

The Gazette

MAY 2012

Important Dates

May

- 1 5th Grade Walk Through the American Revolution
4th Grade Walk Through California
- 3 May Crowning and School Mass, 9:00am
3rd Grade Retreat
NOON DISMISSAL
- 10 Agape Dinner, 6pm
- 12 First Communion, 10am
- 17 Staff Appreciation Day
NOON DISMISSAL
- 17 NO TIME WELL SPENT
- 18 NO SCHOOL
- 19 Divine Dinners, Parish Event
- 25-28 Thoroughly Modern Millie Production
- 28 NO SCHOOL
Memorial Day
- 30 Student Council Installation

June

- 1 8th Grade Retreat
- 5 8th Grade to Disneyland
- 5 7th Grade CPR Training
- 6 Kindergarten Graduation
- 7 Graduation Luncheon
11am Dismissal
- 7 3rd Trimester Ends (1st-7th)
- 8 8th Grade Graduation
5:30pm
- 12 Accelerated Reading Awards
Ice Cream Social, 1:30pm
- 14 Buddy Beach Day
NOON DISMISSAL
- 15 Honor Roll Assembly, 6th-7th
Parent Guild Awards, 5th-8th
- 15 Last Day of School
School Mass, 9:15

Working Together, Making It Happen

Julie Miller • Parent Guild President

May flowers, May Crowning, First Communion, Mother's Day!!
Is it true these are coming up this week and next?
Is it really May already?!?

It's hard to believe that another school year is almost "in the books". It has been an exciting and non-stop (record-breaking even!) year, with incredible accomplishments from our children in sports and academics. And it's not over yet! We still have another action-packed month ahead with the academic decathlon team competing at the state championship, the track team competing in the CYO Semi-finals and Finals and many, many of our children delivering amazing performances (on stage and backstage) in this year's play, *Thoroughly Modern Millie*, at the end of the month.

Before we get swept away in the excitement of the last 4-6 weeks of school, I wanted to take a moment to recognize and thank all of you for sharing of your time and talent at the school throughout this school year. Whether it was opening car doors or hanging art, chaperoning a field trip or serving hot lunch, helping with the play or helping with the Spirituality program—your time and effort are what makes Holy Family School such a different and special place. Without your steadfast and generous support and countless volunteer hours, none of the amazing accomplishments this year would have been possible. I thank you all for being so engaged and "plugged in" to the school, to your children and to each other. We're so blessed to be a part of such a kind and generous school community.

It was an honor and a pleasure to serve as the Parent Guild President this year and a privilege to work with such a dedicated, wise and fun group of board members and committee chairs. Although our work will still continue throughout May and June (with the new website launching this month, two great speakers lined up for May 2, Teacher Appreciation Week and much more!), I want to take this opportunity to recognize all the many parents who took on positions of

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leadership for the Parent Guild this past year. Thank you, thank you, thank you!

*Parent Guild Board Members
transitioning off the Board this year
(finishing 2nd year of 2 year term):*

Megan Casani, Karen Limongelli, Becca Ford
and Camille Spina

*2011-2012 Parent Guild
Committee Chairs*

Assistant Treasurer...Kristen Puccinelli

Choice Lunch Chair...Michelle Escobar

Family Envelope...Karen Maguire

Gazette Assistant...Gia Villaluna

Hospitality Chairs...Katy Nevell & Susan Seley

Hot Lunch Chair...Mary Kate Lowe

Innisbrook Chairs...Kim Murphy, Kim Erickson

Jog-a-thon Chairs...Jennifer Thompson, Gail Hermano

Meet the Masters Chair...Whitney DeJardin

Parent Retreat Chairs...Biviana & Juan Jimenez

School Picnic Chairs...Katie Davis & Krista Ocon

Scrip Chair...Dianne Ciulla

Shoebox Science Chair...Catherine Johnson

Spirituality Chairs...Amy Esnault, Rob Gallo, Erin Maloney

Trading Post Chair...Rachel Clements-Gettman

Welcoming Committee Chairs...

