



November 12, 2009

weekly announcements

COMING UP ...

...FOR THE HIGH SCHOOL

- ◆ HS FALL SPORTS BANQUET
Thu Nov 12, 7 - 9pm
- ◆ OPEN HOUSE FOR PROSPECTIVE HS FAMILIES
Sun Nov 15, 1 - 4pm
- ◆ HS WINTER SPORTS PARENT MTG
Tue Nov 17, 7 - 9pm

- ◆ 9-11TH STUDENT SERVICE DAY
SENIOR SEMINAR
9TH PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES
Mon Nov 23, 2009

- ◆ HS STUDENT SERVICE DAY/NO CLASSES
10TH/11TH/12TH PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES
Tue Nov 24, 2009

- ◆ HS THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY BEGINS
Wed Nov 25
- ◆ THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY - SCHOOL CLOSED
Thu- Fri Nov 26 - 27

...FOR THE GRADE SCHOOL

- ◆ 1ST GRADE CLASS MEETING
Mon Nov 16, 7:15 - 8:45pm
- ◆ KINDERGARTEN PARENT EVENING - GS EURYTHMY RM
Tue Nov 17, 7 - 9pm
- ◆ MIDDLE SCHOOL ENROLLMENT EVENT
Wed Nov 18, 7 - 9pm
- ◆ 2ND GRADE PARENT EVENING
Wed Nov 18, 7 - 9pm
- ◆ GS THANKSGIVING ASSEMBLY
Fri Nov 20, 1:25pm
PARENTS ARE WELCOME see page 3
- ◆ OPEN HOUSE AT GRADE SCHOOL
Sat Nov 21, 9am-12noon

- ◆ GRADE SCHOOL PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES
NO GS CLASSES
Mon - Wed Nov 23-25

- ◆ THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY - SCHOOL CLOSED
Thu- Fri Nov 26 - 27
- Visit the calendar pages at www.sfwaldorf.org and www.sfwaldorfhighschool.org for more.

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 e-mail pdf copies can be sent to cpowers@sfwaldorf.org

The Magic Lantern Traveling Marionette Theatre presents

THE FROG PRINCE

This weekend!

Sun Nov 15, 10:00am & 11:00am

For children 4 and older.
 \$5 donation at the door.
 Main Hall, grade school campus



High School Winter Concert

Friday, December 4, 6 - 7:30pm

This year's High School Winter Concert takes place in a new venue, Lakeside Presbyterian.

Lakeside is located on the corner of 19th Avenue and Eucalyptus, just one block from Stonestown, and about 3 blocks from the high school. Parking is plentiful both on the street and in the Stonestown lot near Macy's. We are very excited about the ample seating and beautiful acoustical quality that this venue offers. We would like to note that this venue does not allow us to offer refreshments. Everyone is welcome!



WINTER FAIR

is in the Air!!
Sunday, December 6
10 - 3pm

See special insert for details.

ALL SCHOOL NEWS

◆ Affordable Tuition Program Reminder

Please remember that our Affordable Tuition Program requires an application every year. Both new and continuing applicants need to submit the school's form and the PFS (Parent Financial Statement) by January 14, 2010*.

NEW THIS YEAR:

1. The supplemental form for our school has been greatly simplified.
2. In addition to the online PFS form that SSS (School and Student Service by NAIS) processes, all other forms, including the school's supplemental form and subsequent copies of tax forms, must be sent directly to SSS.

Details about how to proceed and subsequent deadlines for tax forms are available now on the **admissions pages of our school websites**. All forms and links for applications are also available through the websites.

*Early Admission applicants to our high school have received notice via mail regarding a unique earlier timeline for their ATP applications.

Mona Nemetz, for the Affordable Tuition Program

◆ Susan Cook and Ilana Stein Book

We are delighted to announce the publication of *Rukia Goes to School* a children's tale about a girl attending a Steiner school in the outskirts of Nairobi, Kenya. This book, written by our middle school math teacher Susan Cook and illustrated by SFWS "lifer" Ilana Stein, is inspired by Mrs. Cook's ongoing connection to the Rudolf Steiner School Mbagathi outside Nairobi. Ilana is currently finishing up her environmental studies degree at Mills College. She is delighted to continue her artistic pursuits on the side and has travelled with Mrs. Cook to the Mbagathi school to get inspiration for the illustrations. Look for the book on sale at Winter Fair!



Mrs. Lenana shaking Rukia's hand at the door

Illustration by Ilana Stein ('05) from "Rukia Goes to School"

HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

◆ Watch out! Honey is coming back.

