



October 7, 2009

weekly announcements

COMING UP ...

...ALL SCHOOL

- ◆ BOARD OF TRUSTEES MTG.
Tue Oct 20, 5:30pm, GS campus

...FOR THE HIGH SCHOOL

- ◆ 9TH & 10TH GRADE PARENT EVENING
Wed Oct 7, 7pm - 8:30pm
- ◆ SAT FALL TEST DATE
Sat Oct 10, off campus
- ◆ HS PHOTO RE-TAKE DAY
Mon Oct 12, 10am - 1pm
- ◆ PSAT TEST: 10TH/11TH GRADES
Wed Oct 14, 8:45am - 12:30pm
- ◆ HS PARENT COUNCIL MTG
Wed Oct 14 6:30pm - 8:30pm, Herbst Hall
- ◆ HS OUTDOOR ED BACKPACKING TRIP
Sat Oct 17 - Mon Oct 19
- ◆ COMMUNITY SERVICE DAY
No HS CLASSES/HS FACULTY GRADING PERIOD
Mon Oct 19 (more on page 2)
- ◆ AUTHOR TIM FLANNERY AT THE HS
Wed Oct 21, 11am - 12pm
- ◆ 11TH & 12TH GRADE PARENT EVENING
Wed Oct 21, 7pm - 8:30pm

...FOR THE GRADE SCHOOL

- ◆ MICHALEMAS FIELD DAY (GRADES 1-8)
Fri Oct 9 (details on page 3)
- ◆ GRADE SCHOOL FALL HOLIDAY - No GS CLASSES
Mon Oct 12
- ◆ 6TH GRADE PARENT EVENING
Tue Oct 13 7:15pm - 9pm
- ◆ 4TH GRADE PARENT EVENING
Wed Oct 14 7pm - 9pm
- ◆ GS PARENTS ASSOCIATION MEETING
Thu Oct 15, 7pm
- ◆ 2ND GRADE PARENT EVENING
Mon Oct 19, 7pm
- ◆ NURSERY EURYTHMY PARENT EVENING
Mon Oct 19, 7:30pm, GS campus
- ◆ KINDERGARTEN VISION SCREENING
Mon Oct 19, 8:45am - 12n, Volunteer still needed
- ◆ 1ST GRADE CLASS MEETING
Tue Oct 20, 7:15 - 8:45pm
- ◆ 5TH GRADE PARENT EVENING
Wed Oct 21, 7 - 8:30pm
- ◆ KINDERGARTEN PARENT EVENING
Wed Oct 21, 7 - 9pm

Visit the calendar pages at www.sfwaldorf.org and www.sfwaldorfhighschool.org for more.

COOL-HEADED PARENTING STRATEGIES: GETTING TO CALM

Dr. Laura Kastner, specialist in adolescent behavior

Monday, October 19, 7:30pm - 9pm

Annunciation Church, 245 Valencia Street, San Francisco

hosted by the SFWHS Parent Council in conjunction with the Parents Coalition of Bay Area High Schools
visit sfwaldorfhighschool.org for more info



**Book discussion group for Daniel Pink's
*A Whole New Mind:
Why Right-Brainers Will Rule the Future***

4 Thursdays in October

Begins this Thursday, 7:00pm at the HS Campus!

RSVP: cpowers@sfwaldorf.org

ALL SCHOOL NEWS



◆ Parent Professional Directory

The development liaisons, parent volunteers from all grades, are putting together a professional directory for parents at San Francisco Waldorf School.

The purpose of the guide is to help our community and extended community hire our parents for their talent and skills. The hope of the directory is that the individuals who attain work from the guide give a small percentage of the job to the school. The directory will be a wonderful way to advertise your business and help the school. The amount given to the school will be at the discretion of the individual. Please also feel free to give us a PDF of your business card as we can put it right into the directory. The directory is being designed by professional graphic artists and will be a work of art unto itself.

The deadline for submissions is Friday, November 13, 2009. Our hope is to distribute the directory before Christmas break. We hope every parent participates.

This is a wonderful opportunity for free advertising!

Please email your business description to: victoriacb@mac.com

Please feel free to contact Vicki Chaban with any questions at the above address.

Vicki Chaban, Gr. 3 parent and Development Liaison.

HIGH SCHOOL NEWS



◆ High School Student Service Program

Our Student Service Program is an integral part of our high school program. Student service encourages students to become citizens who step out into the world and offer their time and talent to their immediate community and beyond. The skills and willingness needed to become responsible citizens requires cultivation and that cultivation is the purpose of our Student Service Learning Program requirements.

As with all assignments or requirements, we provide the outline of how to proceed and the goal of the assignment and then expect the student to complete the task. As with any assignment, some students will struggle more than others, but all students need clear goals and assistance, so we have designated a Student Service Program Coordinator (Barbara Allen) to assist all of our students with the goals of this program.