Zora Chase, Leticia Lopez and Karla Stephen

Yearbook...Trish Sarbaum, Cassie Filippone

Room Parents... Krista Ocon (K), Lani DiBona (1),

Jill Sigler (2), Jill Toth (3), Andrell Panconi (4),

Maire Mullaly (5), Lisa Mohr (6),

Endora LaMothe (7), Christina Altmayer (8)

Those mentioned here (and many, many others) put countless hours of their time and talent into their given role or event—whether it was the fun school picnic or welcome reception, the meaningful parent evening of reflection, the timely fulfillment of your Scrip, or trading post request, or the fabulous newsletter you're reading now. These people made your life better this school year. Please be sure to thank them next time you see them.

What IS the New Uniform Policy Regarding the HFS Logo?

You might have some questions regarding the school uniform for next year. We have answers. **We want to remind you, that starting September 2012, all students must adhere to the uniform policy regarding Polo/PE shirts, PE shorts and sweats.**

HFS Logo Clothing For Boys & Girls Uniform:

- ALL polo shirts MUST have the HFS Cross logo. Colors to choose from are Navy, White or Yellow.
- Uniform Sweatshirts, PE Shorts, PE Shirts, and Uniform Sweats must also have the HFS Cross logo.
- **Students will no longer be able to wear non-logoed polo shirts of any color.**
- **Students will no longer be able to wear any polo/PE Shorts, Shirts or Sweatshirts with any of the old HFS logos.**

You may purchase all
logoed uniform clothes at CKW:

9668 E. Las Tunas • Temple City • 91780

626-287-1994

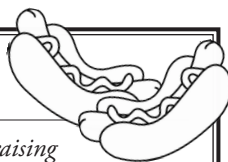
Thank You!

Karen Limongelli • VP of Fundraising

Many thanks to all of those who participated in the fundraiser following the jog-a-thon at the Dog Haus.

As a result of your efforts, Holy Family has received a check for \$200 from the Dog Haus!

Thank you for supporting our school!



Service Hour Count Down

Please continue to turn in your service hour sheets.
Do you still need hours?

Here Are Some Things That You Can Still Do:

Carpool

Stuffing Envelopes

Help with the Play
(talk to Tharon Garber)

Family Retreat
(talk to Erin Maloney)

Hot Lunch
(talk to Mary Kate Lowe)

The deadline for turning in all forms is May 31.

I Scrip. Do You?

I do Scrip!! Do you??

If you do...thank you!!

If you didn't...start now for next year!!

April 30 was the last day for purchases to be credited to the current school year.

You will receive your final scrip report the beginning of May and if you have a remaining balance it is due on or before May 16.

OMG! UR Going 2 <3 This!

*Get Hip on What's Happening in
Your Children's Cyberworld!*

Wednesday, May 2

6:30–7:30pm

*Detective Richard Lee
South Pasadena Sheriff*

7:30–9pm

*Lori Getz
Cyber Education Specialist*

*Please join us for an evening lecture and
open discussion about the next generation
of technology and how to translate
our parenting "best practices"
from the physical world to the cyber-world.*

*Technology is an integral part of our kids'
lives, but are we keeping up?*



Girls Soccer Reach CYC Finals!

Coach Buzz • Athletic Director

Varsity girls soccer may be in its infancy at Holy Family (2011 was the inaugural season), but don't tell that to the ladies of the 2012 squad. Over the course of their undefeated conference season, the Lady Knights managed to outscore their opponents 45-3.

In the CYO playoffs, the girls rolled through the early rounds, defeating St Cyprian (4-1) and St Matthias (6-0), then managed to come out on top in a well fought semi-final contest against St Anastasia (1-0).

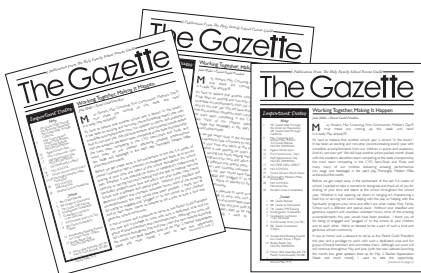


In the CYO Finals, two strong, aggressive and evenly matched teams battled for the right to be crowned CYO champions. The lone goal scored by Visitation halfway through the second half would prove to be the game winner, as the Holy Family girls suffered their only defeat of the season.

