



SCHOOL NEWS

Holy Rosary School Family Communication Newsletter

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"What I do know, is that if a culture is sending out messages that what really matters is 'what you have' or 'how you look,' a Catholic school must counter these messages. If a culture is sending out messages that violence is acceptable, or cheating is okay in some circumstances, or abuse of drugs or alcohol is to be winked at, a Catholic school must counter those messages. If a culture doesn't prize human life as its most precious treasure and allows the dignity and sacredness of life to be cheapened or diminished, a Catholic school must counter those messages. The virtues we seek to instill in our young people are compassion, service, forgiveness, inclusiveness, tolerance, sacrificial lives, and simple kindness and, above all, love." -Father Gordon Douglas, Chaplain at Blanchet School

Thank you for your wonderful support of our magazine sale! Holy Rosary surpassed their goal with more than \$146,000 in sales! What a tribute to the students and their families and to Jody Shields, Mary Ballanger and their committee. The school celebrated last Friday afternoon in high fashion! Please remember to mark February 21 as a school holiday, which adds one additional day to our mid-winter break. Magazine sale details are below. Thank you also for supporting the Leadership Students' drive for donations for the victims of the hurricanes. Almost \$2000.00 was collected in just two days. Holy Rosary has partnered with St. Elizabeth Ann Seton School in Louisiana and our donations will benefit this school. More specific details about this project are forthcoming.

PARENTS' CLUB MEETING. Enclosed in this FCE is the agenda for next Thursday's Parents' Club meeting. **Please note that there will be a presentation from the Holy Rosary Faculty Math Committee on our new math programs.** On the reverse side of the agenda is a letter from Parents' Club president, Becky Calkins. The minutes from the June 8 Parents' Club meeting are also enclosed in this FCE. Hope to see you all there.

MAGAZINE DRIVE FINAL RESULTS! The **DREAM** continues...Can you **BELIEVE** we did it again?! We **ACHIEVED** another school record with **\$146,132** in magazine sales, up \$8,600 from last year. 51%, almost \$75,000 will be contributed directly to the operating budget. What a fantastic ride we are on and what incredible support from our Holy Rosary families! The final assembly was organized chaos and so much fun to celebrate our awesome achievements. Overall, the **7th grade came in 1st place, followed by the 4th grade and then those cute 1st graders!** Tierney Vial (7B), Rilee Sanders (4A), and Eliot Evans (1B) were our top 3 turn in students. The top turn in student for each class received t-shirts and helped us to sort out those final results. The all school award this year is a day off school scheduled for February 21, (see school calendar) and something fun for the PE department! We hope everyone enjoyed the wrist

bands this year... the final Dream, Believe, Achieve glow-in-the-dark wrist bands were distributed at the assembly...a perfect accessory for the Glow Bowl!

MAGAZINE DRIVE FAMILY FUN CENTER- October 25. Please return your pink permission slip to go to the Family Fun Center by Monday, October 17. We need about 15 more chaperons ...especially for the older grades! Please volunteer and come with us - no driving, just a loud bus ride! shields.jody@comcast.net or 933-8920.

MAGAZINE DRIVE PRIZES- If you have any problems with prizes received let Mary know by tomorrow as we're packing them up and sending them away! 938-1283 or meballanger@comcast.net

MAGAZINE DRIVE THANK YOU'S! Mary and I would like to thank all the prize processors, Tuesday morning counters, computer imputers, cash reconcilers, catalog stuffers, order alphabetizers, music technicians and anyone else who lent a hand to pull off another big Magazine Drive, What a fun crew you are to work with! Thank you, Mrs. Popich for all your help with the leadership elective. Thank you teachers and faculty for the disruptions and the excitement you built in classrooms. Most of all, thanks to you the parents, whose support make this such a successful event! Congratulations!

PARENT / STUDENT/ TEACHER CONFERENCES. Slips confirming the day and time of your conference(s) were included in last week's FCE. If you did not receive one or if you have a conflict, please notify the office ASAP. The schedule for conference week is as follows: Monday, Oct. 24 – full day of school; Tuesday, Oct. 25 – school dismissed at 2:15PM; Wednesday – Friday, Oct. 25-28 – NO SCHOOL. Conference are on Tuesday evening from 3:35PM-7:40PM and Wednesday / Thursday from 9:30AM – 8:30PM. It is extremely important that families arrive on time for their scheduled conferences. Thank you for your consideration.

