

Communicator

Letter from the President

Dear Parents,

Welcome back from Easter Vacation!

I hope you all took some time to re-energize, renew, relax and spend some quality time with your family. Since Spring and the celebration of Easter is a time to bring a new sense of renewal, I hope you all will consider volunteering for a Parents' Association board position or a new service position.

I thought I would take this time to give a short explanation of the objectives of the St. Hedwig Parents' Association:

- To promote the ideas 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.

This is the time of the year when you will receive a call or you are approached to take on a new service position. I ask all of you before you say "NO", take some time to think about your decision and take some time in prayer. Remember, we set an example for our children when it comes to volunteering. I decided to take some time to take inventory of my 9 years of volunteering at SH:

- Sold Scrip (1st year)
- Treasurer and Co-chaired Room Mom 3rd grade (2nd – 4th year)
- Purchaser for the lunch program (5th year)
- Co-chaired Book Fair (6th year)
- President (7th – 8th year)
- In addition to this list, there are love jobs:
 - Cub Scout Den Leader (8 years)
 - Eucharistic Ministers (3 years)
 - Liturgy of the Word for Children (4 years)
 - Auction (2 years)

After reviewing my list, I decided to inventory my 8th graders list:

- Boy Scout (Rank of Life)
- Staff for Camp-O-Ree
- Order of the Arrow – In charge of camp promotions
- Assistant Patrol Leader
- Lead Flag Burning at SH
- Student Council – Commissioner of Safety
- Student Traffic Safety Team
- Altar Server
- Speaks at Enrollment Tours
- Speaks at Mass for Reverse Collections
- Bible Camp

I then asked myself, "Have I set a good example for my children of what a volunteer looks like?"

Key Reminders:

- April 16: Noon Dismissal– Spirit Shirt Day
- April 17: St. Hedwig's 50th Anniversary
Mass 5:30 p.m. Reception 6:30 p.m.
- April 18: St. Hedwig 50th Anniversary
Family Celebration - Order tickets
2:00 p.m. In-n-Out www.sainthedwigparish.org
- April 20: April Birthdays Celebrated
- April 22: Athletic Awards Night– 7:00 p.m.
- April 23: Mass- 9:30 a.m.
- April 27: Art Assemblies
7:00 p.m. Parents Association
Meeting in Room 8A
- April 30: Mass– 9:30 a.m.
Lip Sync Show—Grades 6-8
1:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.
- May 1: St. Hedwig School Auction
Old Ranch Country Club

Looking Ahead:

- May 14: May Crowning 9:30 a.m.
- May 20: Spring Show
- June 11: Graduation

I encourage everyone who shares the commitment to our wonderful school to consider running for a board position or volunteering for a new service job. Your willingness to share your time and talents to continue the success of St. Hedwig School is the only requirement to be part of the Parents' Association.

In closing, I want to leave you with a message I saw on a marquee at a local church. "If God is your co-pilot you might want to change seats."

Joni Best
Parents' Association President

St. Hedwig Scrip News

The scrip-o-meter is up to \$35,000! We need a big push to make it to our goal of \$55,000 by the end of June. BUY SCRIP TODAY. It helps fulfill your fundraising obligation and raises money for our school!

eScrip

EVERYONE should be registered with eScrip. Just zip your cards and earn!

Not only can you register your Von's and Pavilion's cards, you can also enroll your Macy's card as well as your debit and credit cards. When you use your debit or credit cards at participating eScrip merchants, you automatically earn a percentage towards your fundraising. Tons of local restaurants participate! **DON'T FORGET TO GO BACK INTO YOUR ACCOUNT AND CHANGE THE INFORMATION IF YOUR CREDIT CARD EXPIRES, YOUR BANK CHANGES OR YOU GET A NEW NUMBER FOR ANY REASON.** Sign up friends and family and earn even more!

Go to the eScrip website at www.escrip.com to see the merchants and percentages. Our group number is 137646527.

Ralph's

Go to www.ralphs.com. Click on *sign-in/register*. If you are not currently signed up, click *sign up today* in the *new customer* box. Follow the steps as indicated. **IMPORTANT...** You will receive an email that you **MUST** respond to with our NPO# 84607 in order for you to get credit for your sales.

Keep collecting and clipping those **Box Tops and Campbell's Soup Labels**. Turn them in to your classroom. We will be counting again in May and rewarding the winning classes with an extra recess and treat!!

Call Sandra Martinho in the Scrip Office at 296-9069 or sh_scrip@yahoo.com with any questions.

Hope and Prayer

Jesus is risen and alive and his presence gives us hope for our lives, hope for our future. He's that silver lining in the clouds that seem to hover around us sometimes. He's that light at the end of the tunnel when difficulties surround us. He's that beacon on a hill when we're having trouble finding our way. It's good to be prepared when trouble brews so keeping connected with Jesus through prayer brightens our days and satisfies our hearts so when the not so fun stuff of life happens we'll have Jesus our hope to cling to. One way to be connected to Jesus here at St. Hedwig is through our Moms In Touch group that meets on Monday mornings after the 8:30am mass in the Prayer Room in the back of the church. We pray for our children and we leave our meeting personally renewed and refreshed and feeling the assurance that God has our children's lives in His hands and he is bringing them through any difficulties they might be experiencing. All moms and grandmas are welcome at Moms In Touch. Contact Ann Getscher at 714-903-9349 for more info. We would love to see you there.