Though the girls may be disappointed in the outcome, under no circumstances should they be disappointed in their effort. The 2012 season has set the bar high for varsity girls soccer at Holy Family. Congratulations Ladies!

Go Knights!





The Gazette Needs You!

Have you ever considered being the editor of a publication? Looking for something to do to stimulate your brain, but keep you connected to your children's school?

Be the next Gazette Editor! Get the inside word on what is happening in and around school. Sit on the Parent Guild Board and have a voice in matters regarding your school community.

Make this your Gazette!

If you are interested in being the next Gazette Editor, feel free to contact Camille Spina with any questions at teamspina@sbcglobal.net



Promote Your Business or Talent on the Holy Family School Website

We will soon have a Parent Service Directory on the HFS website where you will be able to access contact information on services provided by our parents. If you are a photographer, contractor, tutor, owner of a business, etc., this is the perfect place to advertise and there is no cost to you. Contact Trish Sarbaum at trishsarbaum@coldwellbanker.com or Julie Miller at juliehmillersbcglobal.net for more information.

New Partner in Fall Fundraiser

We are excited to announcement a new partnership for our Fall Fundraiser.... in September we will be working with ***Great American Opportunities!***

The sale will still include a great variety of wrapping paper, chocolate/candy, jewelry and gift items along with a FULL magazine sale offering over 650 magazine offers, DVD's, CD's and more!

The gift line is expanded with personalization options for stationery, stoneware, home items and much more.

Want a sneak peak?

Check-out their website:

www.gaschoolstore.com

End of sale prizes will be expanded based on the number of items a family sells, rather than top first, second and third families—awarding more families for their selling efforts.

Fun raffles and games will be included throughout the sale to encourage participation.

Questions?

Contact Karen Limongelli

Limongelli@charter.net

Prayers & Condolences

The Parent Guild offers our prayers for the speedy recovery of the sick in our community:

Octavio & Emma Giordano,
grandparents of Erika Giordano
and great grandparents
of Joan Elyse Giordano (2)

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David Jovanelly, cousin of
Giancarlo (8) and Giovanni (4) Ciulla

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Marie Calafano, grandmother of
Tommy Altmayer (8)



We also send our love and prayers to the families of those who have passed away:

Kenneth Rook, grandfather
of Erin Arnold

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Lupe Luevano, aunt of
Christopher Hall (7)

In the event of an illness or passing,
please contact:

Mary Ternan
Ministry for Pastoral Care
(626) 403-6115

or

Maria Adriano
Historian/Community Support
(213) 503-2191

Too Close for Comfort?

Erin Maloney • Spirituality

There's a worrier in every family. Some children just come out that way. If you happen to have a worrier in your household, you know that it can be an endearing quality in its infancy and paralyzing when it becomes a way of life. How do we comfort our little ones when life doesn't go their way? How do we comfort ourselves, as parents, when we bumble our way to quelling both our children's fears and our own?

Spirituality docents are in the classroom for the final lesson of the year in May. Interestingly, the stories the children will hear in their Spirituality lesson this month, while animating the virtues of gentleness and comfort, breathe life into the fact that sometimes our greatest sources of comfort may come from outside our family...in the form of someone who can easily wrap their arms around them without any strings attached. Now that's a hard one to swallow! I cannot say enough about the care with which the stories were chosen for the Spirituality Program. These books beautifully capture each month's virtues, and on a number of occasions, I've experienced the children actually clapping when the story is finished. Kindergartners through 2nd graders will hear "A Mother for Choco" by Keiko Kasza and 3rd through 5th graders will listen to "The Worry Stone" by Marianna Dengler (while the gorgeous watercolor illustrations are displayed on the Smart Board).

In addition, as part of their Christian service, the children will make prayer cards that the Spiritual Care Guild will give to parents whose sick children are treated at Children's Hospital Los Angeles. Both our children and God's love will wrap their arms around these parents...with no strings attached.

