

# Communicator

## Letter From the President

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to St. Hedwig! As we settle into this new school year, I am reminded of my decision to send my daughters to this school. I had attended Catholic school from fourth grade through college. I always knew that I received not only a good education with respect to academics, but I was also reminded of God's presence in our daily lives. We send our children here to teach them about our religion and how to grow up to be good, moral citizens. While our individual reasons are all different, we all share this one common theme and we all want our children to be well-rounded, responsible adults.

I want to welcome our new families to St. Hedwig. It was so nice to meet you at our New Family Orientation Meeting in August. There was a lot of information provided that night, and I hope you weren't all too overwhelmed! Please do not hesitate to call upon our returning families with any questions you may have. We are all here to help each other.

I want to welcome, too, our new Assistant Principal, Ms. Kathleen Nocella. Ms. Nocella spoke with us last month about her new role and she brings with her lots of excitement and energy. We are looking forward to seeing her around campus. We also welcome several new teachers to our school. It's so nice to see all these new faces!

Now, how about those new bathrooms?! They really turned out so beautifully and we want to thank all of those involved in getting the job done so quickly and efficiently. The children are so excited to see this improvement! I'm sure the teachers will be handling a lot of bathroom breaks this year!

We have lots of fun activities coming up this month, so please keep this newsletter nearby. The Parents' Association would like for you to join us for the Back-to-School Barbeque on Friday, September 10 at 5:00 p.m. This is a great opportunity to see old friends and to meet new ones. The cost is \$5.00 per family. I look forward to seeing you there!

Warmly,

Liz Ashworth  
Parents' Association President



## Key Reminders:

- September 10: Noon Dismissal  
Spirit Shirt Day  
Back to School BBQ 5:00 P.M.
- September 12: Pancake Breakfast in Quinn Hall  
8:00 A.M.—10:30 A.M.
- September 14: August/September Birthdays
- September 15: School Pictures
- September 17: School Mass- 9:30 A.M.
- September 24: School Mass— 9:30 A.M.
- September 27: Standardized Testing Week
- September 28: Parents' Association Meeting  
7:00 P.M. in Room 8A, all are welcome!
- September 29: Parenting As A Relationship –  
Dr. Murphy – 7:00 P.M.  
Fall Fundraiser Ends
- September 30: Sports Rally– 2:00 P.M.
- October 1: Faculty Meeting– 12:00 P.M. Dismissal

## Looking Ahead:

- October 7: Noon Dismissal for Autumnfest set-up
- October 7-11: **Autumnfest Weekend**
- October 8: No School
- October 11: No School
- October 15: School Mass– 9:30 A.M.
- October 25-28: Red Ribbon Week

### **Fall Fundraising Is Here!**

If you haven't already peeked at the Fall Fundraising catalogues, now is the time! The easiest way to shop is on-line, at [Charlestonwrap.com](http://Charlestonwrap.com). Orders of \$75 and more receive free shipping directly to your home.

Let family and friends know about this convenient opportunity while you work toward your family fundraising obligation. There are more than 500 items, including gift wrap, kitchen and home items and a new selection of delectable treats.

Be sure to have your student submit their drawing slip to their teacher every time they sell five items. Morning prize drawings will start on September 15!

The deadline to submit your orders is Wednesday, September 29. So start shopping! For any questions, contact Mary Ellen Stumpfl at [stumpfl@adelpia.net](mailto:stumpfl@adelpia.net) or Cici Tuttle at [tuttle10k@aol.com](mailto:tuttle10k@aol.com).

### **DON'T TOSS THAT PACKAGING!**

Are you checking your grocery packages for **Box Tops and Campbell's Soup Labels?** Clip, save, and turn them into your classroom. We'll be counting them later this fall and the winning classroom will get an extra recess and treat! See flier for participating products or log into [www.boxtops4educatrion.com](http://www.boxtops4educatrion.com) and [www.labelsforeducation.com](http://www.labelsforeducation.com). More details to follow.  
Mary Mehus

### **St. Hedwig School Service Program**

Almost all of the placements are completed for the year. Thank you to all who are participating in the service program. It has been said and should be repeated – this school WOULD NOT be the same without all of our wonderful parents who make the school run and run so well!! We place close to 250 families in service jobs each year, whew – what a task! But it is what takes place between now and next June that shows how we shine.

As always, there are last minute changes due to changes in families' schedules. As such – we have some openings in a few areas, especially some “critical fill” areas:

Currently we need parents placed in **Tuesday AM ESDP** (Tuesdays 6:30-8:00 weekly), **Tuesday Lunch Window** (Tuesdays 11:30-1:00 weekly), **AM Traffic** (alternating weeks Monday-Friday 7:35-8:10).

We also have some “flexible” positions available – **Book Fair Coordinator** and **Auction Committee**.

Also, the **Kindergarten** can ALWAYS use some extra assistance during recess and lunch time. Have your little ones gotten bigger? Do you crave some Kinder time? Please check in with our Kindergarten teachers and see how you can help out.

