Watch for more details.

50th Anniversary of St. Hedwig Parish

St. Hedwig Parish is in the planning stages for its 50th Anniversary in April, 2010. The Anniversary Committee is planning to have games and activities for the children during the main anniversary celebration on April 18, 2010, from 2:00 PM until 4:00 PM. There will be a meeting on Monday, November 30, 2009, at 7:30 PM, in the parish lounge for parents who are interested in helping plan and/or organize these activities for children. Please contact Kathleen Luckey at (714) 894-8809 for more information.

Worldwise Education's "**Artwork for Education**" will once again produce beautiful greeting cards from St. Hedwig student's artwork. These cards will be available for purchase in sets of 12 for **\$25.00 per set**. The sets make wonderful gifts for grandparents, family and friends. They're also great to have on hand for all-occasion needs throughout the year:

- ** Thank You notes
- ** Birthday cards
- ** Thinking of You
- ** Get Well cards
- ** Anniversary cards
- ** Teacher gifts
- ** Holiday cards (ideal for both personal and business use)** Stationary

The artwork has already been created and catalogue production is underway. We should be receiving the catalogues in early November for sales through November 13, 2009. Orders will be filled and delivered to the school by December 10th for distribution.

JUST IN TIME FOR THE HOLIDAYS.

Our primary goal is to make the proceeds available to our teachers earlier in the year. Thereby, allowing the teachers to use the funds on the students who helped generate them...rather than the following year's class.

Watch for flyers and catalogues in early November.

This is a fun and easy way to support our classrooms...

St. Hedwig School keeps 50% of every purchase

Who is our next Art Master ?

Read the clues below then find out in November
She was 98 years old when she died.
An independent woman for her time.
Lived in New York and New Mexico.
Collected artificial flowers and bones.

Save the Date

24th Annual
St. Hedwig School Auction
Saturday, May 1,2010
Old Ranch Country Club

The end is near!!!...of the fundraising year that is.

That's right, you only have about 6 weeks left to purchase scrip for the 2009 fundraising year. The last day to place an order will be December 11th, and we will be selling stock on hand through December 17th. Do not end up having to pay...buy scrip today!!

Start stocking up for Christmas now!

We sell out of "hot" items everyday...and with shipping delays, you may not get what you want if you don't do some planning. So, make your list and check it twice.

Check out the gift idea insert in the brown envelope. Use the enclosed scrip order form or find one on the school website. You can also go to www.shopwithscrip.com to place an on-line order. Our enrollment number is 8585921L9534. All orders must be prepaid

Or visit us during sales hours:

Scrip Sales Hours

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| Sunday | 9:30am - 12:30pm | Church Patio |
| Monday | 2:45pm - 3:15pm | Convent Garage |
| Tuesday | 7:45am - 8:15am | Lunch Tables |
| Wednesday | 8:00am - 10:30am | Scrip Office |
| Thursday | 2:45pm - 3:15pm | Convent Garage |
| Friday | 8:00am - 11:00am | Scrip Office |

Have you signed up your Ralph's card, or renewed your eScrip account?

If not, your earnings have ceased! Go to www.ralphs.com or www.escrip.com and sign up today.

If you have any questions, please call Sandra Martinho at the Scrip Office 562-296-9069.

WE NEED YOU!

Do you have daytime availability to help in the Health Room either as a service job or love job? This is a full day, once a month shift that needs to be covered the first Wednesday of the month. If you can only cover half the shift or even a couple of hours on a regular basis - it would be very helpful! The Health Room helps to keep our children safe and well and that is a priority for us all. Please contact Patti Patel, the health room coordinator at nivnpatti@yahoo.com with any questions. Thank you for your service to our school.

Christmas Greens Delivery Coming Soon!

Watch for pick up information regarding your Christmas Greens order. Expected delivery date is November 30 through December 2. An email will be sent out as a reminder. Thanks for participating in this St. Hedwig fundraiser.