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## MONDAY MEMO

September 21, 2009

### EVENTS CALENDAR

#### Monday, Sept. 21

Advanced Band, Music Annex, 7:30am  
Private Music Lessons with Mr. K Begin  
Grades Preschool - 2, Curriculum Night,  
Theater, 7:00pm

#### Tuesday, Sept. 22

Beginning Band, Music Annex, 7:30am  
Chess Club Begins, 3:15 - 4:15pm  
Volunteer Training, Theater, 6:30pm

#### Wednesday, Sept. 23

Advanced Band, Music Annex, 7:30am  
Volunteer Training, Theater, 1:15pm  
Early Dismissal, 2:15pm

#### Thursday, Sept. 24

Beginning Band, Music Annex, 7:30am  
Grade 8 Info Night, Parents/Students.  
Parlor, 7:00pm

#### Friday, Sept. 25

**No Free Dress**

**Regular Uniform**

**Sally Foster Orders Due**

Villa Voices Begins, Music Annex, 7:30am  
Preschool Harvest Fest  
Student Council Speeches,  
Theater, 10:15am

**Italian Dinner Carnival, 5:30 - 7:30pm**

#### Monday, Sept. 28

**DRESS UNIFORM**

**Class Picture Day**

**Annual Fund Kick Off**

Advanced Band, Music Annex, 7:30am  
Science Adventures Begins, Rm. 234, 3:15 - 4:15pm  
Grades 3-5 Curriculum Night, Theater, 7:00pm

### Dear Villa Academy Families,

We are hitting our stride – the students and staff – as we initiate our first full week of the school year. The emphasis in all classrooms has been on procedures, expectations, and setting the tone for a positive and productive school year. The students are handling the expectations magnificently and there is an air of industry and purpose in the classrooms and common areas. Thank you for your support and encouragement, which are the most important elements of an effective home-school partnership.

**Parent Volunteer Training:** Going on a field trip? Working in the lunchroom? Helping on the playground or in the classroom? This important message is for you.

Over the next four weeks we will be sponsoring six sessions of our required training for parents who will be working with students at Villa this year. We will be fine-tuning the training to address the needs of new volunteers vs. experienced volunteers.

Every effort has been made to provide training sessions at various times of the day to accommodate your personal and professional schedules. Please make a priority of calendaring one of these sessions. If you are uncertain whether you will be volunteering, we encourage you to commit to the training in the event you decide to volunteer, or your services are needed, later in the school year. All sessions begin in the Theater.

### Training Dates:

Tuesday, September 22, 6:30pm  
Wednesday, September 23, 1:15pm  
Thursday, October 1, 8:45am  
Tuesday, October 6, 7:00am  
Wednesday, October 7, 6:30pm  
Monday, October 12, 2:00pm

## **Celebrations and Congratulations!**

- Grade Eight students returned from Leadership Camp at Camp Lutherwood in Bellingham tired and happy. A positive and energized tone permeated their time at camp and kicked off a most special school year for the Class of 2010.
- Christian V., Villa Class of 2007, who is currently a junior at Lakeside, was announced as a National Merit Scholarship semifinalist. Approximately 16,000 students nationwide were among the top scorers on the 2008 SAT.
- Each year, Villa Academy informs the parents of students in Grades 6-8, whose scores on the ERBs CTP 4 in mathematics, verbal, or composites are at the 95<sup>th</sup> percentile or higher, that the students are eligible to participate in Johns Hopkins University's Center for Talented Youth Talent Search. This fall our percentages of eligible students follows:
  - Grade Six 54% of the class (19/35)
  - Grade Seven 68% of the class (28/41)
  - Grade Eight 49% of the class (19/39)

**Italian Dinner and Carnival:** Our annual family dinner is coming up quickly! On Friday, September 25, I hope that you will join us for some great Italian food, wonderful fun for the kids, and connecting with members of the school community. This is the only annual family dinner for the entire school and it is a lot of fun. I look forward to seeing you there! [Click here to register online now.](#)

**Professional Development, 2009-2010:** Highly effective teachers are creative leaders who possess a strong background in the content they teach. Additionally, they are skilled in teaching in such a way that students will understand the content. The research shows that teacher effectiveness is the single most important school-based factor in student success. Villa Academy's teachers are an amazingly qualified and talented group of educators and they work hard to stay at the top of their game. Here are some of the upcoming ways we support their ongoing efforts:

- Our academic personnel – teachers, para-educators, and academic administrators – attended the Archdiocese of Seattle's "Teacher Excellence Day" at Meany Hall on the University of Washington's campus on Friday, September 18. Rita F. Pierson, Ed.D. was the keynote speaker and focused on Partnering with Parents for Student Success.
- On October 9, 2009, the academic personnel will be attending a variety of training sessions. Our religion teachers will be involved in theological updates at the Archdiocese of Seattle's K-12 Religion Articulation Day with keynote speakers Dr. Tom Curran and Bishop Joseph Tyson. The remainder will be attending the PNAIS Professional Development Day at Eastside Catholic School with Alfie Kohn as keynote speaker. He will address Performance vs. Learning: The Costs of Overemphasizing Achievement.
- In addition, we will be making use of Federal Program funding to improve our instructional practices specific to student needs.

