



September 8, 2008

ANNOUNCING STAR OF THE SEA SCHOOL CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION!

Dear Star of the Sea Families, Parishioners and Friends:

Star of the Sea School is celebrating its 100-year anniversary beginning in January 2009 and continuing through the 2009-10 school year. This is a ***once in a lifetime occasion*** to celebrate our academic and spiritual achievements with alumni and families, to showcase our school to the greater community, and to help ensure that Star's commitment to Catholic education carries on for another century. We want to honor our past, celebrate our current achievements, and prepare for our future!

A ***Centennial Committee*** has been formed and has been actively developing a program of activities. We look at the upcoming centennial celebration as chance not only to celebrate our academic and spiritual achievements but to raise funds for school improvements, including the Science Lab. Here is what the committee has been working on to date:

- A calendar of events and activities (attached and still open to new ideas!),
- Alumni outreach to over 2000 alums and a growing database of names and current addresses,
- Identification of class contacts who are willing to organize alumni for activities and events,
- Street banners, and other materials for publicity using a centennial logo and design,
- A presentation to reach out to friends, donors and grant giving foundations.

The attached sheet shows some of our plans: winter ball, golf tournament, fun runs, a convocation Mass, a centennial-themed parish festival, and the gala wine-tasting/auction and alumni weekend on May 2010. We are also working on a centennial book as a souvenir for alumni, parishioners and Star families memorializing our 100-year Catholic tradition of educating San Francisco youth.

But to accomplish these ambitious plans we need the help, dedication and enthusiasm that our Star of the Sea Family is renowned for. If you think that you would like to be involved in any of these events, ***please complete the attached sign-up sheet by October 1st, 2008.*** Or call Stephanie Sellai (415/793-5183), Susan O'Hara (415/342-2412) or email us at centennial@staroftheseasf.com.

With everyone's participation, Star's Centennial Celebration will reflect the quality, commitment, and excellence of our school.

Sincerely yours,

Stephanie Sellai and Susan O'Hara
Co-Chairs Star of the Sea Centennial Committee



Star of the Sea Centennial Activities. Please mark an "X" by all activities that you are interested in helping with. Thanks for your involvement!

Name: _____

Email : _____

Phone: _____

Yes, I want help!	I can chair or co-chair, too!	Activity/Event
		Winter Ball. Help plan and organize a wonderful Winter Ball to kick-off the centennial celebrations in January 24, 2009. Preliminary plans are to hold the Ball at a main San Francisco hotel, and site selection is now underway. Chair: Tracy Lee
		Golf Tournament. Help plan and organize a fun and fund-raising golf tournament in Spring or Summer 2009 [?]. Chair: Open
		History Book. What has been happening all through Star's first century? Who attended Star? What are they doing now? This will be a wonderful keepsake that will preserve much of the school's illustrious history. Chair: Open
		Convocation and re-dedication Mass and luncheon. Scheduled for September 6, 2009, this event will include the rededication of the school and a Mass, celebrated by Archbishop Niederauer. Help plan these activities and more! Chair: Open
		Fun Runs. Help organize activities for students, families, and alums. Dates and times are flexible. Chair: Open
		Fashion Show. What a great way to show off the school and experience the latest fashions. Ideas include partnering with a major department store to showcase our "model" students and parents! Co-chairs: Dawn Miller & Stephanie Belfiore
		Historical Information and Displays. Love to pour through old photos, research and write up histories? Help create Star's historical information and displays that can be used at a variety of events and venues. Chair: Stella Bialous
		Publicity. Help write press releases and articles for the local press, outreach to major events, etc. to establish contacts and tell everyone about our activities. Chair: Open
		Gala Wine Tasting/Auction. Help plan a grand centennial version of our annual major fundraiser in May 2010. Preliminary plans include an off-site venue and activities in conjunction with alumni reunion celebrations that same weekend. Chair: Tracy Lee
		Alumni Reunion Weekend. Help organize and bring together alumni to plan their reunions and associated celebrations in May 2010 (Gala Wine Tasting/Auction weekend). Ideas include off-site venue at a major hotel and coordinating rates for reunion activities and rooms. Chair: Open
		Alumni Contacts and Database Development. Help find all those alums and develop class contacts. Create a lasting database that can be updated to contact alums for the centennial and in the future. Chairs: Brenda Kittredge and Nancy Bye
		Fundraising. Help plan and execute fundraising activities surrounding the Centennial. Develop and run a capital/program enrichment campaign. Solicit corporate sponsorship for events and projects. Solicit donations from Star alumni and friends. Chair: Open
		Other ideas:

Please return this sheet to "Centennial Planning" c/o the school office