

# The Gazette

MARCH 2013



## Fundraising, Scrip, and Legacy of Learning— What's the difference and where does it go???

By Marcy Ulrich • Parent Guild Vice President Fundraising

The Parent Guild pledges approximately \$43,000 annually to the schools operating budget. The school counts on this money to continue to provide programs and staff for our children. Additionally approximately \$15,000 annually used to fund school and faculty events run by the Parent Guild throughout the year. Some of the programs include; new family welcome meeting and reception, faculty Christmas bonuses on behalf of all the parents, the spirituality program, Jog-a-thon t-shirts, kindergarten and 8th grade graduation receptions, 8th grade graduation gifts, 8th grade scholarships, the faculty appreciation and Christmas luncheons and more.

Parent Guild funds are acquired through your participation in fundraising events. Profits from our fall fundraiser, Great American, contribute approximately \$14,000. Profits from our spring fundraiser, Jog-a-thon, contribute approximately \$39,000. The balance is made up through smaller additional fundraisers throughout the year (Menchie's, Dog Haus, Carb Night...), fundraising buy-outs, and end of year service hours. We as families here at HFS have committed to participate in fundraising. Each family is required to fulfill a commitment of \$240/family annually. Thanks to our fabulous event chairs (Kim Erikson and Maria Risher for Great American and Gail Hermano and Dana Negro for Jog-a-thon) we will meet our commitments again this year. The hard work and dedication these ladies provided has been extraordinary.

In addition, each family has a Scrip profit commitment of \$240. The Scrip profits do not flow into the Parent Guild budget, 100% of the profits go directly to the school. Thanks to Dianne Ciulla for leading Scrip for now the tenth year in a row.

Legacy of Learning is the school's annual giving program that is completely separate from our Parent Guild fundraising commitments. Legacy provides additional funding over and above our Parent Guild commitments and is part of the school's operating budget.

We have limited the number of fundraisers this year so that we aren't overwhelming you. Our goal is to make it easy for families to participate in our smaller fundraisers. This year's introduction of Food Truck Night was a big success.

Thank you again for making our fundraising commitments work for the school and for making our school an amazing place to send our children.

### Important Dates

#### March

- 7 Jog-a-thon  
NOON DISMISSAL
- 14 End of 2nd Trimester
- 15 School Mass, 9:30am  
2nd Grade Retreat
- 25 Honor Roll Assembly  
Parish Hall
- 28 Holy Thursday Prayer Service  
NOON DISMISSAL  
No Time Well Spent
- 29 Good Friday  
NO SCHOOL  
Easter Break Begins

#### April

- 1-5 Easter Break  
NO SCHOOL
- 8 School Resumes
- 18 Kindergarten Retreat
- 19 5th Grade Coffee Shop  
6:30pm in the Parish Hall
- 22 6th Grade Science Camp  
(return on April 26)

## From the Principal

*By Carolyn Strong • Principal*

**M**any people contributed to the wonderful accreditation visit we just completed. We received high ratings from the team, and that is the result of hard work on everyone's part.

Thank you to:

- the outstanding faculty and staff who have been working steadily on improving student learning in our school studying and analyzing all the facets of our school and making changes when needed. The action plans we have were applauded and affirmed by the Visiting committee.
- Holy Family School Board and Holy Family Parent Guild Board members and the class parents who came out to an extra meeting to talk to the team. They created surveys, strategic plans and helped finance many of the great things we have at Holy Family.
- parents who participated in the surveys over the years that we asked them to fill out either by hand or electronically.
- Anne Murphy and Lisa Barker who co-chaired the process and who will be monitoring our action plans
- the students of our school and the chair of the committee wrote a personal letter to be read to them on the PA because she was so impressed with their genuine spirit and how they lived out the faith they are being taught by parents and teachers.
- Tracy Merritt for her proofreading.
- the strong support from our Parish Life Director Cambria Smith and Monsignor Connolly for the last six years since our last accreditation.
- Camille Spina for publishing articles about WCEA/WASC when we needed them.
- all the coaches of our many athletic teams and other extra curricular programs who day in and day out serve our students.
- Tharon Garber and his team who magically transform our students into incredible actors and actresses and whose parents make creative sets and costumes

## Thank You for Giving Blood!

**O**n behalf of City of Hope please accept our thanks for sponsoring a City of Hope blood drive on Wednesday February 6, 2013! Without sponsors like you, we would not be able to reach our monthly hospital collection needs for our patients.

