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 Dear Holy Name Parents,

On behalf of the Parent Guild Board, I want to extend a warm welcome to the many new parents in the Holy Name community and very warm “welcome back” for our returning families. I’m extremely excited and honored to serve as your Parent Guild President this year and feel very blessed to be working with our principal, Mrs. Judy Cosmos, and the wonderful faculty and staff of the school. This year marks a new beginning for the parish as well- as we welcome Fr. Arnold Zamora as Holy Name Parish’s new pastor.

We have a wonderful mix of old-and-new in our community. This year we can capitalize on our strong, successful traditions and embrace new, fresh ideas from our diverse community. The goals of the Parents’ Guild are to promote Catholic education, to generate financial support for the school, and to provide a communication forum for parents, faculty and administration here at Holy Name. The students at Holy Name are fortunate to have so many parents involved with the school; it is the support of that extended school community that brings tremendous enrichment to each child’s academic experience. The Parent Guild board hopes that every parent will take the opportunity to volunteer and attend our events during the 2009-2010 school year. These events and programs serve to not only support the school, but unite our parent community- introducing new faces and renewing old friendships.

Here is a list of the Parents’ Guild sponsored activities for the 2009-2010 school year:

| Activity | Dates | Description |
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| Gift Wrap Fundraiser: | <i>September 8th - September 28th</i> | Sharpen your sales skills and get your friends and family ready for the holidays! |
| International Food Fair | <i>Sunday September 20th 11:00 am-1:00 pm</i> | Join the Holy Name community at our 3rd annual food fair as we share our many wonderful cultures with cuisine. Chair: Julia Kwan (darryljared@yahoo.com) |
| Parent Guild General Meetings | <i>Thursdays, 7pm</i> | There will be three Parents’ Guild General Meetings: Thursday, October 8th, Thursday, January 14th, 2009 and Thursday, April 15th, 2009. More information will be given about the content of each meeting during the school year. |
| Fright Fest | <i>Saturday, October 24th 10:00 am-5:00 pm</i> | Trick-or-treat, come and meet, give me something good to eat! Join us for one of our oldest running fundraisers and one of the most enjoyable family events of the school year! This day of fun, games and food needs many volunteers to make this festival a success. Every family must work at least two hours at the festival. Chairs: Maeleen Hurley (blissedouthawaii@hotmail.com), Myra Alcaide and Norma Tse |
| Math-A-Thon | <i>February</i> | This is our 3rd annual Math-A-Thon. A chance for our children to demonstrate their mathematical prowess, and for our school to profit from that talent! Parents are asked to gather sponsors for their children, and the students will take their math tests in school. Chairs: Alcira Herrera, Marcia Haas |
| Silent Auction | <i>April</i> | Join us for our first annual Holy Name Auction. Escape for the evening to the Left Bank of San Francisco for this exciting new fundraiser. Unique art from your children will be featured, as well as one-of-a-kind classroom projects. C’est Magnifique! Chairs: Linda Collantes, Linda Leong |
| Room Parents | <i>Throughout the school year</i> | Every class needs a head room parent and several assistants to help with parties, field trips, and other activities. The Head Room parents and |

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| | | assistants will also help solicit support for our fundraisers. Chair: Mary Bowen (sammybowen@comcast.net) |
| Bake Sale | <i>One Wednesday per month</i> | Each grade is assigned a Wednesday during the school year to bring in two dozen homemade baked items such as frosted cupcakes, brownies, cookies, etc. The baked goods are sold during the lunch period. The proceeds of the sale go directly to your child's class. Chair: Head Room Parents |
| Ice Cream Sale | <i>11:45am-12:45pm on Wednesdays</i> | Ice cream is sold three Wednesdays each month. Volunteers are needed to help with the sales from 11:30 am – 1:00 pm. Chair: Nancy Lee (ashleydwander838@yahoo.com) |
| Hot Lunch | <i>Every Day 11:30 am – 1:00 pm</i> | Hot lunch will be served every full school day this year. The Hot Lunch Chair coordinates the menu and the distribution of the lunches. Parent volunteers are needed to help every day to help with the distribution and clean-up. Chair: Ellen Gee (ellen_gee@sbcglobal.net) |
| Coaching | <i>Seasonal</i> | Our Holy Name students participate in CYO games throughout the school year: volleyball and basketball for the girls; soccer, basketball and baseball for boys. Coaches and assistant coaches are always needed to support our students. Athletic Directors: Girls' AD-Vince Delucca (sf49ers1357@aol.com); Boys' AD- Ron Alcaraz (alcaraz@gmail.com) |
| Snack Bar | <i>Seasonal</i> | During the home games throughout the school year, volunteers are needed to sell items in the snack bar during the game and to clean up the gym. Contact the Athletic Directors for more details. |
| St. Patrick's Day Dinner/Dance | <i>March 2009</i> | This is one of the most popular fundraising events of the Holy Name Parish. Many of our long-time parishioners look forward to this dinner/dance to celebrate this special day. The proceeds benefit our Holy Name Sports Program. |

As you can see, there are many opportunities for parents to support our school, be involved in the Holy Name community- and of course, earn service hours! I hope that by providing you with a preview of our events throughout the year, each parent can mark the dates on their calendars and decide where they can get involved.

On behalf of the Parent Guild Board, we look forward to meeting and working with all of you!

Sincerely,

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