

Communicator

Letter From the President

Dear Parents,

Summer is in full swing and our children are loving it! There are so many wonderful activities offered to the children in our communities. They get to learn to sail, participate in beach programs, play tennis, soccer and baseball. I always look around and think that we are so lucky to live here and give our children everything they need and want. We are also so blessed to give them an education at St. Hedwig School. Our school is a wonderful, academic institution, but it's not just that. St. Hedwig School is a place our children spend each of their days learning how to be respectful people. They learn each day about our faith and our religion. This is why we have chosen this school for them. They know that they will receive all of our love and attention throughout not just the school year, but for the rest of their lives.

I want to remind you of some upcoming events to get on your calendar now. Please save the following dates:

- **August 21** - 1:00 Kinder Picnic - Rush Park
- **August 22** - St. Hedwig Golf Tournament
- **August 25** - New Parent Orientation - We invite all new parents to attend this evening to learn more about the start of school and for us to answer all your questions.
- **August 29** - First day of school and the Back to School Coffee - Please join us in Quinn Hall at 8:15am. Ms. DeVaney, Miss Nocella and the Parents' Association Board Members will be on hand to welcome all parents.
- **September 2** - Back to School BBQ - I want to invite all families to attend the annual Back to School BBQ at 5:00 pm on the field. This is a fun night to get together and with old and new friends!
- **September 27** - Parents' Association Meeting at 7:00 pm. All are welcome to attend.

Lastly, I encourage you to cherish each and every day with your children this summer and always. They are all gifts from God and are so very special. As the summer winds down, take the time to relax and enjoy their company. Soon, they'll be busy at school and we'll wish for those easy, lazy summer days! God bless you all and I look forward to seeing you on August 29.

Liz Ashworth

Parents' Association President

Key Reminders:

First Day of School Parking:

Please park on the playground. Leave the church parking lot for parishioners attending mass.

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 reacquire 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 28, 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:

The 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.

New Sunday Mass Schedule at St. Hedwig Church

Beginning September 4, 2011, St. Hedwig Church will have new mass times on Sunday mornings.

8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m.



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.

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

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

9/8 Thursday 7:00 Grade 1

Back to School BBQ

Mark your calendar for Friday, September 2nd, 2011, at 5:00 P.M. for the Back to School BBQ. St. Hedwig Parents' Association will be sponsoring the event. 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

Bring your blanket, chairs and your own drinks! Please come be a part of the fun, and help celebrate the start of another year at St. Hedwig School.

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 2012)
- Bottled water (16 oz.)

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

Autumnfest 2011

Save the date! **October 29th - 30th**

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.

John R. Russell Golf Tournament

Date: August 22, 2011
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

Welcome to School Year 2011–2012! We are preparing the health room for this upcoming school year and thought this would be an ideal time to review the services that the health room provides.

- As the title of the room indicates, we assess students when they complain of illness or injury and provide basic care or monitoring. If necessary, we notify the designated person (as indicated on your emergency card that you will fill out) of the student's problem and the needed disposition.
- We also perform attendance recording, absence notification, late entry to school or early dismissal from school. Please call the health room at 562–296–9063 before 8:00 A.M. to notify the school of your child's absence (*Notifying in advance of necessary lateness or early dismissal due to appointment or other needs is very helpful*).
- If your child needs medication during the school day, the health room service volunteer may assist them once the required forms are completed.
- The health room also maintains the Lost & Found for the school. Please have your child check the lost & found area if they are missing an item.
- Need to leave a lunch for your child? We have a stand outside of the room for students lunches. We look forward to working with you to keep our students healthy throughout the year.

If you are new to the school, please feel free to come by to see the health room and meet our service volunteers. They will be happy to answer any of your questions regarding the health room service.

GRADES 7 and 8 - Before school starts, please send Mrs. Bonnie Finn proof that your child has had the vaccine for whooping cough (also known as pertussis). The new law requires this written proof before 7th and 8th graders may enter school on the first day of school.

Dear St. Hedwig parents and families,

August 2011

Wow, school is almost here. I hope your summer has been grand! Just a little more time would be perfect.

After spending a year as head of Prayer Ministries I have been getting different feedback on the Prayer Buddy program and I may be changing it up a little this year. I would like to introduce the Prayer Wheel. In a nutshell, each child in October would get a Prayer Wheel with each of their classmates' names. Kind of picture a sundial format. They would keep it by their bedsides, and each night turn the dial and pray for a new classmate every night. They would start with their own names at the beginning of each month, that way insuring each child is being prayed for daily/nightly. After Christmas break, the kids will exchange their Prayer Wheels with the other class and pray for them.

