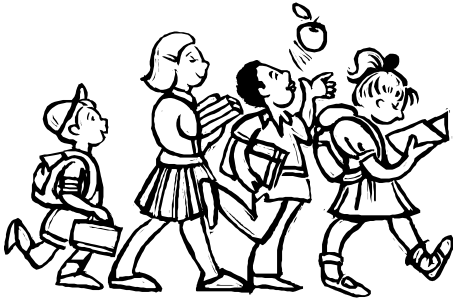


The Gazette

BACK TO SCHOOL ISSUE

SEPTEMBER 2012



Important Dates

September

- 3-7 8th Graders to Catalina
- 4-7 Kindergarten Noon Dismissal
Grades 1-7 Full Days
- 5 Articulation: 1st Grade
7pm
- 9 Back-to-School Picnic, 3-6pm
at Garfield Park
- 12 Hot Lunch Begins
- 12 Articulation: Grades 4 & 5
7pm
- 13 Articulation: Grades 2 & 3
7pm
- 19 Innisbrook Begins
- 17 ITBS Testing Begins (1st-8th)
- 22 Articulation: Middle School
Loretto Room 7pm

October

- 5 Talent Show, 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

New School Year, New Website, New...

By Valerie Russell • Parent Guild President

Now that summer has come to a bittersweet end it's hard to believe that the 2012-2013 school year has actually started. Welcome back to all of our returning families and a very special welcome to our new Kindergarten parents and new families. In addition to the new families we would like to welcome our new teachers: Patti Pascale (6th Grade Language Arts) and Nicole Lopez (4th Grade), as well as the new kindergarten aide, Kathleen McCarthy. The beginning of the school year is filled with nervous excitement, return of homework, after-school activities and sports. I know that once school starts the family calendar can become quite busy.

The PG Board continues to focus on improved communications with our parents. The new website launched this past June has had positive feedback. Please stay connected by visiting the website daily for all school/after-school updates (<http://school.holyfamily.org>). The calendar section that syncs with your own personal calendar is one of my favorite features. On behalf of the PG Board and all the volunteers who gave up their time so freely and enthusiastically, we thank you for your dedication to making the website a reality. I'm also happy to announce that the Gazette has gone digital! In our continued effort to go green, the Gazette will be distributed online rather than in the monthly envelopes. The PG Board along with the Website Committee is still exploring the possibility of developing a password protected, confidential area of the site, so that families can access and track their service hours and fundraising information.

In addition to launching our website we also have listened to what you, the parents, have said. Our past surveys reveal that the majority are eager to try another company for our fall fundraiser. We will be starting our fall fundraiser with Great America (GA). Thank you Marcy Ulrich and her team for making this possible.

In order to be a successful school and parish, we know that your support and involvement is paramount. The commitment from our families is tremendous and I can honestly say that Holy Family School and Parish is a special place due to all of you. I look forward to this coming school year and please feel free to contact me with any concerns you may have at 626-665-5299 or vbellezzo@yahoo.com.

From the Principal

By Carolyn Strong • Principal

At assemblies I often speak to the children about treating others like we want to be treated. They know the Golden Rule, but they don't always make it part of their daily lives. They can tell me the answer to the question: "What would Jesus do?", but this doesn't always govern their actions at school.

All of us need to all be there to guide them. It takes a village to raise a child. I truly believe that. Let us truly work as a team, home and school together unified. We need to continuously guide them on the right paths to success. They need to feel that parents and teachers want the best for them, and that they can come to us with their problems.

Everyone at school needs to be safe from physical harm, but more importantly mental harm. I emphasize to them that they cannot stand by and permit people to be teased or bullied. They must be a caring crowd and not a silent crowd. Bullies obtain their power when no one stands up and says STOP. I told them that the teachers and I can assist them. They only need to ask. We have been working with individuals in the past who have bullied, and this is the most effective deterrent. We need to KNOW about incidents and not find out about them weeks later. Some students have been courageous and have come to me, and we have stopped some of the bully behavior. I check back with the people who have been teased frequently.

We want children to want to come to school and be peaceful, not anxious about being teased. Having anxiety about social situations inhibits their full learning potential, and this Holy Family community wants the best for every child. Please assist us by letting me know or your child's teacher if your child is being teased or bullied in any way. You are saying to yourself, "I think she told us this in another article" and I did, but it bears repeating in this new school year.

