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DATES TO REMEMBER/THINGS TO DO

- Wednesday, February 16: Waverly Dines Out at Carmine's Italian Restaurant
- Monday, February 21: President's Day; no school, no YK daycare; ASC available
- Tuesday, March 1: 2011-2012 contracts due from returning families
- Wednesday, March 9: 10th grade College Night, 7:00 p.m.
- Saturday, March 12: Waverly Silent Auction, 6:30 p.m.

ALL SCHOOL



READY, SET, ORDER: THE WAVERLY PRODUCE BOX!

We are very excited to announce that the Waverly link is up and running on the Equitable Roots website! This means you can now go to www.equitableroots.com and click on The Waverly School link to place your order for your organic produce box. Orders can be placed weekly, bi-weekly, and for the whole month.



Sabine enjoys her beautiful organic produce!

The first delivery will be Thursday, February 10; pick-up time will be 2:30–5:00 p.m. in front of the elementary school. You will be able to pick up your box from 5:00-6:00 p.m. **ONLY** if you are a Tom Sawyer family. All produce boxes have to be signed off by a parent or caregiver. Middle school and high school students are allowed to pick up their produce boxes with the signed agreement (*Waverly School's Produce Box Waiver Agreement*) which gives the student full responsibility to pick up the produce box. There are copies of the waiver agreements on all campuses. Please submit signed agreements to Meg at the elementary front desk. If you do not pick up your produce box on Thursday, it will be donated to a local food shelter.

All orders must be placed before 10:00 a.m. on Monday, February 7 for the Thursday, February 10 delivery. Remember, we must have 45 weekly subscriptions to have the boxes delivered to our school. The produce boxes are \$18 and Waverly keeps \$3 a box. If 75 families subscribe on a weekly basis, this is an extra \$900 a month raised for Waverly!

If you have any questions and are interested in helping distribute the boxes on Thursdays, please contact Sheryl (Waverly parent) at sheryl@twoplumspaper.com

BE A WAVERLY AMBASSADOR

February is visit month for prospective Waverly students. While on campus, you might notice visiting students and their families. Feel free to say hello, introduce yourself, and help them feel welcome. The community spirit at Waverly is an awesome force to behold; it can make a real difference to kids and families who are spending a day with us. Admissions Director Jennifer appreciates everyone's efforts—including those who organized, set up, and baked goodies for all of our tours. Jennifer says, "This community makes Waverly an incredibly special place." Let's show it off!

VALENTINE CANDY GRAMS

The Ravens are selling Candy Grams for Valentine's Day! Any student (or parent) in MS or HS can purchase one for \$1. The proceeds will go to support the high school prom. Candy Grams can be purchased from a Raven, or from Wendy or Grete. Candy Grams will be delivered on Valentine's Day. Please let Heather know (heather@thewaverlyschool.org) if you have any questions.

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SILENT AUCTION

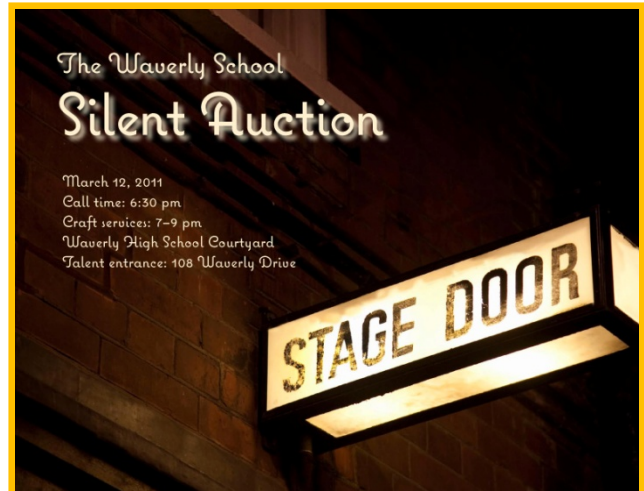
Recent reviews for The Waverly Silent Auction:

Carol Channing - *"You would have to be coco-nuts not to attend the Silent Auction!"*

Patti Lupone - *If anyone could understand a word she is saying, I am sure she said, "I love Silent Auction!"*

Two out of two Broadway stars cannot be wrong! Come to the Silent Auction and you will have a great time. The price has been lowered, we are rocking a band, and food will be stellar, so come and have a good time! A donation sheet is attached to this e-packet. Feel free to make copies if you have friends who want to donate. Volunteer sign-up sheets are being posted on all three campuses.

