



December 10, 2009

weekly announcements

COMING UP ...

...ALL SCHOOL

- ◆ WINTER BREAK
Dec 21 - Jan 1
- ◆ BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
Tue Jan 12, 5:30 - 8:30pm, GS campus
- ◆ AFFORDABLE TUITION APPLICATIONS DUE FOR 2010-2011
Thu Jan 14, 2010
- ◆ APPLICATIONS DUE FOR NEW STUDENTS FOR NURSERY, GRADE SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL
Thu Jan 14, 2010

...FOR THE HIGH SCHOOL

- ◆ ACT TEST DATE - OFF CAMPUS
Sat Dec 12
- ◆ HS OPEN HOUSE
Sat Dec 12, 9am - 12pm
- ◆ CHRISTMAS TREE SALE - HS PARKING LOT
Sun Dec 13, 10am - 4pm
- ◆ FINAL REVIEWS
Mon/Tue Dec 14/15
- ◆ FINAL EXAMS (MORE DETAILS PAGE 2)
Wed Dec 16, Thu Dec 17, 2009
- ◆ HS STUDENTS VISIT GS FOR SHEPHERDS' PLAY
Fri Dec 18, 2009
- ◆ HS HOLIDAY LUNCH
1 - 3pm, followed by dismissal for Winter Break
- ◆ HS STUDENT SERVICE DAY/
HS FACULTY-STAFF IN-SERVICE DAY
Mon Jan 4, 2010
- ◆ REGULAR HS CLASSES RESUME
Tue Jan 5, 2010

...FOR THE GRADE SCHOOL

- ◆ GS FALL SPORTS BANQUET (GIRLS' VOLLEYBALL)
Thu Dec 10, 5:30 - 7pm, Main Hall
- ◆ GS PARENT THANK YOU SOCIAL
Fri Dec 11, 8:30am - 10am
- ◆ 7TH/8TH GERMAN DINNER
Tue Dec 15, 6 - 7:30pm, off campus
- ◆ GS EARLY DISMISSAL FOR WINTER BREAK
Fri Dec 18
- ◆ GS CLASSES RESUME
Mon Jan 4, 2010
- ◆ 7TH GRADE PARENT EVENING
Mon Jan 11, 7 - 9pm
- ◆ FUTURE FIRST GRADE (ORIENTATION MEETINGS PART 2)
Wed Jan 13, 7:30 - 9pm

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



**GRADE SCHOOL PARENT
THANK YOU SOCIAL**

**Friday, December 11, 8:30-10:00am
Main Hall foyer**

*A social gathering for parents after drop off
in appreciation of all you do.*

All parents (and toddlers) are invited.



Friday, December 19, 5:00pm

Shepherds' Play

A gift to
the community
from the faculty.

Grade School Main Hall
Followed by a reception with the faculty



DOUGLAS GERWIN
(more details coming next week)
Wednesday, January 6, 7-9pm
at the high school campus

*Don't miss this dynamic and insightful speaker on the
subjects of Waldorf high schools and adolescence!*

In addition to this public talk, which is open to everyone, Dr. Gerwin will spend three days working with the high school faculty and students.

Douglas Gerwin, Ph.D., is Co-Director of the Research Institute for Waldorf Education. Himself a Waldorf graduate, Dr. Gerwin has taught for over 25 years at university and high school levels in subjects ranging from biology and history to German and music.

ALL SCHOOL NEWS



Daniel Pink
photo: Jerry Bauer

The San Francisco Waldorf High School Lecture Series Presents

Daniel Pink in Conversation with Michael Krasny

21st Century Education: Motivation, Creativity and Achievement

Save the Date:

Saturday, January 16, 2010, 2pm
Kanbar Hall,
Jewish Community Center

Join us for this afternoon event with Daniel Pink in conversation with Michael Krasny, host of KQED's award-winning *Forum*. This past summer we invited community members to join us in exploring the ideas presented in Daniel Pink's previous book, *A Whole New Mind: Why Right-Brainers Will Rule the Future*. Mr. Pink's new book *Drive* explores what truly motivates us. Join us for this event, co-sponsored by Books Inc.



Michael Krasny
photo: Greg Habiby (c) KQED

Suggested donation of \$5 at the door.

Reservations are strongly recommended. For registration and information: please e-mail hslectures@sfwaldorf.org or phone (415) 213-6194.

HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

◆ Semester Finals Schedule

Monday - Thursday, December 14-17

High school parents, please refer to the email you received or call the high school office at 415-431-2736 for the review and exam schedule details, as well as arrival and dismissal times for the week.

Reviews and finals begin each day at 9am, so students should plan to arrive by 8:45am. Reviews end at various times on Monday and Tuesday (see the schedule). For most students, finals end on Wednesday and Thursday at 12:30pm, except for Algebra II students whose final is from 1:30-3:15 on Wednesday.

◆ High School Holiday Lunch

Friday, December 18, 1-3pm

The High School Holiday Lunch is a beloved school tradition, one of the oldest at our high school. It is a luncheon prepared by the parents for students, faculty, and staff, and is perhaps the favorite event of the year for students. By now, you should have received information about your class's responsibilities, and your class parent(s) will be helping to coordinate the efforts of your class. High school students will be dismissed after the lunch at around 3pm.
Barbara Allen, HS Administrator

ABEAUTIFULWINTERCONCERT



A **big thank you** to the music faculty and high school students for this year's gorgeous Winter Concert last Friday at Lakeside Presbyterian Church.



◆ Clothing Drive for Raphael House

Our students are coordinating a Clothing Drive for Raphael House, and they are requesting your participation. The drive will end on Friday, December 18, and we are currently looking for a volunteer to deliver the items to Raphael House, located at 1065 Sutter (between Larkin and Hyde).

Donations should be gently used clothing (no socks or underwear) that is clean and in good condition. They are especially in need of WARM COATS.

We have setup boxes in Herbst Hall, and it would be helpful if you could send your donations in either paper or plastic bags (paper preferred for sustainability).

Many, many thanks, Ella Sevareid (Class of 2011)

THANK YOU, DEAR PARENTS,
(AND FACULTY AND STUDENTS)
FOR A WONDERFUL

WINTER FAIR

Join us for a wrap-up meeting
Wednesday, December 16, 12noon
in the Development Office.

If you can't make the meeting, feel free to email your comments anytime to Mitch at mmitchell@sfwaldorf.org.

Anyone missing dishes, bean bag chairs or other miscellanea should plan to pick them up before the break. Receipts for reimbursements should also be turned in before the break to the front office.



High school student helps the Green Gnomes at Winter Fair.

♦ Winter Fair Trash - 90% Diverted!

With the help of some student "gnomes" and cooperative Fair guests, the trash at Winter Fair was very well sorted. The Green Gnomes are delighted to report that over 90% of the trash went to recycle or compost and we reduced our landfill contribution to 2 small bags of garbage. This includes what was left after clean-up. A special thanks goes to Suzanne Bryan (parent, grade 1) for spearheading this effort (and working throughout the Fair and clean-up!) and to our wonderful janitorial staff.

GRADE SCHOOL NEWS

Ostheimer is Here!

Check in with the office to pickup your order!



♦ Late Fall in the Gardens

As we creep closer to winter and what we hope will be the rainy season, the children, garden volunteers, and I are hard at work wrapping up seasonal jobs. The second and third graders planted the grain crops. This year we planted barley, wheat and rye. Each of these will over-winter and be ready for harvest in summer of 2010. The kindergarteners are making their winter offerings to our bird friends.



The pine cone feeders gently hung just last week by K3 are nearly all empty of their seed, suet and peanut butter already!

The third grade also planted a stand of white garlic. We put in extra cloves so that come early spring we can harvest spring garlic, also called green garlic, and leave the rest in for full heads

ATHLETICS

♦ HS Boys' Basketball

Thu-Sat Dec 10-12		Cloverdale Tournament
Wed Dec 16	4pm	JV HOME vs. University
Thu Dec 17	5:30pm	V HOME vs. LPS (Hayward)

♦ HS Girls' Basketball

Fri Dec 11	6pm	@ Sacramento Waldorf
Thu Dec 17	4pm	HOME vs. Athenian

*HS home basketball games are at the Annunciation Cathedral Gym, 245 Valencia St)

♦ GS Boys Basketball

6th Grade		
Sat Dec 12	2pm	vs. St. James - 255 Jules Ave
8th Grade		
Fri Dec 11	8pm	WHITE vs. OLM - 255 Jules Ave
Sun Dec 13	2pm	RED vs. St. Philip - 2001 37th Ave
Sat Dec 19	3pm	WHITE vs. St. Monica - 24th & Geary

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

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to develop by summer.

