

WEST WALKER WIRE

OCTOBER 2011

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Have Spooky Fun at WWCA's Annual Halloween and Fall Festival!

Join us Halloween weekend for some spooky and silly neighborhood fun! Mark your calendar for the West Walker Civic Association's Halloween Party and Fall Festival! This free event will take place **Saturday, October 29th from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**, at the Irving Park Lutheran Church Gym on the corner of Harding and Belle Plaine. The party will kick-off with crafts, games, music and refreshments in the gym. At 11:30 we'll draw for great prizes and wrap-up with a costume parade for all ages!

A drawing for exciting prizes will be held – tickets are \$1 each. Prizes include: an overnight stay and 4 waterpark passes to Key Lime Cove, courtesy NBC5; a one night stay and 4 waterpark passes to Chula Vista Resort donated by NBC5; a Relax & Indulge Gift Basket courtesy of Dorie Westmeyer, Realtor, Charles Rutenberg Realty; a fun kids basket donated by Amy & Rick Sobin; and local restaurant gift certificates.

A donation of canned food for the Irving Park Community Food Pantry would be appreciated. Join your neighbors as we celebrate fall in Chicago! Questions or want to help out? Contact Beth Tidmarsh at btidmarsh@gmail.com. Hope to see you Saturday morning October 29th!



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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Sunday, October 9 • 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
GIPNA Farmers Market
Independence Park

Friday, October 14th • 7 p.m. - 10 p.m.
Carlson Community Services Trivia Night
IPLC Gymnasium, 4057 N. Harding

Saturday, October 15 • 5 p.m. - 9 p.m.
Irving Park Community Food Pantry
Harvest Benefit
IPLC Gymnasium, 4057 N. Harding

Sat/Sun, October 15-16 • 11 a.m.-4 p.m.
Fall Festival 2011
Athletic Field Park, 3546 W. Addison

Sunday, October 16 • 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
PreHoliday Direct Sales Event
Park View Lutheran Church
3919 N. Monticello

Tuesday, October 18 • 7 p.m.
WWCA General Meeting
Latvian Community Center,
4146 N. Elston

Wednesday, October 19th • 7:00 p.m.
Beat #1723 CAPS Meeting
17th District, 4650 N. Pualski

Saturday, October 22 • 7:30 p.m.
Chicago Dance Halloween Party
3660 W. Irving Park Rd

Saturday, October 29 • 6:30-10 p.m.
St. Viator Halloween Party
Gymnasium, 3644 N. Kedvale Ave

Saturday, October 29 • 10 a.m.-12 p.m.
WWCA Halloween & Fall Festival
IPLC Gymnasium, 4057 N. Harding

You can also visit our
Community Calendar online at:
<http://westwalker.org/calendar.html>

Dear Neighbor,

LAST SPRING, we took the opportunity to publish the results of the West Walker survey in the March, 2011 Wire. During the March general meeting, the results were presented, and possible changes to the WWCA were considered, including the selection of special events, general meeting programs and methods to best serve the community with the resources available to the WWCA.

We will continue that discussion at our October general meeting at the Latvian Center on October 18, 2011. The events sponsored in whole or part by the WWCA, such as the garage sale, Harvest/Halloween Festival and the Winter Social, have been embraced and well attended – much more so than the general meetings. In the coming year, we will start to implement some changes based on that reality. We will start to outline those changes at the October general meeting. We also hope that people will attend the meeting with ideas and concerns that the WWCA can address to make the neighborhood better for everyone.

Please attend the October meeting to listen and contribute. If you can't attend, use the "contact us" link on the West Walker website or call one of the officers at the phone numbers listed in the Wire.

Mike Webber
President, WWCA

A New Event at Park View Lutheran Church

Our Pre-Holiday Direct Sales Event is coming up! We are inviting people who sell direct sale items, such as Tupperware, Lia Sophia Jewelry, Thirty One Purses, Discovery Toys, etc to come to sell their items. This will be a great day to start your Holiday shopping. There will be refreshments, and we will be raffling off 1 item from each vendor. So come on by and check out the variety of new items for sale. This will be Sunday, October 16, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Tips for a Happy and Safe Halloween

Wear costumes made of fire-retardant materials, like polyester or nylon; look for a "flame resistant" label. Wear bright, reflective costumes or add strips of reflective tape. Make sure the costume's length doesn't drag on the ground (no one wants to trip and fall!). Wear makeup and hats. Avoid masks that obscure your vision.

