

March 31, 2010

All-righty then...

- Have you heard the circus music playing? No, that's not just the soundtrack of life...it's the soundtrack for **The Greatest Show on Earth!**
  - Purchase your tickets for the VCS Auction by **Thursday, April 1<sup>st</sup> – tomorrow.**
    - <http://auction.valleycatholic.org>
  - Volunteers needed
    - **Saturday, April 17<sup>th</sup>, 4 p.m. to 10 p.m.** (hours count double after 9:00 p.m.!) the Hospitality Committee needs help. Please contact Jill Pruitt at (503) 803-5410 or [fourpruitts@gmail.com](mailto:fourpruitts@gmail.com).
    - **Thursday, April 15, 10:00 a.m. to 2:45 p.m.** we need help setting up for the auction. Please contact Carolyn MacNaughton at 503-349-9383 or [carolyn.macnaughton@nike.com](mailto:carolyn.macnaughton@nike.com) – I'm going to sign up for this one.
  - **Prius Raffle – 300 of the 1000 SOLD!**
    - It is especially important to sell these tickets since **we (the Foundation) had to underwrite half of the cost of the car. To make money for the school, we need to *put the pedal to the metal—only 2 more weeks until the auction!***
    - For each raffle ticket a family sells/buys, the family's name will be entered into a drawing to **win a Sony Blue Ray Player or Xbox Elite!**
    - There will be prizes for the grade – K-12 – that sells the most tickets. **4<sup>th</sup> grade is in the lead – thank you for your outstanding support.**
  - **Bring your favorite bottle of wine for the *Wall of Wine*.**
    - Last year this was a sell out, so let's do it again!
    - Bring your favorite bottle of Red or White that is **\$15 or more.**
    - Here's the catch- **Bring it in yourself- to the auction office (north side of the convent facing Maryville).**
  - **Who will get the “Golden Ticket”?**
    - New this year; a chance to win the Golden Ticket is \$100, and only 100 tickets will be sold.
      - Look for the **“Golden Girl” in the silent auction** to purchase your ticket.
      - The winner will choose one of the Live Auction packages to take home!
        - Available only to auction guests.
- **Forecasting-** nope not weather related – **Upcoming Sophomores & Juniors for 2010-2011 school year.**

- Students were sent home on Monday with a **sheet explaining their course choices** for 2010-2011.
    - Choices will be made **online – the sheet explains this. YOU NEED THE SHEET.**
      - Questions about the process can be asked of Jan Wilson [jwilson@valleycatholic.org](mailto:jwilson@valleycatholic.org) or Sarah Lynch [slynch@valleycatholic.org](mailto:slynch@valleycatholic.org)
      - Talk with teachers about proper placement. Mrs. Lynch – Academic Dean, Mr. Bernard –College Counselor and Mrs. Wilson – Director of School Operations can assist with requirements and other planning.
        - Requirements **can be found** <http://www.valleycatholic.org/high-school/graduation-requirements.php>
  - Soon to be Sophomores & Juniors **must** have forecasting done by **April 9<sup>th</sup>**.
- **MIDDLE SCHOOL FAMILIES – have you made your contribution to your student’s auction basket?** Check the attachment for ideas.
    - This is a competition. Who are the players?
      - 7<sup>th</sup> grade Boys – Italian Gourmet Basket
      - 7<sup>th</sup> grade Girls – French Gourmet Basket
      - 8<sup>th</sup> grade Boys – German Gourmet Basket
      - 8<sup>th</sup> grade Girls – Japanese Gourmet Basket
    - Panera Bread has graciously offered a full donation to cater lunch for the winning group!
    - **All donations must be to the Auction Office by April 9<sup>th</sup>.**
- **Our Progress for the United We Thrive Campaign**
    - Our Goal: 100% participation and \$2 million from parents
      - As of March 30, we have 16% participation and \$1,330,211 in cash and pledges. **Impressive.**
        - Parent volunteers will continue calling throughout the month of April.
          - We need everyone’s support to make this happen!
      - Thank you for supporting the students of Valley Catholic.
- You won’t believe this...
    - VALOR Network has a presence online! On the main Website VALOR can be found in both the High School and Middle School Feature boxes.
      - <http://www.valleycatholic.org/high-school/valor-network.php>
      - <http://www.valleycatholic.org/middle-school/valor-network.php>
    - What can you find there?
      - Archived Minutes and Weekly VALOR Notes
      - Someday there will be volunteer forms, tips, and other information on the site.

- The other day I needed to get some heavy duty doormats for our office. I remembered that LL Bean has great ones, and then I remembered that if I shopped online through [onecause www.onecause.com](http://onecause.com) a percentage of my purchase would be funneled to VALOR Network. Kind of an “A-Ha” moment.
  - VALOR uses our funds to recognize the teachers for their commitment to our students **and** last year the board purchased new computer tables and chairs for the Library.
    - In previous years VALOR has raised the majority of funds through the **Used Book Sale & Wine Tasting**.
  - By you signing up for both [onecause www.onecause.com](http://onecause.com) and [eScrip www.eScrip.com](http://eScrip.com) it is an easy way for VALOR Network to raise funds in the easiest way possible.
    - Take a look at all of the different companies [onecause](http://onecause.com) offers, including travel deals.
    - [eScrip](http://eScrip.com) is linked to your Safeway Card so that every time you make a purchase 2% is given to VALOR.
  - The VALOR Network appreciates your support in this.

It continues to amaze me what it takes to run the Valley Catholic campus. Not new news. Honestly, I didn't pay as much attention until I started this position. It is a commitment for all of us – the Sisters, Administrations of the schools, the Faculties/Staff, and Parents - there is no doubt about that. Overwhelming to be sure; however, on the other hand, our boys are so happy at Valley that I can't help but want to make it even better for **all** of the students.

Remember, re-registration due today and Auction tickets need to be purchased by tomorrow.

All right, I'll leave you alone for a week.

**Thank you for your time,**  
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