



# SCHOOL NEWS

Holy Rosary School Family Communication Newsletter

December 15, 2005

**“Somehow, not only for Christmas, but all the long year through, the joy that you give to others, is the joy that comes back to you. And the more you spend in blessing the poor and lonely and sad, the more your heart’s possessing returns to you in glad.”**

**-John Greenleaf Whittier**

**CHRISTMAS PROGRAM** Holy Rosary School Christmas program for **Grades 5- 8 will be on Tuesday, December 20.** The program 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 6:30PM. Thank you for planning ahead and marking your calendars.

**ADVENT PRAYER PARTNERS.** Last week, 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 Monday, December 19.** 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.

**ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES.** Students in grades 6-8 celebrate the Sacrament of Penance at a Communal Service on Monday, December 19 at 10:00AM. Perfect uniforms are required.

**OUR ANNUAL CHRISTMAS SING-ALONG IS WED. THE 21<sup>ST</sup>** The Leadership Elective, faculty, and students of Holy Rosary School cordially invite you to join us as we celebrate the season with traditional and favorite Christmas carols. The fun begins at 11:15AM in the school hall on Wednesday, December 21st. You can also expect a big surprise!

**RED AND GREEN SPIRIT DAY IS DECEMBER 21ST** The Leadership Elective invites the students, staff and parents at Holy Rosary School to dress in red and green on Wednesday, December 21st. Santa hats, reindeer antlers, and other holiday headgear are permitted. Show your Christmas spirit and join the fun!

**HOLLY JOLLY SPIRIT AT THE TREE LOT!** Our tireless volunteers have contributed well over ONE THOUSAND volunteer hours at the 2005 Holy Rosary Christmas Tree Lot! Thank you to everyone who has jumped in and filled shifts where needed. Last weekend was fabulous and we continued to experience strong sales this week putting us on target to achieve a record breaking event. For those of you who have yet to experience the joy of being a Tree Lot Elf, **we are in need of a few volunteers for this weekend ~** Saturday afternoon (11:45 - 3:00), Sunday afternoon (2:45 - 6:00), and evening (5:45 - 9:00). Thank You! Since this is the last FCE before

the break, we wish all of you a very MERRY CHRISTMAS and we'll update you with final results in January. [www.treelot.holyrosaryws.org](http://www.treelot.holyrosaryws.org) or Tree Lot Hotline 935-8999 Allison & Scott.

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

All volunteers who have regular, ongoing, and UNSUPERVISED access to minors and/or vulnerable adults must have a cleared CICS criminal background check. Some examples of volunteers to whom this applies: all coaches and assistance coaches, Boy Scout/Girl Scout leaders, parent volunteers in the school office and health room, playground volunteers, all parents or guardians driving on field trips (CICS checks driving records), anyone with access to money or goods, including fundraisers, auction procurement volunteers, etc. Parents who are helping in a classroom under the supervision of a teacher are NOT required to have a background check. We are including the form in each FCE. If you need more than one form, copies are available in the school office.

**POINSETTIA SALE** A huge thank you to all of the Poinsettia delivery "elves". We couldn't have done it without you. Our tremendous drivers and helpers were: Ann Martin, Cheryl Fehlen, Paula Thiel, Michele Wallace, John Slee, Leigh Tevaseu, Maggie Lucas, Maureen Barton, Nancy Stillger, Tauna Evans, Jenny Halpin, Karen Robel, Allison Willhite, Lisa Roach, Cindi Cebulla, Tom Furtwangler, Kristen Hinthorn, Rise Pyscher, Sue Cain and Danette Carufel.

**PARENT COMMITMENT HOUR PROGRAM**: Enclosed in this FCE are Parent Commitment Hour Quarterly Statements. Hours completed from 3/1/05-12/08/05 are included in this statement. Any hours recently turned in will be included on your next statement.

**THE FREAKY FLY FILM FESTIVAL** will be held this Friday from 8:00-9:45 PM in the School Hall. Dates for the film festival cannot be changed because of limited school hall availability. Students must attend six of the eight films this year and fill out the reflection form to qualify for class credit. Thank you for your cooperation!