Also, don't forget that on Thursday, May 6th is the National Day of Prayer. The theme this year is "FOR SUCH A TIME AS THIS". Although many problems confront our nation and its leaders, we can have hope, faith, and trust that God is doing a good work in our country. Please try and remember to set aside some time on May 6th to intercede for America, especially our government leaders, that they will seek God for guidance.

"Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer." (Romans 12:12)

Islands Restaurant
St. Hedwig School Family Night

Date: Tuesday, May 25, 2010

Time: 3p.m. to close

Where: 12320 Seal Beach Boulevard

Not valid with any coupon offer or other discounts.

SHS receives 20% of food and beverage purchases!

Order your Scrip today for this PA fundraiser.



Congratulations to the Classroom Contest Winners
of the Auction's Family Donation Program!

100% Mrs. Gastelum

90+% Miss Elliott

90+% Sister Paulyne

These classrooms will be rewarded with an Extra Recess, Root beer Floats,
and the teachers will receive a gift certificate for school supplies.

Mrs. Gastelum's first graders will each receive one Raffle Ticket in the Auction Raffle.

Thanks to everyone who participated in the donation drive!



Do your children enjoy the Meet the Masters Program ?

I have heard many great stories from parents telling me about the impact that our Meet the Masters program has had on their child. How our students have been at museums, restaurants, or stores, and have identified artwork by an artist they have studied in our Meet the Masters program. How our students are coming home excited about their latest art project and ask for more art at home. I am amazed at how many facts our students retain from the art assembly given each month by our art facilitator, Mrs. Stone.

This program has been generously sponsored for the last two years by our Golf Tournament. This year, we are looking for other sponsorships to fund the program. Do you know anyone who is a patron of the arts and would like to contribute to arts education? Do you know of a company or organization which would sponsor "arts education"? If you have any contacts or ideas on sponsorship or would like to make a donation directly to the Meet the Masters program, please contact Josey Dentzer at jandj.dentzer2@verizon.net or Sandra Allen at sandraallen@me.com.

Rules and procedures for afternoon pick-up...

- Please do not park on the North side of Orangewood during afternoon traffic pick-up.
- Do not leave cars parked on South side of Orangewood when PM traffic is in motion.
- Warnings tickets will be issued to cars parked on South side of Orangewood.
- No parking in Church Parking lot in order to walk in on to pick up your child.

Exceptions: picking up your child early for a doctor's appointment, working on your service job, watching your child's kickball game, or attending a teacher conference

- Parents and children are not allowed to exit the school door by the library after school.
- No one is to exit the school through the passage way between the school and convent.
- Once the bell rings, parents and students need to get into their cars and leave the parking lot when instructed. If not, then they will wait for the next exit.

This is all for the safety of our children.

If the PM traffic instructions are followed, this will be a quick process.

Finally, there is to be no cell phone use when working your service job or during morning drop-off or afternoon pick-up.

Health Notes from the Health Room

Early Spring gives us such a wonderful feeling. As the temperatures rise, we find our moods and attitudes doing the same. Spring brings many things; unfortunately, it also brings certain illness that is more prominent this time of year. Two such problems are head lice infestation and the strep bacteria, usually seen as "Strep Throat". What can you do to avoid these situations? Here are some suggestions:

Head Lice infestation: To prevent transmission it is important to teach children not to share combs, brushes, hair ornaments, hats, caps, scarves, headsets, or any other personal headgear. Do not try on hats, especially in stores. Clean or disinfect shared headgear, such as sports headgear, with Lysol® or rubbing alcohol before being used by others. The most essential aspect of prevention and early detection is to perform regular head checks of your child. The common age range for head lice is usually in the younger grades of primary school children. That said, it is important to note that anyone can get a head lice infestation and it is often seen in multiple family members. What does a head lice look like? There is an excellent slide presentation that can be found on www.medicinenet.com. Type in Head Lice slide presentation under the search section. If you should find head lice on your child please notify the school and treat immediately.

Strep Throat: The strep bacteria is constantly in our environment; however, the early spring season and early fall are two times in the year that the strep bacteria is more prominent. Therefore, strep throat is seen more often during these seasons. What are the signs of strep throat versus a simple virus or cold? Strep throat is a bacterial infection and is usually accompanied by a high fever (101.5 F or more), severe sore throat, malaise, fatigue, difficulty swallowing, reduced appetite, enlarge lymph nodes and the throat or tonsils may have white patches on them. Another sign that may indicate a strep infection rather than a virus is the lack of sinus congestion, runny nose, or cough. If left untreated, a strep infection can progress to more serious complications. If you suspect your child has strep throat, then see your health care provider immediately and follow all medication instructions carefully. Your child will need to stay home from school until they are fever free for 24 hours, have been on antibiotics for 48 hours, and have no obvious white patches on their throat or tonsils. Your health care provider can guide you as to when it is best for your child to return to school.

FITNESS-A-THON

Fitness-A-Thon was a big success thanks to everyone who came to help out. We couldn't do it without you! And a huge thank you to all the students for the Donations they collected. We made \$10,532, with \$4,791 going back to the Family Contribution. The remainder of the money will be used to help defray the cost of web support for student learning. -- Accelerated Reader web license, Imagine It web license, web access to instructional resources on Discovery Channel, and web access for parents on Grade Link. Again, a great big THANK YOU to all the families.

Tricia Hunter