



SCHOOL NEWS

Holy Rosary School Family Communication Newsletter

September 15, 2005

"There are two ways to live your life. One is as though nothing is a miracle. The other is as though everything is a miracle." –Albert Einstein

Thank you for your attendance at Open House. If you were unable to attend, your handbook and phone directory are enclosed in this FCE. Your active involvement in your children's education makes such a huge difference. As always, thank you for all you do for Holy Rosary School. I'm convinced our parents are simply the best...

CALENDAR CORRECTION. Magazine Turn In Days are **TUESDAYs** not Thursdays, as indicated on the September calendar. Sorry for any confusion!

DREAM ON...MAGAZINE DRIVE STYLE! We had a great first Turn-In Day with sales over \$17,000 in line with prior years' and well on our way to that new school record! The 5th Grade turned in the most orders of 111 and were awarded with BELIEVING IT crazy hats. The 6th graders were close behind with 104 and the cute 1st graders with 101! Exciting stuff... Are your students wearing the DREAM wristbands everyday? The next Turn In Day is TUESDAY. 9/20! **Thank you to Jody Shields and Mary Ballanger for the best magazine kick-off assembly ever and for all your work organizing and planning.**

FCE REMINDERS: Please remember to return your Family Communication Envelope on a weekly basis. If you have information that you would like placed in the FCE, it must be in the school office (shelf behind the door) **no later** than the end of the school day on Wednesday. Any information received Thursday morning will be put in the following week's FCE. When sending information to all Holy Rosary School families, be sure to make **350 copies**. If you only have information going out to specific individuals, remember to have the **FCE carrier's last name and class number** visibly placed on the information. A list of all FCE carriers is in the school office. The FCE is a communication vehicle for school, church, and community/local merchant information. It should not be used for personal mailings. If you have any questions, please contact Peggy Cunningham in the school office or Kate Price at 938-2690. Thank You.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR FIRST TRIMESTER LEADERSHIP ELECTIVE OFFICERS.

President: **Tyler McMurtry**, Vice President: **Stephanie Sampson**, Secretary: **Lisa Montgomery**, and Treasurer: **Cameron Newstrom**.

WESTFEST UPDATES: **WestFest T-Shirts:** Colleen Gants and Jeanne Marie Butterworth will be selling the lovely WestFest t-shirts after school on Monday, September 19th. The cost is \$12.00.

Remember if your child has a WestFest shirt they may wear it to school on Friday, September 23. **Wristband Flyer Corrections:** The wristbands cannot be used for the Haunted House, Soccer Shoot-Out, or Speed Pitch. The haunted house will be \$1.00 for kids and \$2.00 for adults. There will be no Dunk Tank this year. **Blow Up Rides:** Lots of shifts still available. Go to www.westfest.holyrosaryws.org <<http://www.westfest.holyrosaryws.org>> and sign up for a shift. (Thank you to Colleen & Jeanne Marie and all the WestFest Committees - awesome job!)

WESTFEST KIDS' GAMES "wish list" - we are in need of a few empty coffee cans with lids. The coffee cans in the school hall's kitchen would be perfect, but they're currently full. We're adding a couple of game booths and need extra cans to collect tickets. We could also use a couple more aprons with pockets - nothing fancy. **Please call Teresa at 935.9245** if you can help. Thank you.

DUST OFF THOSE VOCAL CORDS. The Dads (a little music band made up of school dads) are going to make another run at Dad-A-Roke at Westfest. Is it your chance at stardom? Don't know. But it IS your chance to raise money to buy recess gear. Yep!-more balls and jump ropes for those cute children of ours. You'll pay \$10 per song to sing with us and the money raised, plus any tips you get, goes to buy gear. The best thing is you don't have to sing on key to do a great thing for the kids (we'll sing with you if you want). Look for Dad-A-Roke the Friday night of Westfest, sometime after 8:00PM. More details in the next FCE. **?s - Call Tom Butterworth at 933-6408.**

THANK YOU to all the school parents and kids who helped make the WestFest Pancake Breakfast successful last weekend. We appreciate all the time and hard work you contributed to help make it run so smoothly. **Sara Furman and Ann Martin.**

MILK PROGRAM. The school milk program is off to a great start. We need to finalize our weekly order numbers. **Last chance to submit your gold order form is Monday, Sept. 19th.** Forms were sent out in the August mailing and may also be picked up in the school office. We are looking for a parent volunteer to take over the daily operation/ordering of milk-11:10-12:30 daily. Please contact the office if interested in this year long volunteer opportunity.