THE SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR returns to HRS and takes over the Library during Conference Week. As parents attend one child's conference, the other siblings are welcome to stay in the Library, looking for some good books to purchase. Please see the flyer for further information.

LEADERSHIP STUDENTS LAUNCHING ANNUAL COAT DRIVE. Students are invited to bring in unwanted, gently-used coats or jackets beginning on Monday, Oct. 17. All coats and jackets will be donated to Holy Rosary's Clothesline Clothing Bank. Thank you for supporting this schoolwide service project.

USED UNIFORM SALE AND EXCHANGE will be open for **business tomorrow, Friday morning, Oct. 14th from 8:30-9:30.** We are located on the 2nd floor of the convent, right across from the youth room. If you have some outgrown uniforms in great condition that you would like to pass on, please have your child drop them off in the patrol room. We'll pick up from there!

CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIP Last Sunday the CYO Cross Country championship meet was held at Woodland Park. Holy Rosary had a team of 49 competing in the event. The following Holy Rosary runners were recognized for finishing in 6th place or above: Fifth Grade Girls- **Cozette Padon** 2nd place and **Moira O'Connor-Lenth** 4th place, Seventh Grade Boys - **David Strand** 2nd place, and Eighth Grade Girls - **Julia Bowers** 5th place. In addition, Holy Rosary was awarded the Sportsmanship trophy and the Holy Rosary Girls won the first place trophy in the 5th Grade division. Congratulations to the award winners, and thanks to all who helped me with the

awesome team of runners! I especially thank the assistant coaches Heather Slee, Kevin Padon, and Jim Pritchard, as well as the numerous parents who ran with us at practice and helped with "crowd control". Thanks also to the O'Donoghue-McDonald family who provided treats at the meet, to Paul Devine who supplied us with a much needed tent during the soggy preliminary meet, and to Kellyann Padon for organizing medals for all our runners. Kevin Thiel **Cross Country Uniforms:** All cross country participants - please turn in your clean uniforms at the school office. There will be a box in the office from Friday, October 14 until Friday, October 21. Thank you, Kevin Thiel

PARENT COMMITMENT HOURS. If you have any hours that haven't been submitted, this is a great time to turn them in. Your records will be updated and you'll be receiving a quarterly report in next week's FCE (October 20th). Enclosed in today's FCE you'll find a yellow sheet with frequently asked questions about commitment hours. Attached to that is a form you may fill out with your hours and return to the office via the FCE or just drop it off. If you any questions regarding hours, feel free to contact: Karen Robel (A-L) 937-9555 or Kelley Porter (M-Z) 938-5213

MOTHER/SON GLOW BOWL NIGHT ATTENTION ALL MOMS AND SONS! It is time to sign up for our third annual Mother/Son Glow Bowl Night! Look for the Martian green Glow Bowl flyer in this FCE to sign up. Our bowling party is on Saturday November 5. Bowling is from 5:30 to 8:30 pm., but you may want to arrive early to get your shoes, face painted, hair sprayed, etc. The cost is \$30 for mom and one son, plus \$5 per every additional son attending. Further details are included in the flyer. For questions or to sign up to help, please contact Lisa Roach by phone at 206-937-7584 or by email at nlroach@seanet.com. Get ready for a fun night of bowling and glowing with your son(s).

ARE YOU AND EIGHTH GRADER LOOKING FOR SERVICE HOURS? The nursery is looking for caring, conscientious helpers to assist the adult volunteers during the 9:30 AM mass. If you are interested, please come to an orientation meeting Tuesday October 18th. We'll meet right after school for about 15 minutes in the nursery (located in the basement of the convent). I will explain the responsibilities and the expectations and you can ask any questions that you have and enjoy some treats. If you are interested but can't make the meeting please call me so I can get you on the list. **Laura Douglas 932-5921**

VOLUNTEERS WANTED FOR P.E. CLASSES. Mrs. Hanford is looking for parents who could volunteer their time to demonstrate or teach skills in aerobic kickboxing, aerobics, yoga, golf, handball, or other life long activities to the PE classes. If interested please contact Sheila Hanford by phone at ext. #227 or drop her a note. Thank you.