Before eating the candy, inspect it at home! Candy showing signs of tampering, discoloration, pinholes, tears in wrappers or anything else that looks suspicious, need to be dumped! **Trick-or-Treaters:** Eat something before heading out to avoid the temptation to nibble on treats that haven't been checked. Politely say "no" to anything that isn't commercially wrapped.

Have FUN!

These are some of the "Lucky 13" Guidelines from FDA, Consumer Product Safety Commission, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

WEST WALKER CIVIC ASSOCIATION

West Walker Mission Statement

"The pursuit of the West Walker Civic Association is to make our diverse neighborhood the best it can be by securing the services, safeguards and improvements the West Walker community is entitled to have."

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All story ideas, text, and ads are due a week before the first of the month.

Submit ideas and text to:
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Please include a phone number in case we need to follow up with you. We reserve the right to edit all submissions for space and content.

For information on advertising, please contact Shannan Bunting at WWWire@solsticepr.com

7th Annual West Walker Cup

by Kevin Barry



Above: The Winners: Darren Ferris (left) and Patrick McKee, share the 2011 West Walker Cup.

Below: The Contenders: from left, Kevin Barry, Davor Engel, Darren Ferris, Eric Zorn, Mel Westmeyer and Patrick McKee

This year's West Walker Cup prevailed, despite some of the roughest weather ever faced. Forecasters predicted thunderstorms, causing several contestants (cowards) to drop out. Still, the stalwarts of West Walker were unfazed. The weather varied from sunshine to course-clearing thunderstorms at Glenview Park District Golf Club, but the rain did not deter the intrepid athletes.

The most elusive prize proved to be a lobster dinner donated by Bill Dugan of The Fish Guy on Elston. The lobsters were to be awarded for the first birdie. It seemed that Davor Engel was certain to win this prize, clawing his way to several potential birdie putts. Nobody could snare the elusive lobster, until Eric Zorn sank a knee-knocker on 17. With a clenched fist and putter hoisted to the heavens, Eric exulted, "Lobster!"

While the race for a birdie garnered most of the attention, the legendary Pat McKee quietly battled for low score against upstart Darren Ferris. Tournament results were not examined until we reached the scorer's table (Paddy Mac's), where it was discovered that Darren and Pat ended with a tie. Most participants agreed that a tie was no good. Had we realized that the integrity of the Cup was on the line, a playoff would certainly have ensued.

Mel Westmeyer built a beautiful base for the trophy, where he engraved the names of all previous champions. Could Mel's artwork be sullied by an asterisk on the 2011 nameplate? Will the two finalists schedule their own grudge match? At this moment, the 2011 winner remains unclear.

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CAPS Report

Beat #1723

September 21st, 2011

by Jane Nagle, CAPS Coordinator

Officer Michelle Camarillo is filling in as our CAPS officer while Sergeant Barker is on leave.

Specific West Walker Issues Discussed at September 21, 2011 CAPS Meeting for Beat #1723:

The corner of Monticello and Belle Plaine and the immediate surrounding area continue to be an issue with respect to reported criminal activity. At the CAPS Meeting, among other things, there were reports of multiple instances of shots fired, suspected drug dealing and gang activity. The police are monitoring the situation. If you see any of this activity, call 911 immediately so that police may respond to an incident in progress. If you do not want to provide your name, state that you wish to remain anonymous when you begin speaking to the 911 operator.

As reported in the September, 2011 WW Wire, on Thursday, August 25th, a neighbor reported that over 30 vehicles had tires slashed on and around the 3800 block of Cullom. The CAPS office indicated that the police had only three calls for service regarding the incident. The calls for service did not reflect the extent of the problem. If you have any information relating to the incidents or if your vehicle's tires were slashed and you have not reported it to the police, please contact 311 to make a report.

