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MONDAY MEMO

November 23, 2009

EVENTS CALENDAR

Thanksgiving Food Drive –Deliver to school by 2:00pm Tuesday

Monday, Nov. 23

Advanced Band, 7:30am
Science Adventures, 3:15 - 4:15pm
Middle School Math Club, 3:15-4:15pm

Tuesday, Nov. 24

Poinsettia Orders Due
Beginning Band, 7:30am
Liturgical Choir, Chapel, 7:35am
Chess Club, 3:15 - 4:15pm
No Writing Club Today

November 25 - 27

Happy Thanksgiving
No Classes/EDP Closed

Sunday, Nov. 29

First Sunday of Advent

Monday, Nov. 30

No Monday Memo

Look for Development Newsletter

Advanced Band, 7:30am
Science Adventures, 3:15 - 4:15pm
Middle School Math Club, 3:15-4:15pm

Tuesday, Dec. 1

Beginning Band, 7:30am
Liturgical Choir, Chapel, 7:35am
Chess Club, 3:15 - 4:15pm
Writing Club, 3:15-4:15pm
SERT, Rm. 334, 3:15pm
Honk! Auditions, Theater, 3:15-5:30pm

Regina House Adopt-a-Family Grades 1-8
December 2-15

Wednesday, Dec. 2

Early Dismissal, 2:15pm
Grade 4 Parent Peer Group, Parlor, 7:00pm

Dear Villa Academy Families,

In light of the challenges of our economy and the impact it has had on so many, we may struggle at times to keep things in perspective. Our country and community have been gifted with opportunities and resources that can easily be taken for granted. Thanksgiving can provide all of us with the chance to celebrate what is truly important in our lives. At Villa Academy our work with children is a daily testimony to God's creation and the promise of the future full of hope and optimism.

Celebrate Thanksgiving and share what you are thankful for with the children. Encourage time for thoughtful expression of your family's core values to emphasize what matters most in life.

Know that the faculty and staff appreciate your support and it is a privilege to work with your children in partnership with you. Thank you!

Prayer at Harvest and Thanksgiving

O God, source and giver of all things,
You manifest your infinite majesty power and goodness
In the earth about us;
We give you honor and glory.
For the sun and the rain,
For the manifold fruits of our fields;
For the increase of herds and flocks,
We thank you.
For the enrichment of our souls with divine grace,
We are grateful.
Supreme Lord of the harvest,
Graciously accept us and the fruits of our toil,
In union with Jesus, Your Son,
As atonement for our sins,
For the growth of your Church,
For peace and love in our homes,
And for salvation for all.

From Living God's Justice: Reflections and Prayers,
Compiled by The Roundtable Association of Diocesan Social
Action Directors.

Happy Thanksgiving,

Polly Skinner
Head of School

EVENTS CALENDAR

Thursday, Dec. 3

Beginning Band, 7:30am
Villa Strings, Chapel, 7:45am
Honk! Callbacks for Lead Roles,
Theater, 3:15-5:30pm
Christmas Illuminata
Theater, 7:00pm

Friday, Dec. 4

End of 1st Trimester
Feast of St. Nicholas
Villa Voices, 7:30am
VPA Meeting, Parlor, 8:45am
Villa Dance, 7:00-10:00pm

Sunday, Dec. 6

Second Sunday of Advent

Monday, Dec. 7

Advanced Band, 7:30am
Science Adventures, 3:15 - 4:15pm
Middle School Math Club, 3:15-4:15pm
Student Council Field Trip
Grade 6 Field Trip
Wreath Pick Up 2:45-3:30pm

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Poinsettia Sale – Last Chance!

Complete your holiday decorations by ordering lovely poinsettias through Villa. **Orders must be placed by Tuesday, November 24, 2009.** The plants will be available for pick-up at school on Tuesday, December 8, 2:00 - 6:00pm.

Christmas Illuminata

7:00pm, Thursday, December 3, 2009

Hot cocoa, cookies, caroling, and tree lighting!
Come one, come all!

The Villa Christmas Programs dates and times are listed on the school calendar. All performances are in the Theater.

SAVE THE DATE: Friday, January 29, 2010 - 4th Annual Villa Poker Showdown. Click Here:

<http://thevilla.org/community/NewsandEvents/index.html>

HEALTH NEWS

Questions about H1N1? The Flu Hotline is now staffed Monday through Friday, 9:00am – 5:00pm. Call 877-903-5464.

H1N1 Website and Vaccine Availability:

<http://www.kingcounty.gov/healthservices/health/preparedness/pandemicflu/swineflu.aspx>

In the upper right hand corner of the page click on the YouTube video, “Stay Home When You are Sick.”

King County appears to have passed the peak of the H1N1 infection. There is no way to predict how long the virus will continue to circulate or whether there will be another wave of infection in the spring, or whether the seasonal flu virus will circulate in December through February as often happens. King County Health advises everyone to remain vigilant with the preventative measures (frequent hand washing, covering coughs in the sleeve, and keeping sick children home). When vaccine becomes more widely available plan to get vaccinated for H1N1 to protect yourself, your family, and especially to protect those in our community who have fragile health. While the severity of illness is mild for most people, individuals with underlying health conditions are in danger of serious illness, or even death, if they become sick.

