

Communicator

Letter From the President

Dear Parents,

It's amazing to me that we are already at the end of October. We have had a great start to our school year and we have so much to look forward to. St. Hedwig Parish's Autumnfest is coming up on October 28-30. This is a great community event that supports our parish and our school. Thank you to those who have volunteered your time to work the booths. It takes all of us to put on this event and the kids are looking forward to having loads of fun.

I wish to thank Mary Ellen Stumpf and Cici Tuttle for organizing our Fall Fundraiser this year. What a success! We had record sales and it is so nice to see such school-wide enthusiasm and support for St. Hedwig. Proceeds from this fundraiser help to fund special projects for our school.

We still have some upcoming events to remind you of before the end of the year. Please read through the Christmas Greens brochure and flyer. We have selected a variety of beautiful, quality wreaths that you and your families, friends and clients will be sure to enjoy. If you choose to participate, a portion of your sales will count towards your family fundraising commitment. All orders will be due to the school office no later than November 1.

As always, let's be sure to take the time to enjoy each day with our children, families and friends. We pray for those affected by the Seal Beach tragedy that they will find strength through God and their loved ones. We have been reminded that life is short. We must make the most of each and every day.

Liz Ashworth
Parents' Association President

Key Reminders:

- October 28-30: Autumnfest Weekend
- October 31: No School - Autumnfest Clean-up
- November 1: All Saints Day Mass - 8:30 & 11 A.M.
- November 4: Diocese Inservice - No School
- November 10: Fall Fundraiser Pick-up
- November 11: Faculty Meeting - Noon Dismissal
- November 16: November Birthdays
- November 17: Teacher Conferences - No School
- November 18: Teacher Conferences - Noon Dismissal

Looking Ahead:

- November 23: Thanksgiving Mass - 9:30 A.M. Noon Dismissal
- November 24-25: Thanksgiving Vacation
- November 29: Parents' Association Meeting - 7:00 P.M. in Room 8, All are welcome!
- December 13: School Christmas Show
- December 16: Noon Dismissal

Autumnfest Oct. 28-30th





Health Notes from the Health Room

Thank you to everyone who has returned the Emergency Blue Card and Yellow Extension notice so quickly!

Medication At School

If your child requires medication, either on an as needed basis, or routinely during school hours, please make sure you have completed the **Medication Authorization** form. Provide this form, along with the medication in its original container and your child's name on the packaging, to the health room. We **cannot accept** medication without the proper label on the container in addition to your child's name. State law does not allow the administration of medication by anyone other than the parent during school hours unless the above guidelines have been completed in its entirety.

Does Your Child Carry Medication to School?

If your child carries medication with them in their backpack, then a **Self-Administration authorization** form must be on file in the health room. It is illegal for students to carry medication to school **unless** the authorization is completed and recorded. This includes Epipens®, inhalers, Benedryl®, antibiotics, Tylenol®, Motrin®, or any other over-the-counter or prescription medication. The forms are available in the health room and can be completed and faxed to your health provider. You can ask them to fax the completed form to the school office so that your child is covered.

Does Your Child have a Severe Allergy or Require Emergency Medication?

If your child requires an Epipen® or other medication in an emergency, please ensure that the administration, teacher, coaches, and health room are aware so that proper administration, care, and post follow-up will be given immediately. Please make sure that the medication is available in the health room along with the Medication Authorization form. This will prevent delay in providing emergent treatment when needed. Thank you for your cooperation with these guidelines. We are all working together to keep St. Hedwig Students safe.



Uniform Resale

Donations for used uniforms can be dropped off at the health room or during scheduled uniform resales: Sundays (9-12noon), Mondays & Thursdays (2:30-4:00). We no longer accept used uniforms with embroidered names. We are unable to sell uniform items that are stained or damaged.

We are currently in need of two new rolling racks to display these uniforms. Please contact Maria Casequin at (714) 590-8906 or via email at mcasequin@aol.com



Fundraising Order Pick-Up Thursday, November 10

Mark your calendars for Thursday, November 10, from 1:30 to 6 p.m. to pick up all of your Fall Fundraising items in Quinn Hall. If you are unable to be there, please send a friend, as we have no place to store boxes and food after 6 p.m.! If you have any questions, contact Mary Ellen Stumpfl, stumpfl@roadrunner.com or Cici Tuttle, tuttle10k@aol.com

Islands Dine Out, Monday, November 7

Take a break from cooking and enjoy yourself at the St. Hedwig School Family Night at Islands Restaurant on Seal Beach Blvd. on Monday, November 7, from 5 to 9:30 p.m. The restaurant will donate 20% of your food and beverage purchases when you present them with the flyer. The offer includes take-out orders, too! So order your scrip, let your friends and family know about the event, and enjoy some yummy food with your Celtic buddies!

Scrip News October 2011

Remember there are 3 ways to buy Scrip

1. Visit us during scrip sales hours
 Sunday 9:00-12:00 on the church patio, Monday 2:30-3:15 in front of the convent garage, Wednesday 8:00-10:30 in the scrip office, Thursday 2:30-3:15 in front of the convent garage, Friday 8:00-11:00 in the scrip office
2. Turn in the enclosed scrip order form with a check through the classroom. Your order will be ready within a week and can be picked up during scrip sales hours.
3. Place your order on-line any time of the day! Go to www.shopwithscrip.com. Our enrollment code is 8585921L9534. Sign up for Presto Pay to have the payment taken out of your checking account. All orders must be paid for before they are released and can be picked up within a week during scrip sales hours.

