



# SCHOOL NEWS

Holy Rosary School Family Communication Newsletter

October 20, 2005

Hope is the thing with feathers,  
That perches in the soul,  
And sings the tune—without the words,  
And never stops—at all...  
Emily Dickinson

**CONFERENCE WEEK.** We are looking forward to next week's conferences. Thank you for arriving on time for your meeting(s). Students in grades 1-8 are to attend the conference with their parents/guardians. They do not need to wear their uniforms. Midtrimester reports will be handed out at the conferences. If you have questions about your conference time, please call the school office to confirm. Next week's schedule: Tuesday, 10/25 – 2:15PM dismissal; Wednesday – Friday, 10/26 -10/28 – no classes held. The Book Fair will be open throughout conferences. Friday the school will be closed.

**THE SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR** will open on Monday and remain open through the last conference on Thursday evening, and everyone is invited. This Book Fair is held during the conferences as a service to all the families. Children are invited to remain in the Library and browse through the Fair while parents attend a sibling's conference. Then return, and share your love of reading with your children. Browse, buy a book, find a Christmas present, view the classroom wish lists, donate a Birthday Book to the library, enter a drawing or a contest. Enjoy the Kingdom of Reading. Volunteers are needed to help with set up tomorrow at 2:00 and for clean up after the 9:30 Mass on Sunday, November 30.

**PARENTS' CLUB MEETS** tonight, **Thursday, Oct. 20**, in the school hall, with hospitality beginning at 6:15PM and the meeting starting promptly at 6:30PM. The teachers who served on the math committee last year will be making a presentation on the new math programs. There will be time for questions at the conclusion of the presentation. Thank you again for your generous support of the Fund-An-Item at the Auction last year. All of the money raised was used towards the purchase of the new math programs. We hope to see you tonight.

**IMPORTANT MESSAGE FOR 8TH GRADE STUDENTS & PARENTS FROM FR. SARKIES.** Included in the Catholic high school application packets is a form requiring the pastor's signature. In order to verify the student's active participation in the faith life of the parish, Father would like to meet with each student prior to signing the form. Students can schedule their meeting either by dropping by or phoning the rectory office. He is looking forward to the individual meetings.

**THE NOVEMBER CALENDAR** is enclosed in this FCE, since there will be no FCE next week. Please keep handy for your reference. Thanks.

**THE COAT DRIVE CONTINUES THROUGH THE END OF OCTOBER** Please check your closets for any outgrown or unwanted coats for our annual coat drive sponsored by the Leadership Elective. Your donations will benefit needy families in our West Seattle community through our own Clothesline Clothing Bank. Donation boxes are located throughout the school hallways, or coats may be given to your child's classroom teacher. We are hoping for 100% participation from our school community. Thank you for your giving spirit.

**\$1,876 RAISED FOR OUR TWIN SCHOOL, ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON** Our "Free Dress for A Dollar" donation day last week netted \$1,876 for St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, a Catholic elementary school in Kenner, Louisiana, that Holy Rosary School is helping to rebuild. Principal Joan Danos said that every school family was evacuated to various locations out-of-state before being able to return to the heavily damaged school on October 3rd. Seven teachers and numerous school families lost their homes. Seventy-seven families and three classroom teachers have not returned at all. St. Elizabeth Ann Seton has taken in a number of families unable to pay tuition, including three families who lost everything. The SEAS parish will not be able to reopen for at least another month. Our Holy Rosary student body prays one prayer from the Rosary each morning for our "twin" school. Look for more information about our involvement with St. Elizabeth Ann Seton in the coming weeks.

**SPECIAL THANKS TO J.R. ABBOTT CONSTRUCTION!** Three cheers for parent, **Mike Price**, and the **J.R. Abbott Construction Company** for professionally installing the new TVs & VCR/ DVD PLAYERS in all the classrooms. J. R. Abbott donated the time and labor for the installations, getting it done quickly and expertly. Students and teachers are enjoying these new "tools" in their rooms. And three cheers for all of those **generous donors who participated in the Dessert Fund-An-Item at last year's Auction** that allowed us to purchase the equipment in the first place. What an amazing community – we are truly blessed!