The seniors class is offering organic honey at an exceptional price. All proceeds benefit the senior class trip. Please support our students by purchasing a pint at \$9 or quart jar at \$18. Want to get a sweet deal? To order a case (12 jars) and get a 10% discount contact aleitzlesch@sfgwaldorfhighschool.org.

Thank you, the Senior class of 2010.

◆ Spirit Week Photos



Above: Members of the junior class on "class colors day."

At Right: Orchestra class on "pajama day."



Below: Pie eating contest.



ATHLETICS

◆ HS Girls' Varsity Volleyball*

After a thrilling game in the BCL semi-final, girls varsity volleyball suffered a disappointing loss to Bay School in the championships. Nonetheless the team was seeded for the NCS state tournament beginning this week.

Waldorf vs. Contra Costa Christian @ Tice Valley Gym (2055 Tice Valley Blvd.) in Walnut Creek on Saturday, Nov. 14th at 7pm.

Admission: \$9 for Adults, \$6 for Seniors/Students
**Home games are at the Annunciation Cathedral Gym, 245 Valencia St)*

◆ GS Girls' Volleyball Playoffs

See article in Grade School News for playoff information!

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.

GRADE SCHOOL NEWS

◆ Thanksgiving Assembly and Food Donations for Raphael House

Friday, November 20, 1:25 PM

Our annual Thanksgiving Assembly (Grades 1-8) takes place in the grade school Main Hall.

**PARENTS ARE WARMLY INVITED TO
JOIN US FOR THIS ASSEMBLY AT 1:25 PM ON
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20**

Once again Elaine Lowell and Father David Lowell (Gregory, '06; Victoria, '09) of Raphael House will accept our gift of food at the Thanksgiving Assembly. Raphael House is a homeless shelter for families in the city and for many years now we have made it a tradition to present a gift of non perishable food items to them at our Thanksgiving Assembly. With the food donated by our school community, Raphael House can provide many families with a Thanksgiving turkey dinner, and also make gifts of food boxes to families who have stayed with them.

Please remember to send in your dry and canned food donations to your child's classroom beginning on Wednesday, November 18 for the assembly on Friday, November 20.

Note: Students should be in FESTIVAL DRESS for the Thanksgiving Assembly; No t-shirts or ragged pants!

◆ Open House Volunteers

Our second and final Open House for prospective parents is on Saturday, November 21st. Volunteers are needed for a range of things from baking to set-up to day-of-event help. Volunteer forms are available in the grade school office for kindergarten and grade school parents who wish to help. Please return the completed forms to Lori Grey in the Admissions office.
-Lori Grey, Enrollment Director

◆ Grade School Girls Volleyball Playoffs and More.

By Pablo Feldman, Grade 8

As the game was about to get underway, parent and acting line judge Laurence Ames whispered, "at this level the game is all about the serving." This proved to be true as the 6th grade continued their winning streak with a 2-set sweep over Epiphany. Talia Molesworth led Waldorf with 10 straight service winners in the 2nd set, but this game was more about teamwork than just one person. Players high-fived fans, then talked about how hard they worked as a team to improve to 3 and 4 on the season.

The 7th grade has had a frustrating season, but they have kept a positive spirit through it all.

The 8th grade continued to blow past their opponents with another win over Epiphany. Even though they've already clinched a playoff spot they still have something to play for as the season winds down. If the girls can keep their first place position they will get a bye in the 1st round, and an automatic trip to the championship game.

The 6th grade girls are making an incredible drive towards the playoffs. The 7th grade girls are showing great resolve through the ups and downs of the season. The 8th grade girls are finishing up their volleyball career at the lower school and looking for nothing less than the heaviest hardware. There are so many reasons to come out and support them. Show your DEDICATION. GO WILDCATS!!!

Editors Note: 6th Grade won their first playoff game and continue in the playoffs this Friday night, November 13, 7pm at St. Brendans. 8th grade won their playoff and heads now for the championships game next Thursday, November 19 at St. Emydius. Check the website for times and updates.

◆ Circus Club is Back!

Tess McGinley and Marek Kaszuba are back with their popular afterschool Circus Club. A short series is being offered on Mondays and Wednesdays from November 16 through December 9. Forms are available in the school office for this program for SFWS students in Grades 3-8. Partial enrollment in some classes is also offered. Please contact Tess (MsMacG@copmcast.net) or Marek (Info@MarekKaszuba.com) directly for more information.

◆ Childcare During Parent/Teacher Conferences

This year, during Thanksgiving week (November 23-25, there are no classes, only Parent/Teacher Conferences. If parents have a need for childcare for their student(s)* during their Parent/Teacher conference(s), they may request it in advance through the office. Students may not be on campus unsupervised during this period. There is no charge for this childcare service.

