



The Gazette



HAPPY HALLOWEEN

OCTOBER 2012



Great Results!

By Maria Adriano • Parent Guild Historian

Have you ever had one of those days where everything bothers you? You know, any little thing could be so annoying.

I think my girls were about 2 and 4. I remember they were still little, young enough that I'd have to help them with most everything. I was having a rough morning. A "woe is me" morning. I was feeling sorry for myself. It was one of those mornings where you made them oatmeal and they want pancakes. So annoying. You told her, "be careful not to spill your milk." Five minutes later you're cleaning up spilled milk. You know what I mean. Yeah, "woe is me."

I sat at the kitchen table with my two little girls as we finished up breakfast. I drank my coffee and picked up a fortune cookie left over from last night's dinner. I opened the wrapper and broke the cookie in two. I read my fortune: "Put up with small annoyances to gain great results". I read it again. "Put up with small annoyances to gain great results". Small annoyances. I looked at my two small annoyances and just started laughing! They were small, and right now, in my "woe is me" state, they were annoyances. It was just so funny! And just what I needed to put me in my place. I gave kisses to annoyance #1 and annoyance #2, picked up my fortune and put it away for safekeeping.

So whenever I have that "woe is me" feeling and my children need me for something. I take a breath, smile, and remember, put up with it for I will gain great results.

Have a great October and enjoy your kids! You will gain great results!

Important Dates

October

- 5 Talent Show, 6:30 pm
Parish Hall
- 12 NO SCHOOL
Faculty Inservice/Fair Prep
- 13/14 Parish Fair
- 19 Anti-Drug Information Day
- 19 School Mass, 9:30am
7th Grade Retreat
- 31 NOON DISMISSAL
Halloween Parade/Activities
No Carpool

November

- 9 NO SCHOOL
Faculty Inservice
- 12 NO SCHOOL
Veteran's Day
- 21-23 NO SCHOOL
Thanksgiving
- 26 End of 1st Trimester

From the Principal

By Carolyn Strong • Principal

Articulation meetings have been very well attended. It is exciting to see all the parents coming to hear about the wonderful year ahead for their children. Children are back in the groove of studying, building projects, enjoying being with their friends they may not have seen over the summer, and parents are back to setting the school year routines. Teachers are booking field trips, preparing for the ITBS testing and planning interesting and engaging lessons.

This parish is buzzing with activities and parents often have a hard time parking because of all the things happening in the evenings. We have no complaints though because everyone can tell you they really value Holy Family as a parish. People are eager to participate and their children are no exception. They also like to participate in serving others and in increasing their skills. As I type this article, the children are here on their day off to learn about Mock Trial. Mrs. Evans and Mrs. Merritt are explaining what a wonderful time they will have working on it.

This year you will also be receiving articles about our upcoming accreditation visit. It seems like it took place only yesterday, but it happened 6 years ago. We will be explaining in the articles what will take place in the 3 day visit that will occur in February. We hope to have the team see our beautiful Ash Wednesday mass during the time with us. The children do such a great job in preparing for the liturgy.

Plans are in the works for another fantastic Legacy of Learning campaign and the Fair looms on the horizon. I heard only good things about the picnic, and the Welcome Reception sponsored by the Parent Guild at the Pascales home was much appreciated by all our new families and their buddy families. Each new parent has told me that they are excited about being here at Holy Family School. Their children are just as excited, so it makes me have a huge smile on my face at all times.

Please know if you have any questions, email me at cstrong@holyfamly.org or call me on my direct line at 626-403-6159. I am looking forward to a great year.



The Legacy of Learning Campaign is fast approaching and our school is so grateful for your support. Last year, we had amazing results with 99% participation from our school families. This year we hope to top that with 100% participation!

Gone are the days when we dreamed what we could do with these additional funds.

We dreamed of aides in every class, better technology, book upgrades, library resources, additional field trips, competitive salaries for our teachers and the list goes on and on. We are achieving those dreams and depend on this important fundraiser more than ever. It is now part of our operating budget, and we wouldn't know what we would do without your support.

Please consider your contribution to Legacy of Learning and make it one of your charitable priorities. If we all do what we can, small or large, every one of our children will benefit from your gift. Because your gift is a donation, it is also tax-deductible.

We invite all school families, grandparents, friends and alumni to be part of the Annual Legacy of Learning Campaign. No matter the size of your tax-deductible gift, your support is appreciated and our children directly benefit from your generosity.

Dates to Remember

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October 9

Official Legacy of Learning Kick-Off

November 6

Pledge Day
(blue/gold free dress day for the students)

November 12-16

Phone-a-thon Week

January 24

Legacy of Learning Ice Cream Celebration



Holy Family School Board Update

By Cassandra Filippone • School Board Public Relations Chair

The Holy Family School Board welcomed new members and commenced the 2012-2013 school year with its first meeting on Tuesday, September 18.

