



# SCHOOL NEWS

Holy Rosary School Family Communication Newsletter

December 8, 2005

**"We have been created in order to love and to be loved. Love does not measure, it just gives." –Mother Teresa**

**FIRST TRIMESTER REPORT CARDS** will be sent home tomorrow, Friday, December 9. You will see that all students' report cards were generated electronically using PowerSchool. Many thanks to Mrs. Smith for her work on the report cards, as well as for her guidance and help to the teachers. After you carefully review your child's report card, please sign the envelope and send it back to school. Signed envelopes need to be returned by Friday, December 16. If you have a question or concern regarding your child's academic or behavioral progress, please email or phone the appropriate teacher. I have reviewed all report cards and I am very proud of our students' achievements and dedication to their school work. I am also proud of and grateful for the commitment of our excellent teaching staff. Thank you for your continued involvement and interest in your child's education. Research clearly shows that the most successful schools are the ones where teachers, parents and students work closely together. Holy Rosary School certainly fits that model.

**CHRISTMAS PROGRAMS.** Please plan ahead for the Holy Rosary School Christmas programs. **Grades K-4 and the School Band will perform on Tuesday, December 13, and grades 5- 8 will perform on Tuesday, December 20.** Both programs will take place at 7:00PM in the Church. Student participation is required, as performance is an important component of the music curriculum. The students are asked to wear nice "Christmas" clothing – no Santa hats. Please have them report to their classroom at 6:30 pm. Thank you for planning ahead and marking your calendars. Ms. Mudge needs parents to help take down the sound system after each show and parents to collect the programs after each show. She also needs one parent to assist with the 5th grade solo singers. Please contact her directly if you can help.

**HOLY ROSARY SCHOOL BAND** (gr. 6-8) are asked on December 13<sup>th</sup> to arrive at the Church by 6:30PM. This is a graded performance, therefore attendance is required. Thank you.

**ADVENT PRAYER PARTNERS.** Last Friday students drew names for an Advent Prayer Partner from their Faith Family. Homeroom teachers provided card stock paper for the students to design a Christmas card and write a prayer for their partner. **Christmas cards are due on Friday, December 16.** Directions for making the card have also been sent home. Please phone the office if you have questions or your child misplaced the name of his/her prayer partner.

**HO HO HO AT THE TREE LOT!** We've been open for eleven days and off to another record breaking year! This weekend, December 10th and 11th, will be another incredibly busy weekend, and will account for 25% - 30% of the total season's sales! **There are some volunteer**

opportunities to help make this weekend the **BEST EVER** on the lot! We are looking for four more volunteers to work the 3:00-6:00 shift this Saturday and four more volunteers for the 6:00-9:00 shift. On Sunday we are looking for three more volunteers from 3:00-6:00 and three volunteers from 6:00-9:00. If you can join us, your help will be invaluable in bringing in the MOST \$\$ POSSIBLE for Holy Rosary. Lots of hot cocoa, Christmas carols, and good cheer to go around! Please sign up online at [www.treelot.holyrosaryws.org](http://www.treelot.holyrosaryws.org) or call the Tree Lot Hotline (Allison and Scott) at 935-8999. Thank You!

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED DEC 13!** The day of the K-4 Christmas program is a volunteer opportunity at the Tree Lot! If your child is not participating in the Christmas program on December 13th, please consider picking up a few more volunteer hours at the Tree Lot. We need to fill afternoon and evening shifts. Sign up at [www.treelot.holyrosaryws.org](http://www.treelot.holyrosaryws.org). Thank You!!!

**8<sup>th</sup> GRADE PIZZA LUNCH.** The 8<sup>th</sup> graders are sponsoring a pizza lunch on **Wednesday, December 14**. Please fill out one form per child and return with the payment by Friday Dec. 9. We appreciate your support. All proceeds from the pizza lunch help to fund the 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduation events. Please remember to attach payment with your order. Extra forms available.

**ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES.** Students in grades 3-5 celebrate the Sacrament of Penance at a Communal Service on Wednesday, Dec. 14 at 10:00AM. The service for students in grades 6-8 is on Monday, December 19 at 10:00AM. Perfect uniforms are required. The Parish Penance Service will be next Wednesday evening, December 14 at 7:00PM.