**MAGAZINE DRIVE FUN CENTER INFORMATION.** The Fun Center is next Tuesday from 11:45AM - 2:10PM (dismissal at 2:15). Those students attending the field trip should plan to eat lunch at school prior to departure and will be allowed free dress for their fun trip! Thanks so much to the chaperons who volunteered; I'm still working on a few open spots! There is more detailed information for you in the FCE.

**ORANGE AND BLACK DAY** is, of course, on **HALLOWEEN, MONDAY, OCT. 31**. Students may not wear costumes to school, but may enjoy wearing orange and black. Please show your school spirit by supporting this Leadership Student sponsored spirit day. Also from Leadership... the coat/jacket drive continues. Drop off new or gently used coats and jackets in one of the boxes in the school hallways. Thank you.

**ALL SAINTS' DAY MASS.** Please join us on **November 1, Tuesday, at 8:45AM** for our All Saints' Day Mass. **Students, except for our 4<sup>th</sup> graders, must be in perfect uniforms on November 1 – which includes the uniform sweatshirt, vest, or sweater.** We hope you're able to come pray with us and also learn more about the saints. Thank you to Ms. Simpson, Mr. Barker and our 4<sup>th</sup> graders for planning this Mass.

**8<sup>th</sup> GRADE PIZZA LUNCH.** The 8<sup>th</sup> graders are sponsoring their first pizza lunch on Wednesday, November 9<sup>th</sup>. The order form is in this FCE. Please fill out one form per child and return with the payment by Friday, November 4<sup>th</sup>. We appreciate your support. All proceeds from the 8<sup>th</sup> grade pizza lunch help to fund 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduation events.

**PARENT COMMITMENT HOUR PROGRAM:** Enclosed in this FCE are Parent Commitment Hour Quarterly Statements. Hours completed from 3/1/05-10/17/05 are included in this statement. Any hours recently turned in will be included on your next statement.

**PARENT COMMITMENT HOUR PROGRAM:** Single Parent Families: To be a qualifying single parent family, you must have no other parent, ex-spouse, guardian, or family support in the area who can help you with your hours. To get approval for single parent hours, please explain your situation in writing and submit it to School Commission Vice President, Gina Auter no later than October 31, 2005. Please see the Holy Rosary 2005-2006 Family Handbook for information on the Parent Commitment Hour Program.

**LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEER HOURS?** Are you looking for a way to complete some of those volunteer hours? We have several parish mailings to be completed during the next few weeks as we send out our Parish Annual Report, kick off our Stewardship Campaign and send Advent devotional materials and schedules to each parish household. With a folding machine and an automated sealer, the process is much easier than in times past. We have jobs that can be done from your home and others using the equipment at the rectory office. (We'll treat you to coffee and cookies here.) We could also use someone to deliver the trays to the Bulk Mail station near the Kingdome. For questions or to volunteer, please call Mary Simpson at the rectory, 937-1433, ext 213, or email [msimpson@hrparish.net](mailto:msimpson@hrparish.net). Thanks for your help! Mary Simpson Pastoral Assistant for Administration

**VISION/HEARING SCREENINGS** were completed on all students (K-8). You will be notified if results were not within the normal range. Call Terry Swanson (206) 937-0194 if you have any questions. Note: Scoliosis screening (Gr. 5-8 only) will take place in May. Special thanks to **Terry Swanson** for organizing and helping to conduct these screenings.