The members discussed the results of last year's parent survey and discussed goals for this school year:

During the coming year the members of the board will be working closely with Mrs. Strong and the faculty to complete the WASC reaccreditation process, build on last year's successful Legacy of Learning campaign, promote the school in the larger community, and work to ensure the continuing strength and vibrancy of our wonderful school.

The school board is comprised of 18 members serving 3 year terms.

Meetings are held at 5:30 pm on the third Tuesday of each month, with the exception of November (we will meet on the 2nd Tuesday) and December (no meeting), in the Cardinal Manning Room of the Pastoral Center.

Meetings are open to the community and anyone who is interested is warmly invited to attend.

Holy Family School Board 2012-2013

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The Key to Our Children's Faith: YOU

Erin Maloney • *The Spirituality Program*

Overwhelmed and empowered...all in one moment. Each parent walked out of the retreat with a little golden key in hand, a reminder that we are the integral piece—the critical link—in our children's faith. Yes, Holy Family teachers and the parish community are instrumental in their faith formation, but new research* demonstrates that parents are the single-most important variable in the faith life of a child. Eighth grade families began the year with the uplifting message that we walk side-by-side in faith and understanding during our class retreat last month. We are encouraged that although our adolescents will go off to high school next year, we, as parents, still matter in a very real way. (Look for the footprints in the basement hallways to experience our shared journey).

For more than a decade now, Holy Family School has invited parents into the classroom through the Spirituality Program to share our Catholic faith with the children through prayer, storytelling, and Christian action. While the Spirituality Program encourages students, parents, and teachers to focus on two virtues each month, parent docents give special lessons in the classroom once a month in kindergarten through fifth grade with all grades experiencing a class retreat during the year.

Self-reliance and character are the virtues that we, as a school community, keep in mind during the month of October. After docents tell a beautifully illustrated story by Max Lucado, *You Are Special*, students will discuss the importance of relying on one's God-given gifts and character, upon which we are all called into action by Christ. In an attempt to fulfill our parish mission of "connecting faith with

life and serving those in need," the children will respond to this call by making friendship bracelets for our friends in Haiti, extending God's hope and grace through prayer and action.

Perhaps this is an opportunity for you to tell a story from your childhood about self-reliance and the importance of good character. Or, if you are called into action, perhaps your family can personally commit in your own way to serve Mission Haiti—an extension of what they learned in their classroom. Here are some books which may reinforce this month's lesson as well:

The Best Beekeeper of Lalibela
by Cristina Kessler

The Quiltmaker's Journey
by Jeff Brumbeau

A Bad Case of the Stripes
by David Shannon

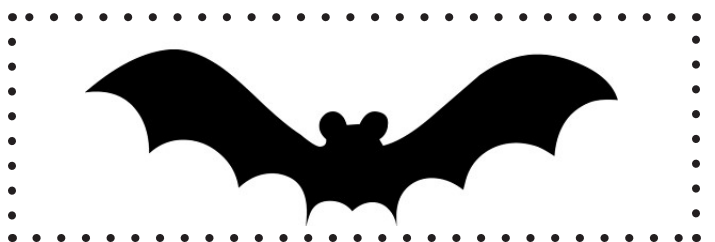
Ella the Elegant Elephant
by Carmela & Steven D'Amico

Lastly, the Spirituality Program would not exist

without the support of our parents who come into the classroom each month and those that facilitate the family retreats after the class masses. We publicly thank you for all of your time in sharing this special program with our children as we embark on the Year of Faith as the universal church and together deepen our belief as beloved disciples as a parish community.

Remember that you, parents, are the key.

*National Study of Youth and Religion (www.youthandreligion.org)



Great American— Great For Me, Great For You

Marcy Ulrich • Parent Guild Fundraising Chair

Our new much anticipated Fall Fundraiser is underway! Starting Monday September 17, we launched our partnership with Great American. The kids were hopping with delight over the cute little green promotional items given out to those who participated in the fundraising event. Not to mention the excitement over the fabulous prizes to be won for those families who worked hard to bring in big sales.

But raising funds doesn't end in the fall—thanks to Great American, purchases made through the Great American website throughout the year can be credited back to your family's fundraising commitment. Items for Christmas, Valentines Day, Birthdays, Mother's Day, Father's Day and any other occasion you can think of can help you meet your fundraising goal for the year. And don't forget about your magazine renewals, even if you or a relative already have a magazine your renewal through Great American will add onto your existing account for your current magazine subscription. It's so easy through the website.

If you haven't made your purchases or visited the Great American website please visit www.gaschoolstore.com, our school code is : 2612133.