Statistics by type of crime in the West Walker neighborhood (August 17 - September 21):

Assault - Simple - 3

Battery - Aggravated - 2

Battery - Domestic Battery Simple - 2

Battery - Simple - 1

Burglary (forcible entry) - 4

Burglary (attempted forcible entry) - 1

Burglary (unlawful entry) - 1

Criminal damage to vehicle - 4

Criminal damage to property - 4

Criminal sexual assault - Predatory - 1

Motor Vehicle Theft (Automobile) - 4

Other Offense - Telephone Threat - 1

Robbery - Armed - Handgun- 1

Robbery - Strongarm (no weapon) - 1

Theft - Financial ID Theft (over \$300) - 1

Theft - From Auto (\$500 and under) - 1

Theft - Residence Porch/Hallway (\$500 and under) - 1

In addition to auto thefts and thefts from autos, burglaries are on the rise. Please take steps to lock your doors and secure your property.

CAPS meetings for our beat are currently held monthly at the 17th District Police Station, 4650 N. Pulaski, in the Community Room. Meetings begin at 7 p.m. on the third Wednesday of the month and typically last one hour. The next regularly scheduled meeting for Beat 1723 is Wednesday, October 19, 2011.

As always, call 911 to report suspicious activity or individuals in your neighborhood and provide a detailed physical description of the individuals involved in any incident, including clothing, shoes and vehicle descriptions. For incidents which are no longer in progress, remember that rather than calling 911, you may call 311 to have a police officer complete a report for incidents such as theft, criminal damage to property, lost property and other non-emergency situations. Even if a neighbor has already reported the incident or activity, other neighbors should make separate calls. The police often look at the number of calls for service in determining the allocation of officers and resources with respect to a particular situation or incident.

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39th Ward Report



Three Brothers Garden continues to receive accolades and recognition. The Garden was recently featured in an article from Placemaking Chicago, a project of the Metropolitan Planning Council that spotlights neighborhood projects in the city. The author of the article contends that the Three Brothers Garden is a prime example of a community planning principle, You Can't Do It Alone. Congratulations to Carlson Community Services, Liz Mills, and all of the community volunteers who have dedicated their time and resources to making Three Brothers Garden so successful. To read the article and learn more about Placemaking Chicago, visit their website at placemakingchicago.com/places/three-brothers-garden.asp.

Effective September 18, **new curfew hours** are in effect for Chicago youth. For children under the age of 12, curfew is 8:30 p.m., Sunday through Thursday, and 9:00 p.m., Friday and Saturday. Children ages 12-16, have curfew at 10:00 p.m., Sunday through Thursday, and 11:00 p.m., Friday and Saturday.

As in past years, the City of Chicago will be offering free flu shots to Chicago residents. Chicago Department of Public Health staff will be in my Public Service Office, 4404 West Lawrence, on **Monday, November 7, from 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.**, to give 39th Ward residents their free flu shot.

As always, please contact my office at 773-736-5594 or Ward39@cityofchicago.org with any concerns or questions. For more information on these and other events, sign up for my e-newsletter at AldermanLaurino.com

Sincerely, Margaret Laurino, Alderman, 39th Ward

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WWCA Members

Thanks for renewing or becoming members of WWCA! A list of those neighbors who have joined or renewed as of October, 2011 appears below.

Benee Brown
Amanda Hayman and Josh Jones
Mary Matranga
John and Evelyn McGuire
The Olson Family

It's Membership Renewal Time!

WWCA MEMBERSHIP runs May 1 through April 30 annually. Your dues help fund a variety of items:

- Ten issues per year of the *West Walker Wire*, delivered to residences and businesses in West Walker, free of charge.
- The annual community garage sale.
- Area non-profit groups like the Irving Park Community Food Pantry, Independence Park, and Independence Library.
- Free e-mail updates on neighborhood events and area crime.
- Free special events, like the Halloween Party and Fall Festival and 4th of July celebration at Independence Park.

