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MONDAY MEMO

September 28, 2009

EVENTS CALENDAR

After School Clubs and Enrichment Classes first meet in the Cafeteria for an after-school snack.

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, and 1B Curriculum Night, Theater, 7:00pm

Tuesday, Sept. 29

Free Dress/Box Top Store

Individual Pictures

Beginning Band, Music Annex, 7:30am
Chess Club, 3:15 - 4:15pm
Writing Club Starts, Library, 3:15-4:15pm
Middle School Math Club, Rm. 532, 3:15-4:30pm
(Normal meeting day is Monday)
Grades 7 & 8 France Trip Meeting, Parlor, 7:00pm
Grade 7 & 8 Costa Rica, Rm. 440, 7:00pm

Wednesday, Sept. 30

Dress Uniform

Advanced Band, Music Annex, 7:30am
Liturgy at St. Bridget, 9:00am
Early Dismissal, 2:15pm
Webkinz, Rm. 234, 2:30 - 3:30pm

Thursday, Oct. 1

Beginning Band, Music Annex, 7:30am
Volunteer Training, Theater, 8:45am
Advanced Sewing, Rm. 234, 3:15-4:15pm
Independent High School Info Night, 7:00pm

Friday, Oct. 2

Villa Voices, Music Annex, 7:30am
Grade 7 Geology Trip, 7:30am - 6:30pm
VPA Meeting, Parlor, 8:45am

Monday, Oct. 5

CTP4 Testing this week

Advanced Band, Music Annex, 7:30am
Science Adventures, Rm. 234, 3:15 - 4:15pm
Middle School Math Club, Rm. 532, 3:15-4:30pm
Grade 6 Laptop Night, 7:00pm

Dear Villa Academy Families,

The beginning of the 2009-2010 school year has been amazing; we are off to a strong and smooth start, and with curriculum nights almost behind us, the month of October promises quality time in the classrooms for the students and teachers. This auspicious opening and the upcoming rollout of the school's new strategic plan signal our commitment to attain new heights by educating our children to be competent and confident learners both now and in the future.

The task of educating the whole child in the Cabrinian tradition for the 21st Century is incredibly exciting. Ensuring academic excellence, child-centered experiences, and the relevance of Mother Cabrini's mission of compassion for those in need, underscore an ethic of lifelong learning.

An abiding inspiration to me is your commitment to a Villa Academy education and experience for your children. Not a day passes without parents taking time to express their passion for and faith in our programs and people. Often I hear from past parents whose sons and daughters are successful and happy at the high school and college level, typically at some amazing and highly regarded institutions. Their perspective on the foundation that their young people received at Villa Academy is equally passionate and compelling.

The task of educating the whole child the *Villa way* requires the overall support and generosity of the entire school community beyond what tuition covers. Through the commitment and generosity of our entire current and extended communities, we continue to build programs and people for life.

The **Annual Fund 2009** is critical to the funding of the operating program and requires the participation of all community members to the best of their abilities. Current tuition covers most, but not all of the per-student cost of a Villa education. The per-student gap between tuition and total cost averages \$2,486. The Annual Fund and Auction both provide necessary additional funds to address total costs.

We have set a goal of 100% participation for our community. It's an ambitious goal; however, we believe that high participation rates amplify the importance of the children's academic experience and signal a will to ensure future excellence. In the past, Annual Fund gifts have ranged from \$10 - \$10,000 – no gift is too small or too large. We simply ask that you make a gift as your circumstances permit.

The 100% participation goal is being asked of current and former school families, current and former trustees, our faculty and staff, grandparents and extended families, alumni, and friends of the school. With a robust response we anticipate successfully attaining the monetary goal of \$300,000. Please watch your mail for a special letter from parents Bill and Nikki W. whose children Abby, Caroline and Billy, are in Sixth, Fifth and First Grades, respectively.

This year you have the option of making your gift online (<https://thevilla.ejoinme.org/MyPages/DonationPage/tabid/97244/Default.aspx>). If your employer provides a corporate match, please take advantage of this opportunity.

