

Communicator

Letter From the President

Dear Parents,

I was driving over to school the other day listening to the radio when a song came on that I had heard before, but had never really listened to the words. As I sat there, the musician spoke of how he notices that people look down to the ground when they walk. He sang of how he was going to make the effort to always keep his eyes on the sun, to keep his head held high. I sat there and thought about how we can have moments of clarity at any point in each of our days, and this was one of those moments for me. I shared this song with my daughters and we all agreed to make this our new year's resolution, to keep our heads held high and have confidence in ourselves throughout the year.

February is going to be a busy month here at school. We begin our enrollment tours on February 1. We encourage you to tell friends and neighbors all about our school and invite families to come and learn more about St. Hedwig. It is our voice that builds the school spirit and pride. We also have a very fun lunch coming up on February 14. Our school has been selected again by In-N-Out Burger, who will send a food truck to St. Hedwig on Valentine's Day. This is a wonderful opportunity to come over and have lunch with your children. Also, mark your calendars for our annual school auction, which will be on Saturday, May 5. Our Cinco de Mayo celebration will be loads of fun! As always, we welcome volunteers! Please let me know if you have some time to give to planning this fun evening.

Our next Parents' Association board meeting is on Tuesday, February 28. As always, please let us know if you need anything addressed by the board. We are always here to support the parents of the school in any way we can. I wish you all a happy and healthy new year.

Liz Ashworth

Parents' Association President



Key Reminders:

- January 27: Special Persons Day - Noon Dismissal
- January 30: Inservice - No School
- February 1: New Student Enrollment Tour
- February 3: Faculty Meeting - Noon Dismissal
- February 9: Enrollment Night - Tell a friend
- February 10: School Mass - 9:30 A.M.
- February 14: In-N-Out Lunch
- February 15: Senior Citizens' Lunch given by Gr.8
- February 17: Fitness-a-Thon - Noon Dismissal
- February 20: Presidents' Day - No School
- February 21: February Birthdays
- February 22: Ash Wednesday - 8:30 & 11:00 A.M.
- February 23: Jr. High Enrollment Night

Looking Ahead:

- February 28: Parents' Association Meeting - 7:00 P.M. in Room 8, All are welcome!
- March 3: Academic Decathlon
- March 11: Mary Aikenhead Pancake Breakfast
- March 16: Inservice - No School
- March 23: Religious Education Congress - No School

St. Hedwig Scrip News

As of December we are at almost \$26,000. We would like to meet our goal of \$50,000 by June. More earnings means more money for our school, which helps keep tuition down and helps to provide a great school for our children!

Don't forget, your fundraising commitment started over as of Jan. 1. Make sure you are getting your new year off to a good start by purchasing Scrip for all your purchases. Remember...

Register with shopwithscrip.com to allow yourself to place your gift card orders on-line any time of day. Sign up for Presto Pay and you can even print selected scrip on your own computer and reload some cards without coming in to the office. With shop with scrip you get notices of specials, bonuses and more items to choose from. Try to use scrip for most of your purchases. We carry scrip for Von's, Sprouts, Target, Walmart, Stater Bros. most of our local restaurants and so much more. Buy scrip for gasoline, fast food, clothing, gifts etc. Think of scrip for big purchases such as furniture, computers and appliances. Start planning your spring break vacation now! Remember Disney, Best Western, Marriott, Hyatt plus Avis and Budget! Hand out the scrip order form to family and friends. It is convenient for them and a great way for you to make more fundraising \$\$\$'s! Register your grocery cards and sign up your friends and family too! Notify the scrip office if someone is earning on your behalf.

How to register grocery cards

Vons/Pavillions – go to www.escrip.com. Our group # is 137646527. You can also register your debit and credit cards to earn money when you shop at scrip merchants.

Ralphs- go to www.Ralphs.com. Our NPO # is 84607

Call Tracey Mizraji in the Scrip Office at 296-9069 with any questions.

STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS

Hello, St. Hedwig families. The recent Talent Show at the school was a great success as a result of the hard work of all Student Council members. Everyone enjoyed all of the talented students' performances. Student Council will soon be getting ready for Valentine Gram Sales in February. There are many sports events and activities going on at this time at school for everyone to support and cheer on the St. Hedwig teams and students. Please come out and be a Celtic fan!

Sincerely,
Cayman Rojas
Student Body President



In-N-Out: It's What Valentine's Day is All About

Don't forget to purchase tickets for the In-N-Out Burger truck coming to St. Hedwig School on Tuesday, February, 14. The truck will be on site during your child's lunch time. We encourage all parents/grandparents to come share lunch with your child. ALL tickets must be pre-bought at a cost of \$5. The meal includes hamburger or cheeseburger with chips and a drink. Extra order forms are available in the office. Order forms are due by Wednesday, February 8. Tickets are not sold the day of the event, so don't miss out!



