

Communicator

Letter From the President

Dear Parents,

I would like to welcome everyone back to St. Hedwig School. It was so impressive to see the turnout at the "Back to School Coffee". I hope everyone enjoyed themselves at the coffee and had time to catch up with old friends as well as make new ones. I want to extend a personal "thank you" to the Hospitality Coordinator, Michele Ward and her committee... Job Well Done!

Boy, this is going to be a great school year! I was so impressed after I attended the New Parent Meeting on August 27 in Room 7A. It was "standing room only" and wasn't only the Kinder families. Just when you think that our Saint Hedwig family can't get any better, I was in awe as I felt all the excitement and energy in the room. For those who didn't attend, the new families had an opportunity to hear first hand from St. Hedwig families how things work at St. Hedwig and why it is such an incredible school. Hopefully, all that energy will continue to grow and spread out on the black top and in the school community.

My words of advice to all of you this year? Hold on tight and get ready for an exciting year. There are several new teachers (grades 3rd - 8th), new and enhanced curriculum, school improvements and lots of student council activities. We are all in for a memorable year!

For those who are avid Communicator readers, yes, I did purchase new outfits for all the school events and activities for the month of September. I guess it's a good thing this president job is only a two year commitment.

One last thing, I want to invite all St. Hedwig parents to please attend the Parents' Association meetings. Check the Communicator, school marquee and school calendar for dates and time. Don't forget the Back to School BBQ on September 11th, see you all there!

"Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and your plans will succeed." Proverbs 16:3

Joni Best

Parents' Association President

Key Reminders:

- September 11: Noon Dismissal
Back to School BBQ at 5:00 P.M.
- September 16: School Pictures
- September 18: School Mass 9:30 A.M.
- September 22: Parent Association Meeting--
7:00 P.M. in room 8 All Parents are Invited
- September 25: School Mass 9:30 A.M.
- September 28-- October 8: Testing Week
- September 29: Fingerprinting-3:00 P.M. Room 8
New Volunteers contact Mrs. Finn for
appointment
- October 1: Sensory Screening
- October 2: Noon Dismissal-Faculty Meeting
- October 8: Noon Dismissal for Autumnfest set up
- October 9-11: **Autumnfest Weekend**
- October 9: No School-- Autumnfest
- October 12: No School-Autumnfest Clean-up



Traffic Procedures

At St. Hedwig, your child's SAFETY is our primary concern. As there are always questions about morning drop-off procedures at the start of the school year, here is a little "primer".

- 1) PLEASE follow the drop-off line into the playground area. The gate will open at 7:40AM. After you have passed the first cone at the corner of the building, when the line stops, let your child out. DO NOT wait until your car reaches the end of the cones by the lunch window, this will back up traffic.
 - 2) Kindergarten families, PLEASE begin using the convenient valet service by the Kindergarten gate as soon as possible. We understand some children still need to be walked in for a few days, but after a weeks time they should become accustomed to proper drop off procedures. It is the safest way into Kindergarten! Kindergarten families will drive all the way through the regular playground drop-off line, make the turn, and come around the coned off area in front of the Kindergarten gate for the valet.
 - 3) DON'T drop off in the church parking lot. This is tempting, but it causes traffic back-up on Orangewood. It also frustrates parishioners trying to park for morning Mass.
 - 4) Lastly, out of courtesy and respect, NO CELL PHONE USE during morning drop-off. You wouldn't want YOUR child vulnerable to a distracted driver would you?
- Thank you so much for your cooperation in making the morning work for everyone!
Questions about the morning traffic procedures? Contact Julie Brown 562-260-3385

Health Notes from the Health Room

WELCOME BACK! This school year we will be focusing on being healthy and staying healthy. We do expect a harsh flu season but plans are in place to be prepared and not panic. We will be educating all the students on the importance of hand washing, eating nutritious foods, being active, and getting enough sleep. These simple practices will keep everyone healthy and their immune systems strong. Parents, we encourage you to get your children immunized against the seasonal flu in September to allow for a better effect. Talk with your health care provider about your concerns regarding the flu and the H1N1 vaccine. Please do not send your children to school if they are ill. Keeping them home will not only be in their best interest but the other students as well.

Make a plan for childcare should your child become ill and you are working. Make a plan for immediate pick up of your child should they become ill at school. Together we can keep our children and ourselves healthy throughout the school year!