Bring your 2011-2012 dues to our next WWCA meeting on October 18th at 7:00 p.m. Or you can mail in the application below.

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Please make your check payable to: WEST WALKER CIVIC ASSOCIATION
Mail or drop off your application and dues to: Jack Prikos, 4238 N. Avers Ave., Chicago, IL 60618



News from the Irving Park Community Food Pantry

by Craig Shutt

August was a record-breaking month at the Pantry. In addition to handing out over 400 school-supply packets to clients with school-age children, the Pantry served 1,917 people in 720 households, which includes 84 new households with 221 people. As a result of the economy, donations are down and the need for food has never been greater. Thanks to everyone who helped ensure we continue our record of never turning away a client because we ran out of food!

Party with the Pantry October 15th!

Enjoy food, drink, music, games and fun with your neighbors on **Saturday, October 15th at the Irving Park Food Pantry's Harvest Benefit!** The event will be held from 5 to 9 p.m. at the Irving Park Lutheran Church gymnasium at 4057 N. Harding Ave. (not the church itself).

The benefit, which is for adults only, will include a harvest dinner, cash bar, DJ music, games and a raffle. Tickets are \$20 per person, which provides food, one drink (soda, beer or wine) and one raffle ticket. Tickets are \$10 for seniors 65 years and older. Tickets are available at the door or at the Pantry's website (www.irvingparkfoodpantry.org).

Proceeds from the event will directly benefit the Pantry and be used for operational expenses and to purchase food from the Greater Chicago Food Depository. That food—which is purchased at 7¢/pound from the depository—along with all donations, are used to make up three days' worth of emergency food that clients are eligible to receive once per month from the Pantry.

Join the fun! Stay as long as you want, raffle winners will be notified. For more information or to learn details of becoming a sponsor, contact John Psiharis at 773-283-6296 or email info@irvingparkfoodpantry.org. See you there!

Coat Collection

The Pantry is collecting children's and adults' coats that are gently used (not heavily worn, please) for distribution to our clients. We also are accepting gently used hats, scarves and gloves of all shapes and size. The distribution will **begin on November 30th** and continue until we run out. Please bring donations to the Pantry on Wednesday morning (9 a.m. to 12 p.m.) or to Irving Park United Methodist Church at 3801 N. Keeler Ave.

during church business hours. Please leave them inside the Grace Street entrance at the bottom of the stairs alongside the food-donation barrels. For more information, contact Pat at repe1931@sbcglobal.net.

Toy Drive

The Pantry also will be running its annual toy distribution for clients' children during the holidays this year. As you begin your holiday shopping, please remember the children in the neighborhood who don't have some of the things that many of us can take for granted. Pick up something extra so they too can remember the season as a joyful time and drop it off at the Pantry.

Mount Olive Community Canvas

Mount Olive Church (3850 N. Tripp Ave.) is holding a food drive for the Pantry in November. On Sunday, **November 13th**, volunteers will canvas the area with fliers, which for the first time, will also include a donation envelope. The next Sunday, **November 20th**, volunteers will pick up donations and return them to the church. Volunteers are needed on both days to take a designated area and a few on the 20th for sorting and packing as well. Those interested can either contact info@irvingparkfoodpantry.org or Mount Olive for information.

Community Grant Renewed

The Pantry's \$35,000 grant from the Chicago Community Trust, which was first awarded last year, has been renewed for 2012. The grant allows the Pantry to continue its work with Belma Torres as our client-resources coordinator, who has greatly aided the Pantry's clients by helping them with assistance beyond emergency food supplies.

For 95 years, Chicago Community Trust has connected the generosity of donors with the needs of the community by making grants to organizations working to improve metropolitan Chicago. The Trust works to enhance our region from strengthening community schools to assisting local art programs, from building health centers to helping lives affected by violence.

Local Food Drive

The Portage Park Weight Watchers group (4122 N. Milwaukee) is holding a food drive for the Pantry until October 15th. If you are in the area, please drop off any donations you have available.

If your group wants to organize a food drive or a food drop at your location (Pantry can provide pickup), please contact Volunteer Manager Lee Stein at leesstein@spacecushion.com.

