

# Seven Hills Chronicles &

## Beacon Prep News

November 6, 2009

Parent teacher conferences went well! Thank you for your support of the process. We look forward to being in the new space and having ample room for all conferencing.

Because we did not have children in the schools today, there were no VIPs this week. Look to next week's newsletter for our good citizens' awards.

A few things that you should know:

**MATCHING GIFTS:** Don't forget to check with your employers to see if you work for a company that will give a matching gift. Then, when you make a contribution to the school, we receive a matching gift from the company for which you work. Every little bit helps, as you might imagine.

**HOT LUNCH & MILK:** November menus are past due. Please submit your menus by Monday, the 9<sup>th</sup>, to ensure that your child(ren) will be receiving the meals of your choosing starting the following Monday, or November 16<sup>th</sup>. Please note that we will be serving cold lunch in the classrooms on Thursday and Friday, November 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>, to accommodate the church's use of the Atrium on those days.

As a reminder, milk is fifty cents (.50) for a day. Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions, comments or concerns that you might have regarding the lunch program.

*\*\*Students who forget to bring their lunch will be sent to the office and a call*

*home will be made to ensure that every child is eating a lunch.\*\**

**BUSING:** Should you have busing issues and concerns, please contact the office to speak with our transportation contacts: Liz Ekholm and Chris Bewell. We appreciate your support and, as always, welcome suggestions and/or questions. If you have immediate concerns—e.g. the bus just drove by your stop and you're quite positive you saw your child sitting in the third seat waving at you as it drove by, please contact Monarch Bus Company directly at 612-238-8080.

**CLUB CLASSICS:** Report cards came out today. As a reminder, one of the before school opportunities is an enrichment club facilitated by Mr. Peterson. He would be more than happy to welcome students on Tuesdays and Thursdays to assist with homework or challenging concepts. This is a club that can be joined at any time. Contact Mr. Peterson at [bpeterson@shcamn.org](mailto:bpeterson@shcamn.org) with any questions that you might have.

**SPANISH and LATIN:** If you have an interest in having your 5<sup>th</sup> through 7<sup>th</sup> grade child join the Spanish and/or Latin enrichment classes, please let Ms. Pollis ([epollis@shcamn.org](mailto:epollis@shcamn.org)) for Spanish and/or Mr. Ball ([tball@shcamn.org](mailto:tball@shcamn.org)) for Latin know and they will be happy to provide you with any details that you might need.

**MUSIC:** Please contact Mrs. Wood [kwood@shcamn.org](mailto:kwood@shcamn.org) should your child have an interest in participating in choir or band.

**Please note a schedule change due to a recent change in the availability of the church's sanctuary: the schools' Winter Program has been re-scheduled to Thursday, December 17, 2009, at 6:30 p.m. @!**

**UNIFORMS:** Please continually refer to the uniform policy to ensure compliance

and make sure to double check on uniforms before sending your child(ren) off to school each day. Repeat uniform violations being brought to the administration's attention have resulted in notes coming home. As always, we appreciate our community's support of all school policies.

PICTURE Re-Take DAY: Picture re-takes are scheduled for Thursday, November 12, 2009.

TEACHER COMMUNICATIONS: Please be advised that, due to construction, teachers do not have immediate access to telephones. Barring an emergency, calls made to the office result in a message being placed in a teacher's mailbox. Thus, if you call the school for things such as collecting homework for a sick child, please understand if the teacher is not able to respond to your message on the same day that you call it in.

We encourage e-mail communication as the best way to connect with a child's teacher. Additionally, we send the school's newspaper out each week via e-mail only and are contacting VIP parents via e-mail when possible. If the office does not have your current e-mail address, please let us know.

Parent Teacher conferences were held this week. If you have not met with your child's teacher, please contact the school as soon as possible to arrange a meeting. As a reminder, it is a school policy that no report cards be sent home with a student or mailed home. A face-to-face parent/guardian conference is a critical factor in the ongoing personal and academic success of all children. We appreciate your support.

SEVEN HILLS BOARD OF DIRECTORS: The board of directors re-scheduled its November meeting to Tuesday, November 10, 2009, at 6:30 p.m.,

here at the school. Agendas for the meetings will be posted on the main office door approximately one week prior to each month's meeting.