**TRAFFIC FLOW PATTERN REMINDER.** The Safety Committee has seen and received MULTIPLE reports of HRS families entering Dakota from California Avenue and traveling eastbound during drop off and pick up. This is in direct violation of the HRS traffic flow pattern. When families break this rule then all the families who are following the rules end up yielding to the "rule breakers". Families who are coming up to 42<sup>nd</sup> to the traffic circle are also forced to yield to the "rule breakers" going eastbound because there are cars entering the alley correctly. This

totally jams up the traffic flow and irritates those people who follow the rules. **Please, please STOP going eastbound on Dakota during drop off and pick up. It is an expectation of HRS families to follow the HRS traffic flow pattern.** Thank you, The HRS Traffic Flow Safety Committee

**MOTHER/SON GLOW BOWL NIGHT.** We've had a great response so far for our mother/son bowling night! Look for the Martian green Glow Bowl flyer in this FCE to sign up if you haven't done so already. Please complete this form and return it in the FCE or to the school office by **Tuesday, November 1.** Just a reminder, our bowling party is on Saturday, November 5, from 5:30 to 8:30PM. You may want to arrive a bit early to get your shoes, face painted, hair sprayed, etc. 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](mailto:nlroach@seanet.com). We could use more volunteers to help on Glow Bowl Night with face painting, hair spraying, serving pizza, greeting, etc. (even for half an hour would be great). We are looking forward to a fun night of bowling!!

**TREE LOT SIGN UPS OPEN.** Wow! 20% of the Tree Lot shifts have been filled in just one week! A huge thank you to everyone who has volunteered and we look forward to seeing you on the lot. Remember -- sign up for two or more shifts before November 11th and receive a free dress pass. You can also sign up to be part of that elite group of tree wranglers -- the Lot Squad. Online at [www.treelot.holyrosaryws.org](http://www.treelot.holyrosaryws.org) or see enclosed red Tree Lot flyer. Questions? Call Scott or Allison 935-8999. THANK YOU! Keep those signups coming!

**CHRISTMAS PROGRAMS.** Please plan ahead for the Holy Rosary School Christmas programs. Grades kindergarten through 4<sup>th</sup> grade will perform on Tuesday, December 13<sup>th</sup> and grades 5 through 8 will perform on Tuesday, December 20<sup>th</sup>. Both programs will take place at 7pm in the Church. Student participation is required, as performance is an important component of the music curriculum. Thank you for planning ahead and marking your calendars.

**NEWS FROM OLG YOUTH MINISTER KERRY RANKINS:** One week away ... Professional actor Frank Runyeon is bringing the SERMON ON THE MOUNT, and Hollywood vs. Faith to OLG next week! Invite family & friends to join us on Sunday October 30th from 2-3 p.m. *in Our Lady of Guadalupe Church*. This promises to be a wonderful performance! Free will offering \$5 adults, \$3 seniors & youth. Movies & Mochi - Come watch Napoleon Dynamite with us this Friday October 28th from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Since our last group was so big we'll meet in the DeMazanod Room (in the basement of the church), where there'll be plenty of mochi! Don't forget your pillows & blankets! Bowling night November 10th. More info to come ... Wired! - Now you can reach OLG Youth Ministry anytime, anywhere! Just e-mail [youth@olgseattle.com](mailto:youth@olgseattle.com) with questions, comments, concerns, or just to say hi! Kerry will be checking the mailbox regularly. If Holy Rosary students or parents have any questions they can also contact Ginny Kane - 938-0673 or [kanes6@comcast.net](mailto:kanes6@comcast.net).

**CYO BASKETBALL - LAST CALL FOR REGISTRATION.** Are you ready for CYO Basketball? It is that time of the year again. Holy Rosary Parish's Basketball program is open to all school and parish young people in grades 4-8. It is important to note that this program is designed to include players of all skill levels with an overall goal of developing self confidence and team work through

athletic competition. **All registrations are due by October 24th.** Please return the completed forms with the registration fee in the FCE. As always we are looking for coaches, this is a great way to give back to our community in a fun and positive environment. For information please contact **Rick Diedrich 937-4473**. Basketball Coaches meeting is Tuesday October 25th - 7:00 in Lanigan.

