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## MONDAY MEMO

November 9, 2009

### EVENTS CALENDAR

#### Monday, Nov. 9

##### Picture Retake Day

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

#### Tuesday, Nov. 10

Beginning Band, 7:30am  
Liturgical Choir, Chapel, 7:35am  
1B Field Trip  
Grade 4 Field Trip  
Chess Club, 3:15 - 4:15pm  
Writing Club, 3:15-4:15pm  
SERT, 3:15-4:15pm

#### Wednesday, Nov. 11

Veterans Day  
NO CLASSES  
EDP CLOSED

#### Thursday, Nov. 12

Beginning Band, 7:30am  
Sewing, Rm. 234, 3:15-4:15pm  
Grade 7 Parent Peer Group, Parlor, 7:00pm

#### Friday, Nov. 13

##### Dress Uniform

##### Flu Shot Clinic, Parent Lounge, 7:30-9:00am

Villa Voices, 7:30am  
Liturgy, St. Bridget, 9:00am

#### Monday, Nov. 16

Advanced Band, 7:30am  
Science Adventures, 3:15 - 4:15pm  
NO Middle School Math  
Kindergarten Parent Peer Group, Parlor, 7:00pm

#### Dear Villa Academy Families,

Congratulations to our CYO soccer teams – the players, coaches, and fans – for a successful and fun-filled season. Thanks, too, are in order for Shirley Bocian, Villa Academy athletic director, for her part in supporting and cheering on our athletes. Villa had teams in the playoffs and our Grade Six boys' team played in the Championship game this past weekend. Go! Vikings!

**Community Service** in our local community is an important way for our students to show compassion for others, practice Catholic values and teaching, and make a personal difference in their world. Villa Academy's community service programs are designed to be developmentally appropriate for each segment of our school. At times the entire student body comes together around a school-wide service project to benefit a local social service agency in the local community. The recent Pet Food Drive during the month of October was one such example.

**Early Notice!** As the Christmas season approaches the Student Council sponsors an annual holiday drive to support the Regina House, which is located in the South Park neighborhood of Seattle. Regina House is operated by the Sisters of Providence, who run a "clothing store" for families.

Each year Villa Academy partners with the Sisters of Providence and Regina House in an "Adopt a Family" program to provide Christmas

gifts for families who have limited resources and cannot provide gifts for their children and loved ones. Our students are particularly touched by the opportunity to extend themselves to "real" people living right here in Seattle.

The Sisters of Providence will match each Villa class with a family in need. The class will "adopt" the family, to support with holiday gifts. Shortly after Thanksgiving our teachers will receive names and ages of family members, and gift ideas, so that we can put together gift baskets to brighten their holidays.

Over a three-week period in December, the students and their families are invited to collect items to place in the family's gift basket, which the Student Council officers will deliver to Regina House in time for Christmas. Sometimes it is helpful to have a little advance notice on a special event like this, particularly at such a busy time of year.

**Veteran's Day:** As you know, Wednesday, November 11, is a national holiday honoring the men and women who have served and are currently serving in our nation's armed forces. Although we will not be holding classes that day, on Monday and Tuesday of this week, the faculty and students will be talking about the contributions that our veterans have made, as well as those who are actively serving the United States through military duty continue to make. I encourage you to take time to talk with your children about the duty, sacrifice, and courage our military forces manifest in the nation's service.

God Bless,

*Polly Skinner*  
Head of School

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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### ***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. Christmas will soon be here and the students have been preparing for some GREAT performances. All Performances are in the Theater.

Preschool-Kindergarten  
Monday, December 14, 2009 at 11:00am

1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup> Grades  
Tuesday, December 15, 2009 at 2:15pm

3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Grades  
Wednesday, December 16, 2009 at 1:15pm

Villa Voices/String Ensemble/ Beginning and Advance Bands  
Thursday, December 17, 2009 at 7:00pm

### **POINSETTIA SALE**

Complete your holiday decorations by ordering lovely poinsettias through Villa! Click here <http://thevilla.org/community/documents/2009PoinsettiaFlyer.pdf> to download an order form. Forms are also available in the Main Office. **All 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.

The proceeds will be used to provide scholarships for the 2010 Middle School Spring Break Trip to France, and to help cover extra expenses. Thanks for your support!

**Meet the 2009-2010 Student Emergency Response Team! Click Here.**

[www.thevilla.org/visitors/edp/SERT.html](http://www.thevilla.org/visitors/edp/SERT.html)

**SAVE THE DATE: Friday, January 29, 2010 - 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Guys' & Girls' Night Out. Click Here:**

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

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## HEALTH NEWS

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### **Seasonal Flu Shot Clinic – Friday, November 13, 7:30-9:00am- sign Up Sheet in Parent Lounge**

This is a vaccination for the **seasonal flu, NOT the H1N1 virus**. If you have not yet had your seasonal flu shot, plan to attend the Villa clinic from 7:30-9:00am on Friday, November 13.