BEACON PREP BOARD OF DIRECTORS: The board of directors will be having its November meeting on Tuesday, November 17, 2009, at 5:30 p.m., here at the school. The Beacon Prep Board is looking to expand its membership as there are currently only 5 members. Should you have an interest or know of anyone who would like to participate on the school's board of directors, please have them contact Meghan Butler, the Board President, at [mbutler@tcfbank.com](mailto:mbutler@tcfbank.com).

As always, the agenda for the meetings will be posted on the main office door approximately one week prior to each month's meeting. School board meetings are public meetings and all are welcome and encouraged to attend.

PARENT CONNECTION: The Parent Connection "PC" will be meeting on November 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.. In the meantime, plan to have dinner on Monday, November 9<sup>th</sup>, between 4 and 8 p.m. at Davanni's which has agreed to donate 20% of all proceeds to the school. Be sure to bring your coupon!

Sally Foster orders will be available for pick-up at the school on Monday, November 9<sup>th</sup>, from 3 to 6 p.m., in the open area outside the sanctuary. Your plan for Monday, then, should be to stop by school to pick up your order and head over to Davanni's for dinner ☺!!

PARENT VOLUNTEERS: We just love our parent volunteers! Thank you to all of you who are volunteering in the classroom, during lunch and recess and with projects that you might be doing at home. Please contact Mrs. Emery ([cemery@shcamn.org](mailto:cemery@shcamn.org)) to share your availability to come in and

help out. As always, we are particularly grateful for any help we can get during the lunch hours—come have lunch with the kids and help us ensure the safety of all students☺!

Are you a 1<sup>st</sup> Year Student Family at SHCA/Beacon Prep? Want to connect with other first year families? Please contact Amanda Boe, [arboe@frontiernet.net](mailto:arboe@frontiernet.net), if you have any questions, are looking for or would like to be a mentor parent.

**DROP OFFS & PICK-UPS:** As we continue to experience foul weather, we would continue to caution you to please follow staff directions when picking up your children at school. The morning drop-offs are going great and we thank you for your assistance it making that 'event' safe for all of the children. The afternoon pick-ups continue to be a challenge as we attempt to navigate between the cars that are lined up and the parents who are choosing to park and walk their children in between cars. We are, again, asking that pick-up parents take advantage of the car pick-up line, particularly now that inclement weather is upon us. Our children's safety is our concern.

**EARLY ARRIVALS:** As a reminder, no drop-offs are allowed prior to 8:45 a.m. Please make every effort to have your child here as close to 9:00 a.m. as possible. If you happen to let your child off early, please remind her/him or them that they are expected to be on their best behavior—no running, playing ball indoors, etc. At 8:45 a.m., there is staff in the entry area to monitor student behavior.

**ENROLLMENT:** Please share with your family, friends, neighbors and community how happy you are with Seven Hills and Beacon Prep! Believe it or not, we have some space in Beacon Prep's 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grades.

*\*\*please remember that we promote a nut-free environment for our students—be sure to check granola bars, lunchables, etc., when deciding what to pack for lunch or to send for snacks\*\**

**Seven Hills School Mission Statement**  
*Seven Hills Classical Academy provides students with a classical education in an academically rigorous environment designed to promote strong citizenship and life-long learning.*

**Beacon Prep School Mission Statement**  
*Beacon Preparatory School creates a unique community by engaging students in a rigorous, content-rich curriculum with an emphasis on Classical, liberal arts education. We promote pillars of character development including integrity, honesty, and self-confidence while embracing the individual needs and development of our students.*

**SHCA School Song**  
**SHCA**  
*That's who we are!  
We are the best and brightest by far!  
Roman Eagles all stand proud.  
We're not afraid to shout out loud!*  
**SHCA**  
*Happy are we!  
Learning, sharing, community.  
We're the best of all the rest.  
SHCA are we...RAH, RAH!!*

**BPS Rays School Song**  
**BPS Rays,**  
*that's who we are!  
Beacons of light, Rays seen from afar!  
BP Rays, we shine so bright!  
We're not afraid to do what's right!*  
**BPS Rays,**  
*Helpful are we!  
Working, sharing, community!  
We'll achieve, yes, we'll succeed!  
BPS Rays are we...RAH! RAH!*

***Enjoy the gorgeous weather this weekend!***