



Archbishop Howard School

Monday Message

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THIS WEEK

MONDAY, 9/29

8:00 a.m.
Monday Morning Assembly

TUESDAY, 9/30

8:45 a.m.
Grade 2 Class Mas

MUSE Band

3:00

Spanish, Pk-3rd grades

WEDNESDAY, 10/1

1:30 p.m.

Grade 3 Urban Tour

3:00

Grades 4-6 Spanish

FRIDAY, 10/3

NO SCHOOL

Accreditation Work Day

SATURDAY, 10/4

CYO Hawks Volleyball

CYO Bishops Football

MONDAY, 10/6-10/8

Accreditation Team Visit

8:00 a.m.

Monday Morning Assembly

NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Holding a Haunted House each October has been a long standing tradition at Archbishop Howard School for over thirty years. Last year the Haunted House was cancelled due to remodeling and painting in the Conference Room under the parish office. Since then, the stage in the gym has been completely re-built and the floor refinished.

current needs of the community and begin new traditions. While one tradition ends another begins. After much discussion, careful consideration, and prayer, the School Advisory Council and I have decided not to resume the Haunted House but to support Parents Club efforts to begin a tradition of new community events.



After a year to reflect on the operation of the Haunted House it has become evident how much manpower went into staging the Haunted House, the wear and tear on the facility during the set up and running of the event, and the displacement of school classes and parish meetings and events.

The School Advisory Council and I

would like to acknowledge the many parents and

volunteers who worked hard for so many years to make this event a successful community "fun raiser." We appreciate all your creativity, commitment, effort, and time.

If there is anything in storage at the school that past volunteers want, please contact the school office at 503-281-1912.

As time passes it becomes necessary to build on the past and embrace activities and events that fit the

Label your child's clothing

Parents: new sweatshirts and hoodies are already in the lost and found bin with no names on them! Please help us get items to their rightful owners by labeling your student's clothing. Thank you!

Please remember that children are NOT to be on the playground before 7:40 a.m. as there is no staff member to supervise until then.

If you arrive a couple of minutes early, parents are welcome to stay with their child until staff arrives or you can sign them in to Extended Care.

Come Join the Band – It's Not Too Late!!!!

We are currently registering students for the band program through September. This is a wonderful opportunity for your child to learn an instrument. We have been through the classrooms and shown the students the instruments available to them. Your son or daughter may not have said anything about our visit so we are hoping you could take a minute and ask them if they might be interested in taking an instrument. M.U.S.E. offers instrumental group instruction in the following instruments: Clarinet, Saxophone, Flute, Trumpet, Trombone, and Percussion. You do not need to have any previous experience on an instrument to join. Registration forms are in the school office or you can go to our website at www.museband.com - you can register online and get more information about our program.

We have many exciting performance opportunities for the students this year including our participation in the Junior Rose Parade. We will be marching with all of the M.U.S.E. schools in one large ensemble, over 250 students! M.U.S.E. has instruments available for rent if you need one. You would just need to call our office at 503-296-7713.



We hope you will consider our program. Registration is open until October 3rd. If you have any questions, give us a call.



Parents Club News

A big thank you to all who attended last Tuesday's Parents Club meeting with Dr. Sosne and to the Pre-K and eighth grade families who brought the delicious treats. Our first official meeting was a huge success thanks to you!

Our next meeting will be **Wednesday, October 29**, at 6:30 p.m. It is our **Called to Protect** training with counselor Alicia Richards. More details will follow.

NOVEMBERFEST is November 7th! Come and support your school in a more social setting and have fun doing it! This will be a great way to meet new families and get reacquainted with old ones.

We need volunteers for the NovemberFest!

Share Hours apply! Call Laura Altenhofen (503-780-3537) or Heather Mott (503-281-1912) for more information.

PARENT POWER TIPS

Here are some ways to help your child read fluently.

- **Be a role model.** When you read to your child, have him or her read along with you. Don't be surprised if they try to match their voice to yours. You can alternate paragraphs or pages, or take turns reading for different characters.
- **Choose the right book.** Your child should recognize most of the words (one or two unfamiliar words per page are okay – that will keep them challenged).
- **Use expression.** Punctuation marks are clues that tell us how to read something. Encourage your child to sound excited when he sees an exclamation point, or make her voice go up for a question mark. Teach them to pause briefly at a comma and slightly longer at a period.
- **Check for understanding.** If your child doesn't understand the book, he will sound choppy. And if she's reading one word at a time, she will have a tough time following the plot. As they read, ask questions to make sure they understand the story.

Scrip Tips

- ✓ The Next Special Order day is Tuesday; please have any orders at the Scrip counter by **9:00 a.m.**
- ✓ Scrip is for sale at ALL Parents Club meetings. Bring your checkbooks on October 29th, the next Parents Club meeting.
- ✓ Auction time is coming. You can buy Scrip to donate to the Auction and you will get Fundraising Credit from both Scrip and Auction!
- ✓ Holidays are fast approaching . . . keep checking the Scrip order form for new vendors to help with your holiday shopping.
- ✓ Gentlemen, no school on Friday so grab some McMenamins and Regal Scrip and take your wife to dinner and a movie. It's a great way to support AHS and have fun doing it! Go on . . . she deserves it!



To Do:

SHARE HOUR OPPORTUNITIES

WALK+BIKE TO SCHOOL

OCTOBER 8

CONTACT:

TONY BROWN
503-282-9840

OR

MAARTEN SCHREUDER
503-227-8454

ANNUAL APPEAL

CONTACT:

SUE BEEDE
503-281-1912 x136

STUDENT STORE

CONTACT:

TRACEY MCDOUGALL
503-254-4475

PARENTS CLUB

CONTACT:

HEATHER MOTT
503-281-1912

OR

LAURA ALTENHOFEN
503-249-2191

WREATHS & POINSETTIAS

PICK UP DAY

DECEMBER 4

CONTACT:

RUDY SCHUVER
971-409-9801

OR

BARBARA ADKISSON
503-284-6896

Box Tops for Education & Campbells Soup Labels

Here at AHS, we collect both Box Tops for Education (found on many products) and Campbells Soup labels.

Start saving those labels and send them in with your student!