HRS GRANTS PROGRAM. The HR Grant committee meets monthly and is made up of a small, but very dedicated group of parents who help locate, write and select grant sources for the school. Meetings are most often the third Wednesday of the month beginning at 6:00PM. If interested, **please contact Pam Sturgeon-937-7255 Ex. 222.** Thanks.

CYO SOCCER FAMILIES...this is a reminder that team and individual pictures will be Wednesday, September 21st at Lincoln Park. Your coach will provide you with an order form and the time your team photo will be taken. Please contact **Nancy Dennehy at 206-938-5139** with any questions.

OUR PRINTER CARTRIDGE/CELL PHONE RECYCLING PROGRAM IS BACK! Thank you to all who participated last year by turning in their old printer cartridge and cell phones. We started the program last December and have saved 607 cartridges and 97 cell phones from our landfills for a return of over \$1100!!!. We're eager to increase our participation significantly this year and hope that more parents will get their work places involved. The best part is that there is nothing to buy and no cost to Holy Rosary! If you have used cell phones or inkjet/toner cartridges for the program, the collection boxes are located inside the main school door or inside the main office. Please refer to our flyer included in this FCE for more specifics. If you have questions or want to

get your office involved, **Please contact Kristen or Tim Hinthorn at 433-2748 or email us at tkhinthorn1@comcast.net**

SAFEWAY 10% BACK TO SCHOOLS. If you are enrolled in eScrip, all purchases thru 9/6 of participating products marked with a yellow school bus will be automatically donated to your school. If you are **NOT ENROLLED IN eSCRIP**, **check your receipt the first time you shop at Safeway after September 6th**. It will have a Rewards Certificate on the back with a Redemption Code and your total contribution amount. Please send this Rewards Certificate to school before October 11th. The SCRIP team will take care of it from there. Thanks to everyone who has already sent theirs in – we're hoping for some big \$\$\$ for HRS.

SCRIP HOUSE CLEANING. After sorting thru our inventory, we found a few certificates that we would love to clear out. We have **Gap** (3 x \$20, 8%), **The Children's Place** (3 x \$20, 8%), **On Safari Foods** (6 x \$5, 5%), and **Sharper Image** (6 x \$25, 20%). If you, or someone you know, would be interested in purchasing any of these certificates, please visit our Daily/Sunday Sales table or **contact Teri Peterson, 767-6619**.

SCRIP SALES. SCRIP will be available this Sunday after all masses in the school hall. **Metropolitan Market** is sponsoring this week's "coffee & donuts", helping us kick off their new gift cards that are available thru SCRIP (**\$25/\$100, 5%**). Please join us for some yummy pasteries and stop by the SCRIP table for all your shopping needs. BTW – our first Weekly FCE processing day is this Monday, September 19th. Please make sure your orders are in the school office NO LATER THAN 9:00am. If you have not done so already, please send in your RELEASE FORM that was sent out in last week's FCE.

DIRECTORY CORRECTION Please note that any e-mail addresses in the directory that ended with attbi.com should have been corrected to read comcast.net.