**AN EXTRA-SPECIAL HOLIDAY WEEKLY/FCE SCRIP SALE.** We have an abundance of certain items in our SCRIP box that are perfect for gift-giving/stocking stuffers. Please find an extra-special holiday weekly/FCE SCRIP order form in this week's FCE. This is a one-time only order. All orders MUST be turned into the school office by **9:00AM, Monday, December 12<sup>th</sup>**. Please note, there will be no backorders – we will include a reimbursement check for any items that we run out of. You may also notice that Safeway/\$100's are not on this list – these can still be purchased thru our Daily Sales until our supply is depleted. For more of a selection, please stop by our Daily/Sunday sales table for the rest of your shopping/gift-giving needs – Monday thru Friday from 8:00-8:45am at the entrance to the school hall and Sundays during coffee & donuts in the school hall.

**WONDERFUL RESPONSE TO 12/5 SPECIAL WEEKLY/FCE SCRIP ORDER.** Thank you to the 48 families that participated in last week's special holiday weekly/FCE SCRIP order. A quick tally was made showing that we had approx. \$6,300.00 in orders – roughly \$315 in profit for HRS!!! Included in that total, was 114 books of holiday stamps that QFC made a special trip to the post office to pick-up for us.

**IMPORTANT SCRIP NEWS.** UNCLE!!! Who knew it would come to an end because of this. We regret to inform you that the SCRIP program is coming to a close. There are many factors that have led us to this decision. It started with Safeway pulling their gift card program at the beginning of summer. Sixty-five percent of our profits came from our Safeway sales. We have been purchasing most of our national Scrip from Scrip Advantage who we recently learned are having money problems. There ARE other Scrip centers that we can work with, but without Safeway, we are finding it is not Holy Rosary School's best use of our volunteer hours. We will continue selling off our inventory until it is gone. Please help us by purchasing SCRIP for all your shopping needs. Thank you for your support! Please contact Teri Peterson, 767-6619 with ?'s.

### **ARCHDIOCESAN MANDATORY BACKGROUND CHECK FOR ALL SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS.**

Archdiocesan policy requires that all parents who volunteer to help in the classrooms, on the playground or driving on field trips complete the WA State Background Check Form. If we do not have one on file for you, we will be sending it home soon for you to complete. Thank you.

**COME CELEBRATE THE HOLIDAYS AT SEATTLE CENTER.** Kathy's Studio of Dance will be having a Christmas Show at 11:30AM, December 11, in the Center House. The show is free and it is an hour long. Our own Holy Rosary kids- **Kayli Schulz, Megan Ross, Katie Kipp, Kelly Jean Crum and Haley Rose Joyce** will be performing. Afterwards, celebrate Winterfest and go ice skating.

**THE CYO BASKETBALL SEASON** is off to a great start! The following teams are playing in Lanigan gym this weekend—December 10th and 11th. Come and cheer for the home teams.

<b>Saturday, December 10</b>		
5 <sup>th</sup> grade girls(Lindell)	vs. St George	at 10:15am
6 <sup>th</sup> grade girls(Boblentz)	vs ASB	at 11:30am
6 <sup>th</sup> grade girls(Miles)	vs St Joseph	at 12:45pm
8 <sup>th</sup> grade girls(Bohm)	vs St Anthony	at 3:15pm
<b>Sunday, December 11</b>		
4 <sup>th</sup> grade boys(Fulmore)	vs St. Vincent DePaul	at 12:00pm
5 <sup>th</sup> grade boys(Diller)	vs OLG	at 1:15pm
7 <sup>th</sup> grade boys(Arce)	vs St Vincent	at 2:30pm
7 <sup>th</sup> grade boys(Feil)	vs Assumption/St Bridget	at 3:45pm

**WEST SEATTLE SKI BUS** There are openings on the West Seattle Ski bus to Summit Central at Snoqualmie. The bus departs from the Admiral Safeway Saturday at 8:30. The six week Saturday program starts Jan. 7 and ends Feb. 11. Ski and snowboard lessons are available through Alpine West. To register or for more information check our website at [www.alpinewestskischool.com](http://www.alpinewestskischool.com). There are a limited number of brochures available in the school office. You can also call Ron at 253-845-8745. West Seattle students have enjoyed this program for many years. We would like to welcome you to our program.