Happy Fundraising!

Please contact the following with your Great American or general fundraising questions:

Marcy Ulrich at mm@ulrichs.us

Kim Erickson at kim_erickson2003@yahoo.com

Maria Risher at Irisher@hotmail.com



I Scrip. Do You? Renew Today!

It is time to renew your Ralphs and Vons cards. You must renew your cards to continue receiving credit. Renew today so that you and Holy Family can continue to receive credit.

To register or renew your Ralphs Card:

- Go to www.ralphs.com
- Click on **Sign In**.
- Enter your email address and password then go to **My Account**. If you do not have an online account click on **Sign Up Today** and create your account.
- Click on **Community Rewards** then **Edit Community Contribution Program** and enter Holy Family's number: 83964 then click **Save Changes**.

To renew/sign up your Vons, Pavilions and Safeway Cards:

- Go online to www.escrip.com
- For renewals, just click on the box that says **Yes! Click here to renew**.
- You may also call 800-592-0942. You will need your club card number and HFS's group number: 137821672.

Vons must be renewed by 10/31/12.

YEARBOOK

Photos Needed!

All Parents:

Remember **YOU** are
our yearbook photographers!

Our first deadline is rapidly approach-
ing and we will be submitting the final
pages for

CIMI, First Day of School,

Back-to-School Picnic,

Drop-in-Day, and Halloween.

Don't miss your chance to get
your pictures (and your children)
in the yearbook!

Please submit all of your favorite fall
photos by November 15.

Here's How...

Go to: www.replayit.com

Login or click on: **"Register Today!"**

School Pass Code: **knights13**

You can also send us a CD or
a flash drive through the school office.
If you have any questions or problems
uploading your photos,
contact your yearbook advisors.

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Cassie Filippone

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CIMI Class of 2013

Phillip Baker • 8th Grade Class Representative

As the Catalina King neared the port of Camp Fox we could feel the anxiety in the air. While some were feeling terrible due to sea sickness, others could not wait to get on the island. I was very excited. I had heard from other kids that had gone to CIMI that it was one of the best times they had in 8th grade. After we got a talk about what CIMI was like we then went to our cabins. Luckily, the boy's cabin was right near the dining hall. The not as fortunate girls had to hike a very steep hill just to get to their cabins. We then found out our group leaders.

We later went kayaking as our first activity. I was with Michael Maloney and we were constantly pushing off our friends' kayaks. As we went along, we saw a place known as Guano Rock. Basically, a bird had once used it as a restroom and, well you can figure the rest out yourself. After kayaking, we went to have dinner. Our program coordinator Brie-Anna told all of us that they were world famous chefs. Most of us were skeptical, but the food turned out to be really good and was throughout the week.

As a part of CIMI, we got a lot of free time. There was Frisbee golf, beach volleyball, basketball, and even a GaGa pit. GaGa is a game when a bunch of people are trapped in an arena and try to hit each other with a foam ball. One boy from the other school was really good. The Sacred Heart student would always wear a beanie and his arm was like a cannon. Whether it was a class wide game of beach volleyball, a couple rounds of GaGa, or a game of 2 on 2, free time was always a high point in our day.

Every night, we had an activity that involved marine animals. On our first night we had the infamous squid dissection. My partner refused to touch the squid, so I did all of the dissecting. Of course, due to my bad luck, I ended up with squid on my face. Needless to say, my shower was a bit past the four minute time limit.

The next day, about a third of our class went paddle boarding at six thirty in the morning. I heard from fellow classmates that it was amazing. The next three

days flew by. Some things, really stood out to me such as snorkeling was awesome. I loved getting to see all of the exotic fish. The night snorkeling was amazing. Our group leader dove down to the bottom of the ocean and caught a sleeping shark and Chris Pontrelli caught a baby squid in his bare hand. Another thing that was really cool thing was the high and low ropes. Low ropes are a series of obstacles that you had to work with your group to accomplish. There was big scale that everyone had to stand on and even out, an area where we had to all stand on a particularly small box then use a rope to swing ourselves across to another box, and the trust fall. The trust fall was really fun because you went up to a platform about six feet up and just fell backwards off it. You had to trust your group that they would catch you.

High ropes was one of my favorite parts of the week. Basically you were attached to a cord and pulled up about sixty feet. However, the people pulling you up were your classmates who would pull on a big rope. You would get up there and have an amazing view of the camp and Catalina Island. You then had to pull a string and you would free fall about twenty feet and then soar out over camp. It was one of the most amazing things that I have ever done.

Thursday was probably my favorite day. I got up at six and went paddle boarding. Just being out there with my friends and seeing a beautiful sunrise was so special. We then left for an all day kayaking trip. A lot of people had told me that this was special. It was indeed very special. After we got back from kayaking we had skit night. After the skit night, we all got letters from our parents. It was very emotional for a lot of people, some upset because of the letters and others upset at the concept of leaving HFS.

