



Archbishop Howard School

# Monday Message

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## THIS WEEK

Grade 6 at Outdoor School

### MONDAY, 11/3

Wreath/Poinsettia Packets Due

8:00 a.m.

Monday Morning Assembly

### TUESDAY, 11/4

ELECTION DAY—  
DON'T FORGET TO VOTE!

Scrip Special Order Day

8:45 a.m.

All School Mass  
Grade 4 Readers

MUSE Band

3:00 p.m.

PreK—Grade 3 Spanish

### WEDNESDAY, 11/5

Grade 3  
OMSI Fieldtrip

3:00 p.m.

Grades 4-6 Spanish

### THURSDAY, 11/6

Grade 5  
Winningstad Theatre

2:30

4-H Club

### FRIDAY, 11/7

8:00 a.m.

First Friday Mass

8:00 a.m.

Auction Meeting

1:30 p.m.

Grade 6  
Outdoor School HOME!

5:30-9:00 p.m.  
NOVEMBERFEST!

### SATURDAY, 11/8

AHS Hawks Volleyball

### MONDAY, 11/10

8:00 a.m.

Monday Morning Assembly

6:30-8:30 p.m.

OMSI Family Night

## A "Reminder" About CHAMPs!

At the beginning of the 2008-2009 school year, the AHS community was introduced to a program called CHAMPs. The AHS staff attended a seminar about CHAMPs and was very impressed by the proactive approach to classroom and school wide management. The CHAMPs model suggests that there are five areas during every activity throughout the day where students should never be confused regarding expectations for success: Conversation, Help, Activity, Movement, and Participation. Specifically, students should always know when and if it is appropriate and encouraged to talk to others; they should know how to get help when needed; they should be clear about the directions for the activity; they should know when and if it is appropriate to move around the room to sharpen pencils, get materials, work with others; and they should understand what to do to fully participate in the given activity. According to the CHAMPs model, teachers have the responsibility to teach these expectations in order for each student to be successful in all that they do in school.

Sometimes students need reminders about the expectations. The AHS staff brainstormed and decided that the CHAMPs cards would be an effective way to communicate consistent, immediate, and calm reminders about expectations for success. The cards are small consequences for interruptions, but the key purpose they serve is to re-focus students on being successful.

Other positive and proactive aspects of the CHAMPs program have been incorporated throughout the school. Teachers greet students at the classroom door every morning to foster a welcoming environment. Rewards and incentives are established to celebrate student success in following the expectations. Teachers are committed to building a home/school connection by communicating consistently with families. Expectations are being taught and re-taught so that students always know what to do during all activities around school and so that success can be maximized.

The staff at AHS is pleased with the results so far. The day begins positively because the students have been welcomed. The hallways are calmer and quieter as students travel from place to place. Mass is more reverent, peaceful, and prayerful. The cafeteria is more orderly during lunchtime. Classroom learning time is being used more efficiently. Because the expectations throughout AHS are more clear and consistent, a significant and positive difference is noticeable each day. The CHAMPs program is helping AHS be an even better place to learn, play, and grow!



## Wreaths & Poinsettias

Orders Due  
TODAY

Don't forget to turn in your wreath and poinsettia sales. All packets were due back today.

Thank you to those who signed up to receive the *Monday Message* by e-mail. If you weren't able to sign up at conferences and would like emailed newsletters, contact the office. We are hoping to get this email option up and running within the next few weeks.

2nd Annual  
AHS Family Night  
at OMSI  
Monday, November 10  
6:30 - 8:30 p.m.



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## Parents Club News

A special thank you to all the parents who donated food to last week's Parents Club meeting. It was appreciated as well as delicious!

Last call for **NOVEMBERFEST. Dinner is this Friday!** There are still seats available at both the 5:30 and 7:00 p.m. seating. Take the night off from cooking and bring the family for some fun! Reservations forms are attached. This is the first Parents Club fundraiser of the year and the profits will provide gifts and treats for the teachers and staff throughout the year.

Volunteers are still needed for the night of NovemberFest. Please contact the office if you are willing to help. Share Hours will apply.

### Parent Power

#### Behaving at School...

When kids behave well at school, they have more opportunities for learning. They also show respect for their teachers and classmates by following the rules. Encourage good behavior at school with these suggestions:

- **Communication** – Talk to your child's teacher. Ask if there are any rules your child struggles with (working quietly, keepings hands to themselves). Teachers have great ideas that can help to improve behavior.
- **Practice** – Being consistent at home will help your child follow rules at school. If your child leaves the table without being excused, you might say, "Our rule at home is that we stay at the table until dinner ends. What is the rule for staying seated at school?"
- **Teamwork** – Show your child that you and the teacher are a team. If you are confused by classroom discipline, contact the teacher rather than questioning her judgment to your youngster. For example, if your child is kept in at recess but says he "didn't do anything," ask the teacher what happened. Then talk to your child about the behavior and the importance of respecting the teacher's decisions.