Two of the largest jobs since we founded our garden at St. Anne's have recently been completed. At the request of the Sisters of St. Anne's, we planted a pollinator flower garden on the western edge of our original space. This garden contains largely native plant species, shrubs, perennial and annual flowers. We received generous donations from Annie's Annuals in Richmond to help round out our plant selection. I selected each plant to maximize its attractiveness to bees, butterflies, and hummingbirds. Our honeybees across the street at the Kinney's house will be the primary lucky foragers.

Just before Thanksgiving several helpful families gathered to build a beautiful raised redwood bed for our new Tower Garden area. Chris Larrance (2nd) designed the box and supervised the building. I also want to acknowledge the hard work of Peter and Chloe Carlstrom (1st), Bill Brockenborough (2nd), Tony and Dahlia Martorana (1st). I could not have completed this project without them! In addition, we received a generous lumber and delivery donation from Beronio Lumber here in San Francisco. Several children have worked to fill the boxes with soil and we are now ready to plant. In addition to the wooden raised bed we are experimenting with straw bale beds and planting directly into compost-amended straw bales.



The First Grade Gnomes made their inaugural visit to Rose Hive last week. Rinat Abastado, our beekeeper, came to show the children bright white new comb, old comb with bee bread and a small amount of brood within it, and offered a taste of delicious honey. When we got to the hive, Rinat took the children near the hive in small groups to listen to and watch the bees' comings and goings. As the year unfolds, each garden group K through 3rd grades will have a chance to learn about and visit the bees.

During these cold days the second grade makes hot tea for snack. We use a collection of fresh herbs: lemon verbena, yerba buena (a low lying, native mint-family herb that means "good herb" in Spanish and was the original name of the city of San Francisco because of its prevalence), lavender, thyme, and sage. To sweeten the tea, the children mash fresh stevia and place it in each cup. Then they pour the steeped herbal tea in and after it's all drunk up, chew the stevia for a final delight.

Happy holidays! Amy Belkora

OF INTEREST

◆ Visiting Day

Bay Area Center for Waldorf Teacher Training welcomes you to see teacher training classes in session on Saturday, December 12, 9-11:30am.

RSVP Ingrid Orlow, Enrollment Coordinator iorlow@mac.com or 415-332-2133.

◆ Sing-it Yourself Messiah - SF Food Bank Benefit

Sunday, December 20, 4pm

At Calvary Presbyterian at Jackson and Fillmore.

Everyone is invited to sing the Christmas portion, plus Hallelujah chorus (approx. 1 hour total) 415-346-3832 --SF Academy Orchestra, Alden Gilchrist, Guest Conductor

Soloists: Heather Klein, Janet Campbell, Brian Thorset

Suggested donations \$20 Adults; \$15 Seniors & Students

Bring your own score or purchase one for \$5. Reception follows.

◆ Extra Lessons with Ingun Schneider

Does your child (ages 8 to 18) have difficulties:

- with writing, reading and/or math
- writing with a relaxed grasp on the pencil
- copying from the board
- sitting still during lessons
- remembering a sequence of instructions
- managing movement activities with ease, and/or organizing school equipment/assignments?

Ingun Schneider, Director of the Remedial Education Program at Rudolf Steiner College, is back in town and has space for individual sessions on Thursday and Friday afternoons in her Extra Lesson educational support practice in Glen Park. The initial assessment determines the focus of future sessions' movement-based tutorial activities. The goal of this work is to further neuro-pedagogical development thus leading to improved efficiency in the processing and execution of school tasks.

Contact Ingun Schneider, P.T., M.Ed: 415-401-7671.

◆ Waldorf Parent from Ireland Seeks SF Tips

Hello, My son attends a Waldorf Steiner school in Northern Ireland. He is in second year kindergarten (age 6). We will be in San Francisco for New Year until January 6 visiting my father who rides a wheelchair scooter. The focus of the visit is my father; however it would be wonderful to get some direction from other parents or yourselves as appropriate places to go (especially on chilly days as my father has a difficult time in the cold) and perhaps meeting up for a play date. My son is creative and easy to get along with and particularly enjoys knights, pirates, sword play and hide-outs. We have no TV at home and his exposure to media is quite limited. I am attempting to avoid processed foods/sugars. If you have suggestions for us or tips on places to go for indoor play, I would be most grateful. Julia aquajewel33@hotmail.com.

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