We have continued to address these issues in classes, but knowing something in your head is not the same as knowing it in your heart. We will continue to talk about Jesus and how he wants us to treat others. Lord, help us all to do your will.

Fall Sports Are Underway

By Coach Buzz Cook • Athletic Director

Varsity flag football practices are currently being held at Orange Grove Park on Monday and Wednesday from 3:30pm to 5:00pm. The season will officially begin in mid-September as the Knights look to defend their 2011 CYO championship.

Practices for "B" flag football, and varsity & "B" girls volleyball will begin in September. Please check the athletic department webpage for updates on dates and times. Additionally, if you have a daughter that may be interested in attending a free volleyball clinic (for 7-11 year olds) hosted by the San Gabriel Elite Volleyball Club, please contact Coach Cook for details.

Coach Cook plans to start a "Golf Club" this year. The club will meet every other Friday at the Arroyo Seco GC in South Pasadena. Details to follow.

Finally, the CYO hosts Invitational and Championship cross country meets in October. The athletic department will be evaluating the interest in these events in order to determine whether or not we field a cross country "team". The cross country meets are open to runners in grades 3 through 8; with 3/4 graders running a half mile, 5/6 graders one mile, and 7/8 graders running mile and a half.

Looking forward to the season ahead.

Go Knights!

Prayers & Condolences

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

Christina Loya,
niece of Eddie Barragan

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Ignacio Hernandez, father of
Thelma Hernandez

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

Pierce Mullaly, grandfather of Colleen
Henderson Pendergast (6) & Elizabeth Henderson Mullaly (K)

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

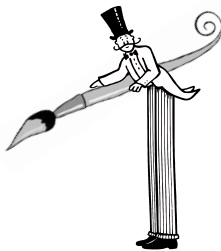
Mary Ternan, Ministry for Pastoral Care
(626) 403-6115 or

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

Meet the Masters

By Whitney DeJardin • MTM Director

Welcome back! Another year of Meet the Masters (MTM) is underway! I look forward to hearing about all the museums that families visited over the summer. Maybe your child will remember that candy is involved if they can tell me the museum they visited and about any artwork they remember. (It's really all about the candy!) Hopefully you saw an artist we cover this year.



2012-2013 Artists

Vincent Van Gogh—Dutch

M.C. Escher—Dutch

Rosa Bonheur—French

Leonardo da Vinci—Italian

Andrew Wyeth—American

Marc Chagall—Russian

Alexander Calder—American

This year, the 7th and 8th graders will veer off-course from the traditional MTM format. The students will get an abbreviated lecture about our artist and then explore an artist or subject matter that is new. They will have projects that will allow for more self-expression to create pieces that are personally meaningful. A few artists we will touch on are Jackson Pollock, John Cornell, Banksy (and other urban artists), Roy Lichtenstein and Judy Chicago. I am hopeful this will spark an elevated interest in art for our middle school students!

If you are interested in MTM, please send me an email at bwdejardin@yahoo.com

A Special Welcome to Our New Families!

We are happy to have you join our school community!

In Kindergarten:

The Boskovich Family

The Danesky Family

The Dwyer Family

The Favilli Family

The Gardner Family

The Garland Family

The Hoshek Family

The Jackson Family

The McNulty Family

The Rasic Family

The Remy Family

The Schmid Family

The Spain Family

The Vega Family

In Other Grades:

The Herrera Family (1)

The Escobar Family (2)

The Laguna Family (2)

The Venezia Family (2)

The Consedine Family (6)

The Starratt Family (7)

The Sullivan Family (4)

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

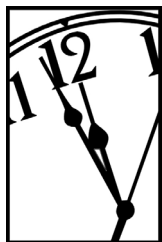
Check your pink tutu for size, dust off your dapper fedora, and lace up those tappy tap shoes.

Your Time to Shine is coming to the Parish Hall on Friday, October 5!

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

Get your registration form today; pre-screening of all acts begins September 19, 20, and 21.

Questions? Contact Tharon Garber at tharongarber@earthlink.net



A Note about Service Hours

By Erin Maloney • President Elect

Our school community is truly blessed and enriched by parental support, and we thank you for all that you've done ALREADY to prepare your children for this school year.