**KEEP ON RECYCLING THOSE CELL PHONE AND PRINTER CARTRIDGES!** Did you just run out and buy new printer cartridges to finish up your family Christmas card? Did you just get a great deal on a new cell phone during the holiday sales? We will recycle your used ones for \$\$\$ for the school. Get family, friends, and coworkers to support the program as well! Simply drop them off inside the main school entrance or inside the office. If you have any questions call Kristen & Tim Hinthorn 433-2748, or email us at [tkhinthorn1@comcast.net](mailto:tkhinthorn1@comcast.net)

**GRADUATION GOWNS** A very special thank you goes to 8<sup>th</sup> grade parents: Maria Parks, Ginny Glidden, Theresa Helle and Elaine Piaquadio for cleaning and pressing the graduation gowns. The gowns look perfect and are ready for the 2006 graduates!

**BAND NEWS** Honor band 2006 auditions at Kennedy High School will be held on January 9<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>. Details have been handed out to all school band members.

**B.A.S.E. SCHOOL PLAY** Audition materials for the BASE school play (all members of Holy Rosary School invited) will be handed out on Thursday, December 15<sup>th</sup> at 5PM in the School Hall. Auditions for the play will be January 11<sup>th</sup>. There are lots of roles. Come to the School Hall Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> at 5PM.

**INCOMING KINDERGARTENERS 2006-2007** We are taking applications for the 2006-2007 school year. If you have an incoming kindergartener there is an application for registration enclosed in your FCE this week.

**LOST AND FOUND** Please check the lost and found for any lost and forgotten items. There are many uniform sweatshirts and other articles of clothing waiting to be found. There are also three pairs of children's glasses in the office. Please take a moment to look for your lost items!

**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).

**SEE'S CANDIES FUNDRAISER**. All orders were delivered to students' classrooms this week. For questions about your order, please call Teresa Mosteller at 935-9245. The fundraiser was a success and my son's class won a pizza party!! Thanks so much to Kris Brown and the Holy Rosary parents for supporting this fun project.

**SEATTLE LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL** will hold its annual winter open house on Thursday, January 19, 2006, beginning at 6:30PM. The event will feature a tour of the facility, as well as interaction with 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. 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students are encouraged to attend. Please call Rachel at 937-7722 ext. 18 for information.

**SEATTLE LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL SUPER BOWL PARTY** will be held on Super Bowl Sunday, February 5, 2006. The party will be in the Seattle Lutheran High gymnasium. The game will be on two big screen TVs with surround sound. Activities include prizes, good food, music and great kids. All 7<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade students are invited. Call Rachel at 937-7722 ext. 18 for information.

**WEST SEATTLE HIGH SCHOOL** is hosting a Seattle Symphony Community Concert which will take place at West Seattle High School Performing Arts Theatre on Tuesday, January 17 at 2:30 PM. For more information you can pick up a flyer in the Holy Rosary School Office.

**INCLUDED IN THIS FCE:**

- January Calendar (snowflake white)
- January Hot Lunch Menu
- January Hot Lunch Order Form
- Heart Auction Flyer (goldenrod)
- ITBS Results for Eighth Graders Only (white envelope)
- Volunteer Background Authorization Form
- Bass & Guitar Lessons Flyer (black & white)
- Alki Community Center Winter Brochure

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

- Prayer Service by 6A – Friday, Dec. 16, 8:30AM – School Hall
- Christmas Cards & Prayers for Advent Prayer Partners Due – Monday, Dec. 19
- Communal Penance Gr. 6-8 – Mon., Dec. 19, 10:00AM – Church (perfect uniforms)
- Noon Dismissal – Wednesday, December 21, Christmas Vacation Begins
- Christmas Holiday, December 22 – January 3
- School Reopens, January 4<sup>th</sup>
- School Commission Meeting – Thursday, Jan. 3<sup>rd</sup>, 6PM – Staff Room
- Prayer Service by 4A – Friday, Jan. 6, 8:30AM – School Hall
- Technology Committee Meeting – Jan. 9, 6:30PM – Library
- Development Committee Meeting – Jan. 10<sup>th</sup>, 6:30PM – Staff Room
- Teacher In-service – Noon Dismissal – Wednesday, Jan. 11, 2006

**THANK YOU FOR REMEMBERING TO RETURN THE SIGNED  
REPORT CARD ENVELOPES BY FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16<sup>TH</sup>.**