Monthly we will put out a Prayer Theme paper to each child for things to pray for during that month involving current events within their own families and friends, their community, and even globally.

We will continue with our Prayer Boxes in each class and have the Prayer Theme paper give them some ideas for that too.

As far as Parents in Prayer, with my work schedule I am no longer able to have the time for Parents in Prayer, but I do believe the committee for Faith Formation within the St. Hedwig Parish is working on that at a parish level and it should be awesome.

Have a great rest of your summer. Be sure to attend the wonderful events for the school as well as the parish that are posted in the bulletin and the summer updates from the school.

If you have any ideas, questions and/or comments, I would love to hear them. Please feel free to email me at pcarabine@verizon.net or call me at 562 676-7192.

Sincerely, Peggy Carabine (Prayer Ministries)

St. Hedwig Annual Fundraising Information

The St. Hedwig Parents' Association provides numerous opportunities to the parents of our school to reach their fundraising goals for the year. Each family is committed to raising \$350 for one child or \$500 for multiple children from January 1 - December 31. We'd like to remind you of those opportunities by listing them below. We also would like you to know that fundraising is completely voluntary. If you choose, you may buy out at any time by sending in your donation to the business office. The Parents' Association is proud to raise funds in order to keep our tuition rates at their current levels, as well as to fund special projects as determined by the PA Board and school administration.

The following fundraising events are scheduled for the 2011-2012 school year:

- Scrip Program – Please see information on line
- Fall Fundraiser – On line and catalogue items - Supports classrooms and the general cost of operations, offsets increasing school expenses and keeps tuition at a steady level. (Cookie dough for Science camp included)
- Christmas Greens- sales of wreaths and Christmas décor for your home
- Fitness A Thon – Supports the Accelerated Reader, Gradelink and Discovery Education Streaming Video licenses for the year
- Auction – Proceeds support technology and projects, classrooms and the general cost of operations, offsets increasing school expenses and keeps tuition at a steady level.

There are other various fundraising events throughout the year that we hold to raise money for specific purposes. The following events are well supported by our families; however, there is no contribution to your fundraising goal from these events:

- John Russell Golf Tournament – Funds Tuition assistance and projects
- Student-made Greeting Cards (Art for Education) – Supports Meet the Masters
- Women's Tennis Tournament
- Mary Aikenhead Pancake Breakfast – Supports two \$700 graduate scholarships
- Auction - Family donation to the auction collected
- Class Hot Lunch – Most Fridays – Funds classroom expenses
- Dine-outs - Dinners at various restaurants to support specific school expenses

Backpack Collection

Just a reminder that if you weren't able to donate your old backpack at the end of last year, you can still donate it during the first two days of school. Boxes will be available by the Convent garage and near the Kindergarten gate. If you have already donated your backpack, THANK YOU! The people in the homeless shelters are so grateful for your support!

Dear St. Hedwig Families,

Considering the busy lifestyles of today, setting priorities is essential. Here at St. Hedwig School, we are blessed with many parents who have placed the importance of an exceptional learning environment coupled with Christian values at the top of their list.

We realize that everyone wants the best for their children and the sacrifices that have to be made to achieve this. Whether it is the donation of money, time or talent, continuing the legacy of excellence that was established years ago by those who came before us was the top priority of the Nominating Committee for the 2011-2012 Parents' Association Executive Board. Because there were not enough people interested in running for the Executive Board Positions, an election was not necessary. Thanks to those who generously offered to continue in their current position and those who stepped into a position when asked. The spirit of St. Hedwig School Parents' Association will live on through their generous contribution of time and talent.

**PARENTS' ASSOCIATION 2011 - 2012
EXECUTIVE BOARD**

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The Parents' Association provides support to the students and to the school throughout the year. Our objectives are: to promote the ideals of Catholic education by fostering a better understanding of parental responsibilities in the spiritual and educational development of our children; to stimulate a channel of communication between parents and faculty, parish and community; to promote the enrichment of the school by contributing funds donated or earned; to promote and facilitate service to the school by parents. May God continue to bless St. Hedwig School and its families during the 2011-2012 school year.

Fall Fundraising Starts September 7, 2011

Watch for your Fall Fundraising catalogue to come home from school on Wednesday, September 7. The fundraising year ends in December, so this is a great opportunity to fulfill much of your fundraising obligation!

You and your relatives and friends can shop on-line or by catalogue for wrapping paper and gift bags, kitchen items, gifts, chocolate and desserts! New this year is a selection of brand name purses at excellent prices. Fundraising percentages range from 30% to 50%. Free shipping is offered to your home on Internet orders more than \$75.

Watch for your packet on September 7!