The Waverly Silent Auction is on Saturday, March 12. Questions, comments, suggestions? Contact auction co-chairs Kevin: kwisney@gmail.com; or Emily: emilystadnicki@gmail.com.



FARM REPORT



Hello from the freshly mown farm! Rogelio has been hard at work on the weeds. New plants are sprouting everywhere and the middle school class kindly cleaned and organized the shed. Thank you! Now let's try to put everything back where we found it. See you at the farm!

GREEN SPOT

This week, we focus on single use plastic water bottles and their impact on the earth (and our wallets!). Do you have a reusable water bottle with you right now?

FACTS: 66 million plastic water bottles will go into the garbage today. Most water bottles are made of polyethylene terephthalate (PET) plastic. Americans throw away 38 billion bottles a year, which is one billion dollars worth of plastic water bottles put into landfills and litter each year. PET is made from crude oil and produces toxic emissions at rates of 100 times that of glass. It will take 400 to 1,000 years for this type of plastic to degrade in the environment. Making bottles of water out of plastic takes more than 1.5 million barrels of oil every year. That much oil could fuel 100,000 American cars for a year. The plastic water bottle manufacturers, with all their products, generate greater than 2.5 million tons of carbon dioxide each year and require seventeen million barrels of oil each year. Americans spend over \$15 billion dollars each year on bottled

water. Aquafina (Pepsi) and Dasani (Coke) sell 24% of all US bottled water, yet both are merely treated municipal tap water, resold to the public at a premium mark-up. If tap water costs the same as the cheapest bottled, monthly water bills would come to \$9,000. Bottled water can cost as much \$10 per gallon, making gasoline cost *less* than bottled water.

TIPS: Fill your reusable water bottle with filtered tap water. If you use a Brita-type filtration system you can make another responsible choice by recycling your pitcher filter when you replace it, which should be about every two months (or every 40 gallons). Annual savings, even if you buy the most expensive, reusable water bottle (\$50) and a basic filter, is about \$300 if you drink one bottle worth of water a day. If you drink as much water as is recommended (eight 8 oz glasses: 64 oz a day) you'd be saving about \$700 per year and that's factoring in bulk bottled water.

If you do have to consume water out of a plastic bottle, always recycle it!

HIGH SCHOOL

THE MADWOMAN OF CHAILLOT

On Thursday, February 10 and Saturday, February 12, the high school drama class presents *The Madwoman of Chailot* by Jean Giraudoux. This is a delightful and timely comic fable about a community of vagabonds who frequent the Café Chez Francis in Paris. One morning, a group of corrupt corporate executives meet and reveal their plan to dig up Paris to get at the oil which they believe lies beneath its streets. Into this scene sails Countess Aurelia, the Madwoman of Chailot. Ultimately, Countess Aurelia, with the aid of people such as The Street Singer, The Ragpicker, The Juggler, The Sewer Man, The Flower Girl, The Sergeant, The Deaf Mute and her small coterie of other madwomen, comes up with a solution to preserve not only Paris, but to restore peace, love, and joy throughout the world. As she says after saving the universe, "Nothing is ever so wrong in this world that a sensible woman can't set it right in the course of an afternoon."