Thank you for your serious consideration of supporting the education of our students and helping us accomplish all of the following by the end of the calendar year, December 31, 2009:

- 100% participation – no gift too small or too large
- Corporate matches when available
- \$300,000 in total donations by January 1, 2010

Personal Invitation: I hope that you will be able to join the students and staff at the Mass of the Holy Spirit, our first liturgy of the school year, on Wednesday, September 30th at 9:00am at St. Bridget Church. This will be a wonderful way to celebrate the completion of our first month of classes.

God Bless,

Polly Skinner
Head of School

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Check out the Laurelhurst Blog for news, events, issues and more:
<http://thelaurelhurstblog.blogspot.com/>

Messages for Students During the Day

Please reserve requests to deliver messages to students during the day to EMERGENCY situations only. It is very disruptive to the classrooms and the office to receive and deliver incidental messages about after school plans. Please avoid making last minute play dates. After school plans should be made in advance and communicated to the child in the morning before school. Please read page 15 of your Family Handbook.

FROM THE DEVELOPMENT OFFICE

Please Support the Annual Fund!

As Polly Skinner wrote above, Villa Academy's Annual Fund campaign is kicking off today. We are asking our entire immediate and extended community to participate and help us reach our goal of \$300,000 by December 31. The Annual Fund provides essential dollars for our programs and operations, allowing us to continue providing the highest quality educational experience for our students. You may make your gift by using the envelope enclosed in the letter you'll be receiving from current parents Bill and Nikki W., or new this year, you can [give online](https://thevilla.ejoinme.org/MyPages/DonationPage/tabid/97244/Default.aspx) <https://thevilla.ejoinme.org/MyPages/DonationPage/tabid/97244/Default.aspx>.

Any questions about the Annual Fund may be directed to Development Director Brigette Quichocho at bquichocho@thevilla.org or 206-729-0219 x 268. Thank you very much for your participation!

The **Italian Dinner Carnival** was a wonderful success on Friday evening, so thank you to all who attended! It was a fantastic opportunity to catch up with old friends after the summer and to also welcome our new families to the Villa community. We hope you'll enjoy your caricature artist drawings and can look forward to the carnival cutout photos soon. We want to extend a huge thank you to our faculty and staff volunteers, our 8th grade helpers, and particularly to Chef Don, Natalie, and Kevin for their culinary talents. What a terrific way to start our school year! Until the next one, buon appetito!

MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

Middle School Math Club- See EDP News

Join the Student Emergency Response Team!



7th and 8th grade students: You are eligible to apply for the Villa Student Emergency Response Team (S.E.R.T.). Team members are trained to help support faculty and staff in responding to emergency situations, help maintain emergency supplies, and help promote health and safety awareness throughout the school. We will meet approximately once a month after school for emergency preparedness and first aid trainings, for special guest speakers, and to plan community outreach projects. Exact meeting times will be determined once the group is selected. Community Service hours are offered for attendance at meetings and activities.

To apply to this elite group, download an application and essay directions at <http://www.thevilla.org/community/formslists.html> and return your completed form and essay to the Main Office ATTN: Ms. Jenner by Wednesday, October 7.

STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS

Student Council Election Results:

Thank you to all the candidates who showed their support for Villa by running for a Student Council office. Your speeches and campaigns were exemplary.

The Student Council Officers for the year 2009-2010 are:

Jenay M., President
Rosie B., Vice President
Erica B., Secretary
Noah C., Treasurer
Maddie B., Commissioner of School Spirit
Madison M., Commissioner of Spiritual Affairs

Congratulations!

Dance Schedule – Note Change

An updated dance schedule for Villa' seventh and eighth grade students is listed below. We moved the Villa Academy hosted dance to December, to avoid a conflict with the Ski Bus.

All dances start at 7:00pm and end at 10pm. All dances are for 7th and 8th grade students only. The one exception is the "Villa only" dance, which is open to all Villa middle school students, sixth through eighth grades and runs from 7:00-9:00 pm. As mentioned in Ms. Preib's email earlier this month, there are no dances scheduled during the Lenten season.