Remember to be especially vigilant with preventative measures during the Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons as you travel and /or participate in large family gatherings.

FROM THE ADMISSION OFFICE

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you to all of you who shared your time and energy both in preparation for Open House and here with our visitors on Sunday! Prospective families so appreciated the

opportunity to learn more about our community and our programs from those who know them best – our faculty, staff, students, and parents.

Open House is truly a community event that would not be possible without the hard work of a lot of people. Kudos and many thanks to everyone who helped us get set-up. Special thanks to our faculty and staff and to Nancy H. and Jennifer R. who organized a tremendous group of parent volunteers. Thank you to the more than 30 parent volunteers, and to our student volunteers and musicians. We appreciate you sharing your time, talent and experiences with our visitors. You all did a great job!

Marlinda Siegfried
Admission Director

FROM THE DEVELOPMENT OFFICE

Annual Fund Update

Many thanks to those of you who have already given to the Annual Fund. For those who have yet to make a gift or pledge, please watch your mailboxes for a special Annual Fund letter from Board Chair Lisa Percival. With the record-breaking 94% faculty and staff participation this year, we are also aiming to achieve record parent participation – the previous record to beat is 77% and we are currently at 65%. Please make your Annual Fund commitment via the envelope you will soon be receiving or make your gift **online now** <https://thevilla.ejoinme.org/MyPages/DonationPage/tabid/97244/Default.aspx>. **Gifts of all sizes are needed and greatly appreciated!**

Christmas Illuminata – Thursday, December 3rd

The entire Villa Academy community is invited to join us as we kick-off the Christmas season at 7:00pm on Thursday, December 3rd. We will gather in the theater for hot cocoa and cookies, sing Christmas carols as we process out to the patio, and then the Student Council will lead us in the countdown to the magical tree lighting.

COMMUNITY SERVICE CORNER

Grade 2 collected donations for UNICEF on Halloween. Click here for story and photo gallery:
<http://www.thevilla.org/community/UnicefHalloweenDrive.html>

Grade 5 is baking pumpkin pies for the Thanksgiving meal served at the Matt Talbot Center in Seattle's Belltown neighborhood. "The Matt Talbot Center's fundamental strategy is restoration of lives through sustained and supported change."

Grade 6 is coordinating an all school Thanksgiving Food Drive in conjunction with St. Bridget Parish and the St. Vincent De Paul Society – If you wish to participate, food donations can be brought to your homeroom by 2:00pm Tuesday, November 24. Click here for details:
<http://thevilla.org/community/documents/2009fooddriveflyer.pdf>

Regina House Adopt-a-Family – Grades 1-8 Gift drive. Look for details after Thanksgiving.

VILLA BANDS AND VOICES NEWS

Thursday, December 3 - Villa Voices parents please note! The Villa Voices Choir has been invited to lead the singing for the annual *Christmas Illuminata* on Thurs. December 3. The event is scheduled for 7:00pm. We will meet in the Music Room at 6:45pm to warm up and stow coats, etc. This is an informal gathering. Please let us know right away if your student cannot participate in this opportunity. Thank you.

Ms. Johnson
Mr. Kellenberger

STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS

Student Council is hosting a dance!

Please join us for fun, prizes, refreshments, great music, and friends!

When: Friday, December 4th, from 7:00pm – 10:00pm

Where: Villa Academy Rainbow Theater

For: 7th and 8th graders and invited schools

Chaperones needed! Please contact Amy Mead, amead@thevilla.org if you are able to chaperone and have completed Volunteer Training. Thank you!

FROM THE PARENT ASSOCIATION

Please plan to attend our December Parent Association meeting: Friday, December 4, 2009. 8:45am.

CYO CORNER

Soccer Uniforms were due on November 18. If you did not return your uniform, your tuition account will be charged \$30.00 for the price of the uniform.

Basketball:

The first basketball games were played over the weekend. Click the link below to see the November 21st and 22nd scores.

Service hour opportunity for Middle School kids during basketball season . . . click on the link to find out more!

Volleyball Registration:

I know that it seems early, but find out when volleyball registration will open up so you don't miss out!

For the above information and more: <http://thevilla.org/community/SportsNews.html>

EDP NEWS

HONK! Jr., Registration is now open to Students in Grades 3-8.

Auditions*: Tuesday, December 1, 3:15-5:30pm

Callbacks for lead roles: Thursday, December 3, 3:15-5:30pm

(Both will be held in the Rainbow Theater)

*If your child is auditioning for a main character, please have them prepare a short song of their choice to be sung *a capella*.

Holiday Gift Making Class is a six-session class to be held Wednesdays & Thursdays in December. Gift projects include beaded ornaments, wooden serving trays, and glass etched vases. Sign up now.

Sincerely,

Shea Salyer & Tom Doggett

EDP Program

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