Thank you for staying current with the Monday Memo, knowing where your Family Handbook is, and doing your part to build and maintain a strong partnership with us!

God Bless,

*Polly Skinner*  
Head of School

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**FROM THE DEVELOPMENT OFFICE**

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**The Italian Dinner Carnival is this Friday! To avoid a long line at the check-in REGISTER online now <https://thevilla.ejoinme.org/MyEvents/ItalianDinnerCarnival2009/Registration/tabid/162819/Default.aspx> for an evening of delicious food, good music, and lots of fun. Lasagna, ravioli, rigatoni, oh my! You'll want to have your portrait drawn by a professional caricature artist, take a funny picture in the carnival cutout, and take a bounce in the bouncy house! Price of admission is \$40/family or \$10/person. Any questions, contact the Development Office at [development@thevilla.org](mailto:development@thevilla.org). See you on Friday!**

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**FROM THE PARENT ASSOCIATION**

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**Picture Days are next Monday and Tuesday, September 28 & 29:**

**Next Monday is a Dress Uniform Day for Class Pictures.**

**Next Tuesday is Free Dress for Individual Pictures**

**Villa Parent Association Gift Wrap Sale**

Congratulations and thank you to the winners of our first lottery drawing held September 16:

Nathan C. and his entire KA class  
Gray C. and his entire 1A class  
Margaux H. and her entire 2A class  
Clare W. and her entire 3A class  
Isabella B. and her entire 5A class  
Michael P. and his entire 7B class  
Julia P. and her entire 8B class

The second, and final, lottery will be held on September 23 and will include more fabulous prizes including extra recess and a free dress day for the winner's class! Don't delay. Submit your completed sales kit by tomorrow, Tuesday, September 22, and your name will be entered in this lottery drawing. No minimum sales required! The VPA gift wrap sale ends September 25.

*Jeanne B. & Meg O.*

Gift Wrap Chairs

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**CYO CORNER**

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**Attention all middle school students and parents:** If you are looking for ways to gain service hours, we need 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade volunteers to referee soccer games at Villa on Saturdays. These games are 1<sup>st</sup> through 4<sup>th</sup> grade games only. If you have knowledge of how soccer is played and are interested in gaining some service hours, please e-mail me. The first weekend that we need referees will be September 26.

**Soccer:** Registration is now officially closed.

Here are the results from the games on September 12:

8<sup>th</sup> girls: beat St. Luke due to not enough players; played friendly game anyway  
7<sup>th</sup> girls: tied against St. Matthew  
6<sup>th</sup> girls: beat St. Thomas More  
6<sup>th</sup> boys: beat St. Anne  
5<sup>th</sup> girls: beat St. Luke  
5<sup>th</sup> boys: beat St. Matthew  
4<sup>th</sup> girls: beat St. Therese  
4<sup>th</sup> boys: beat ASB due to forfeit

What a great undefeated first weekend of soccer for our Villa teams!

**Cross Country** season is here. The deadline for registration is October 5. Practice times are: Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 3:15-4:00pm, and Wednesday from 2:15-3:00pm. Team members meet under the covered play area after school NOT the gazebo. Sorry for the confusion.

Sincerely,  
*Shirley Bocian*  
Athletic Director  
sbocian@thevilla.org

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## **EDP NEWS**

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Please send in an EDP registration form, even if your child may only Drop-in to EDP. This is required for attendance.

There are still openings in Preschool EDP, please fill out the attached registration form if you are interested.

The Villa Bands have begun to rehearse, but it is not too late to join! See the Event Calendar for days and times. Students interested in Beginning Band do not need to have selected an instrument. We will have demonstration sessions in the first few meetings, including a visit from a local music store offering rentals and all the things you'll need for Band.

Please visit the forms page of the Villa website for registration forms for our before and after school enrichment offerings.

Sincerely,  
*Shea Salyer & Tom Doggett*  
EDP Program  
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