**WEST SEATTLE CHRISTIAN PARKING LOTS.** We are all aware that our parking is very limited. However, it has been noted that many of our parishioners are using the West Seattle Christian parking lots and then attending Holy Rosary Masses and other events. Unfortunately, this means that West Seattle Christian's parishioners have no place to park when they have their own events and weekend services. This is especially hard for their elderly members. Please help us to be good neighbors and Christians and use street parking or the Holy Rosary parking lot behind the school and refrain from using the West Seattle Christian lots. Thanks.

**HOLY ROSARY BABYSITTING LIST** is being updated. If your student is in the 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> grade and would like to be put on the list please contact Nikki Page @ (206) 932-2468 or e-mail her at [NikkiPage1@gmail.com](mailto:NikkiPage1@gmail.com).

**GRANTS COMMITTEE** continues to welcome new members. They meet once a month in the staff room. If interested, please contact Ms. Sturgeon at school. They are completing a list of

corporations and foundations who may be interested in funding Catholic schools. If you have any to add to the list, please let Ms. Sturgeon know. Thank you.

**NEWS FROM OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE'S YOUTH MINISTER.** High school students (including current 8th graders) interested in a summer mission trip should contact Kerry. The December 7th meeting has been postponed till January. Don't miss the Advent Party right before the West Seattle Tree Lighting, this Friday Dec. 9th! The Advent Party is designed for kids 3 years and older. We'll have crafts, cookies, music and more! Festivities begin at 6:30 in the Parish Hall. All teenagers interested in helping to host the Advent Party should contact Kerry: [youth@olgseattle.com](mailto:youth@olgseattle.com) or call 935-0358, ext 113. We are looking especially for help with crafts, cookie decorating and storytelling.

**RED ALERT, RED ALERT** Mom has lost her mind!!!! I have lent out my son Max Crawley's Tux pants, vest, and shirt to someone. Urgent we need it back for his Christmas performance. Did I lend it to any of my dear HR friends???? Please call 937-4348, thanks Jill Crawley.

**LOST ITEMS.** Navy Blue CYO sweatshirt. MCFAUL on back. Please call (206) 937-1957. Yellow electric cord drill – please return it to Tony at the school. Thank you.

**JOB OPENING.** West Seattle accounting firm has immediate opening for organized individual, duties to include receptionist, administrative and light bookkeeping. Full time January thru April, flexible hours May thru December. Send resume to: PO Box 16286, Seattle, WA 98116

**FOR SALE.** Cascio Keyboard, CTK – 510. Has lots of “whistles”. Stand included - \$80.00. Call Donna at 937-1488, ext. 228.

**INCLUDED IN THIS FCE:**

- ∞ CYO Home Basketball Schedule (yellow)
- ∞ Home for the Holidays 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Service Project Flyer (neon red)
- ∞ U.S. Census Bureau Job Opening Flyer (violet)
- ∞ Pretty Princess Parties Flyer-1/2 sheet (hot pink)
- ∞ SCRIP Order Form (lavender)

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

- ∞ Prayer Service by 6B – Friday, Dec. 9, 8:30AM – School Hall
- ∞ Report Cards Go Home - Friday, Dec. 9
- ∞ Third Sunday of Advent - Sunday, Dec. 11
- ∞ Christmas Program Gr. K-4 and BAND – Tuesday, Dec. 13, 7:00PM – Church
- ∞ 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Pizza Lunch – Wed., Dec. 14
- ∞ Communal Penance Gr. 3-5 - Wed., Dec. 14, 10:00AM – Church (perfect uniforms)
- ∞ PATS Christmas Dinner – Wed., Dec., 14, 3:00PM – Markey Home
- ∞ Parish Advent Penance Service – Wed., Dec. 14, 7:00PM – Church
- ∞ Prayer Service by 6A – Friday, Dec. 16, 8:30AM – School Hall
- ∞ Christmas Cards & Prayers for Advent Prayer Partners Due – Friday, Dec. 16
- ∞ Communal Penance Gr. 6-8 – Mon., Dec. 19, 10:00AM – Church (perfect uniforms)