Swedish Visiting Nurse Services is providing our Clinic. They will bill your insurance or you can pay cash or check and they will give you a receipt you can submit for reimbursement.

- Flu shot: \$30
- Pneumonia Shot: \$40

Checks are best, made payable to: SVNS FLU

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

### **H1N1 Website**

If you are confused by the mixed messages in the media regarding H1N1, and the availability of vaccine, I recommend you visit and bookmark the link below. The box in the center of the page is updated regularly.

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

Villa has had a few confirmed (cultured) H1N1 cases. We have had some cases of Strep Throat and Roseola. There is also a nasty cold circulating. Our average absentee rate is well below the average for other Seattle and King County schools and has remained steady since the beginning of the school year. This is due to our hand washing practices at school and the care parents are taking in evaluating their children before sending them to school. Thank you! Keep up the good work! Keeping your sick children at home has really helped contain the spread of illness at school.

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## FROM THE ADMISSION OFFICE

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Open House is less than two weeks away... Our first **Open House** of the year for prospective families is **Sunday, November 22, at 1:00pm**. We are looking forward to sharing lots of information about Villa's programs and activities with families who are considering applying to our school. Please continue to encourage friends, neighbors and colleagues to come check out all that Villa has to offer!

Thanks again for all of your help!

*Marlinda Siegfried*

Admission Director

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## FROM THE DEVELOPMENT OFFICE

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### **Kindergarten Regains Strong Lead in Annual Fund Participation!**

Last week, third grade was closing in on kindergarten, but this week kindergarten leaped ahead to an incredible 78% Annual Fund participation rate. It would be wonderful to see every grade at 78% or higher in the next Monday Memo report. **Click here** <http://thevilla.org/community/AFParticipation.html> to see where your grade stands, and if you haven't joined the race yet, you can **give online now** <https://thevilla.ejoinme.org/MyPages/DonationPage/tabid/97244/Default.aspx> or submit your check or pledge to the Development Office. **THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THE ANNUAL FUND!**

### **An Incredible 92% of Faculty and Staff Have Given to the Annual Fund!**

Thanks to the dynamic leadership of Faculty and Staff Annual Fund Co-Chairs Mitchell Mellors and Leslie Keeney, this year's 92% participation rate is the highest Annual Fund participation rate ever achieved by Villa Academy's faculty and staff – what a wonderful statement of support for our school!

### **Community-wide Annual Fund Support**

Thanks are also in order to Villa Academy's Board of Trustees - 100% of whom committed to the Annual Fund early on in the campaign, and to the many grandparents, alumni, alumni parents, and friends who have given to this year's Annual Fund.

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### **FROM THE VILLA LIBRARY**

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The Fall 2009 Book Fair, through University Book Store, was a fabulous success. Your purchases earned approximately \$1600 for our Library. I hope you enjoy the books you purchased as much as our students will enjoy the new books we purchase with the book fair funds. We are also especially thankful for the many books that were purchased for the Library Wish List and the Birthday Book Program. Our children will enjoy many new books for years to come, due to your generosity.

Many, many thanks are offered to our wonderful volunteers! These parents helped the students with book selection, estimating the cost of purchases with tax, counting money and making change. A special "thank you" goes to the following volunteers:

**Wendy N., Claudine L., Laurie A., Wendy G., Nancy D., Kathy N., Jennifer P., Amy F., Judy H., and Laurie B.**

Special events like the book fair could not happen without Villa's Facilities Department personnel. We truly appreciate the "behind-the-scenes" efforts, putting up banners and setting up tables.

The staff and management at University Bookstore were extremely supportive and knowledgeable. The book selection was perfect for Villa's clientele and it is always a pleasure partnering with them for this event. Remember this fantastic store in the heart of the University District when you want a fabulous selection of books and incredible customer service! They also offer free parking, giftwrap and mailing. Checkout their website at [www.ubookstore.com](http://www.ubookstore.com) to shop online or view upcoming events at the bookstore.

Again, many thanks to all the Villa families, friends, staff and faculty who contributed to the success of the fall book fair!

*Karen Strand*

*Leslie Keeney*

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### **FROM THE PARENT ASSOCIATION**

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#### **Wreaths and Garland On Sale Now! Click [HERE](#)**

<http://thevilla.org/community/documents/WreathGarland2009.pdf> or pick up an order form in the Main Office. **Orders are due by November 13.** Orders available for pickup December 7 & 8.

#### **VPA Gift Wrap Sale Orders are Ready for Pickup!**

Orders are organized alphabetically in the first floor breezeway. Please pick up your order as soon as possible and check your order immediately to make sure it is correct. Please contact Jeanne B., or Meg O., with any problems. Thank you.

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**EDP NEWS**

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**HONK! Jr., the Musical**

We are pleased to announce that the 2009-2010 Musical will be HONK! Jr. The script is from Music Theatre International's Broadway Junior Collection. It offers many solo and choral opportunities for actors/singers/dancers. We hope to see many of you try out for parts in the play or lend a hand with the set, costumes, lights, sound or props!

**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)

**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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