Buy Scrip for Thanksgiving shopping!

Use Vons, Smart and Final, Sprouts, Whole Foods, Stater Brothers or Sam's Club for all your groceries. Purchase Hof's Hut for your pies or Honey Baked Ham for a ready-made meal!

The holidays are coming and gift cards are a present loved and appreciated by all!

It's not too early to start thinking about Christmas! Due to backorders and shipping delays during the month of December, it is difficult to maintain a fully-stocked selection of scrip. Avoid being disappointed by making out your Christmas list and ordering now! Share the order form with friends and family. It saves them a trip to the mall and earns your fundraising dollars.

If you have any questions, please call Sandra Martinho at the Scrip Office 562-296-9069 or email sh_scrip@yahoo.com.

AM Traffic Reminder

Here are a few friendly reminders to everyone using the morning car line for drop off: Let your child out when the line stops on the main playground. Some are waiting to pull up in front of their child's classrooms, and are stopping twice. Please DO NOT DOUBLE STOP; it backs up the line significantly.

Rainy days are a challenge for everyone, please leave a few extra minutes to get to school, and again please let your child out when the line stops, anywhere on the main playground. Do not hold your child in the car until they are in front of their particular classroom. Thank you! As always, absolutely NO CELL PHONE use on campus while driving. Thank you so much for making AM Traffic work for everyone! Questions? Contact the AM Traffic Coordinator Julie Brown at 562-260-3385.

NOVEMBER PRAYER

Galatians 5: 22-23 The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT: GOODNESS- Moral excellence, righteousness, virtue, and kindness.

PRAYER BUDDY:

FIRST WEEK: Pray for goodness for yourself. Ask God to fill your heart with goodness towards your family and friends. Maybe there is someone in your life that you have not been so kind to lately or are holding a grudge against. Ask Jesus to lift that burden from you and be filled with the Holy Spirit.

SECOND WEEK: Pray for goodness for your Prayer Buddy. Pray that when he or she feels like being mean to someone or making someone feel left out, that their hearts be filled with goodness and that they make a kind gesture or say words to them that build them up, not down.

THIRD WEEK: Pray for goodness for your family, friends, and teachers. Pray that when they are making decisions in their lives that can really have an impact on others around them, that God fills their hearts with righteousness so that others see Christ working through them.

FOURTH WEEK: Pray for goodness for our local community, our country, and our world. Pray that Jesus would empower our leaders with moral excellence and virtue, so that at every level they shine with the light of Christ. Take ten minutes with Jesus at sacredspace.ie.

Peggy Carabine, Prayer Ministries, (562) 676-7192/pcarabine@verizon.net

Autumnfest XXVI

Please mark your calendars for October 28th – 30th and plan to attend!

New this year!! Halloween Costume Parade for all children 12 years and younger. The parade will begin at approximately 3:00 pm on Saturday at the stage area, followed by trick or treating! **Also new this year – ride wristbands** – good for unlimited rides from 12-6 on Saturday only! Pre-sale wristband coupons are \$20; \$25 if purchased on Saturday.

Pre-sale Ride Tickets – are on sale THIS WEEK-END after all Sunday Masses. You will save significantly by purchasing these pre-sale tickets and the parish receives a greater share of the profits! Each sheet of pre-sale tickets is \$30 and contains 20 tickets – one ticket per ride; \$1.50 per ride (same cost per ride as last year). If you purchase tickets at the event – you will need to purchase 3 to 4 tickets for each ride. This will cost you between \$3 - \$4 per ride – depending on the ride and the volume of tickets you purchase. Please buy presale – and encourage your soccer, football and other neighborhood friends to buy presale as well. Presale ride tickets are available after all Sunday Masses on the patio; at the school office between 8-4 during the week through October 26th; in front of the rectory garage Thursday 10/27 (1:00-5:00) and Friday 10/28 (9:00-5:00). We are using a new ride company this year (New Rides!!), so last year's tickets will not be accepted.

Meet the Masters Art Program

Chance for your child's artwork to be displayed

We are entering our fourth year of our "Meet the Masters" art program. For the new families, Meet the Masters is a quality art education program that is brought to each and every student in all grades at St. Hedwig School. Throughout the current school year, all students will attend seven workshops taught by a professional art coordinator focusing on a specific artist. The students will then perform a hands-on activity related to that artist in the classroom. Our 2011-2012 artists include: Marc Chagall, Paul Klee, Georges Seurat, Faith Ringgold, Paul Cezanne, Leonardo da Vinci, and Auguste Renoir. How great that our children have the opportunity to learn and experience these wonderful artists!!

New this year we will be having an opportunity to have your child's artwork displayed in the front foyer at school. Your child can ask their teacher for a raffle ticket to enter for a chance to have their artwork displayed for a month. Look for the information in the brown envelope.

Have you had a chance to see your child's recent masterpieces in the Marc Chagall style? The students explored patterns and color theory in this lesson. Our young artists used oil pastels to create enchanted villages in a Chagall colorful and imaginary world. Be sure to stop by your child's classroom to see these wonderful works of art.

Are you familiar with Paul Klee? Paul Klee's love of music served as inspiration for many of his abstractions. The children both heard and saw the connection as they enjoyed his fanciful imagination. Using watercolor washes, the young artists enjoyed creating their own abstract compositions from their feelings and imaginations.