CIMI was a great overall experience. The 8th grade bonded in a way that I didn't know was possible. I am so glad that Holy Family gave us this opportunity. Going to Catalina with my class was a once in a lifetime opportunity that the 8th grade will never forget.

Holy Family Wins 2012 St. Paul's High School Football Tournament

The Holy Family Football Team picked up where they left off last season. Holy Family won the 2011 CYO Flag Football Title by beating Beatitudes 20-12. This last weekend they won the St. Paul's High School Football Tournament by beating Beatitudes 18-12.

The St. Paul's Football Tournament includes 16 of the best teams in the CYO. Holy Family had only one returning starter on offense and none on defense from last year. These 7th and 8th graders learned a lot from last years 8th graders and are now making their own history. This is Holy Family's first Football Tournament Championship.

Coach Paul McAndrews told the players "your true character is revealed not how you react when you are winning, but how you react when you are losing". The Holy Family boys' characters were tested throughout the tournament. In the quarterfinals they came from behind to beat St. Gregory's 13-12 in the last minute. In the semifinals they came back to beat St. Rita's 15-14 in the last seconds. In the championship game, they came back to beat Beatitudes 18-12.



Student Council

Maggie Maguire • Commissioner of Publicity

I am excited to be on Student Council this year as Commissioner of Publicity. During my time at Holy Family, the Student Council has led the school to great heights and accomplished great things! Student Council 2011-2012 had a great year; Mary Harding was a great leader, and everyone else who took part was amazing. I know that 2012-2013 Student Council will have a great year as well. I know for a fact that Isabella Schmitz, our new president, will work hard for our school. We have had a few meetings so far this year and everyone is so enthusiastic about ideas for holidays, assemblies, and much more. Our new moderators, Ericka Giordano and Mrs. Strong, are excellent and keep us focused! I am excited for this upcoming year because I know it's going to be a great one!

Prayers & Condolences

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

Jack Burghardt,
grandfather of Kevin Sarbaum (6)

•
Ignacio Hernandez, father of
Thelma Hernandez

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

Marie Califano,
grandmother of Jake Altmayer (6)

•
Benjamin Panconi,
grandfather of Devin Panconi (5)

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

Scrip Contest!

October & November are
"Buy Paper Scrip Months!"

Win a Reserved Pew & Parking Space

The 2 families that **PROFIT** HFS the most money through purchasing paper Scrip from **October 1 through November 30** will have a 2nd row pew and parking space reserved for each of them at the December 4 Christmas Program.

New This Year for Kindergarten!

The top profiting kindergarten family will also have a pew and a parking space reserved for them at the Christmas Program!

It's Your Time to Shine... The Talent Show is Here!

Please join us for Holy Family's
Your Time to Shine talent show.

**It is coming to the Parish Hall
on Friday, October 5 at 6:30 pm!**

Singing, dancing, musical numbers...
all talents! Drama and comedy, too.

Questions?

Contact Tharon Garber at
tharongarber@earthlink.net



Holy Family School 7th & 8th grade students and parents are invited to an information night to learn about

Flintridge Sacred Heart Academy

Tuesday • October 2, 2012
7:00 – 8:30 pm

Come meet current students,
talk with Sister Celeste, Principal,
and other School Administration.

An assortment of desserts and refreshments will be served.

Hosted by Jill, Claire ('14) and Caitlin ('16) Sigler
360 South Arroyo Boulevard • Pasadena • CA 91105

RSVP to Jill at jsigler@charter.net

A big THANKYOU to Katie & Rob Davis, Krista & Alberto Ocon and all who volunteered at the Back-to-School Picnic on September 9! It was a fun afternoon and a great way to kick off a new school year.





***Saturday and Sunday,
Oktober 13 & 14, 2012***

***Enjoy a CORNUCOPIA of Fun! Rides! Food! Games! Bingo! Bands!
Pumpkin Patch! Talent Show! Raffle! Beer Garden! Dunk Tank!
Old Favorites and New Surprises!
FALL Are Welcome!!***



Pumpkin Patch Drive!

***The Fair Chairs are providing you with ONE-STOP SHOPPING
for your Halloween pumpkins at the Holy Family Fall Festival!
That's right! You'll be able to purchase your pumpkins from our
Pumpkin Patch without leaving the Fair!***

Wheat Need a Cornocopia of Pumpkins!

***Please drop off your generous donations of pumpkins in all shapes and
sizes to the Pastoral Center or visit us after Mass in the Gathering Area!!!!***

Please Contact JacquilineWagner@hotmail.com



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