

Communicator

Letter From the President

Dear Parents

Autumn is in the air (according to the calendar) but it sure doesn't feel that way. I can't believe the past few weeks have been so hot (Yikes! 90 degrees plus). I go to the store and everything I see is for fall. I don't know about you, but it sure is hard to get into the mood for fall when we need to use our air conditioners and our children still want to cool off in the pool. Thank goodness for the trees, window tinting and Student Council selling Otter Pops (hope they are helping)!

I would like to thank the Fall Fundraiser Coordinators, Cathy Lukehart and Martha Mattison for doing such a great job! We look forward to hearing the results of how the SH families did at fundraising.

Another "thank you" needs to go out to Sharon Soto and Joi Zampino for spearheading the reception for Mr. Zahn. The service and reception were a wonderful celebration of Mr. Zahn's life. St. Hedwig is blessed to have had him as a teacher; he has touched so many lives (students, parents & faculty). He will definitely be missed.

The mention of autumn has just reminded me that Autumnfest is right around the corner. The largest fundraiser for the church that supports all the ministries of St. Hedwig, including the school, is to be chaired by Tim Flores. A great deal of time and effort has already gone into this event to make it a success, but more help is needed. Please be generous with your time and give Tim Flores a call and offer to help where needed.

A few more things to bring to your attention:

- Greens Are Back by Popular Demand
- Red Ribbon Week October 26th – 30th
- Parents' Association Meeting Oct. 27th (7pm) – all are welcome

I have to say that the last Parents' Association was very well attended. There was much information shared by coordinators and several new ideas presented. Stay tuned and remember to check the Communicator, School Marquee and School Calendar for important information.

"Submit to God and be at peace with him; in this way prosperity will come to you." Job 22:21

My next new outfit is planned for the week of Oct. 26th, look for me during morning traffic (it will be colorful).

Joni Best

Parents' Association President

Key Reminders:

- October 9-11: Autumnfest
- October 12: Autumnfest Clean-up-No School
- October 14: Parent School Meeting-Grades K-5
7:00 P.M.
- October 15: Welcome Superintendent Fr. Horan
- October 26-30: Red Ribbon Week
- October 27: Parents' Association Meeting 7:00 P.M.
Rm 8A
- October 27: Picture Make-up day
- October 30: Halloween Costumes for all
End of the first quarter
- November 4: Fall Fundraiser pick-up
- November 6: Early Dismissal 12 P.M.

Looking Ahead:

- November 13: Diocese In-service– No School
- November 19: Teacher Conferences-No School
- November 20: Teacher Conferences-Noon Dismissal

News From Father Ken Schmit

To all the Students, Parents, Faculty / Staff at St. Hedwig Parish School – Greetings- Since I missed you last month I must offer a “Welcome Back”, belated as it is. As we step into this Month of October we are reminded that this is **Respect Life Month**. It is also the Month of the **Holy Rosary**. We are looking forward to your Presentation of the Living Rosary. Blessings to all of you. I also look forward to seeing you on campus for Autumnfest...
Fr. Ken Schmit

Our Lady of the Light

Out of the darkness...Light
Out of the silence...Sound
Out of the stillness...Motion
Out of the motion...Matter
Out of the matter...Spirit
Out of the spirit...Love
Out of love...The Word
And In the Beginning...was the Word.

By Laurence McLaughlin

PRAYER WORKS!

All students should now have their first **Prayer Buddy** to pray for. Please remind your children in their daily activities to send up some prayers to God for their Prayer Buddy. God lovingly listens to our children as they talk to Him and He can do amazing things through their heartfelt prayers.

Moms are praying at **Moms In Touch** every Monday at 9:00 and here is a testimony from one of our St. Hedwig moms:

My Name is Sharon Soto. I have been at St. Hedwig for 18 yrs now. I have had 3 children graduate from here and my last is in 7th grade. I have been going to Mom's In Touch for around 5 to 6 years now. It has been life-changing in my prayer life and made me stronger in my faith. It has taught me to be more comfortable and relaxed with praying in a group. It has deepened my relationship with the God. I have made many wonderful life-long friends. What better kind of friendship can you have then one that is based on the love of God?

We have prayed for each others children and other intentions over the years. It has been amazing to see all our children grow by the works of our prayers. Not only do we pray for our own children but we say prayers for all the children, faculty, administration and families her in our community of St. Hedwig school. We ask for the Holy Spirit to be a strong presence on the campus and playground of the school. And foremost and most important we ask that God be always put first and glorified in all that St. Hedwig School does and represents.

I invite you to join us and grow in the grace of God. Sharon Soto

For information about Moms In Touch or Prayer Buddies please contact Ann Getscher, Prayer Ministries Coordinator at 714-903-9349 or email Ann at agetscher@socal.rr.com.