THE CLOTHESLINE ANNUAL "BACK TO SCHOOL" EVENT A heartfelt thank you to all the wonderful Holy Rosary families who contributed clothing, socks, underwear, backpacks and school supplies to help us outfit over 100 children and teens at our annual "Back to School" event. The Clothesline appreciates the support and hard work of all our volunteers as well as the generosity of all those at Holy Rosary School who have helped the Clothesline serve our local West Seattle community for the past eight years. **Thanks! vvvvvEileen Collopy and Susan Strmich**

HURRICANE KATRINA Thank you to Frances Arscott and Denise Feil who oversee the "Used Uniform Room" and allowed us to send over 75 white polo shirts to school age children displaced by Hurricane Katrina. These shirts went to Alexandria, Louisiana; which is absorbing 4,000 displaced students into a town of 50,000 people-quite a daunting task, to say the least. Their goal is to provide every student with two polo shirts and two pair of khaki pants which is the school uniform for every child whether they attend public or private school in the South. **Thank you Frances and Denise! The Clothesline.**

TRAFFIC PATTERN NOTICE. The new NO RIGHT TURN SIGN at 42nd & Dakota has been authorized by the city during student drop-off and pick-up. Parents must proceed to Andover Street for a right turn. Please remember to use car signals to indicate to others your driving intentions. Safety is a huge concern due to the high volumes of traffic. Please follow the traffic

pattern. Thank you so much. We have noticed some parents and their children not using the crosswalks after school. **Please use the cross walks when crossing in front of the school during drop off and pick up.** Thanks for your cooperation. Your safety matters!

2005 KNITTING ELECTIVE. Looking for Helping Hands. If you enjoy knitting and would like to share this interest with our Holy Rosary students, consider volunteering in our junior high Service and Knitting class this year. The class meets on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays from 2:00-2:50 in Ms. Ochs' classroom, 8A. Volunteers are needed to help students with their knitting concerns and hands-on questions. If you're interested, **please contact Ms. Ochs via email at fochs@holynosaryws.org** to schedule times. If you don't knit, you can still assist the class by spreading the word that the class is looking for helping hands!

2005-06 HOLY ROSARY CHILDREN'S CHOIR. *TUESDAY* PRACTICES THIS YEAR. Who will lead the music in church when we're all much older? How will they know what to do? What songs will they sing? The Holy Rosary Children's Choir is an integral part of our parish music ministry, helping our school and parish students learn how to lead the music at mass. What they learn as children will provide them a solid foundation as they grow to become our future music ministry leaders! Students in grades 2-8 are eligible to participate (reading age). **Practices are on TUESDAY from 3:15-4:15, beginning October 11, 2005** and going through May 9, 2006. The Children's Choir sings at a parish mass about once a month, including Christmas and Easter! Older students learn how to cantor and sing harmony! Parents can help out and earn school volunteer hours. **Choir try-outs and orientation will be Tuesday, October 4 at 3:15 in the church.** Children can sing a simple song and parents can ask questions. As you plan next year's activities, remember to include Children's Choir. It's the only way to guarantee good music in your old age! **Contact Paul Dolejsi at 937.1488, x.211 or <pdolejsi@hrparish.net>.**

CUB SCOUTS PACK 793 invites all Holy Rosary School boys in 1st through 5th grade to attend our Pack Kickoff Meeting at Lincoln Park beach picnic shelter #4 at 6:30pm on Friday, September 16th. This is the best time of year to join the Cub Scouts and we'll have games, snacks, hot cocoa, and a hot fire going, so come see what the Cub Scouts program is all about and join in the fun! **Please contact Mike Grueter at (206) 938-3563 for more information.**

PUYALLUP FAIR STUDENT TICKETS are available in the school office. Stop by & get yours.

SEATTLE LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL WILL HOLD ITS ANNUAL FALL OPEN HOUSE on Thursday, October 27, beginning at 6:30 p.m. The event will feature a tour of the facility, as well as interaction with Seattle Lutheran's faculty and staff. Short presentations will demonstrate Seattle Lutheran's educational philosophy, expressed in the phrase "Information plus Inspiration equals Transformation." Excelling in its ability to both inform and inspire, Seattle Lutheran maintains an intentionally low enrollment, and class sizes are limited. 7th and 8th grade students are encouraged to attend. Please call Rachel at 937-7722, ext. 18 for information.