*Don't miss the Last
GIPNA
Farmers Market
of the season!*

**Sunday, October 9th, 2011
9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

*Thank you for your support
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Local Book Store Celebrates 30 Years

Come to Chicago Bibles & Books on Saturday, October 15th, from noon until 5 p.m., as they celebrate their 30th anniversary! This non-profit bookstore opened its doors in 1981 and continues its mission of spreading the truths of God's word in the Northwest Side of Chicago and beyond. Meet Christian friends, enjoy refreshments, and receive guidance in Bible study. The 30th Anniversary Sale begins Monday, October 10th, and lasts through Saturday, October 22nd. during which patrons will receive 30% off a book of their choice.

Chicago Bibles & Books is located on 3931 West Irving Park Road in Chicago. There is free parking in the lot two doors east of the store. For more information, call 773-478-0550 or visit www.biblesandbooks.com



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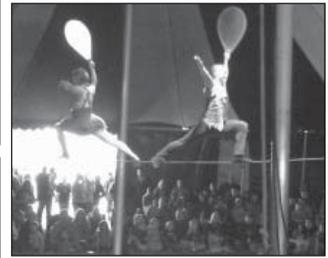
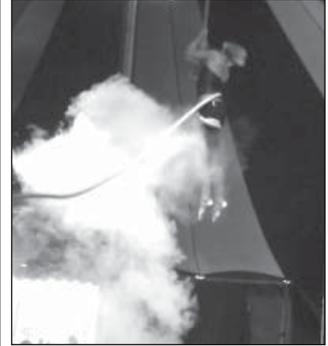
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Happenings...

On Saturday, October 1st, the sun came out amidst a beautiful fall day, and so did children and adults alike as they filled the 'Big Top' of Independence Park to enjoy the sights and sounds of the Midnight circus! Tightrope walkers, jugglers, acrobats, clowns and many others performed to a full house. Audiences were thrilled and inspired by this eclectic ensemble of international performers. For more information about the Midnight Circus, visit midnightcircus.net, or go see another Circus in the Park! Find out where they are by visiting www.chicagoparkdistrict.com, then go to the Events tab and browse in the month of October.



Photos by Mitch Stein



IMPORTANT CONTACTS

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Non-Emergency 311
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17th Police District 312.744.8346
Beat 1723 CAPS Meeting: Third Wednesday of the month, 7 p.m. at 17th District Police Station, 4650 N. Pulaski Road

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Alderman Richard Mell, 3649 N. Kedzie Ave.
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Web: www.33rdward.org
33rd Ward Advisory Council: 3rd Thursday of each month at Horner Park Fieldhouse, 2741 W. Montrose Ave., 7 p.m. (Discuss your issues with the advisory council)

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News and Events from Carlson Community Services



Carlson Community Services

Carlson Community Services, a 501(c)(3) non-profit, serves the Irving Park

community with a variety of outreach efforts.

Carlson to Test Residents' Knowledge at Quiz Night October 14th



Event chair Helen Lira (center) poses with her teammates at Carlson's Spring Trivia event.

Put your knowledge of pop culture, history, sports and Chicago trivia to the test at Carlson Community Services' Fall Trivia Night! Teams will compete for glory and prizes on Friday, October

14th from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. at the Irving Park Lutheran Church gym, 4057 N. Harding Ave. Team tables of 8 will be sold for \$160 and singles can compete for \$25. Bring your own snacks! Beer, wine and soda will be available for sale, along with raffle tickets for great prizes.

All proceeds will benefit the Magic After-School Place (MAP), which provides students from Belding and Murphy schools with safe passage to the program, homework help, a nutritious snack and recreation. Tuition is kept affordably low for area working families through grants and fundraisers like Trivia Night.

For more information or to purchase a team table or single tickets, contact Helen Lira at helen@chilira.com, or 773-406-9821. Open to adults 21 and over. For information on Carlson, visit carlsoncommunityservices.org.

Save the Date! West Walker Holiday Fair November 19th!

