

SHCPS Weekly Newsletter

October 8, 2009

Responsibility is our Core Value for October.

Save the Date:	
Oct. 9, 12: NO SCHOOL Oct. 13: Parent Guild Meeting 6:00 Oct. 15: Family Conference & High School Gear Up Night Oct. 18: Show Choir and Stomp Performance at the Boys and Girls Club 2:30; Show Choir Performance with Young at Heart at Mechanics Hall at 8:00 PM	Oct. 20: SAC 6:00; MJ Tribute 6:00 Oct. 23: JA Dance 6:30 - 8:30 Oct. 26: Picture Retake Day

Tue.= Day 3 Wed. = Day 4 Thurs. = Day 5 Fri.= Day 6

Be kind. Be safe. Be responsible.

Dear Families,

Thursday's Family Conference Night is a great opportunity for parents and teachers to exchange information and ideas about how best we can work together to help children get the most out of their school experiences. Classroom teachers will use the new standards based student learning contracts to help you understand your child's strengths, weaknesses and grade level goals. Spring 2009 MCAS scores for students in grades four through eight will also be available for review at this time. We look forward to seeing you!

Sincerely,

Krista Piazza, Superintendent

Star Student Congratulations to Kassandra Robles, Kelly Akuffo, Mavis Osei, Ashley Davila, Ricardo Rodriguez and Roshanna Perez.

Rainbow House News The winner of last week's "la frase secreta" was Ufonabasi Brown. This week's star students are Naaoyoe Odjidja, Patricia Moraes and Sha-Asia Taylor

Thank you to the Seven Hills Show Choir for spreading your World Smile Day cheer! Photos are posted at:

http://www.worldsmileday.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=50:7hills&catid=11:wsd2009&Itemid=18

The SHCPS Show Choir and Stomp Team will perform at the Boys and Girls Club on Oct. 18th at 2:30pm for their "Arts in the Afternoon" event. Later that evening, the Show Choir will open for "Young at Heart" at Mechanics Hall. Break a leg!

"A Salute to Michael Jackson" Mark your calendars now! On November 20, please plan to attend a Seven Hills dedication performance to the "King of Pop", Michael Jackson. The Lifestyles of the Rich and Talented Class will be presenting a wide array of Power Points that they have designed, the JA Show Choir will be singing a variety of his songs, the Stomp team will perform to one of his biggest hits, the percussion group will be performing, some of our talented dancers have choreographed some amazing dances and there are a couple of surprise performances too. Come and enjoy a desert and be entertained as we remember one of the most talented people in history at 6:00 p.m. in the Seven Hills Gym.

A message from Mr. McGann - As many of you are aware of, over the last few years we have been increasing the inventory of school owned musical instruments that students may borrow to play at Seven Hills. In order for many more students to enjoy playing an instrument, I will be hosting a snack table during Family Conference Night on Thursday, October 15th. The money taken in from this fundraiser will go towards purchasing/repairing musical instruments for our students. In order for the fundraiser to succeed, I am looking for any donations of food and/or drink items:

- 100 calorie snack packs, such as Cheezits, Wheat Thins and Goldfish (Please do not bring in any snacks that contain peanuts. Some of our families may be allergic.)
- 100% Juice boxes, such as Juicy Juice, Apple and Eve and Motts

Please bring any donated items to Mr. McGann in room 101 by October 14th. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me. Thank you for your support of the arts.



Parent Partnerships October 15th is Family Conference and High School Gear Up Night! Family Conferences will be held from 4:30 PM to 7:30 PM, Kindergarten - 5 grade teachers will be stationed in their homerooms, Grade 6 to 8 teachers will be in the gymnasium and Rainbow House teachers for Music, World Language, Art, ELL and Physical Education will be available in room 319. Come to Seven Hills to meet your child's teacher and see our school! We are expecting a great turnout so JA teachers will have only brief meeting times available. JA teachers will be contacting parents directly who may need to schedule longer or private appointments.

Junior Academy Parents can also meet representatives from local High Schools from 5-6:30. Representatives will be at Seven Hills from area high schools to answer your questions and speak with you about their school. Families with 8th grade students are strongly urged to attend as this will be your only opportunity to meet with them face to face to get information about tuition, scholarships, academics, extracurricular activities, admission procedures, and other general information about their school. It is also a chance to make a good first impression on the people that will be reviewing your applications!! Come down and meet with them before or after you meet with your teachers!

There will be a Parent Guild meeting on Tuesday, October 13th at 6:00 PM to discuss the Holiday Bazaar, Dress Down Days, and how to distribute the money from the successful fall fundraiser! Child care will be provided. Please contact Sarah Okerlund (sdokerlund@msn.com) with questions. Hope to see you there!

Community Connections St. John's Entrance Exam is on October 31. They are hosting open houses on Oct. 18 and 25.

Big Brothers and Big Sisters are back. The Holy Cross players have returned to campus and will begin providing mentoring to our students. The "Bigs" visit weekly with their "Littles" to talk, have lunch, play games and enjoy each others' company. Please contact Mr. Andrew Farquharson at x1061, if you are interested in signing your child up for the program.

A message from Ken, Kathy and the rest of the staff at Commonwealth National Bank: Just a quick reminder we will be back to visit your school on October 27, from 9:30 to 10:30 to pick up passbooks and deposits. We also have a coin machine so there is no need to roll your coins, just send it in loose in a bag or envelope. This is a great time of the year to start saving for upcoming field trips. If you know of anyone who is interested in opening up a Kids Club Account you can see Mrs. Thyden in the library to pick up the paperwork to bring home and we will pick it up the next time we come to school. If you have any questions please feel free to contact us at 508-793-8333.

Did you notice a mistake in this newsletter? Circle the mistake. Have your parents read and sign the newsletter and turn it in to Ms. Piazza on Monday morning to be entered into a raffle for a free dress down day.

SHCPS Weekly Challenge

Completed challenges are due to Ms. Piazza on Tuesday morning.

This week's challenge:

Please complete the letter below (or write your own) in preparation for next week's family conference.

Dear _____,
(your teacher's name)

When you meet with my parents this week, I hope you will tell them

that _____
_____.

The thing I am most proud of this year is _____
_____.

I could really use some help with _____
_____.

My goal for this trimester is to _____.

I know I can do it! Thank you for believing in me and helping me every day.

Sincerely,

(your name)