Let the office know by Friday, November 20 if you need to bring your student with you by submitting a form. No drop-ins, please!

Look for the Parent/Teacher Conference Childcare Request form in the mail, at <http://www.sfwaldorf.org/news/> or pick up a copy in the office.

*We can only provide childcare for children currently enrolled in Grades K-8.

REGISTER NOW!
FAMILY LIFE SERIES 2009-2010

Mondays, 9:00 - 11:00am
 Grade School Campus Library

An opportunity for parents to explore topics in parenting, Waldorf education and the arts, and to build the foundation for a healthy family journey. Limited childcare available for children ages 2 to 4 1/2.

SPACE STILL AVAILABLE

LISTEN TO ME! with Lynda Smith
 (Non-Violent Communication)

Four weeks: Nov. 16 and 30, Dec. 7 and 14.
 Class fee: \$160

Details, registration link and more classes available online at www.sfwaldorf.org/news/

For more information contact Lalla Carini at 415-931-2750, ext 212. For registration assistance, contact Cory Powers @ 415-931-2750, ext 309

In 2010....

WORKING WITH ANGELS with Lee Sturgeon-Day

ART WITH CHILDREN with Elena Forrer

FEEDING OUR CHILDREN with Nicole LoBue

RHYTHMS OF LIFE with Marianne Alsop, Patricia Ardziejewsky, and guests

PARENTING BY TEMPERAMENT with Lalla Carini & Astrid Thiersch

Register online! Link at <http://www.sfwaldorf.org/news/>

OF INTEREST

♦ **Free Tickets for Green Festival This Weekend**

Mention Holy Lamb Organics at the gate and get a free pass in to the Green Festival this weekend (20 tickets are available each day on a first come, first serve basis). Holy Lamb Organics is located in the Pacific Northwest and makes organic wool bedding. Stop by Holy Lamb's table and tell them you are from San Francisco Waldorf School!

Dates: Nov 13-15. <http://www.greenfestivals.org/san-francisco/>



♦ **Hummingbird Preschool Open Houses**

Saturday, November 14 & Sunday, November 15, 10-11am & Thursday, January 7, 4-5pm

749 39th Ave. (near Balboa). RSVP Marlis Harris 751-7977 (after 1pm on weekdays) or Maureen Perry 752-7621

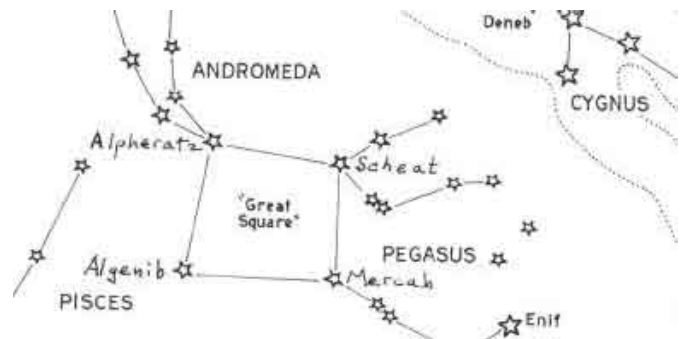
Please join us for approximately one hour to visit the school to meet our Waldorf-trained teachers, Marlis Harris and Barby Lobb.

It is recommended that children stay at home so that parents may be free to ask questions. However, we will have care available for families who request it.

Please RSVP for childcare. www.hummingbirdsf.com



In November, the nights grow longer and the sky changes rapidly. The Summer Triangle gradually fades into the west, and Orion and the winter constellations have not risen in the east to dominate the night sky. Instead, we see the less prominent (but no less beautiful) zodiac constellations of Capricornus, Aquarius and Pisces in the south, and directly overhead the large constellation Pegasus with the very distinctive asterism "The Great Square" in clear view. The sketch of the constellation Pegasus shown here is courtesy of the Battle Point Astronomical Association.



Pegasus is named after the Greek mythological character of the winged horse. Some constellations look a lot like their mythological namesake, but in this case I am always challenged to see the winged horse in the sky. But no matter, the shape of Pegasus is distinctive, and the Great Square makes it easy to find. This time of year Pegasus is high in the eastern sky after sunset and it moves almost directly overhead by 10 pm. The Great Square is so striking because, yes, it is indeed nearly a perfect square, but more interesting is that there are virtually no other bright stars inside the square to disturb the shape. All around Pegasus, however, are a good number of bright stars, some of which form the head and feet of the winged horse, while the stars on the north side of the Great Square are actually part of Andromeda. In fact, I use Pegasus to help me find the constellation Andromeda and that points us to the Andromeda Galaxy (but that is a topic for another post)!

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