Shop the Third Annual West Walker Holiday Fair for handmade, artisan-quality holiday gifts. The Fair will be held Saturday, November 19th from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Irving Park Lutheran Church Gym, 4057 N. Harding. Admission to the fair is free.

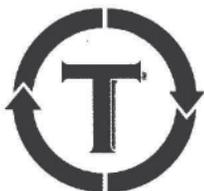


West Walker Holiday Fair organizer Sarah Steedman with her colorful creations.

Over 25 artists will be selling handmade jewelry, ceramics, recycled textiles, ornaments, candles, soap, art books, photography, letterpress cards, gourmet food, flowering plants, t-shirts, stuffed animals and knit wear. The sale will also feature crafts for kids as well as breakfast and lunch.

The Holiday Art Fair is a fundraiser for the Three Brothers Community Garden. Proceeds from table sales and a raffle featuring the works of participating artists will go to support the community garden sponsored by Carlson Community Services. Vegetables raised in the garden are donated to the Irving Park Food Pantry.

If you have questions about the West Walker Holiday Art Fair, contact Sarah Steedman at westwalkerartfair@sbcglobal.net or 773-539-1716. For more information about Carlson Community Services, visit www.carlsoncommunityservices.org.



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Seanachai Theatre's *The Shadow of A Gunman*

by **Barbara Figgins**



This is a haunting play. The setting is a 1920s Dublin tenement. In this period, life was nearly intolerable. The military conflict with the British army totally poisoned every day life, and the world seemed to have gone mad.

Privacy was virtually non-existent for the lower classes in particular, and Sean O'Casey's play zeroes in on that particular segment of society with heartbreaking clarity by showing us a slice of life for a few people within one building within one day. We watch this group of people struggle to maintain a sense of "normalcy" in abnormal times. We see their poignant search for order in a chaotic world and their hope that the "gunman" can solve their problems. True to the literary gift of the Irish, O'Casey breathes humor into these characters' desperate interactions. That touch of gentleness is what keeps the audience fascinated on the journey to the day's end.

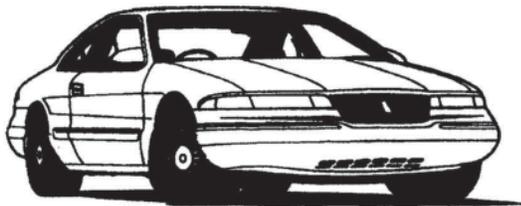
I think that most people will recognize these characters from their own lives, or at least an aspect of them. I personally have a great memory of my grandmother that I used as a basis for my character, Mrs. Henderson. It truly has been a joy to work on this show, and our ensemble has been gratified to learn that *The Shadow of A Gunman* has just been nominated for a Joseph Jefferson award (Chicago's equivalent of the Tony award).

To order tickets, call Ovation 866-811-4111 or buy tickets online at www.web.ovationtix.com/trs/cal/28605

The Shadow of A Gunman runs September 17 through October 23; Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays at 7:30 p.m. and Sundays at 3:00 p.m.

Barbara has been a company member with Seanachai since 2005 and has performed in Dancing at Lughnasa, Our Father, Scenes From The Big Picture, War, and Bold Girls. Other Chicago credits include Twelfth Night (City Lit); Othello, Romeo & Juliet, Macbeth, Taming of the Shrew, Julius Caesar (Crew of Patches). She has also worked with Victory Gardens Theatre, Remy Bumppo, Next Theatre, Collaboraction, Backstage Theatre, Chicago Jewish Theatre, and Infamous Commonwealth. Regionally, Barbara has worked with Kenley Players in Ohio, The MUNY in St. Louis, and the Pittsburgh Civic Light Opera.

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St. Edward School

St. Edward School is off to a great start! Thanks to all who came to our Oktoberfest in September and supported our Chalk Walk in early October.

Halloween Fun Fair

On Friday, October 28 we have our annual Halloween Fun Fair, which is a favorite of all our kids. The gym is transformed into a spooky spectacular with prizes, music, and costumes galore. There are also raffle prizes and always lots of smiles during Fun Fair.

