



SCHOOL NEWS

Holy Rosary School Family Communication Newsletter

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"Miracles, in the sense of phenomena we cannot explain, surround us on every hand: life itself is the miracle of miracles." George Bernard Shaw

OPENING SCHOOL MASS. Please join us on Monday, Sept. 26, at 8:45AM for our first all school Mass. The Mass is being planned by Mrs. Popich and the Leadership Elective Students. It is a perfect uniform day for all students, which includes the uniform sweater or sweatshirt.

FRIENDS OF THE ORPHANS. Included in this FCE is a flyer about an upcoming dinner and performance by a group of boys and girls from Mexico. These students have performed during the school day for our students. This year all of you have the opportunity to experience this wonderful dance performance and also make a contribution the Friends of the Orphans who support the Orphanage where the boys and girls dancing live. Mark your calendars for **Wednesday, Oct. 5, 6:00-8:00pm in Holy Rosary's School Hall.** Please check out the enclosed flyer for additional information. We hope to see you there.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU ON FRIDAY & SATURDAY AT WESTFEST! Please read all the enclosed WESTFEST flyers, as well as the information below. There are still some jobs that need to be filled. Thanks to all of our wonderful volunteers who make this fabulous weekend possible, especially thank you to our co-chairs and their husbands, Colleen and Colin Gants and Jeanne Marie & Tom Butterworth. The sun is planning to shine on us this weekend – see you there!

WESTFEST T-SHIRT OR FALL COLORS. On Friday, Sept. 23, students are encouraged to wear WESTFEST T-Shirts or Fall Colored Shirts (brown, orange, yellow, green) with jeans. Students choosing not to wear fall colors or a WestFest t-shirt, need to wear their uniforms. Please remember that due to WestFest, **school is dismissed at noon on Friday.**

WESTFEST 2005 ANNOUNCEMENTS. Thanks to HR parents and parishioners, WestFest is shaping up to be tons of fun this year! We still really need volunteers for **THE BLOW-UP RIDES** and for **THE HAUNTED HOUSE!** Please sign up on-line at <http://westfest.holyrosaryws.org>. Remember, 2 shifts get you 2 hours of fun and a free dress pass for the kiddies! Less than 50% of the shifts for the Haunted House are filled and only 65% of the Rides are currently staffed. Please go to the Web site now and volunteer for a shift or two. We need you! For the Haunted House, please come dressed in black pants/jeans and white shirts so we can easily outfit you to the theme (unless of course you already have a Pirate costume, Matey!). **CAKE WALK**-Please bring decorated cakes to the school hall kitchen on Friday 9/23 or Saturday 9/24. Check out the last

WestFest flyer for decorating ideas - please no cream cheese frosting, and we ask that all cakes are covered. **WESTFEST T-SHIRTS** will be on sale after school this week, and this weekend! Wear the t-shirt to school on Friday to show your WestFest spirit! **JUNIOR HIGH DANCE** is Friday Night from 7:30 - 10pm. Thanks to the Pancake Breakfast Chairs (Ann Martin and Sara Furman) and to the Italian Dinner Chairs (Tricia McLean, Christina Clarke, Steve Hulsman) - two wonderful community-building events! Thanks to all - pray for sun!
Colleen & Jeanne Marie

WESTFEST BABYSITTERS: Friday set-up volunteers are still looking for babysitters to help watch their kids while they are setting up. If you are an experienced babysitter and would be willing to pitch in, please call Colleen Gants 937-2429 or 465-2311.

CAKES CAKES CAKES!! Bake it or buy itwe need them for the Cake Walk. And each cake you donate counts for FUNDRAISING hours!! If cakes don't work for you we'll take cookies, cupcakes, pies...just about anything yummy! Please drop the tasty treats off in the school hall kitchen on Friday and/or Saturday. Just a reminder...all items **MUST** be covered with saran wrap or foil. If you have any questions please contact GERALYN Bertellotti or Kim Medica. **THANK YOU!**

STOP BY THE LEADERSHIP COOKIE BOOTH AT WESTFEST AND BENEFIT THE VICTIMS OF HURRICANE KATRINA. The Leadership elective is selling delicious baked goodies at West Fest. Our cookie booth will be located in the SE corner of Lanigan Gym and will be open on Saturday, the 24th, from 10:30AM until around 8:00PM, or until inventory runs out. A portion of all proceeds will be donated to the victims of Hurricane Katrina through Catholic Relief Services. We will also have a donation can available at our booth. Thank you for supporting Leadership's service projects and spirit activities.

