



Archbishop Howard School

# Monday Message

October 13, 2008

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## THIS WEEK

### MONDAY, 10/13

8:00 a.m.

Monday Morning Assembly  
Bike+Walk Prizes

Grades 3-8  
Standardized Testing

### TUESDAY, 10/14

Grades 3-8  
Standardized Testing

8:45 a.m.

Grade 1 Class Mass

MUSE Band

3:00 p.m.

PreK-Grade 3 Spanish

### WEDNESDAY, 10/15

Grades 3-8  
Standardized Testing

3:00 p.m.

Grades 4-6 Spanish

### THURSDAY, 10/16

Grades 3-8  
Standardized Testing

2:30 p.m.

4-H Club

### FRIDAY, 10/17

Grades K1-K2  
Portland Nursery Fieldtrip

### SATURDAY, 10/18

CYO Hawks Volleyball  
Invitational Tournament

CYO Bishops Football

### SUNDAY, 10/19

CYO Hawks Volleyball  
Invitational Tournament cont'd

### MONDAY, 10/20

8:00 a.m.

Monday Morning Assembly

Grades 3-8  
Standardized Testing  
(through 10/22)

## Save the Date

October 29, 6:30 p.m.  
Called to Protect training  
at Parents Club meeting

## NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Thank you to all the parents, students, and staff for their participation and contribution to a successful accreditation visit. Special thanks go to Catherine Tang, Tin Bui, Heather Mott, Laura Altenhofen, Kari Mackay, and Sandra Ruff for providing hospitality for the visiting team. Thank you to the School Advisory Council, Parents Club Executive Board, and fundraising chairs for meeting with the team. Thank you to the students for demonstrating expected behavior in halls, classrooms and at Mass. Thank you to our parents for their patience and understanding of the need for early release and extra days off from school to prepare for the Visiting Team. All of our efforts paid off. Good job, parents, students, and staff!

The following are school wide strengths identified by the Visiting Team:

- The strong integration of prayer, liturgical experiences, and service outreach programs are hallmarks of Archbishop Howard School's vibrant Catholic identity.
- The Archbishop Howard School pastor and principal are strong and effective in supporting parents, students, and staff. They provide continuity in spirituality, curriculum, safety, planning, and development.
- Parents strongly support the Catholic education of their students provided by Archbishop Howard School so that Catholic values become a way of life.
- School wide Learning Expectations are embedded in the school environment. These help to foster students' understanding of the mission and philosophy statements of Archbishop Howard School so that these values become lifelong behaviors.
- Service to others and care for the environment are core values that permeate the Archbishop Howard School community.
- Archbishop Howard School has achieved and is committed to maintaining "Green" School status.
- Collaboration of library media teacher with classroom teachers allows for effective use of technology to support curriculum.
- The staff is committed to ongoing professional development that enhances student learning.

The following are critical areas for growth as identified by the Visiting Team.

- More systematic analysis and disaggregation of student assessment scores to improve curriculum and enhance student learning.
- Continue to strengthen the science program to the full extent of the curriculum standards.
- Develop a plan to enhance and monitor the effectiveness of the Teacher Assistance Team in order to increase consistency in discipline and meet individual needs.
- Develop a method to measure the effectiveness of the CHAMPs program.
- Develop rubrics to measure the achievement of the School wide Learning Expectations.

Standardized Testing begins today, Monday, October 13, and continues through October 22. Juice and a muffins will be served to Grades 3 – 8 on test days. As always, please make sure your student(s) come to school well-rested!



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## Parents Club News

Thank you to all the parents of the Archbishop Howard community for your support during the Accreditation visit. It was a great opportunity to show how wonderful our school is!

- ◆ The next Parents Club meeting will be **Wednesday, October 29**, at 6:30 p.m. Our counselor, Alicia Richards, will be conducting the "Called to Protect" training. More details will follow.
- ◆ NOVEMBERFEST is rapidly approaching! Get your reservation forms from the school office, off of the Archbishop Howard website, or pull off the attached form. This is not only a great way to meet and mingle with families from both church and school, but this is one of the Parents Club fundraisers that allow us to purchase Christmas gifts for the staff and show them how much we love and support them.
- ◆ The new **AHS water bottles and coffee mugs** are for sale at the Scrip counter. Pick up a mug or water bottle the next time you come in for Starbucks Scrip. The cups and bottles make great gifts; it's never too early to start planning for Christmas presents. Cups are \$5.00 and bottles are \$8.00.

### PARENT POWER

#### Setting Up Routines

Establishing daily routines will help your child do their best at school. Consider these routines to help your child feel more...

**Relaxed.** Music can help your child avoid the morning rush. Help your child set out the clothes in the evening for the next day.

**Energized.** A good breakfast increases concentration. Offer your child healthy choices like oatmeal, whole wheat bagel with spread, or yogurt.