WHALE TAIL PLAYGROUND DEDICATION. After six years of redeveloping of our community's playground, located one block off of Alki Avenue on SW Lander Street, between 58th & 59th Avenues SW, the Whale Tail Playground has been completed. Please come and join Master of Ceremonies Dow Constantine, County Council Member; Greg Nickles, Mayor; Tim Ceis, Deputy Mayor; Yvonne Sanchez, Director, Department of Neighborhoods, Grace Crunican, Director, Department of Transportation and Linda Cuddy, Project Lead for the Whale Tail Playground dedication on Saturday, September 17, 2005 at 11am. After the dedication, please join The

Friends of Whale Tail Playground for desert and beverages from Alki Bakery, Husky Deli, Tully's and Starbucks.

THE ENDOLYNE CHILDREN'S CHOIR OF WEST SEATTLE welcomes New Members Grades 1 - 5! The Endolyne Children's Choir was founded in September 2003 as a non-audition community choir serving the greater West Seattle area. Weekly rehearsals are held on Thursday evenings at the Fauntleroy Church in West Seattle. All boys and girls who like music and love to sing are encouraged to join! No audition necessary. An experienced staff works in a welcoming, fun environment that promotes music appreciation and confidence through performing. The choir has performs choral concerts and musicals. Register now for the Fall Session! **Contact Sandie McTighe** info@endolynechoir.org www.endolynechoir.org 206-935-0648

JOIN THE NORTHWEST BOYCHOIR and you too can have fun singing and learning about music! The Northwest Boychoir will be auditioning boys between the ages of 6 - 9 on Saturday, October 8, 2005. No previous musical training is required. Boys age 10 or older with choral or other musical training may also audition. The auditions are relaxed, informal and private (parents are welcome to sit in), so that we can best judge each individual's talent and potential. Financial aid is available for those who qualify for the choir. The Northwest Boychoir is great fun because you get to sing with other boys your age on movie and game soundtracks, and with the Seattle Symphony in Benaroya Hall. You can also go to our annual summer music camp and travel to great places on our national and worldwide tours. Call us today to set up an audition appointment at (206) 524-3234 or visit www.nwchoirs.org. More information is available from your music teacher or the school office.

CALLING ALL DOG OWNERS. Our wonderful neighbor, Jenni, is a pet massage therapist. Look for a flyer in today's FCE for information of how you can pamper your pooch or help them after an injury. Jenni also happens to be a Holy Rosary parish member.

GUITAR LESSONS. Mr. Mohrbacher is currently organizing two groups for after school guitar lessons. If you are interested, please contact him at tmohrbacher@holynosaryws.org.

INCLUDED IN THIS FCE:

- WESTFEST Wristband Order Form
- WESTFEST Flyers (Two) (goldenrod)
- WESTFEST Early Sign-up Incentive Sheet (blue)
- WESTFEST Raffle Flyer
- WESTFEST's West Seattle Idol Sign-up Sheet(gray)
- SCRIP Weekly Order form (lavender)
- Metropolitan Market Scrip Announcement
- Recycling Program Flyer (goldenrod)
- Discovering Chess 05-06 (goldenrod)
- HR School Calendar Compliments of Windermere (magnet)
- Home Preparedness Flyer for Home Use (blue)
- Art Wizards Flyer
- Alki Community Center Fall Brochure
- Pet Massage Flyer (bright coral)

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- School Commission Meeting, Thursday, Sept. 15, 6:00PM – Library
- Band Rental Meeting, Thursday, Sept. 15, 6:00PM - Library
- Italian Dinner, Saturday, Sept. 17, 6:00PM – School Hall
- Magazine Turn-in Day, Tuesday, Sept. 20
- School Commission Retreat, Tuesday, Sept, 20, 6:30pm
- 7th Grade Pilgrimage, Thursday, Sept. 22-Friday, Sept. 23