



October 21, 2009



weekly announcements

COMING UP ...

...ALL SCHOOL

- ◆ ALL-SCHOOL FACULTY IN-SERVICE DAY - NO CLASSES
Mon Nov 9

...FOR THE HIGH SCHOOL

- ◆ 11TH & 12TH GRADE PARENT EVENING
Wed Oct 21, 7 - 8:30pm
- ◆ ACT TEST DATE (OFF CAMPUS)
Sat Oct 24
- ◆ HS DANCE (SEE PAGE 2 FOR DETAILS)
Fri Oct 30, 7 - 11pm
- ◆ HS FALL SPORTS BANQUET
Thu Nov 12, 7 - 9pm

...FOR THE GRADE SCHOOL

- ◆ 5TH GRADE PARENT EVENING
Wed Oct 21, 7 - 8:30pm
- ◆ KINDERGARTEN PARENT EVENING
Wed Oct 21, 7 - 9pm
- ◆ OPEN HOUSE AT GRADE SCHOOL
Sat Oct 24, 9am - 12pm
- ◆ 8TH GRADE HALLOWEEN DANCE
Sat Oct 24, 8:00 - 10:30pm
- ◆ FAIRY WALK REHEARSAL (SEE PAGE 3)
Sun Oct 25, 2 - 5pm
- ◆ 3RD GRADE PARENT EVENING
Mon Oct 26, 7 - 9pm
- ◆ FAIRY WALK MEETING
Tue Oct 27, 8:30-9:30am
- ◆ 8TH GRADE PARENT EVENING
Tue Oct 27, 7:00pm, HS Campus
- ◆ NURSERY LANTERN-MAKING
Tue Nov 3, 7:30 - 9pm, Sacramento Street
- ◆ 3RD GRADE HARVEST DINNER
Wed Nov 4, 5:30 - 7:30pm, Main Hall
- ◆ 7TH GRADE PARENT EVENING
Tue Nov 10, 7 - 9pm

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

◆ Ostheimer Catalogs and Order Forms are Here

Catalogs and Forms are being distributed to the Parenting Program participants and Nursery through Grade 2 families. More catalogs and forms will be available for anyone else who may want one, including grandparents and friends.



TOWN HALL MEETING

HONORING OUR PAST, DEFINING OUR FUTURE

Wednesday, October 28, 7:30 - 9pm

HS campus

The agenda for the meeting will be as follows:

- 7:15-7:30 Social/refreshments
- 7:30-7:45 Introduction; Program changes and plans
- 7:45-8:00 Financial overview
- 8:00-8:20 Overview of Strategic Planning Process; General announcements (Parent Association, Parent Council, etc); Development overview
- 8:20-9:00 Questions and Answers



HALLOWEEN FAIRY WALK
Saturday, October 31

SOLD OUT - no tickets at the door!

Details regarding actors, musicians, etc, on pages 2 and 3.



BOOK FAIR

Thursday, November 5, 6 - 8pm

Books Inc, Laurel Village - 3515 California St.



Purchase books for your favorite reader or donate to the school (book lists provided). Refreshments, social time, child care and more. See page 3 for details.

Proceeds from any sales during the event or pre-ordered through the 8th grade will benefit the 8th grade class fund.



HEALING OUR CHILDREN WITH ATTENTION, LEARNING AND EMOTIONAL CHALLENGES

A TALK WITH SUSAN JOHNSON, MD

Tuesday, November 10, 7:30-9:00pm

Grade School Campus. Donations welcome

More on page 3



ALL SCHOOL NEWS

New Staff in Development Department

We are pleased to announce that Mitch Mitchell has assumed the role of Development Coordinator for San Francisco Waldorf School Association. Mitch is a parent (Grade 1) and has been a community member of the Board's Marketing committee, as well as an active volunteer on a variety of grade school and high school projects.

Mitch brings substantial experience consulting with independent school development offices as a principal of Silverpoint, Inc., a website design firm, where he assisted schools around the nation in using technology to reach prospective donors and in community outreach more generally. In addition, Mitch has led workshops for development staff on behalf of National Association of Independent Schools, as well as worked as grant writer at MIT. Mitch holds an MA in education from Boston College, and a BA from Princeton University.

Mitch will be working closely with long-time Development Associate, Charlene Davis, and Head of Administration, Dan Ingoglia. Mitch looks forward to meeting members of the community in person or via email (mmitchell@sfgwaldorf.org) or phone (415-931-2750, ext 322). Mitch's primary office is at the grade school, but he will spend time each week on both campuses.