**Connected.** Talking about the school day lets your child know you care. Ask him to share two good things that happened that day. Prompt her with specific questions, such as "which multiplication tables did you practice today?"

**Prepared.** Studying a little every night is the best way to learn new material. Help your child choose a time for homework and try not to change it.

**Rested.** A set bedtime helps kids fall asleep more quickly. Suggest your child get in bed 15 minutes early to read, make up stories or talk quietly with you.

## Conferences

Your family's scheduled conference time(s) are being sent home this week. Remember, October 23 and 24 are no school days for students. However, the Book Fair will be open during conferences from 2:00 – 8:00 p.m. Thursday and 1:00 – 7:00 p.m. Friday.

Extended Care will be open for those families who have signed up in advance.

## Scrip Tips

### *Vendors to be Added*



Additional Scrip from new vendors will be available beginning November 1st; a variety of vendors expands our choices! New Scrip options will include: Chevron, Arco, Shell, Amazon, Shutterfly, LL Bean, Lands End, Kohl's, Ross, Crate & Barrel, and so many more!

Please stop by the Scrip counter -- we are there every morning from 7:40 to 8:15 a.m. If you can't come in it is still easy to get your Scrip; you can send your order and payment in with your child and it will be sent home or call it in on the Scrip Hotline (503-281-1912 x145) and it will be waiting for you in the office.

## Hollywood Library Teen Lounge—Check it Out!



Calling all 6th, 7th and 8th graders. Are you looking for a place to kick back, get your homework done, search the web and maybe listen to some tunes? The Hollywood Library wants to help you out. On Tuesday afternoons, anytime between 3:00 and 5:30 p.m., the **Teen Lounge** will be open just for you. There will be computers for internet access and word processing, homework help from trained staff and live, online tutors. And on the second Tuesday of the month we'll have community service projects available to help you fulfill your service hour requirements. It's a space just for teens at the Hollywood Library, 40th and Tillamook, open from 3:00 - 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday afternoons. For more information, visit <http://www.multcolib.org/teens/lounges.html>.



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## Wreaths & Poinsettias

- Sell! Sell! Sell!
- All forms including door hangers, receipt cards and thank you notes available on AHS web site under parent involvement heading
- Remember 45% goes towards family fundraising goal
- Any family selling \$50 of product gets to be in a drawing to be gym teacher for the day!
- additional forms are available at [www.archbishophoward.org](http://www.archbishophoward.org).

Volunteers are needed for counting orders (mid November) and delivery day (December 4th). Please contact Rudy Schuver 971-409-9801 or Barbara Adkisson 503-284-6896.

## RC CHALLENGE

AHS is participating again this year in the Roman Catholic (RC) Challenge. The RC Challenge is a fast-paced, Jeopardy style competition that challenges kids with questions about the Catholic faith.

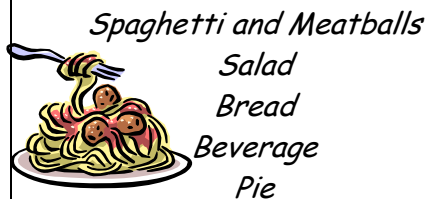
Dozens of teams come from as far away as British Columbia, Colorado and Montana to compete. Teams are divided along age lines -- 5th and 6th are in Division 1 and 7th and 8th are in Division 2. Last year AHS had three Division 2 teams and two Division 1 teams. Every student who signs up will be placed on a team.

The competition will be held at Valley Catholic High School in Beaverton in late January.

Look for the letter coming home with your student(s). For information, or to sign up to help, contact Amy Henry at [henrys4@comcast.net](mailto:henrys4@comcast.net).

## St. Charles Spaghetti Dinner

Sunday, November 2  
noon-6:00 p.m.



*Wine available*  
*Adults \$10, Children \$5*  
*50/50 Raffle*

For 7th/8th grade service hour opportunities, contact Robin Neal at 503-281-3216.

St. Charles is located at 42nd and NE Emerson (near Killingsworth). For information, call 503-281-6461.

## AHS Hawks CYO Basketball

*Basketball season is fast-approaching!* Don't forget to register your 3rd-8th grader. Registration is in the cafeteria next week, October 21 and 22, between 6:30-8:00 p.m.

To Do:

## SHARE HOUR OPPORTUNITIES

### WREATHS & POINSETTIAS

#### PICK UP DAY

CONTACT:

RUDY SCHUVER  
971-409-9801

OR

BARBARA ADKISSON  
503-284-6896

### CHRISTMAS TREE SALE

DECEMBER 5-7

CONTACT:

CHUCK HARMAN  
503-287-0159

OR

JIM MARTIN  
503-256-2650

### 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

### AHS CHILDREN'S GARDEN

CONTACT:

MAUREEN HOSTY  
503-360-6060

### RC CHALLENGE

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