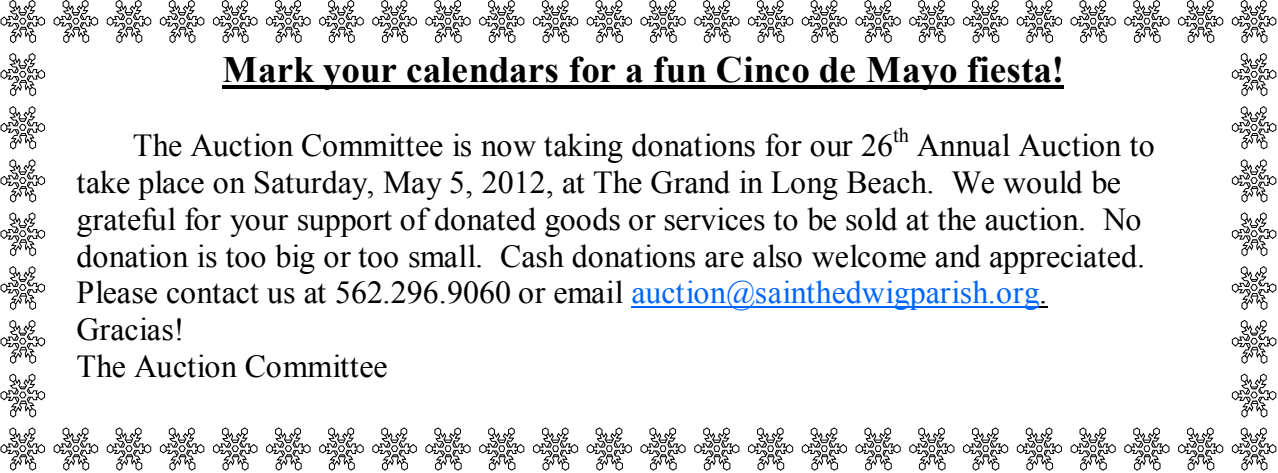
Health Notes from the Health Room

Each month "Health Notes" has tried to keep you aware, informed, and reminded of important health issues that may affect your child. We have covered topics of health promotion, prevention, and treatment. We have also reviewed policies set forth by the California State Board of Education, the Orange Diocese, and St. Hedwig School. Now it is your turn! We would like to ask, "What health areas would you like to have more information on?" Please submit your requests, ideas, concerns, or just general topics that you would like to see covered in Health Notes. Your input may be sent to Mrs. Finn via email at bfinn@sainthedwigparish.org. Look for your suggested topic in future editions of the Communicator. Thank you for helping to make this a collaborative effort in keeping our children healthy.



Library Leaks

Thank you to all the students and their families who supported and attended our Barnes and Noble fundraiser event making it a big success. And, a big thank you to Mr. Belisle, Mrs. Wigmore, Mrs. Visser and Mrs. Fischer for taking time out of their weekend to come and read to the students. The library made over \$1,300 on the event, including over 40 books purchased and donated directly to our shelves. A few titles to appear on the shelves soon include "Troublemaker" by Andrew Clements, "This Isn't What It Looks Like" (The Secret Series) by Pseudonymous Bosch, "Best Bad Luck I Ever Had" by Kristin Levine, "A Sick Day for Amos McGee" by Phillip C. Stead and "Moon Over Manifest" by Clare Vanderpool.



Mark your calendars for a fun Cinco de Mayo fiesta!

The Auction Committee is now taking donations for our 26th Annual Auction to take place on Saturday, May 5, 2012, at The Grand in Long Beach. We would be grateful for your support of donated goods or services to be sold at the auction. No donation is too big or too small. Cash donations are also welcome and appreciated. Please contact us at 562.296.9060 or email auction@sainthedwigparish.org.

Gracias!

The Auction Committee

SAVE THE DATE

The Fitness-A-Thon is just around the corner. Friday, February 17, 2012 is the big day. Please come out and help on this fun day. Look for the flier in the brown envelope.

JANUARY PRAYER

GALATIANS 5:22-23-- FRUITS OF THE SPIRIT: LOVE, JOY, PEACE, PATIENCE, KINDNESS, GOODNESS, FAITHFULNESS, GENTLENESS AND SELF-CONTROL

Here we are at the New Year, 2012!! Happy New Year!! What a wonderful time to make new resolutions and commitments to better ourselves before our God, our family, friends and peers. We start off so fired up with great intentions and then—we fall back into our old habits and temptations.

When it comes to the Fruits of the Spirit, I always wonder why self-control is last. My thinking is it should be first and then it would help with all the rest. But God knows best and He can help us with our self-control. We need to daily pray, read the Bible, and quietly meditate on His Word as He empowers us with what we ask for.

Let us remember that as we do try to uphold our new year commitments, that if we should fall or fail at times, just get back on track. It is all truly a journey in our walk with Him in life. Jesus has our best interest at heart and He loves each and every one of us. We need to remind ourselves of that daily. Sometimes we focus too much on the bad instead of the good.

I pray that each and every one of you have a blessed new year, and may our Lord motivate you and inspire you to accomplish that which He has put on your heart to become more like Him.

As you may have a few extra moments during the day either at your computer or while you are on your smart phones, make sure you go to sacredspace.ie for a wonderful and inspiring Gospel daily reading. Makes a difference in your day. Peggy Carabine, Prayer Ministries, pcarabine@verizon.net/(562)676-7192