Cory Powers, Weekly Announcements Editor

◆ Parent Professional Directory Deadline Approaching!

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

HS Dance - Friday, October 30

Sponsored by the Senior Class

Admission is \$5 with costume, \$8 with out costume. Each student is allowed to invite 2 guests. Guests' names must be submitted to the high school office in advance. SFWHS's rules for school dances are spelled out in the Student Handbook entitled "Conduct at School Dances."

◆ Celebrate Fair Trade Month and Support Our 12th Grade

Fair trade certifier TransFair USA has designated October as Fair Trade Month. Check out their website at <http://www.fairtrademonth.org/> for tips on how you can join the fair trade movement to support farmers worldwide.

One easy way to participate is to purchase fair trade coffees, teas, chocolates and other treats from our 12th grade. Our products are from Equal Exchange, a worker owned coop that is the first fair trade product provider in the US. Please use the order form, attach your check, and your order will be sent home with your student.

Questions? contact Eileen Leatherman at reileenl@gmail.com



◆ Join the Grade School Fairy Walk Team Actors, Musicians and More are Needed

The Fairy Walk is a magical event for young children (ages 3 1/2 - 8) that takes place on Halloween night, between 4:30 and 7:30. High school parents are warmly invited to escape the land of adolescence and visit the world of early childhood by joining the team of actors, "cider witches", musicians, etc that create this storytelling wonderland. Please contact parents Alison Thain (alisonthain@hotmail.com) or Cara Daniels (carabirdDaniels@gmail.com).

Alison Thain, Gr 1 & 10 parent, for the Fairy Walk

◆ Scrip Program News



Now that you are all signed up for eScrip, is your husband/wife/partner also signed up?

Did you know that you can add your partner's debit and credit cards to your own eScrip account quickly and easily? It only takes 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." Enter all new cards. Click "Update."

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

If you haven't joined eScrip and OneCause, click on the icons above 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@sfgwaldorf.org. Thank you!

Kari Marble, Scrip Team (K1 & Gr 3 Parent)

GRADE SCHOOL NEWS

◆ Photo Day at the Grade School

Wednesday, Nov. 4

Two volunteers are needed to help with photo day for the entire day, (8:30 to 3:00pm). In exchange, the volunteers will receive a free photo package for their child.

Please contact Melinda in the front office if you can help. 415-931-2750, ext 301 or mprice@sfwaldorf.org

◆ New Round of Pizza Lunches

A second round of Tuesday pizza lunches begins on Tuesday, November 10. Please register by using the url link or submitting a completed hard copy form. All pizza orders are due by Thursday November 5!! Thanks for participating in the 8th grade fundraiser.

<http://spreadsheets.google.com/viewform?formkey=dGtKdFVIREtsVEotdUJESFE2eGZFMIE6MA>

This link is also available on at <http://www.sfwaldorf.org/news/>

◆ Sibling Applications Due in November

Applications for siblings of current SFWS students who are eligible for our 2010-2011 nursery program and kindergarten are 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

◆ Grade 8 Book Sale Fundraiser at Books, Inc

Do your holiday shopping on Thursday, November 5, 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

◆ Fairy Walk Dress Rehearsal

Sunday, Oct. 25, 2-5pm, at the grade school

This is an open day for any scene leaders, fairy guides, actors who wish to check out costumes, check out the scenes or talk about the scrips for the scenes.

Additional days for costume fittings:

- Monday, October 26, 8:30-9:30am
- Wednesday, October 28, 8:30-9:30am

Any questions please contact Alison, Bryan or Cara.

◆ Grade School Sports Update

by Pablo Feldman, Grade 8

It took some convincing, but finally my mom was out of bed and behind the wheel as we sped through the empty San Francisco streets to watch the 7th grade girls play Saturday morning.

Our girls extended their winning streak to 2 by beating Star of the Sea in straight sets. They took the first set 25-17. In the 2nd game there was lots of drama as the lead bounced back and forth. Down the stretch Waldorf took control with phenomenal plays. With the game hanging in the balance, Aldyn Markle made a spectacular play with her back to the net. Sophia Fuller finished it off with 2 clutch serves. The final score was 27-25 Waldorf.

We are proud of the 6th grade girls who got in the win column with a victory over St. James. The fans went crazy as the final horn sounded according to 8th grader Jules Christeson, who was at the game. After the long weekend, this outcome was the hot topic among the upper graders.

The 8th grade team lost their first game of the season on Saturday, but bounced back confidently on Sunday with a victory over Good Sheppard. At the halfway point of the season the 8th grade feels good about their chances of making the playoffs. Maybe a little too good.