Friday, October 2 St. Alphonsus
Friday, November 6 St. Alphonsus
Friday, December 4 Villa Academy
Fridays, Jan 8-Feb 12 Ski bus
Feb. 17 – Apr 2 Lent
Friday, April 16 Villa only dance – all middle school students welcome.
Friday, April 30 Our Lady of the Lake
Friday, May 14 St. Matthew

ASB usually has a very late, end of the year dance as well. We'll keep you posted.

FROM THE PARENT ASSOCIATION

VPA October Meeting

Please join us in our kick-off Villa Parent Association meeting for the 2009-2010 school year. The meeting is open to all parents and will be on Friday, October 2, at 8:45am in the Villa Parlor. Have a cup of coffee and learn what is in store for this year!

Congratulations to the following winners of the 2nd VPA Gift Wrap Sale Lottery:

- A Popsicle Party for Lauren P. and her entire KB class
- A Smoothie Party for Alex P. and her entire 4A class
- An Ice Cream Party for Greta A. and her entire 1B class
- An Extra Recess for Ellie S. and her entire 2B class
- A Popsicle Party for Oliver T. and his entire KC class
- A Pizza Party for Adolphus A. and his entire 4B class
- A Free Dress Day for Raleigh H. and her entire 3B class

We want to thank everyone for supporting our Parent Association fundraiser!

CYO CORNER

Soccer:

Thank you to those of you who responded about volunteer refereeing for the Villa home games! We still need more referees for our season. If you have some experience or knowledge in soccer, would like to earn service hours and are in middle school, please e-mail me and I will let you know what help I need for Saturday games!

Reported scores for September 18:

- 3rd grade girls beat ASB
- 5th grade girls beat St. John
- 6th grade girls lost to Lakeside

Cross Country:

Practice Meeting Place: The meeting place for Cross Country has been moved to the east side of Villa on the patio above the carpool pickup area.

Registration Deadline: Just a friendly reminder that the Cross Country registration deadline is Monday, October 5, at the end of the school day. Please get your registration forms in as soon as possible!! Registration forms received after October 5 will not be accepted.

First Cross Country Meet: Congratulations to all those who participated in the 1st Cross Country Meet of the season on this past Sunday, September 27!

Basketball:

Basketball registration starts today! 4th through 8th Grade girls and boys are eligible to play CYO Basketball. Please return your Basketball registration form to the Main Office. The form is available online as well as in the Main Office. The deadline for registration is Friday, October 23. Late registrations will not be accepted.

ATTENTION all coaches and all prospective coaches for the 2009 - 2010 school year: Please remember that in order to coach (whether you are head coach or the assistant), you must attend one of the Villa volunteer training sessions. The goal is to get everyone trained this fall for the entire year. So, if you plan to coach during basketball, volleyball or the track & field season, please plan on attending one of the Villa volunteer sessions this fall. There are four sessions in October that you can attend; please consult your Villa calendar and do your best to get to one of those trainings before it is too late!

Sincerely,
Shirley Bocian
Athletic Director
sbocian@thevilla.org

EDP NEWS

Friday, October 9, EDP will be open 8:00am-5:00pm. This is a Professional Development Day for our teachers. Please send in a completed registration form to enroll your child. Forms are due back by Wednesday, October 7.

The Introductory Meeting for **Math Club** is tomorrow, Tuesday, September 29, from 3:15 - 4:30pm in Mr. Repanich's room, 532. If you are unable to attend this meeting but want to attend Math Club on **Mondays** please email drepanich@thevilla.org so your name can be submitted for the first tournament on November 7 at Blanchet High School.

Band News

Tomorrow, Tuesday Sept. 29, we will have guests from Metropolitan Music in Seattle, displaying instruments and presenting programs for rentals and purchases of new and used instruments. There will be demonstrations and opportunities for students to play the various instruments. All students who are interested in playing an instrument, joining the Villa Bands, or wishing to learn more about our programs, please come to the Music Annex Tuesday morning at 7:30 for this event. Parents are encouraged to attend also.

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

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 a registration form if you are interested.

Sincerely,
Shea Salyer & Tom Doggett
EDP Program
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