## Auction NEWS

We would like to congratulate the 3rd grade class for the most correct answers to September's Movie Trivia question. The answer to "Who was the voice of Shrek" is Mike Meyers. A special treat is on the way to the 3rd grade classroom.

Be sure to check out the current October issue of the Auction Newsletter for this month's movie trivia and respond to our Auction email address. Our next Auction meeting is scheduled for this **Friday, Nov 7**, at 8:00 a.m. in the cafeteria. All are welcome to join us.

## Target Donation

We received a donation for \$113.08 from Target on behalf of their *Take Charge of Education* program. Thank you to those families who chose Archbishop Howard as their designated school when using their REDcard at Target.



## Scrip Tips

**REMEMBER:** Next special order day is November 4th - **TOMORROW!**

- √ NovemberFest is coming November 7th -- buy some Hollywood Video or Regal Movie Scrip and treat your family to a NovemberFest dinner and a movie. What a way to start the weekend!
- √ Have you checked out all the new vendors that we now offer? Christmas will be here before you know it, so plan ahead and order Scrip. Our holiday ordering will begin November 4th, which means special orders will be taken every week, with our last holiday special order on December 9. Come say hello and get more information!
- √ Don't have enough time to stop in to see us in the morning and forget to use the hotline? Starting November 16, we will be selling Scrip on the first and second Sundays after the 8:30 and 10:30 Masses in the cafeteria. Come on ... there is no reason NOT to buy scrip NOW! 😊

## Basketball Camp

St. Mary's Academy is hosting a basketball skills camp for girls in grades 1 – 8 to be held on Sundays starting November 16.

If this interests you, check out the flyer outside the school office or contact St. Mary's directly at 503-228-8306.



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To Do:

## SHARE HOUR OPPORTUNITIES

### SENIOR "BRUNCHEON" SET UP AND PREP

NOVEMBER 17-18

CONTACT:

JEAN CZUBA  
503-287-1273

### ANNUAL APPEAL PHON-A-THON

NOVEMBER 12-13

CONTACT:

SUE BEEDE  
503-281-1912 x136

### CHRISTMAS TREE SALE

DECEMBER 5-7

CONTACT:

CHUCK HARMAN  
503-287-0159

OR

JIM MARTIN  
503-256-2650

### AUCTION

CONTACT:

GINA YAZZOLINO  
503-284-0091

OR

CAROLE VECCHI

## Christmas Trees!



The AHS Christmas Tree sale will be on December 6 and 7. See attached flyer for details.

Volunteers are needed December 5-7 for set up, sales and clean-up. Please contact Chuck Harman at 503-287-0159 or Jim Martin at 503-256-2650 with questions or to volunteer.

## Help with the Senior "Bruncheon"

AHS will be hosting the fall Senior "Bruncheon" on **Tuesday, November 18**. We host the seniors of St. Rose and St. Charles parishes with a brunch and student entertainment.

We need help setting up on the evening of the 17<sup>th</sup> and preparing on the morning of the 18<sup>th</sup>. Perhaps even some baking will be involved!

If you are interested, please contact Jean Czuba at 503-287-1273 or [jczuba@q.com](mailto:jczuba@q.com). Share hours apply.

## Health Screening Next Week

AHS will be conducting a vision, height and weight screening on Wednesday, November 12th.

Be sure your child has his/her glasses on this day.

If you do not want your child to participate in this screening, please forward a note to the office.

Alicia Joice, our student nurse is in need of volunteers to help with the screening. If you can help, please let the office know.

As always, Share Hours apply.

*Happy hearts and happy faces,  
Happy play in grassy places —  
That was how, in ancient ages,  
Children grew to kings and sages.*

- Robert Lewis Stevenson

## AHS Children's Garden Work Party

Over 40 AHS students and parents showed up for our first AHS Garden Work Party on Sunday afternoon, October 26, to prepare for the planting of our 4H Wildlife Habitat Garden. Twenty-four AHS students worked side by side with 16 AHS parents to dig, prune, rake, chop and dig some more. The work party was a huge success. The day was beautiful and the energy amazing. This is the first phase of a new garden that will be planted by the 4-H club in the upcoming months.

Special thanks to the following AHS families who worked so hard to prepare our school grounds for our future AHS Children's Garden:

Aase family  
Bennett family  
Czuba family  
Do family  
Farmer family  
Hamilton family  
Hogan family  
Hosty family  
Mai family  
(Ky)Nguyen family  
Schuver family  
Vail family  
Vidos family



We would also like to thank the Wind Thin Tree Service Company who donated their services for chipping and recycling all the removed plant and tree debris.

If you would like to support efforts toward creation of our children's garden, please contact Maureen Hosty at [maureen.hosty@oregonstate.edu](mailto:maureen.hosty@oregonstate.edu). We could use donations of funds, materials, labor and/or creative ideas.