**CYO BASKETBALL COACHES NEEDED.** Currently we need head coaches for the **8th girls, 7th girls, 6th girls, 8th boys, 6th boys and 5th boys**. These are very critical positions for the success of our program. Please contact Rick Diedrich. Without folks stepping forward to lead these teams we will be forced to run very large teams

**ANITA MITCHELL** is in need of a college student or someone to drive her daughter Madeline to swim practice. It will end mid November, but she needs someone to pick her up at 2:40 from Seattle Prep and take to Foster Pool in Burien, M/W/F. Please let Trish Markey know of any contacts or ideas. 935 7007

**A HIGH SCHOOL REGIONAL NIGHT** will be at Our Lady of Guadalupe on Oct. 24, Monday, beginning at 7:00PM. This evening is for all sixth, seventh, & eighth grade students and their parents. Students must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Kennedy, O'Dea, Holy Names, Blanchet, Seattle Prep, Forest Ridge, and Eastside Catholic will be making presentations. There is a general session in church hall followed by three small breakout sessions where families can learn more about the individual schools.

**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.

**BISHOP BLANCHET** invites you and your students to attend their Annual Open House on Thursday, November 17, 2005 from 5:30 to 8:00pm.

**INTERESTED IN JOINING GIRL SCOUTS?** We hope to form new Girl Scout Troops for first-eighth graders from Hope Rosary. Come to our information meeting **Wednesday, October 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm** at the West Seattle Public Library. Troop meeting time will depend on the input from involved families. Typically, troops meet twice a month for 1.5 hours each meeting. Adults volunteering can expect 2 hours prep time per 1 hour with the girls. You can trust that the Girl Scouts will provide the kinds of experiences that will help your daughter develop into a confident young woman with strong values, a social-consciousness, and the practical skills that will serve her all her life. Experience the fun, friendship, and power of girls together in a supportive all-girl environment. For more information, look for flyers through kid mail, call (206) 826-2197 or email [debraac@girlscoutstotem.org](mailto:debraac@girlscoutstotem.org). Volunteers are needed.

**HOMES FOR KATRINA FAMILIES.** Providence Mount St. Vincent has a piece of land and a donor to dig foundations for two or three mobile/modular homes. If you or someone you know can help locate the homes, The Mount is willing to house families of the storms. Please call Maggie Lucas at 935-8694 if you can help

**INCLUDED IN THIS FCE:**

- November Calendar (green)
- November Hot Lunch Menu
- November Hot Lunch Order Form
- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Pizza Lunch Order Form (pink)
- Weekly Scrip Order Form (lavender)
- Tree Lot Flyer (red)
- Mother/Son Glow Bowl Night Sign up Form (martian green)
- Poinsettia Order Form (green)
- JFK Presents: Brad Henning Flyer
- Girl Scout Flyer

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

- Parents' Club Meeting – Thursday, Oct. 20, 6:30PM – School Hall
- Prayer Service by 2B, Friday October 21 8:30AM
- Regional High School Night, Monday, October 24 7:00PM – Our Lady of Guadalupe
- Magazine Reward Day at the Family Fun Center, Tuesday, October 25<sup>th</sup>, 11:45-2:10
- Dismissal at 2:15 pm, Tuesday, Oct. 25<sup>th</sup>
- Conferences Begin at 3:35pm, Tuesday, October 25<sup>th</sup>
- No School Wednesday, October 26 – 28<sup>th</sup>, Conferences
- All Saints Day Mass by Gr. 4, Perfect Uniforms Required, Tuesday, November 1, 8:45am
- 4A Field Trip – Pike Place Market, Thursday, November 3rd
- School Commission Meeting – Thursday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 6:00 PM – Staff Room

**IF YOUR CHILD DID NOT HAVE A PHOTO LAST THURSDAY TO BRING TO THE FAITH FAMILY, PLEASE HAVE HIM OR HER BRING ONE. THE PHOTO CAN BE GIVEN TO THE CLASSROOM TEACHER, WHO WILL MAKE SURE THAT IT IS PASSED ON TO THE CORRECT FAITH FAMILY. THANK YOU.**