Through the generosity, time and commitment of you and your members we were able to collect 29 units of life-saving blood. Monthly our patient's blood usage goes up but our blood drive calendar continues to be unfilled. Your wonderful blood drive came at an opportune time. Team, having been able to collect these units at Holy Family Church and School and not having to purchase those from another blood collection source such as the American Red Cross gave City of Hope a savings of \$9,135.00 in blood purchases from your event alone. This savings can go to use to future cancer research.

As you may know, here at City of Hope we use more than 2,700 units of blood and platelets a month for our patients. All blood collected by our staff stays at our hospital for the needs of our City of Hope patients. We look forward to working with you again in the future and hope you and your team decided to become a regular "Partner in Hope" with our program.

With sincerest gratitude,

Donna Collins

Recruitment Coordinator, Blood, Platelets  
and Volunteer Coordinator

City of Hope



## *Experience the Stations of the Cross*

Enhance your own Lenten experience and enjoy a special tradition of Holy Family School. The 8th Graders present the Living Stations of the Cross every Friday during Lent at 2pm in the Church. It is guaranteed to move you.

## Trading Post

The Trading Post is a Holy Family School Parent Guild program to save you money on school uniforms. We have a large supply of pre-owned uniforms and are happy to outfit your HFS student or supplement their current supply. There is no cost, and you need not give in order to receive. When placing an order through the Trading Post, please be sure to provide your child's gender, items needed, sizes, quantity and a phone number or email address in case there are questions. Anyone with uniforms to donate to the Trading Post can bring them to the school office.

Contact: Rachel Clements  
(323) 225-1002 or [mclements@gmail.com](mailto:mclements@gmail.com)



## *Prayers & Condolences*

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

Mary Lou Workman,  
grandmother of Thomas (5) and Jack (8) Hatton

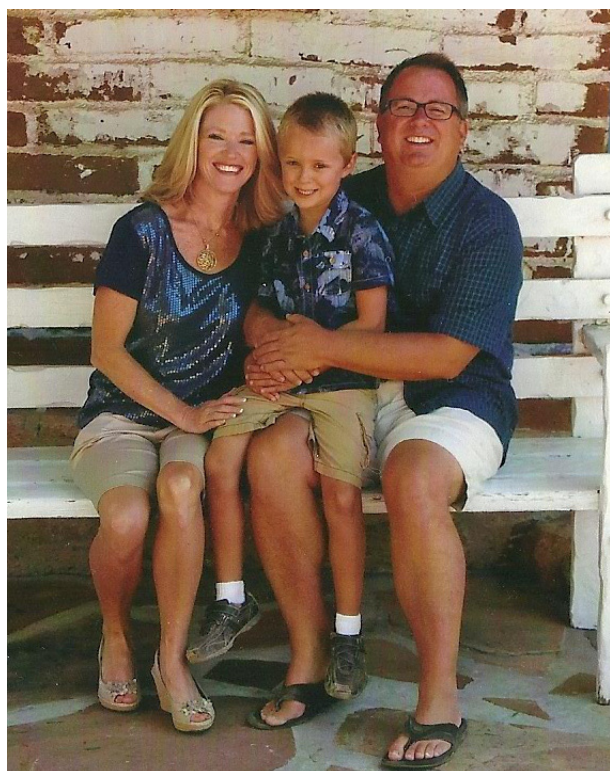
We also send our love and prayers  
to the families of those who have passed away:

Elizabeth Noonan,  
grandmother of Emma (K) and Rachel (2) Noonan

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



Dear Middle School Parents,  
On behalf of my wife Katie and son  
Bradley Patrick, we want to thank you  
for your generosity and concern.  
Love, Chris, Katie and Bradley