Uniform Resale

Thanks to all the parents that have donated their children's outgrown uniforms. Please go through your closets and keep them coming...It is a great service for our families and an awesome fundraising vehicle for the school.

Sale Days

Monday & Thursday 2:15 – 3:45(By the garage next to Script)
Sundays(1st – 4th Sunday) 9 – 12p.m. Except on Holiday Weekends

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. They 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.

Scrip News

10% Back to School

Only a few days left to take advantage of this promotion through Vons/eScrip. Look for the Yellow School Bus and purchase over 2,000 [participating products](#). All eScrip members will be automatically credited. If you are not a member of eScrip, please turn your redemption receipts into the scrip office so the school can earn the rewards.

Contest ends September 15.

RALPH'S CUSTOMERS:

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION!!!

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR SIGN-UPS!! Please plan accordingly.

1. All members who are currently enrolled in the Ralph's Community Contribution Program will remain active until August 31, 2009.

2. Participants will be required to register for the new term at www.Ralphs.com or by using the scanbar letter(available in the scrip office) at the register starting September 1, 2009.

Our NPO # is 84607.

3. Due to this registration period, new registrants will not be accepted during the month of August 2009. Even if you registered as recently as June or July 2009, you will be required to register again, on or after 9/1/09.

FOOD 4 LESS

If you are participating in the Food 4 Less Community Rewards Program, your participation will continue. You will not be required to re-register your Food 4 Less Rewards Cards. However, please make sure that you register your card online at Food4Less.com if they have not yet registered.

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.

Buy Scrip Today

Visit us during scrip sales hours, 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.

New Scrip

Check out the enclosed order form for our newest vendors, including Visa Rewards \$25, \$50 and \$100, 2% (restrictions apply), Aeropostale \$25, 7%, Pinkberry \$10, 5%, Nikestore.com \$25, 12%, Maui Jim \$25, 15%.

ST. HEDWIG PRAYER POWER

Moms In Touch, where we pray for our children and school, will begin on Monday, September 14th at 9:00 with an information meeting and coffee in the Parish Lounge. All St. Hedwig moms and grandmas are welcome.

Our **Prayer Buddies** program will resume at the beginning of October. Throughout the school year your children will have the blessing of praying for other children in their classrooms. Stay tuned for more information about Prayer Buddies coming soon.

Prayer Request Boxes will soon be in your children's classrooms (grades 1-8). Your children can put their prayer requests in the boxes and those requests will then be taken up to the altar in a basket during the last school mass of every month. Please encourage your children to use the boxes for their prayer intentions.

If you have a need for prayer or if you'd like to be a part of a great community of prayer warriors, you might want to check out the **St. Hedwig Community Prayer Network**. Prayer requests are sent out via email through the network getting prayer going quickly for your intentions. Call or email Ann Getscher for prayer or if you'd like to become a prayer intercessor in the Network (714) 903-9349; agetscher@socal.rr.com.

"If you abide in Me and My words abide in you, ask whatever you wish and it will be done for you." Matthew 15:7

AUTUMNFEST 2009 COMING SOON!

Save the dates of October 9th to the 11th!

This is a wonderful event and a fun way for you and 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. We are looking for volunteers to help with ride tickets during the event and the sale of pre-sale ride tickets before the event.

If anyone is interested please call the number below.

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

"Lord, teach us to pray." Luke 11:1

It is not part of the life of a natural man to pray. We hear it said that a man will suffer in his life if he does not pray; I question it. What will suffer is the life of the Son of God in him, which is nourished not by food, but by prayer. Prayer is the way the life of God is nourished. We look upon prayer as a means of getting things for ourselves; the Bible idea of prayer is that we may get to know God Himself.

Ask, and God will do. Give Jesus Christ a chance, give Him elbow room, and no man will ever do this unless he is at his wit's end. When a man is at his wit's end it is not a cowardly thing to pray, it is the only way he can get into touch with Reality. Be yourself before God and present your problems, the things you know you have come to your wits' end over.

It is not so true that "prayer changes things" as that prayer changes me and I change things. Prayer is not a question of altering things externally, but of working wonders in a man's disposition.

Devotion by Oswald Chambers from "My Utmost for His Highest."