STOP DREAMIN'....START BELIEVIN'... IT'S MAGAZINE TIME! Our second Turn-In Day brought us up to \$50,111 in sales...*new school record here we come!* The 2nd Grade brought in the most orders and took home BELIEVING IT crazy umbrella hats. The 4th graders were just 4 orders behind followed again by those cute 1st graders! Next week we make our big PARTICIPATION push! The first class with 100% participation will receive "DREAMcicles" and their teacher a coffee gift card! *Please make sure your child participates so all students feel they are contributors to this special event.* **Thank you parents for all the work and time we know it takes to make this Drive so successful.** Next turn in day is **Tuesday!**

"WHAT IF I CAN'T FIND A MAGAZINE I WANT?" We can still get magazines not listed in the catalog. We refer to these as UNLISTED magazines. Complete the order form, leave the code blank, attach a coupon or internet offering and submit the price per the offer. Please put a sticky on the order that says UNLISTED and we'll pull out for special processing.

"THE INDIVIDUAL PRIZE REWARDS OFFERED ARE NOT WORKING FOR OUR FAMILY" We will work with your family to sort out any prize difficulties you may have! *Please don't let the individual prizes be a factor in limiting the number of magazines you sell...*after all, the primary goal is to make money for our school! If you would like to allocate magazines to different siblings or send a different sibling to the Fun Center we try and accommodate most requests. Also, we understand that parents of the younger students may not wish to send their child to the Fun Center...if so, just let us know and we can work out a prize substitute! We're all about keeping everyone happy!

"IN THE PAST MY CUSTOMER HAD MAGAZINE PROBLEMS, WHAT DO I TELL THEM?"

Please stress that we guarantee 100% customer satisfaction. If problems can't be resolved quickly via the website or customer service number we have a magazine representative who takes care of anything that comes up very quickly. Remember also we meet any coupon price!

MAGAZINE QUESTIONS? Any magazines questions, concerns or suggestions contact Jody (shields.jody@comcast.net or 933-8920) or Mary (meballanger@comcast.net or 938-1283)

SEVENTH GRADE PILGRIMAGE. Please remember our 7th grade students and their teachers in your prayers. They are on a pilgrimage today and tomorrow.

EIGHTH GRADE PARENT MEETING. There will be a meeting for all 8th grade parents on Tuesday, September 27, at 7:00PM in 8A classroom. The purpose of the meeting is to talk about the upcoming Ropes Course Retreat and the Catholic high school application and visitation process. Please plan to attend. Thank you.

SCHOOL COMMISSION / STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL OPENING: Holy Rosary School Commission is seeking an individual to join the Commission and represent us on the Parish Stewardship Council. Individuals interested in serving a four-year term, which requires attendance at monthly general meetings, as well as time on general committees, please contact Tricia McLean to apply.

MILK PROGRAM VOLUNTEER. We are still hoping that a parent(s) would like to assist with the milk program daily, 11:15-12:30. Even if only helping a few regular days each week is possible for your schedule, please call Pam at 937-7255 Ex. 222.

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 an excellent way to guarantee good music in your old age! **Contact Paul Dolejsi at 937.1488, x.211 or <pdolejsi@hrparish.net>.**

POINSETTIA SALES-VOLUNTEERS NEEDED It's never too early to start thinking about Christmas. Be Santa's best helper and come help out with Poinsettia sales! If you're willing to spend one or two Sunday mornings helping with poinsettia pick-up in the school hall, give us a call. Or, if you and your sleigh are willing to spend a Monday morning helping deliver to our commercial accounts, come join our team. We're also thinking about presales to businesses. Do you work in an office that usually dresses up with a few (or a lot!) of poinsettias? Please consider getting your office poinsettias from Holy Rosary! Give us a call - we're happy to drop off information, make phone calls, etc. Thanks for helping support Holy Rosary School! Michele

Wallace 933-1248 or Sherri Chun 937-6017. Email mwallace@tusales.com or sherri.chun@att.net.