Service in the Community. The program requires students to spend at least 80 hours over four years (20 hours each year) volunteering in community organizations or agencies. Seven Student Service Days are designated this year in order to provide time to complete this requirement. Our hope is that these days will assist our students, many of whom find themselves very busy with homework, athletics and other extracurricular activities, in fulfilling this requirement. Students may research opportunities on their own or through resources provided by Ms. Allen, including institutions who have already agreed to take groups of students. All service must be pre-approved and appropriate paper work completed. Ninth and Tenth Graders will also participate in additional community service together in larger groups as part of the spring Project Week.

In-School Service. Students are also required to volunteer for an in-school service project. In-school service projects range widely and offer a chance for students to pursue interests as well as serve in partnership with and for the betterment of their school. They range from helping athletics teams as scorekeepers, managers or sports reporters; assisting the admissions department as ambassadors for new students; editing the yearbook and photographing school events and projects; assisting with upkeep of classrooms and other spaces, including artistic displays, care and feeding of plants and animals, and care and maintenance of equipment.

Forms for both Service in the Community and In-School Service (as well as the Student Handbook which contains a complete description of the program) can be found at <http://sfwaldorfhighschool.org/community/administration.asp>

Questions about our High School Community Service Program should be directed to Barbara Allen at ballen@sfwaldorf.org.

Barbara Allen, HS Administrator

◆ HIGH SCHOOL PARENT COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 6:30 TO 8:30 PM at the High School, Herbst Hall

You are invited to our first Parent Council meeting of the year. Please come to meet the Parent Council Executive Committee and other parents to discuss issues concerning our high school. On the agenda is: Open discussion on drug and alcohol policies at the High School, report on the "Healthy Culture" program and plans for speakers this year and discussion on social opportunities for parents and students. Join us to talk with, and meet, other parents. We will be serving snacks.

Your Parent Council Executive Committee: Ellen Stephens, Chair, Pattie Klimek, 12th grade rep, Paige Hart, 11th grade rep, Leslie Zimmerman, 10th Grade rep, and Jodi Casey, 9th grade rep and Hot Lunch chair

GRADE SCHOOL NEWS

◆ Early Decision Sibling Applications Due in November

In order to streamline the application process for families with siblings who are eligible for our 2010-2011 nursery program and kindergarten, we have moved up the date for applications.

Applications will now be due on Monday, November 2. A kindergarten and nursery play date has been scheduled for Monday, November 16, 3:00 - 4:00 pm. Kindergarten families will meet in one of the kindergartens and nursery families will meet at the nursery.

Applications are now available in the admissions office. Please contact Lori Grey at ext. 302 or lgrey@sfwaldorf.org if you have questions about eligibility.

Lori Grey, GS Enrollment Director

◆ Reminders for this Friday's Field Day for Grades 1-8



On Friday, October 9, we will continue fall festivities at the Grade School with an assembly at 11:10 and play field games led by Mr. Ganz in the Presidio. Parents are warmly invited to meet us at the field, please RSVP to Cory Powers in the office.

Parents: Please send a hearty lunch, extra layers in case it's cold, and a sun hat and extra water in case it is warm. In any case, the day will be fun for all, with regular dismissal times back at the Grade School.

For our game to be as clear as possible, Mr. Ganz has asked for the following colors to be worn, if possible:

- Grades 1-3 Earthy tones (browns, greens, oranges)
- Grades 4-6 Reds (with earth tones underneath!)
- Grades 7-8 Blues

Lisa Sargent, for the Festival Committee

◆ Open House Volunteers needed

The first of two Open Houses for prospective parents is coming up on Saturday, October 24th. Volunteers are needed for a range of things from baking to set-up to day-of-event help. Volunteer forms are available for kindergarten and grade school parents who wish to help in the office or online. Please return the completed forms to Lori Grey in the Admissions office.

Thank you, Lori Grey, GS Enrollment Director

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tel. (415) 431-2736; highschool@sfwaldorf.org

◆ About those Fairy Walk Tickets...

On Saturday, October 31 between 4:30-7:30 the grade school will once again be transformed into a magical land full of fairies, elves, princes and princesses.

This is a time when the Waldorf community comes together to volunteer their time energy, enthusiasm and creative skills to bring this gift to our children.

So we can all enjoy this wonderful event, we are instituting the following ticket policy.