Teacher Feature on Brad Detanna

Mr. Brad Detanna was born in Rochester, PA but grew up in the Pasadena area (La Crescenta/ La Canada). He attended Holy Redeemer for his elementary and junior high years. For high school, he went to Saint Francis High School. He has a Master of Arts in Education from Loyola Marymount University and a Bachelor of Arts from San Jose State in Journalism (Advertising). While in college, he was a DJ on the college radio station and worked in a restaurant.

The reason he came to St. Hedwig was he missed being a teacher. Being in the classroom and teaching makes him very Happy. Last year he was in administration after six years of teaching 8th grade. He found out he would rather be in the classroom with students then have the difficult task of administration. So, hats off to Ms. DeVaney and her, at times, unrewarding task. She is doing a great job and offers the patience and skill required to assemble strong teachers - which is evident in every classroom at St. Hedwig. Education is his second career. He worked at an advertising agency for ten years before becoming a teacher. Lucky for St. Hedwig that he decided to follow his passion.

Mr. Detanna has many goals. He would like to build responsibility and understanding for each student. Every effort is made to ensure each student is prepared for the challenges of high school and on the path to college. He challenges each student to grow in their individual relationship with God, and to inspire acting on that faith. It is his mission to have each student be able to end the year, look back fondly, and be proud as they measure their growth.

An interesting fact about Brad Detanna is that he: would like to say that someday he was able to see a game in every Major League baseball stadium. A big plus will be the variety of Hot Dogs he will get to experience. It would be a great side benefit. Football is his favorite past time and hope to make it to a few of the local high school games in the area. He loves to travel and would like to see more of the world. His favorite spot was Japan. Right now he needs to replace 'missing' mountain bike, but enjoys building trail rides into his vacations. The best ride was all downhill on Arenal in Costa Rica. Of course, cooking and having fun with friends is always relaxing and a fun way to spend the weekend.

2009-2010 Friday Class Hot Lunch Information Sheet

- In keeping with the new healthier lunches being offered, there will be some changes with the Friday class hot lunch program.
- Kindergartners can order class-sponsored hot lunches on Fridays and can purchase tickets, in the morning, in the Kindergarten area only. Lunches will be delivered to them at their lunch tables.
- Ticket purchase and hot lunch service for Grades 1-8 will continue to be the same.
- Lunch prices are \$4/single and \$5/double.
- Donuts and baked goods will no longer be sold at recess.
- After lunch treats will still be sold for \$1.
- The milk window will be closed on Fridays only.

2009-2010 Hot Lunch Schedule

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| • Oct. 16 & 23 | 8 th Grade |
| • Oct. 30 & Nov. 18(Wed) | 2 nd Grade |
| • Dec. 11 & Jan. 15 | 1 st Grade |
| • Jan. 22 & 27 (Wed) | 5 th Grade |
| • Feb. 12 & 19 | 6 th Grade |
| • Feb. 26 | Music |
| • Mar. 12 & 18 (Thurs) | 7 th Grade |
| • Mar. 26 | 8 th Grade (Dance) |
| • April 15 (Thurs) & April 23 | 4 th Grade |
| • April 30 | Science Materials |
| • May 14 & 21 | Kindergarten |
| • May 28 & June 11 | 3 rd Grade |

Buy your Christmas Greens Today!

Christmas Greens are back! Remember, 30% goes towards your family obligation. The wreaths are being delivered the week of Thanksgiving (M, T, or W). Come to the office to see the sample wreath on Ms. Devaney/Mrs. Finn's door. All Christmas Green orders are due October 28. Please write out one check per family and write your family id in memo.

WE NEED YOU!

The new lunch company does not provide a worker to hand out lunches to the kids. We are looking for a handful of volunteers who would be willing to spend a short amount of time once a week handing lunches out. Please help our kids continue to receive nutritious meals.

Did you want a service job (to receive a tuition reduction) but haven't been placed yet? We have a few more jobs that need to be filled:

- copy room, Tuesday, 11:30 to 2:30, every other week
- first grade teacher aide, Monday, 8:30 to 10:00
- auction committee
- morning traffic

We have a need for a few parents with specialized skills. Are you adept at combining still photographs or video with digital audio recording? Are you a CPA willing to prepare financial statements? Would you like to work with students preparing the school yearbook?

St. Hedwig School service coordinators

Julianne Bancroft (562) 596-6980 or Kristie Brown (562) 598-3339

The subjects covered affect us all on a daily basis:

Andy Rooney is a man who has the gift of saying so much with so few words. Enjoy.....