If you have changed your mind and would like a service job, and in exchange would like the tuition discount offered, or if you have any extra time to take on a “love job,” whether it is once a week or once a month, please let us know.

Please let us know if you can take a shift on a permanent or occasional basis - we would all be very appreciative of any assistance!!

Your Service Program Coordinators

Kristie Brown

Christine Brown

### **HEALTH NOTES FROM THE HEALTH ROOM**

To start the school year off right, it would be a good idea to review some of the guidelines that are in place regarding the health room. Thank you for your support.

*Tardy-* If your child is tardy prior to 8:10 a.m. then they may join their class in assembly. Any tardiness after 8:10 a.m. must be processed through the health room. The student will be given a pass to enter the classroom and this pass must be given to the teacher.

*Absent-* If your child is absent you have until 8:45 a.m. to call and report it. You need to inform the health room by calling 562-296-9063. If your child is absent more than one day you will need to continue to report it. If you do not report your child's absence then you will receive a phone call from the health room service worker verifying the absence.

*Medical & Dental Appointments:* If your child is scheduled for an appointment during school hours you must sign them out and back in upon their return. This procedure is performed within the health room. A parent or guardian signature is required for the student to leave unless previous arrangements have been made with a designated adult and you have notified the school office. No student will be released to another minor regardless of their relationship. Be prepared to show identification to ensure the proper safety of the student.

*Medical & Dental Appointment Verification:* A note from the medical or dental provider is required upon returning to school to validate the absence. This note is to be given to the teacher along with the pass given to the student from the health room. The note may not be written by a parent. Proper validation of the absence will help determine if it is excused or unexcused.

*Medication-* Students are not to carry any form of medication unless there is a permission slip and health care provider documentation within the health room. Only Epipens®, Metered Dose Inhalers, or rescue medications, are allowed to be within the student's possession (with the appropriate documentation). All other medications are to be maintained in the health room and a permission slip and health provider documentation is required. There are no exceptions.

*Lunches-* If you need to leave food for your child please do not leave it inside the health room but rather place it on the stand that is directly outside of the health room. To prevent any potential for exposure to illness or contamination, food is not to be kept inside the health room area.

*Lost & Found-* Lost & Found articles are dated when they enter the health room. Every attempt is made to return items that are identified. Articles not claimed within two weeks are donated. If your child has lost something, please have them check with the health room as soon as possible. Patti Patel

### **St. Hedwig 2011 Auction Committee**

Are you fun to be around, energetic and enjoy having a good time? Then the auction committee is for you! We are still looking for volunteers to help with the 2011 St. Hedwig School Auction. Meetings are the 2nd Tuesday of every month from 7:00-9:00PM and are held at the school. Call Eric or Jamie Larson at (562) 296-5711 or email us at [elarsoncpm@aol.com](mailto:elarsoncpm@aol.com)

**Scrip News**  
**September 2010**  
**Focus- Grocery Programs**

This is the time of year when you must renew your commitment to grocery earning programs through Ralph's and Vons(e-scrip).

Even if you just signed up for these programs this summer, as of September 1<sup>st</sup> you must go back to these websites and reregister (Ralph's) or renew (Vons/escrip), or your earnings will CEASE!

**Ralph's**

Participants will be required to register or re-register for the new term at [www.Ralphs.com](http://www.Ralphs.com)  
Our NPO # is 84607

Participants of the Food 4 Less/Foods Co Community Rewards program do not need to re-register. If you would like to register go to [www.food4less.net](http://www.food4less.net).

**eScrip- Vons/ Credit Card Program**

You can renew your commitment to eScrip now! Go to [www.escrip.com](http://www.escrip.com) and hit the "renew now" button. Contributions will cease Nov. 1 if you do not renew. Be sure to go into your account and update if you have any new debit or credit cards.

If you are not signed up with eScrip, do it now. Go to [www.escrip.com](http://www.escrip.com). St. Hedwig ID # is 137646527. Sign up your Vons or Pavilions card to earn money each time you swipe your savings card at these stores. Also, sign up your debit and credit cards for use in the program. Participating merchants will make contributions to St. Hedwig, based on the purchases made by you, when using the cards you have registered. Do your on-line purchasing through the eScrip On-line Mall to automatically earn fundraising credit when you buy from participating retailers. Your eScrip purchases are tracked and available to you online, allowing you to see how much you are earning towards your fundraising goal.

Please contact the scrip office if you have any questions at 562-296-9069 or email [sh\\_scrip@yahoo.com](mailto:sh_scrip@yahoo.com). You can also stop by the scrip office on Wednesdays or Fridays from 8:00-10:30 for assistance.

**Celtic Pride!**

On Friday, September 10, show your Celtic Pride by purchasing Spirit items at our Back-To-School Barbeque. Some of the items that will be available for sale include Spirit shirts, license plate frames, caps, stadium chairs, stickers, pens, pencils, etc. Wear and display your St Hedwig Spirit items at school and in our communities to publicize and support our wonderful school. Go Celtics! Cindy M. Litzie