Since each family is required to contribute 40 hours of service (20 hours for single-parent family), we ask that you submit your hours by either turning in forms (available on the website or in the office) to Mrs. Lopez in the office or via email to erinmaloney@earthlink.net.

Service hours completed between 6/1/12 - 5/31/13 apply for the 2012-2013 school year, with no more than 10 being parish hours.

Questions? Call Erin Maloney at 626.222.8081.

Annual Back-to-School Family BBQ & Picnic

Sunday, September 9

Garfield Park

3:00 pm – 6:00 pm

\$6.00 per person



Food, music and games provided.

New families are encouraged to come!

Look for the flyer with reservation and volunteer information in your summer mailer.

Reservations can be dropped off at the school office by Thursday, September 6.

Please sign up to volunteer.
Service hours will be counted.

Any questions, please call:
Katie Davis at (323) 256-0050 or
Krista Ocon (818) 468-5128

Hot Lunch Returns for Another Yummy Year!

First Hot Lunch is September 12!

Pizza! Pizza!

Mamma's Brick Oven

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Chicken and Beef Soft Tacos, Rice and Beans

Los Tacos

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Teriyaki Chicken, Rice and Noodles

Teri & Yaki

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Assorted Deli Sandwiches

Porta Via

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Chicken Breast Strips

Mamma's Brick Oven

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Hamburgers

In 'n Out

•

Baked Ziti & Meatballs

Porta Via

•

Hot Dogs & Mac 'n Cheese

Dog Haus

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Breakfast for Lunch!

Twoheys

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French Dip Sandwiches

Twoheys

Forms were due August 31st!

Need service hours? Help serve hot lunch.
It's easy! Come join the fun any Wednesday
from 11:15am – 1:15pm.

If interested, contact Mary Kate Lowe at
marykatelowe@yahoo.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.



Saturday & Sunday

October 13 & 14, 2012

"Planting the Seeds of Faith and Friendship"

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 rmclements@gmail.com

YEARBOOK

All interested 7th and 8th graders are welcome to the first yearbook meeting of the year!

Friday, September 14, 2012
3:00-4:00 pm
in the computer lab

All Parents: Remember YOU are our yearbook photographers! Please don't forget to submit your favorite photos.

(CIMI, Drop-in-Day, First Day of School, Back-to-School Picnic, etc)

Here's How...

Go to www.replayit.com

Login or click on "Register Today!"

School Pass Code: knights13

Contact: Trish Sarbaum or Cassie Filippone
trish.sarbaum@coldwellbanker.com
or filippone@charter.net

Exciting New Fall Fundraiser Welcoming Great America to Holy Family

We are excited to be working with Great America for our Fall Fundraising Sale starting Monday, September 17. The sale will include great gift items like, wrapping paper, candy, jewelry, collegiate items, personalized items as well as a full line of over 2,000 magazine subscriptions. **You can start shopping online now**—no need to wait until the sale officially kicks-off on the 17th. Take a look at the offerings and tell your friends and family!

All magazine orders, new or renewal, can be ordered now, so don't wait until you receive your renewal notice to sign up—you don't need any paperwork, you can do it online. Also consider ordering new magazines as gifts for your friends and family this year. If you have family or friends who currently receive magazines you can ask them to renew their orders through Great America, too. It is only when you renew directly through our program that our school receives **40% profit** from your order. **Go to www.gaschoolstore.com** or wait for the catalog.

The gift line is expanded with personalization options for stationery, stoneware, home items and much more. The ease and convenience of this fundraiser allows you to support our students by submitting orders to the school during the sale, **or online anytime**, year round!

Our school code is: 2612133

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. There will be opportunities for surprise incentives as well as free dress and much more.

Be on the look out for your Great America packets, which will contain more information about important dates, deadlines, and other information related to the GA fundraiser.



Please remember the importance of your fundraising contribution to the continued success of our school. Fundraising dollars are contributed from the Parent Guild to the schools

operating budget in addition to providing for faculty and Parent Guild events—such as new family welcome meeting and reception, special friends day, faculty Christmas bonuses, 8th graduation reception and gifts and much more. So please consider spreading the word and having your friends and family take a look at the Great America website for gifts and renewals throughout the year.

Please contact the following with any questions:

Marcy Ulrich at mm@ulrichs.us

Kim Erickson at kim_erickson2003@yahoo.com

Maria Risher at Irisher@hotmail.com