

Holy Family School

Go Green Report

Mrs. Harrell is Recognized as a “Green” Leader

Special points of interest:

- Holy Family School Green Star Award Winner 2011-2012
- Re-usable Bag Fundraiser
- Earth Day April 26, 2012
- Electronic Recycling

Last Friday, January 15, Holy Family School received the wonderful news that Gail Harrell will be recognized with the Green Star Award for Outstanding Administrator for this year’s Bay Area Green School Environmental Conference in San Jose. The committee recognized Mrs. Harrell’s leadership and accomplishments over the past three years to make Holy Family School more eco-friendly. Below is a copy of the nomination:

In 2009, several staff members attended the Bay Area Green School Conference and returned to school extremely excited about the possibilities to save the school money and the environment at the same

time. A comprehensive proposal was drafted. After many committee meetings, Mrs. Harrell gave the go ahead to implement Phase I of the “Go Green” plan in the spring of 2010. The goal was to reduce, reuse and recycle. The main target was lunchtime food waste and trash. At the time, we had an 8-yard dumpster, picked up 3 times a week costing over \$1,100 per month. Daily lunchtime trash weighed in at 40 pounds a day with an additional 63 pounds of food waste per day. In 2011, under Mrs. Harrell’s direction a comprehensive program which included skits starring our mascot “Captain Green,” student produced video presentation, classroom education and a change in



our hot lunch program (which is organic and uses biodegradable materials) was implemented. The result of this program is that we were able to move to one 3-yard dumpster which is picked up only once a week. As well, daily lunchtime trash was reduced to 4 pounds per day and food waste was reduced to 9 pounds a day. Our new trash bill is \$500 a month!

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Mixed Bag Designs Fundraiser

I am sure that many of you were caught unprepared for the new law in San Jose County that retail and grocery stores would no longer be issuing single use plastic bags. While many of the retail stores are trying to make this transition as easy as possible, others have taken the route of charging customers for each paper bag. Therefore the Green Team will be holding a re-usable bag fundraiser for the next three weeks. This is the same company who was present at our Earth Day Event last year. We will make a 50% profit on each purchase. The profit will be used to help fund our Earth Day Event and the Holy Family School gardens.



In an effort to keep with our eco-approach, we will not be issuing catalogues to each student. There will be a few catalogues in the school office that you are welcome to look at or check out overnight. Samples will also be available to view in the school office as well. Mixed Bag Designs' website will be the primary way to view products.

To avoid shipping and handling charges, Mixed Bag Designs will be allowing our school to place orders on-line through a special portal. After ordering, print a copy of the completed order and attach a check made out to Holy Family School. One payment will be made and all items will be shipped to the school free of charge. Orders will be sent home with your student at the end of February. In order for this fundraiser to be successful, please encourage family members and friends to place an order as well. Please follow these directions to place your order:

"What we are living with is the result of human choices and it can be changed by making better, wiser choices."

-- Robert Redford

It's easy to get started!

Visit <http://fundraiser.mixedbagdesigns.com/Spring-Catalog>—write down the item numbers you wish to order.

To Enter your orders

- Go to fundraiser.mixedbagdesigns.com (do not enter "www.")
- On the left side menu click "Enter your Order"
- Select: "I'm a Participant or Parent"
- Please register at this step. You will need your fundraiser ID# **58316**
- Click "Continue" and begin entering your orders
- Read the online directions carefully. Enter ALL orders on the same online order form
- **If you are asked to enter your credit card number you are in the wrong place!**
- Print Order once complete, keep a copy for yourself, and attach the original with your check made payable to Holy Family School and send it in to the office.

All orders must be turned in by: February 13, 2012

Questions? Call Laurie Brant at 978-1355 or Email laurie.brant@hfsj.org



Pictured above—Foodies Reusable "Ziplock" bags

See incentive offer on the next page!

Mixed Design Fundraiser Challenge

One way that our school can drastically improve in trash reduction is during our recess snack time. Most children bring foods in plastic bags or individually wrapped items with foil lining such as chips and granola bars. We are strongly encouraging families to pack snack items for their children using foil, re-usable plastic containers or re-usable "Ziplock" type containers from our Mixed Bag Design fundraiser. These bags can be hand washed and are dishwasher safe. Please see page 10 of the fundraiser catalogue at <http://fundraiser.mixedbagdesigns.com/Spring-Catalog> for additional information.

Each student who purchases two sets of re-usable "Ziplock" bags, will be entered to win two tickets to a future **SAN JOSE SHARKS** game. Orders must be placed before February 13, 2012.



Purchase two sets of re-usable "ziplock" bags and your student will be

HFS 2nd Annual Earth Day Event

Holy Family School is excited to announce the second annual Earth Day Celebration on Thursday, April 26th from 5:00-7:30 pm. We will again be treated to a student inspired video produced by our 8th grade class and an educational play production by Ms. Rozzi's third grade class. We will have classroom presentations as well as presentations by community partners who will help bring eco-awareness about our local community.

Volunteers are needed! Contact Laurie Brant at laurie.brant@hfsj.org to see how you can help out.

Hope to see you there!

"What we do today, right now, will have an accumulated effect on all of our tomorrows."
— *Alexandra Stoddard*





The case for recycling is strong. The bottom line is clear. Recycling requires a trivial amount of our time. Recycling saves money and reduces pollution. Recycling creates more jobs than landfilling or incineration. And a largely ignored but very important consideration, recycling reduces our need to dump our garbage in someone else's backyard.

-- David Morris of the Institute for Local Self-Reliance



Earthcare Recycling

Start saving your electronic waste items now! We will be hosting an electronic recycling event at the same time as our Earth Day Event. You are welcome to bring your electronic waste items to the community center between 4:00-8:00 pm on Thursday, April 26th. This event is open to the public – so be sure to tell your neighbors and family members. We will be paid per pound of electronic waste. These funds will also be used to continue to beautify our school grounds. [Click here for a complete list of recyclable items.](#) Please do not bring items early since a simple registration form is required.

Thank you in advance for your participation.