Thank you to all the Spirituality docents, teachers, parents and students for all your devotion and support to making this program—both the classroom and family retreat experiences—so meaningful.

Lord...Once when I was lost, you found me.

Then I felt your arms around me...

You are with me everywhere:

In light and shadow, fire and air;

In every tiny grain of sand;

And in the desert, vast and grand...

For all my life, in all I do,

Let me always be with you.

-Reeve Lindbergh, excerpt from "On Morning Wings"

Based on Psalm 139

Memories...

Carolyn Strong • Principal

Returning from Science Camp after a fantastic week with my sixth graders, I was motivated to go to the Coffee Shop poetry readings with the fifth graders. I was excited to hear their "I Remember" readings. It was so exciting to see their humor and good spirits as they described their K-5 memories. It was a lovely event, and the parents were extremely proud of their children. As I listened to them, and as I was driving home I thought of all the remembrances I have with this great Holy Family community. So, I decided to share some of my memories with all of you. This of course is only a fraction of my memories that I will carry with me forever:

I Remember...

- the date and time Monsignor Connelly offered me this outstanding role of principal
- working with the Directors as a collaborative team with Cambria Smith on parish issues
- working with the wonderful parishioners who serve on commissions, school boards, parent guild, and those who serve in scouting, coaches in academics as well as athletics, musicians, and drama directors
- the many fundraising auctions, divine dinners, and the extra-curricular events such as academic decathlon, mock trial, jog-a-thons and athletic practices and games where children show their athletic skills
- the very moving class masses and prayer services, and Stations of the Cross
- the wonderful talks about the future with the 8th graders as they are getting ready for high school application season
- being on the playground with all my children in the school
- working close with my deanery members and working collaboratively with Archdiocesan personnel on Academic Decathlon, C-3 Project,

Green Teams, and on the leadership team as Deanery representative

- collaborating with my teachers in our search for constant improvement in our school through the WASC process
- the implementation of a full time Kindergarten
- the excitement of the Legacy of Learning team who are enthused and talented individuals who run our annual campaign
- the generosity and hospitality of the parents of this community
- the beautiful First Communions and First Reconciliations and the Agape dinners

Making a Difference

Many thanks to all the students of HFS and their families for all the contributions to the 2012 HCA Lenten Program.

It is not often that we see names on the boxes turned in. We would like to recognize them for taking the time to do so: Isabel Peinado, T. Reilly, Luke Wyatt, Alvarado, Lowry, Carissa, Raizel, Cicero, Emily Mota, Madison, Neal Muir, Mathew & Abigail Toth.

Our special thanks goes to all the teachers and staff, Ms. Lopez, and Mrs. Strong.

As the students sacrificed their coins and dollars, they were doing what Jesus asked of all of us – sharing our love, prayers and our material goods to help those in need. Their contributions will help in providing food for children who are starving and vitamins for children suffering from malnutrition.

With the uncertainties and difficulties these children face everyday, please continue to include the children of HCA in your prayers.

Thanks again for your support and care.

God Bless You All! Ruel and Gia Villaluna

Introducing the Parent Guild Board for the 2012-2013 School Year

Executive Board

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Grade 3

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Grade 5

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Grade 7

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Grade 8

Alicia Schmitz

Committee Chairs

Hot Lunch Treasurer	Kim Pallares
Family Envelope Chair	Jackie Wong
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Hot Lunch Chairs	Mary Kate Lowe
Choicelunch Chair	Melissa Udell
Great American Chairs	Kim Erickson and Maria Risher
Jog-A-Thon Chairs	Gail Hermano and Dana Negroe
School Picnic Chairs	Ocon Family and Davis Family
Shoebox Science Chair	Catherine Johnson
Talent Show Chair	Tharon Garber
Trading Post	Rachel Clements-Gettman
Welcoming Chairs	Patti Pascale and Angela Konrad
Spirituality Assistants	Rob Gallo and Jennifer Thompson
Yearbook Chairs	Trish Sarbaum and Cassie Filippone
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