



October News

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Haunted House

This year will be Harmony's 6th year hosting a Haunted House. Each year we search for a facility. We have not been able to find one yet this year. We are asking everyone if they know of a large facility that a landlord would loan to us for a tax-deductible receipt for the month on October. Our haunted house runs the 17-18, and 24-25. We need lots of volunteers. Families are invited to do a "room" like last year. If you would like to host a room at the Haunted House please let Laura know as soon as possible.

Happy Halloween

Convention

This past weekend we held our 1st Annual Convention. I wish to send a big thank you to all the volunteers who worked hours preparing for this weekend, as well as all the volunteers who worked all weekend. Thanks to all, we couldn't have done it without you!!

The response from the weekend has been terrific. We are attaching a questionnaire for all attendee's to fill in and return so that we can improve things for next year.

Thanks for all who came out and supported our convention.

Chicago

The Tuesday night choir is preparing for our trip this year to Chicago. We are planning to go the last weekend in May. There will be a parent meeting at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday October 7th. Parents **must** attend if their child wishes to go on this trip. We will be starting the fund-raising right away this month, beginning with our Sticky Finger's. Please members support our kids, and consider taking forms to work etc.

All individuals that are planning to attend this trip **MUST** have a passport. Please begin process now so it is not too late!

William Joseph

On October 27th, Harmony and the SSEC are bringing a remarkable pianist to town. William Joseph is David Foster's new protégé. William has been featured on the Dr. Phil show because he came from a lower-socio

economic sector, and couldn't afford piano lessons. Through the kindness of a piano teacher she provided him with lessons, and he has opened for Michael Buble, Josh Groban, Il Divo, just to name a few. For all

music lovers, you do not want to miss this event. Parents and volunteers, please take tickets and help us sell them. We encourage everyone to attend this very special evening. Call Denise for further info.

New Programs

Thanks to Libro Financial, Harmony will be starting a program called "**Harmony Haven**". This is similar to the old "Block Parent". Anita Trussler is putting together an information meeting for parents interested in hosting a sign in their windows. This is truly needed to help combat bullying in our town. Here is a great way for our kids to stay safe. For more information please come out to the info meeting at 6:00 p.m. on October 6th.



Keep our neighborhoods safe!

Teen Retreat

On October 4th & 5th we will be hosting a teen retreat for youth 12+. The theme for this year is "Family" and we will be discussing the youth's role in a family, accountability, and responsibility.

The cost for participation is \$10.00 per youth, plus each youth is required to bring a snack to share. For more information please contact Joanne or Anita.

Concerts; Paying it Forward

Each month we have many concerts, but this month we have a couple that are during the day, lunch time to be exact. I know many kids can't come during that time, but I am making a special request that any parents that could bring their kids to these concerts please let me know. The first one is October 17th at City

Hall. It is for "Stand Up Against Poverty". This is special, and the kids are asked to perform between 12-1 p.m. Please let me know if your child can attend, or requires transportation.

I don't care how poor a man is; if he has family, he's rich.
~Dan Wilcox and Thad Mumford, "Identity Crisis,"
*M*A*S*H*

Executive Meetings

The next executive meeting is scheduled for October 9th at 6:00. All are welcome!

Thanksgiving Dinner



As you know October is a busy month with Thanksgiving and Halloween. Here at Harmony we have many things to be thankful for, so we are going to have a special thanksgiving meal on October 7th, for family night. Many parents will be here for the meeting. Dinner is \$5.00 per person. If any volunteers

would like to help prepare this evening or donate items to it, please contact Denise.

Scrap Booking Day

On Saturday October 18th we are hosting a ***Scrap Booking Day***. The cost is \$25.00 for the day, which includes lunch. For all those scrap bookers that are looking for a day to work on your favorite project with other avid scrap bookers, please sign up at the office. There will be prizes, lunch, friendship, and an entire day to work on your favorite hobby!



Bake Sale

Thanks for all the donations to last months bake sale!!! October's bake sale is on the 30th. We are needing volunteers who are interested in working the bake sale. The hours are 9-12 on the last Thursday of the month. If interested please let Joanne know.

Important STUFF!

Uniforms:

For all the new students Harmony does have a uniform. We wear the uniforms when we attend concerts. The uniform consists of a Harmony t-shirt, black pants, shoes and ***socks***. You can purchase the Harmony t-shirt at Art Wear Plus on Queen St.

Office Staff: Harmony desperately needs office staff, and key holders. We require staff that can do basic data entry, filing, letters, etc. Shifts are four hours and run Monday through Friday. If you are interested and can commit to one shift a week, or would be willing to be

an emergency back up, please call Patricia.

As well we are looking for a Community Room Supervisor. When we loan out our room, we need someone to stay and lock-up. Again, please let Patricia know if you can help.

Families are like fudge - mostly sweet with a few nuts.
~Author Unknown

Inclement Weather, Holidays, and Darkness



Just a quick reminder that Harmony follows the school schedule. When school is out, so is the regular programs at Harmony. Harmony does offer PD day, and some holiday programming, so keep watch to the web-site and newsletters for updates.

Weather

We are entering into the fall season where the weather is unpredictable. If school buses are cancelled, we are closed. If school is cancelled we are closed. We want everyone safe. Please listen to 99.9 FM for cancellations.

Darkness

It is getting dark earlier and earlier. Parents for the safety of the children NO CHILDREN are allowed to leave the building unaccompanied. If you are unable to pick them up, please call and arrange for a Harmony Volunteers to bring them home. We will not allow them to leave.

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Pay It Forward

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CAROL-O-GRAMS

Each year Harmony sells carol-o-grams to the community. This year we will be limiting the number sold to 200. If you are interested in purchasing a carol-o-grams please contact the office. Any carol-o-grams sold outside of the city limits are \$12.00. Within the city they are \$7.50 each. Each carol-o-gram includes 3 songs, a card and a candy-cane. Carol-o-grams go on sale October 1st.



Christmas Hampers



Each year Harmony helps families in need. If you would like to receive a basket, and are not on any other hamper list, please contact Joanne. Confidentiality is kept on all families.

If you would like to donate items to help make a families Christmas, or would like to sponsor a family, please let Joanne know.

Ages and sex are given if you would like to purchase one gift for a child. Please pick up your gift tag from Joanne.

Café

Many kids are asking when the café begins. Due to our very hectic schedule we are not beginning till November. The dates are;

November 1, 7, 8, 21, 22, 28, 29th

December 12th

Christmas Open House

Our annual Christmas open house is November 14th. We are looking for a committee to make all the plans for the event. Please contact Laura if you are interested in helping put this annual event on.

Volunteers Needed

We are looking for volunteers.

Every person has a special skill or talent. Harmony needs your help.

Duties from office help, handyman, working with kids, planning events, driving for pay it forwards or

driving youth to concerts. Key holder's to help lock up each night.