The play takes place outdoors on the grassy lawn of Webster Quad on the high school campus. There are two performances – a free Thursday daytime performance at 1:15 p.m. for students, and one public performance, at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday. Admission to the Saturday performance is \$5.00, payable at the door. **The audience sits on the grass and, although we have camping tarps to sit on, the audience is encouraged to bring low beach chairs, towels, or cushions to sit on for maximum comfort.** There will be some higher chairs set up at the back.

HIGH SCHOOL DEBATE TEAM NEWS



Several Waverly teams went out to a debate tournament in Upland on Saturday and did a tremendous job! The talented team of Nate C., Colin W., and Louis W. gained a 2nd place trophy, with Louis capturing a 4th place speaker trophy and Colin placing 5th as an individual debater. Waverly placed second among all schools competing. A triumphant day for the high school debate team!

MIDDLE SCHOOL

BOOK REVIEW IN PROSE

The Book That Changed My Life

It's quite odd, peculiar, does not seem like a life changer, but it did.

Ouran High School Host Club.

I found my passion, my hobby, a new world opened its doors and led me to a wonderland.

A wonderland of Death Notebooks, Memory Feathers, akuma, death scythes and demon busters.

Manga.

I had tried reading manga's before,

But this one grabbed me by the shoulders,

And threw me into a world of nerdy fandom.

I was instantly obsessed with this comedic romance story,

With loveable characters, gorgeous art, and a plot that makes the reader beg for more.

When I finished, I could not help but to frantically search for more to read.

The book itself did not change my life, but the world it led me to sure did. - Michi O.



LATIN VIDEO FESTIVAL

Middle School Spanish teacher Adriana organized the Latin Video Festival, which took place on January 26. All students participated in this event by creating their own videos featuring Latin music. 13 videos were honored with awards, such as Best Creativity, Best Editing, and Best Direction. The videos were creative and fun to make and present. At left is Santi, Cameron, Eamonn, and Adriana as the boys accept their award for an outstanding Latin music video.

CREATIVE WRITING

In 2006, the magazine *Smith* asked its readers and hundreds of professional writers to write their life story in exactly six words. This week, students in the middle school creative writing class copied this format. Here are some of the results:

Thorns. Roses need to drink too. - Matthew

Perceived by many, known by few.- Lily

Very strong dribbler, an ok shooter.- Roman

Rushing, rushing, rushing. Will it end? - Ben

Obsessive, gamer, student, athlete, couch potato. - Vicente

Life lesson so far: Don't judge. - Maddie

MIDDLE SCHOOL DEBATE TEAM NEWS

Eighth grader Eamonn G. and seventh graders Sophie C. and Mary F. represented Waverly in the Harvard-Westlake Debate Invitational on Saturday, January 29. Middle schoolers Luke R. and Anthony A. provided research assistance at the tournament. Over 150 students from 12 Los Angeles area middle schools competed in the day-long event. The debate topics were:

- WikiLeaks does more good than harm.
- Body scans and pat-downs by the TSA in American airports violate the Fourth Amendment.
- Animal dissection should not be permitted in middle and high schools.
- Middle and high schools should eliminate the sale of caffeinated drinks to their students.

Be sure to congratulate our debaters when you see them. They did a fantastic job!

The middle school debate team is already hard at work preparing for their next tournament, scheduled for Saturday, March 12, at Chaminade. The debate topics for the tournament are:

- The United States should significantly expand its use of nuclear power.
- Single sex education does more good than harm.
- The California lottery should be abolished.
- Public funding should not be used to attract professional sports teams to cities

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

PURPLE PARROT FISH LEARN JAPANESE DANCE

The Purple Parrotfish (Tina's and Maria's first and second graders) are learning about Japan. This week, Kazuo's Aunt Aiko visited the class. Aiko is a professional dancer who has performed all over the world. She explained how Japanese dances were created and how they depict different lifestyles. Aiko performed a fisherman's dance and a children's dance, with musical accompaniment. She wore a beautiful kimono and showed the children how to put on a kimono. Students were excited trying on the beautiful clothes. Mikayla told Braden, "You look like a king." The children enjoyed learning about this unique art form.