HOLY ROSARY YOUTH MINISTRY. We need your input and support! Please join us Tuesday, October 18th at 7:00pm in the Convent Dining Room for an informational meeting to discuss our parish plans for Youth Ministry. To have a successful youth program we need people who are willing to put in the energy and time to make it the best it can be! We look forward to seeing you there! If you have any questions, please call Patrick at 935-8353.

HEART AUCTION MEETING MONDAY OCTOBER 17 in the Staff Room at 6:30 pm All are welcome. We are looking for Auction Co-Chairs, Set-up Chairs and people willing to procure certain areas in West Seattle. If you have any questions or interested call Regina Arceo-Schulz 431-3136. Procurement Forms are now available in the school office.

ADVERTISE IN THE 2006 HEART AUCTION CATALOG AND WEBSITE: It's not too early to think about becoming a sponsor for this year's Holy Rosary School Auction. Don't forget, we expand your advertising message beyond auction night by adding a link to our Holy Rosary School web site (www.holyrosaryws.org) that lists all our HEART Auction advertisers. **Additionally, by returning the advertising request form and payment along with your logo artwork and/or business card by December 31, 2005, cover and full page advertising cost will be reduced by 10%!** Please call or email Chelle Chase at (206) 937-8854 or thechases@comcast.net, and I will mail you a advertising request form and postage paid envelope to return your ad copy, request form and payment. Costs for this year's advertisements in our catalog are as follows:

	AD Size	Cost prior to 1/1/2006	Cost after 1/1/2006
	Inside cover	\$180	\$200
•	Full page ad	\$ 90	\$100
•	Half page ad	\$ 75	\$ 75
•	Business card ad	\$ 25	\$ 25

Our school is a success because of the support of businesses like yours.

TREE LOT SIGNUPS OPEN! Today is the day! Online signups for the 2005 Christmas Tree Lot are officially OPEN! Hop online at www.treelot.holyrosaryws.org and click on the "Volunteer" link to reserve your favorite shifts now. You can also sign up to be part of the elite Lot Squad/Set Up/Tear Down crew! Did you know that signing up for **two or more shifts before November 11th** will 1) earn your family a coveted free dress pass and 2) may virtually guarantee that it will not rain at all during your shifts! Close your eyes and repeat to yourself..."Tree Lot shifts are FUN...Tree Lot shifts are FUN..." The Holy Rosary Tree Lot is a long standing tradition that has grown into one of the largest fund raisers for the school and also gives back to the community. Gather your loved ones and make it a tradition in your family..sign up TODAY! www.treelot.holyrosaryws.org Thank You from the entire Tree Lot Committee.

HOLY NAMES ACADEMY OPEN HOUSE will take place Sunday, October 30, 2005 from 12 noon to 3:00 pm for all fourth through eighth grade girls. This is a wonderful opportunity for you to learn more about HNA.

INCLUDED IN THIS FCE:

- Mother/Son Glow Bowl Night Information and Sign-up Form (bright green)
- Parents' Club Minutes from June 8 Meeting
- Parents' Club Budget
- Parents' Club Agenda (lime green)
- SCRIP Weekly Order Form (lavender)
- Parent Commitment Program Information (yellow)

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- "A Taste of Kennedy" – 8th Grade to Visit Kennedy High School – Friday, Oct. 14
- Prayer Service by 7A, Friday, October 14, 8:30AM
- Auction Committee Meeting – Monday, Oct. 17, 6:30PM – Staff Room
- Parents' Club Meeting – Thursday, Oct. 20, 6:30PM – School Hall

HOLY ROSARY RED SWEATSHIRTS. You may purchase sweatshirts with a completed form (below) & payment to the school office or via FCE. Make checks payable to "HRS." Please allow 1-2 weeks for delivery. Sweatshirts will be delivered to the child's classroom.

Family Name _____ Classroom _____

Child's Name _____ Phone No. _____

Qty: Youth-Small ____ / Y-Medium ____ / Y-Large ____ (\$13.50 ea)
Adult-Small ____ / A-Med ____ / A-Large ____ / A-XL ____ (\$14.50 ea)
Total: \$ _____

Questions, please call Teresa Mosteller at 935.9245. Thank you.

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