

Seven Hills Chronicles

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Beacon Prep News

September 25, 2009

As we wound up our third week of school, we were excited to start the day with a Seven Hills VIP Assembly. A good citizen was recognized in each class. Starting next week, the VIPs will be highlighted in each week's *Chronicles*. Please watch for that! Additionally, starting next week, the *Chronicles* will be including a brief academic highlight from each grade. We would like our entire community to know what we are studying; so, stay tuned.

Here are a few things that we'd like to highlight for you as we look to the second full week of school:

MEET ME AT THE FORUM, our annual Curriculum Night, is scheduled for Monday, September 28, 2009, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Please come to learn about the curriculum that is being implemented in your child(ren)'s classrooms. Additionally, the Board of Directors for Seven Hills Classical Academy will be holding its bi-annual town meeting at 6:00 p.m. You won't want to miss out on the opportunity to meet with your child's teachers, administration and program coordinators. This will also be the time to ask questions of the board. Mark your calendars and we'll look forward to seeing you there!

HOT LUNCH & MILK: October's menus were due on September 23rd. If you have not turned in your menu yet, if you can get the menu to us by Tuesday, September 29th, we can place orders to begin for the week of October 5th. Milk is fifty cents (.50) for a day. Feel free to send

in sufficient funds to cover a number of days if that is more convenient for you.

As a reminder, the school is unable to provide children with a lunch if they show up to school without one and have not submitted a menu in a timely manner. 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.

Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions, comments or concerns that you might have regarding the lunch program.

BUSING: We appreciate the patience and support of all bus rider families. We take all concerns seriously and want to assure you that we are doing our very best to meet all the needs of the more than 376 students who are riding the buses to and from school. A few reminders: if you have a general/overall not 'during route time' question, please call the office and let us know. 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.

NWEA tests: NWEA testing commenced as planned on Monday, September 21st. We are working hard to have all students tested by October 2, 2009. Thank you for sending your child ready to learn every day ☺!

CLUB CLASSICS: We sent home our Club Classics flyer this week. This is a great enrichment opportunity for your child. Please make sure to sign up soon as clubs tend to fill up quickly! Your forms are due no later than Friday, October 2, 2009. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Burfeind at hburfeind@shcamn.org.

SPANISH and LATIN: The language program has begun and the students are really picking it up! Information has been sent home regarding before school offerings of Spanish and Latin enrichment. These classes will be held on Tuesday and Thursday mornings and will be offered to 5th through 7th graders. These classes are filling up and promise to be a lot of fun. We encourage all students to take advantage of these incredible opportunities.

UNIFORMS: As a reminder, please make every effort to follow the uniform policy and send your child in appropriate attire every day. On the last Friday of every month, the children are allowed to wear their Seven Hills Roman Eagle t-shirts for their assembly. Watch for information regarding similar privileges for the Beacon Prep students. Other than the last Friday of each month, children are not to be wearing their t-shirts or any other clothing item that would violate the uniform policy. As we grow, enforcing these policies strictly becomes more critical to our success and we appreciate your ongoing support in these regards.

SEVEN HILLS BOARD OF DIRECTORS: The board of directors will be having its October meeting on Tuesday, October 6, 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.

The Seven Hills' Board of Directors will be hosting the first of two TOWN HALL MEETINGS immediately prior to our Curriculum Night. Come and bring your questions to the Board of Directors on Monday, September 28, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary of Cedar Valley Church. If you have specific concerns or comments that you would like the board to address at

the meeting, you can forward them to the office using the website, drop off a note or e-mail Mrs. Day at eday@shcamn.org. The Board is interested in what you have to say!☺

BEACON PREP BOARD OF DIRECTORS: The board of directors will be having its October meeting on Tuesday, October 21, 2009, at 5:30 p.m., here at the school. 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 VOLUNTEERS: We are still collecting the family agreements to promote the culture and community of the school as articulated in the School's Mission Statement. If you have not already done so, please return this document to the school as soon as possible.

The Parent Volunteer Commitment forms are also being collected by the classroom teachers—one was sent home in the first day packets. Please return the form at your earliest convenience so that we know how you would like to help. Mrs. Emery (cemery@shcamn.org) is facilitating the schools' volunteer programs this year. Please contact her to share your availability to come in and help out. As always, we are grateful to 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 1st Year Student Family at SHCA/Beacon Prep? Want to connect with other first year families? Need some support with the transition to a new school environment? Please join us at the school park on October 2nd, Friday @ 4:00. Bring the kids and your questions, we'll have staff

and current SHCA families joining us for an informal gathering. Please contact Amanda Boe, arboe@frontiernet.net, if you are interested in coming or would like to be a mentor parent.

DROP OFFS & PICK-UPS: Just a brief reminder to be safe in the parking lot. A great big THANK YOU is being sent out to those of you who are using the car pick-up line. Once the children have been dismissed, the line really moves efficiently. We encourage those of you who are parking and coming into the building to pick up your child to try out the pick-up line! It looks like fun☺!!

EARLY ARRIVALS: Neither school has the resources to provide adult supervision prior to the start of the school day, which is 9:00 a.m. Please make every effort to stay as close to that drop off time as possible if you are driving your child(ren). No drop-offs are allowed prior to 8:45 a.m. 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 6th and 7th 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.

Let your friends and community members know that we will not be sending hard copies of the Chronicles home each week; rather, they will be posted to the webpage and e-mailed to each family—Please make sure the office has an e-mail address for your family☺!

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!

Can you sing the school song?