Mark your calendar! St. Ed's Open House for Preschool and Kindergarten families is Thursday, November 17 from 6:30 – 8pm. This is an excellent way to meet our faculty, speak with current families and learn why our school is different. For more information, please contact Jenn Hegener at RSVP@StEdwardSchool.com

St. Edward School, now celebrating its 101st year, provides a quality, Catholic education to children from three-year old preschool through eighth grade. St. Edward students enjoy an average student-teacher ratio of 18:1, and the school features an extensive music program as well as art, gym, sports, chess, and Spanish at all grade levels. Our students matriculate to highly selective CPS and Catholic schools in Chicagoland. The School is located at 4343 W. Sunnyside. For more information on the School call 773-736-9133, or by visiting www.StEdwardSchool.com.

ST. VIATOR SCHOOL NEWS

PARENT PANEL

Are you in the process of evaluating elementary school options? The Parent Panel is a great opportunity to hear what parents of current students and parents of St. Viator graduates have to say about the school, curriculum,

extracurricular activities, faculty, and more. The Parent Panel is Thursday, October 13th from 7 p.m. – 9 p.m. in the gymnasium (Kedvale and Waveland). The parent panel offers group and one-on-one questions and answers. Bring your questions and we will be happy to share our experience and perspective. If you have specific questions you would like to see addressed by the panel, feel free to e-mail them ahead of time to Marketing & Enrollment committee member Sara Yoest at sara.yoest74@gmail.com.

WIGGLES AND GIGGLES PLAYGROUP

Wiggles & Giggles, a complimentary playgroup for children ages newborn through 4 years old and their parents or caregivers, begins in October. Our next playgroup is scheduled for Thursday, October 20th from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. in the gymnasium. For more information contact Ellen Conroy at erconroy1@yahoo.com. You can also view our schedule and the necessary forms on stviatorchicago.org under Student Life.

HALLOWEEN PARTY

Saturday, October 29th from 6:30 p.m.-10 p.m. is our Annual Halloween Party held in the gym. Children of all ages and their parents are welcome to test out their Halloween costumes and attend this exciting event. We will have a haunted house and plenty of activities for the children. We hope to see you there! For more information about our school and parish visit stviatorchicago.org and stviatorparish.org or call the office at 773-545-2173.

Disney II Magnet School

After a busy, fun summer students, teachers, and parents from Disney II welcomed the new school year by celebrating at a "Back to School Carnival." Everyone was entertained by the Jessie White Tumblers and the Lane Tech Cheerleaders while enjoying La Villa pizza and visiting with old and new friends.

The school has had some extra construction this summer, due to the fact that Disney II received funding to update infrastructure within and around the building. The project has gone smoothly and is on schedule.

In September, Disney II Magnet faculty approved with overwhelming majority a proposal for adopting a longer school day and becoming part of the Chicago Public School's Pioneer Program. They collectively demonstrated their strong commitment to work in the best interest of the students and school community.

Disney II students have always had sufficient time in core curriculum areas such as literacy, mathematics, and science. The new objective is to provide more enrichment classes and activities focused on the social-emotional development of our students.

Finally, as Disney II continues to grow, so do the extracurricular offerings. This year students may enjoy sports such as: soccer, tae kwon do, and track and field. Performing Arts offerings will include: choir, color guard/drill team, paper boat puppet group, hip hop, ballet, drama troupe, and Orff band. Club options/language classes offered are: chess, Mandarin, Spanish, Student Council, and newspaper club.

The 2011/2012 school year is certain to be an engaging and rigorous one for the Disney II Community.

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A DAY MADE BETTER

1st grade teacher Christian Burnham has won the "A Day Made Better" Award. He will receive a package of \$1,000 worth of classroom resources and supplies courtesy of Office Max. Congratulations!

FALL FUNDRAISERS

Our students are raising funds for field trips, high school preparation programs, team-building activities, dances and new air conditioners this year. They currently are teaming up with Little Caesar and Affy Tapple organizations. Please help our students help themselves. Those interested in contributing may contact Ms. Janet Heiman at 773-433-5001.

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