TREE LOT NEWS. In the spare time between golfing and blow up rides, the elves have been busy behind the scenes putting together a top 2005 Tree Lot Team! The countdown begins -- Web signups go LIVE on October 13! There are still some specific Committee volunteer opportunities available...see the enclosed flyer. Next meeting is Monday, September 26 @ 7 PM in the Parish Center. Hospitality provided! Allison & Scott Willhite 935-8999

SCRIP SALES. Our first bi-weekly FCE sale was pretty successful – **23 families** (out of 330+) participated, purchasing **\$5,100** worth of groceries – that's **\$255 (5%) profit for our school!!!** If all of us at HRS purchased \$200 of grocery gift cards each month thru SCRIP @ 330 families it would equal \$66,000 of groceries/month. 5% (profit for HRS) x \$66,000 = \$3,300.00 possible profit in one month for HRS!!! And this is just groceries! Add on your gas from Safeway, daily jolt from Starbucks, home repair items from Home Depot, furniture purchases from Macy's, winter wardrobe from Old Navy, yummy eats from Taqueria Guaymas, wonderful treats from Great Harvest, great reads from Barnes & Noble, latest releases from Hollywood Video, date nights at Regal Cinemas, etc. – one can only imagine how much our school could make!!! We have the SCRIP in stock – please stop by our Daily/Sunday table for ALL your shopping needs.

eScrip. Have you registered your Safeway Club card yet? If so, how about your family/friends/neighbors/co-workers? It's very easy. To register, go to www.escrip.com. Make sure you use our school's ID #8563292. Once registered, your purchases will be tracked thru eScrip and our school will earn up to 8% of your purchases!!! You can even use your favorite credit card for payment (though we would LOVE IT if you would purchase gift cards thru SCRIP – an extra 5% for our school!).

SAFEMART 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 Safemart 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 NEWS. Thank you to everyone who participated in last Sunday's coffee and donuts! We sold \$5,050 worth of scrip...WOW! The winners of Met Market's fabulous cake were the Dowd's. A big thank you to those parents and students, who set up, served, cleaned up and sold scrip- you all worked very hard. A special thank you to Metropolitan Market who sponsored the gathering. From Suzanne and Daniel Casey.

COFFEE AND DONUTS. We are now recruiting parishioners to help carry on our great "Coffee and Donuts" tradition. This is a great way to get acquainted, have fun, and complete volunteer hours. If you are willing to commit a couple of hours one Sunday morning during October or November to help host, please let us know which day and how best to contact you. If you have ideas, interest, and/or energy to help us continue this ministry, please let us know that, too. You can call the rectory (206-935-8353) and talk to Mary Simpson or Patrick Barredo, email msimpson@hrparish.net or pbarredo@hrparish.net, or even put a note in the FCE. We look forward to hearing from you!

SCHOOL CALENDAR MAGNET. If you would like extra copies of the Holy Rosary School Calendar Magnet for 2005-2006 please stop by the office. There are plenty left so feel free to grab a few ~ Cary Calkins

INCLUDED IN THIS FCE:

- Friends of the Orphans Flyer (yellow)
- Westfest Recycles Flyer (blue)
- Dad-a-Roke Westfest Flyer(goldenrod)
- Parents' Club Newsletter (green)
- October Hot Lunch Menu
- October Hot Lunch Order Form
- Scrip Important Gift Card Information (lavender)
- Tree Lot News
- Lee's Martial Arts Women's Self Defense Flyer
- Hip Hop Dance Studio Letter
- Seattle Civic Dance Theatre Flyer(pink)
- Lyric Opera Flyer
- Note from Anita Mitchell
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UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Prayer Service by 8A, Friday, Sept. 23, 8:30AM – School Hall
- 7th Grade Pilgrimage, Thursday, Sept. 22-Friday, Sept. 23
- Westfest, Friday, Sept. 23, 6:00-10:00PM
- Westfest, Saturday, Sept. 24, 10:00AM – 10:00PM
- Opening School Mass, Monday, Sept. 26, 8:45AM
- Magazine Turn-in Day, Tuesday, Sept. 27
- Eighth Grade Parent Meeting, Tuesday, Sept. 27, 7:00PM – Rm. 8A
- 2B Field Trip to WA Park Arboretum, Wednesday, Sept. 28
- 2A Field Trip to WA Park Arboretum, Friday, Sept. 30