- I've learned.... That the best classroom in the world is at the feet of an elderly person.
- I've learned.... That when you're in love, it shows.
- I've learned.... That just one person saying to me, 'You've made my day!' makes my day.
- I've learned.... That being kind is more important than being right.
- I've learned.... That you should never say no to a gift from a child.
- I've learned.... That I can always pray for someone when I don't have the strength to help him in some other way.
- I've learned.... That no matter how serious your life requires you to be, everyone needs a friend to act goofy with.
- I've learned.... That sometimes all a person needs is a hand to hold and a heart to understand.
- I've learned.... That simple walks with my father around the block on summer nights when I was a child did wonders for me as an adult.
- I've learned.... That life is like a roll of toilet paper. The closer it gets to the end, the faster it goes.
- I've learned.... That we should be glad God doesn't give us everything we ask for.
- I've learned.... That money doesn't buy class.
- I've learned.... That it's those small daily happenings that make life so spectacular.
- I've learned.... That under everyone's hard shell is someone who wants to be appreciated and loved.
- I've learned.... That to ignore the facts does not change the facts.
- I've learned.... That when you plan to get even with someone, you are only letting that person continue to hurt you.
- I've learned.... That love, not time, heals all wounds.
- I've learned.... That the easiest way for me to grow as a person is to surround myself with people smarter than I am.
- I've learned.... That everyone you meet deserves to be greeted with a smile.
- I've learned..... That no one is perfect until you fall in love with them.
- I've learned... That life is tough, but I'm tougher.
- I've learned.... That opportunities are never lost, someone will take the ones you miss.
- I've learned.... That one should keep his words both soft and tender, because tomorrow he may have to eat them.
- I've learned.... That a smile is an inexpensive way to improve your looks.
- I've learned.... That everyone wants to live on top of the mountain, but all the happiness and growth occurs while you're climbing it.
- I've learned.... That the less time I have to work with, the more things I get done.

Scrip News October 2009

Scrip Totals

We are busy inputting sales for 2009. If you would like a report of your scrip purchases and grocery earning totals through our latest accounting, please email Sandra Martinho at sh_scripttotals@yahoo.com.

Remember: Your individual fundraising year ends December 31!

Grocery Card Renewal

This is the time of year to renew your Ralph's and eScrip (Vons) accounts.

Do not let your earnings stop!

Please go to the following websites to renew

Ralph's www.ralphs.com our NPO# is 84607

Vons www.escrip.com Group #137646527

Don't pay...Buy Scrip Today

Our wish is that no one would have to pay for not reaching their fundraising quota.

Make scrip a habit, use it for everyday purchases and think ahead, use it for big ticket items.

Visit us during scrip sales hours,

Scrip Sales Hours

Sunday	9:30am - 12:00pm	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 - 10:30am	Scrip Office

Or, order on-line at www.shopwithscrip.com.

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

St. Hedwig students are creating greeting cards!

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 ** 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. Target card sales are 2½ boxes per student.

Watch for flyers and catalogues in early November. This is an easy way to support our classrooms...

Box Tops for Education/Campbell's Soup UPC's

Please collect these items and turn them into your classroom now! We will be collecting them through October 31st and rewarding the highest earning classes. Also, help our school by signing up at www.boxtops4education.com. We earn extra points when you sign up and participate!

Health Notes from the Health Room

Fall is here and with that comes the onset of the much talked about Flu season. We have been working to inform everyone of the best practices to prevent the spread of the common cold and flu viruses. You have received handouts, brochures, & information sheets in your brown envelopes. Posters have been displayed to remind students and staff to practice good health habits & respiratory etiquette. The staff and teachers have been kept informed of the latest information from the Center for Disease Control and Prevention. Students are currently participating in the "Hand Washing" campaign. Now, lets pause and reflect on how we are doing. Have you and your family been vaccinated against the seasonal flu? Many local pharmacies are offering the flu vaccine. Have you talked with your health care provider regarding the H1N1 vaccine? Have you made preparations for an expedient pick up of your child, should they become ill at school and you cannot pick them up yourselves (less than 20 minutes from the time of notice). Here is a review for everyone: The signs of the flu and especially the H1N1 can imitate other viruses. Typically, a person can be contagious one day to four days prior to showing symptoms. Once symptoms start, they can be contagious another 4-5 days. The H1N1 can begin with a headache, sore throat, cough, muscle aches, and fever (although now we are seeing the fever is variable). If you or your child has ANY of these symptoms please stay home for 24 hours to see if it progresses to further illness. For more current and up to date information please visit www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/update.htm. For a list of common household cleaners that can kill influenza viruses including the H1N1 see www.epa.gov/oppad001/influenza-disinfectants.html.