- Priority will be given to the community of Waldorf students and their one favorite adult.
- The 4:30-5:30 time slots will be reserved for pre-school children.
- As space is extremely limited, ticket sales will be for immediate family only.
- Tickets will be sold for extended family, grandparents, aunts, uncles cousins, friends, neighbors only if there is availability once tickets are sold as above.
- There will be no refunds or exchanges.
- Tickets will not be sold on the night of the event.
- Entry will only be guaranteed for the allotted time on your ticket. Please allow extra time for parking or use public transport.
- Tickets will be \$7 per person; babes in arms will be free.

The tickets will be sold on Thursday 15th October at 12 o'clock outside the main entrance to the Grade School. Cash and check only will be accepted. Thank you to all for your understanding and we look forward to a beautiful and magical evening.

Alison Thain, for the Parents Association

◆ Grade School Volleyball Season

California is the land of beach volleyball and super spikes – but as the Waldorf grade school volleyball season gets underway, our girls move indoors to bump, set and rally.

The 8th grade started their season with a boom when they beat OLM two weeks ago in a tightly contested three set match. Lola Bushnell carried the Wildcats out of the gate in the 1st set by serving 14 straight points. After Waldorf dropped the second set the fans were nervous, but to our relief they bounced back with a 15-9 win in the deciding 3rd set.

The 7th grade girls lost their first two games of the season. They hope to bounce back with a victory in their next outing.* The 6th debuted as a team and put forth a valiant effort. They dropped a 2 set match, but I look forward to following their progress.

Overall it was a very exciting first week. Come out and support our volleyball teams as they begin to make great plays routine.



Pablo Feldman, 8th Grade

** Editors note: The 7th grade had their first win this past weekend and the 8th grade continues their winning streak.*

◆ 8th Grade Book Sale Fundraiser at Books, Inc

Do your holiday shopping on Thursday, November 6th at Books, Inc in Laurel Village from 6 – 8pm at the 8th Grade's Book Sale Fundraiser. Beverages and snacks will be provided.

A wish list for each teacher's classroom will be provided if you would like to donate books to the school. All ordering can be done online if you can't make it in person. Feel free to bring the kids and buy a book for everyone this holiday season while supporting the 8th grade and the grade school library.

Nora Dwyer, for the 8th Grade Families

◆ Scrip Program News



For those of you who are new to our school: Have you joined eScrip and OneCause yet?

If not, visit eScrip.com and onecause.com and follow the simple few steps to do so. If you would like some personal assistance, you can stop by the development office, or email our volunteer Scrip team at scrip@sfwaldorf.org, or stop by in front of the grade school for the next three weeks on Wednesdays or Fridays 8:30-9:30am at our sidewalk Scrip table.

For Scrip Veterans: Did you know you need to update your cards on eScrip when they expire and you receive a new one in the mail? Updating takes only 5 minutes. Here's how:

* Go to <http://www.eScrip.com> and click "my eScrip" on the menu bar.

* If you don't know your Supporter ID or Username, simply enter the email address you signed up with instead. Enter your password. If you don't remember your password, click on "forgot your password?" and it will be immediately emailed to you at the email address on record.

* Click on "Register credit and debit cards." Check the "Delete" box next to all cards you think have expired, then click on "Update." Click again on "Credit and Debit cards" on the next screen, and enter all new cards. Click "Update" again.

* Click "Sign Off" at the top when you are finished.

*Thank you! Kari Marble, Scrip Team
(K1 & Gr 3 Parent)*

◆ Ostheimer Sale is Coming

Look for catalogs and order forms for our annual Ostheimer toy fundraiser in the office soon. This is a great opportunity to get these high quality wooden toys for a great price AND support our school.



OF INTEREST

◆ **Marin Waldorf School's Annual Children's Faire**

On behalf of Marin Waldorf School, we wish to invite you to our annual Children's Faire (appropriate for ages 3-10 years) held on our campus on Sunday, October 18, from 10:00am-4:00pm. We will have outdoor magical games, story telling, puppet shows, organic food, unique vendors and live music. This is a special event for the MWS community and we know that many of you attend each year.

http://www.marinwaldorf.org/childrens_faire.html

◆ **Summerfield Waldorf School presents**

Addressing the Whole Person: the Role of the Waldorf Parent

Talk by Martin Novom on Friday, October 16, 7:30pm, Sophia Hall, Donation at the Door

As part of the Saturday, October 17th workshop, Martin Novom, CFRE, will present an evening discussion aimed at the questions and issues of being a parent in a Waldorf school. In his lively and warm style, Martin will lead us in an exploration of how we as parents can encourage organizational excellence for our school and still leave each other free as human beings.

The Waldorf Capital Campaign: Transforming Fear into Courage

Workshop Led by Martin Novom, CFRE, Skystone Ryan

Saturday, October 17, Sophia Hall, \$155
(includes Friday evening talk)

Martin will demonstrate the potential of gift money for organizational transformation. This workshop combines "Best Practices: Waldorf Style" with personal, group and school-wide self-knowledge.