Every team has won a game. Every team can now taste victory. Come out and support the girls.

Editors Note: Pablo's older brother Daniel (SFVHS Class of '06) does live sports braodcasting for Knox College where he is currently a senior. We are delighted to see Pablo working in the same vein.

ATHLETICS

◆ HS Girls' Varsity Volleyball*

Thu Oct 22	5:30pm	Game vs. Pacific Union - HOME
Fri Oct 23	5:30pm	GAME vs. San Domenico - HOME
Tue Oct 27	5:30pm	GAME @ Bay - 1152 Gorgas Blvd
Fri Oct 30	1:30pm	GAME @ San Domenico - San Anselmo Ca
Mon Nov 2	4:30pm	GAME vs. Leadership - HOME
Wed Nov 4		BCL Central Playoffs Begin

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

◆ HS Boys' Soccer

Thu Oct 22	4pm	GAME vs. Leadership - 1401 Geneva Ave
Tue Oct 27		BCL Central Playoffs Begin

◆ GS Girls' Volleyball

6th Grade		
Sat Oct 24	3pm	Game 5 v. St Gabriel - 255 Jules Ave
Fri Oct 30	7:30pm	Game 6 v. Epiphany - 827 Vienna St.
7th Grade		
Fri Oct 23	5pm	Game 6 v. St. Brendan - 201 Ulloa St
Fri Oct 30	5pm	Game 7 v. St. Gabriel - 41st Ave & Ulloa
8th Grade		
Sat Oct 31	10:30am	Game 7 v. Epiphany - 2001 37th Ave

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.

◆ **All Souls Day Gathering**
Sunday, November 1, 4:00-5:00pm

"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.



OF INTEREST

◆ **Community Enrichment Courses**
at the Bay Area Center for Waldorf Teacher Training.

Workshop with Oliver Steinrueck: "Reverence for the Young Child at Home"

2 sessions - 8:45 to 10:00am, Thursday November 5th and Thursday November 19th. Cost: No fee. Donations accepted. Enrollment: Minimum of 8; open to parents of children enrolled in a Waldorf, or Waldorf-inspired school. At Marin Waldorf School, 755 Idylberry Road, San Rafael, CA 94903

Talk by Kate Kristensen: "How Being a Waldorf Parent Helped Me Succeed in Corporate America: Keeping a Waldorf lifestyle in balance with professional demands."

7:30 pm on Tuesday, November 10th. Cost: No fee. Donations accepted. At Summerfield Waldorf School, 655 Willowside Ave, Santa Rosa, CA 95401

Talk by Dr. Philip Incao: "Should We Be Afraid of Illness?"

7:00 pm Thursday, November 12th. Cost: No fee. Donations accepted. At Marin Waldorf School, 755 Idylberry Road, San Rafael, Ca 94903

To register, please call the office at (415) 332-2133. Early registration is much appreciated, and will help to ensure that the minimum numbers are reached in advance.



Humanities lesson book illustration by 11th grade student

◆ **SFWS 4th Grader in ACT's A Christmas Carol**

4th grader Emma Draisin will appear in scenes of "Christmas past" and "Christmas present" in ACT's annual production of *A Christmas Carol*. Family Four Pack tickets are available now use promo code SCROOGE online or call 415-749-2228. www.act-sf.org

◆ **Student Teacher Seeking**
Short-Term Mid-Week Housing

Jessica Rimmer, a 3rd year student with BACWTT, will be doing a practicum with Diane David and is looking for housing for the 3 weeks, October 26 - November 13. She will be returning to Santa Cruz on the weekends so this would be Monday-Thursday only.

Please contact Jessica directly at urnotjess@hotmail.com

◆ **Rudolf Steiner and Sri Aurobindo**
The Adventure Within

with Robert McDermott and Irène François

Friday, Nov. 13 7:30-9:30pm

Saturday, Nov. 14 9am-1pm

Tickets at the door: \$65. Students/Seniors: \$45. For more information call Jessica at 415-359-5189 or e-mail sfprogram@steinercollege.edu

◆ **Winter Movement Camp**
for Young Children ages 3 - 5

Join us as we dance, tumble, sing, eat (of course!) and play through the morning in our fifth Winter Camp! We will feature the lovely movement and tumbling story of Uffe The Gnome's winter adventure, The Tree of Light.

Winter Camp takes place at Neighborhood PlayGarden in the Glen Park neighborhood of San Francisco.

December 21-23 and 28-30, 9:00 - 1:00, include nourishing snack and hot lunch. \$200 / week. \$175 / week for returning campers and siblings

Read more and register at www.sfmovement.com

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