◆ **Concert: G. F. HANDEL Chandos Anthems**

Presented by San Francisco Bach Choir with Erica Schuller, soprano; Craig Lemming, tenor; and the SFBC Baroque Orchestra

Saturday, October 17, 8pm, Sunday, October 18, 4pm (FREE Lecture SUNDAY, 3pm)

Calvary Presbyterian Church, Fillmore & Jackson, SF

Advance \$28/\$24 (\$15 Student), Door \$35/\$30 (\$20 Student)

Tickets: sfbach.org; 415-441-4942

NOTE: SFWS grade school music teacher Lisa Sargent is a longstanding member of SF Bach Choir.

◆ **Support Future Waldorf Teachers and Enjoy an Evening of Theater!**

The Rudolf Steiner College San Francisco Waldorf Teacher Education Program's Graduating Class of 2010 warmly invites you to their evening of theater:

Once upon a time...

*Rose-White and Rose-Red
and The Nixie of the Mill Pond*

...Two tales by Jakob and Wilhelm Grimm

Saturday October 10, 7:00 pm, SFWS, Main Hall
Donations welcome at the door

For more information call SFWS parent Jessica Eicher at 415-359-5189 or e-mail sfprogram@steinercollege.edu

◆ **Spatial Dynamics Training**

Spatial Dynamics® movement trainings under the direction of Jaimen McMillan will begin in Los Gatos, California on October 25!

Learn to experience your body and surrounding spaces in ever more lively, conscious, intimate, and ever widening ways through the vibrant study of Spatial Dynamics®.

For complete information on these and other programs for teachers, parents, and the community, please visit SDI's website at www.spacialdynamics.com.

◆ **All Souls Day Gathering Sunday, November 1, 4:00-5:00 p.m.**



"Just as beauty comes to us (in this world) from art, so beauty streams to the dead from what rays forth out of the hearts and souls of those who keep them in memory."
Rudolf Steiner

You are warmly invited to the second annual All Souls Day Gathering to remember those who have died. The program will include music, eurythmy, a short talk, and a time of silence during which to picture those we are holding in our thoughts. Please bring a votive candle to light. Karen Apana and Karen Gierlach, Event Organizers.

Eurythmy Room, San Francisco Waldorf High School, 470 West Portal, San Francisco. Directions to the High School can be found at

<http://www.sfwaldorfhighschool.org/contact/directions.asp> Parking available.

ATHLETICS

◆ **HS Girls' Varsity Volleyball***

Thu Oct 8	5:30pm	GAME vs. Contra Costa Christian - HOME
Fri Oct 9	5:30pm	GAME @ Leadership - 555 Portola Drive
Tue Oct 13	5:30pm	Game vs. Bay - HOME
Fri Oct 16	5:30pm	GAME @ International - 150 Oak St
Tue Oct 20	5:30pm	GAME @ Pescadero - 350 Butano Cutoff Rd
Thu Oct 22	5:30pm	Game vs. Pacific Union - HOME
Fri Oct 23	5:30pm	GAME vs. San Domenico - HOME

*Home games are at the Annunciation Cathedral Gym, 245 Valencia St)

◆ **HS Boys' Soccer**

Thu Oct 8	4pm	Game vs. Bay - Metson Dr. GGP
Tue Oct 13	4pm	GAME @ Leadership (Hayward)
Thu Oct 15	4pm	GAME @ Gateway - 1401 Geveva Ave
Tue Oct 20	4pm	GAME @ International - 1401 Geneva Ave
Thu Oct 22	4pm	GAME vs. Leadership - 1401 Geneva Ave

◆ **GS Girls' Volleyball**

6th Grade		
Fri Oct 9	5pm	Game 3 v. St. James - 655 Sunnydale Ave
Sat Oct 17	10:45am	Game 4 v. Convent - 2222 Broadway Street
7th Grade		
Sat Oct 10	11:15am	Game 4 v. Star of the Sea - 2001 37th Ave
Sun Oct 18	2:15pm	Game 5 v. Epiphany - 255 Jules Ave
8th Grade		
Sat Oct 10	9am	Game 3 v. St. Brendan - 2001 37th Ave
Sun Oct 11	4:15pm	Game 4 v. St. Good Shepherd, 909 Oceana Blvd
Fri Oct 16	6:30pm	Game 5 v. St. Gabriel - 41st Ave and Ulloa

Last minute updates and directions? Call the Sports Hotlines:
HS- 415-213-6197 / GS- 415-213-6196

You can also get up-to-date athletics information on our websites at www.sfwaldorfhighschool.org/newsandevents/athletics or www.sfwaldorf.org/gradeschool/athletics.