



SCHOOL NEWS

Holy Rosary School Family Communication Newsletter

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“Be it known to all who enter here that Christ is the reason for the school. He is the unseen but ever present teacher in its classes. He is the model of its faculty and the inspiration of its students.” -from a poster displayed at HRS

LENTEN SEASON AT HOLY ROSARY SCHOOL. Lent is an excellent time to remember that yes, indeed, Jesus is the reason for our school. Tomorrow morning’s prayer service, led by Ms. Semandiris and the students in 5A, will be focused around the three ways we observe Lent: **daily prayer, fasting, and almsgiving.** In preparation for **Ash Wednesday Mass at 8:45 on March 1,** students will be asked to write their personal goals for Lent. Students will receive individual rice bowls at school. Please encourage your children to contribute to their rice bowls each week and add their coins to the parish rice bowl collection at Sunday Mass. We are encouraging our students and their families to **give up desserts every Thursday,** and on **Fridays, every family is invited to bring in one extra brown bag lunch and a small item for the St. Martin de Porres Men’s shelter.** Next Friday, March 3, the small item is men’s socks. During Lent, **daily Mass at Holy Rosary begins at 7:45AM** making it possible for students to attend and still arrive on time for school. Look for additional information on our observance of Lent in future communications and on our website.

PARENTS-IN-TOUCH. Please join us Monday mornings during Lent from 8:30-9:00AM in the convent chapel. We will pray for the intentions of our school community and take some time to reflect on the Lent Gospels. All are welcome! If you have any questions please call Ginny Kane.

FAMILY BINGO NIGHT is **Saturday, Feb. 25th beginning at 6:00PM** (after 5:00 Mass). Proceeds will benefit the 6th Grade Sailing Trip, and the Mission Trip to Uganda. Dinner will be available and provided by the 6th Grade Class. Thank you to Bruno Tarabochia, Chris Clarke and the School/Parish Integration Committee, our Leadership Elective students, and students and parents in the 6th grades for making this event possible. We hope to see you there!

MIDTRIMESTER REPORTS. If you did not receive a midtrimester report for your child, please notify the teacher right away. Parents need to sign the report and return it to school. The second trimester ends on March 17. Report cards will go home with the students on Friday, March 31. If you have concerns regarding your child’s progress, please contact the appropriate teacher.

THE MARCH CALENDAR is enclosed in this FCE. For your convenience we have printed the parish calendar for Lent on the back. Please note that on **Wed., March 8, school will dismiss at noon for a staff inservice,** and on **Friday, March 17, there will be no school for the students.** Holy Rosary teachers and staff will be joining all the schools in the Archdiocese for a Professional Development Day at Kennedy High School. BASE is available on both dates.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP PLEDGE CARDS. In order for families to pay tuition at the in-parish rate, they MUST complete and have on file at the parish office a Stewardship Pledge Card every year. If you received a card in last week's FCE, please complete and return it to the parish office right away. Your timely return of this will allow you to continue paying at in-parish tuition rate. Thank you so much for your attention to this important matter. Registration for the 2006-07 school will begin in April. In order to receive registration papers and ensure your child(ren)'s enrollment for next year, you must be current with tuition payments and tithing obligations. Please phone the school office with any questions regarding tuition, and the parish office with questions regarding your tithing record.

HEART AUCTION MEETING is Monday, February 27, at 6:30PM in the Staff Room. **Mark your calendar - April 29, 2006 Fiesta del Corazon.** Muchas gracias to all the families that have procured or donated items. Take a look at the online catalog www.hrsheart.org and start marking down your favorites. Just as a reminder if you want your items listed in the catalog, you need to turn in your hardcopies or online forms by March 24th. Items should be brought into the office by April 24 for set-up. You will receive your free beverage coupon in April's FCE.

EXPERIENCE HANDS-ON TECHNOLOGY FUN THIS SUMMER AT THE UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON! ID Tech Camps offer weeklong, day and overnight summer technology programs for beginner to advanced learners, ages 7-17 at 40 universities nationwide, in 19 states. Locations include University of Washington, Stanford University, and UCLA. Produce digital movies, create 2D & 3D video games, model 3D characters, design websites, learn programming & robotics and more. One computer per student and an average of 6 students per instructor. See the flyer enclosed in your FCE. You can register online at www.internalDrive.com or call 1-888-709-TECH for details.

PARENTS' NIGHT OUT! Friday Feb.24th from 6-10PM. Hosted by Lee's Martial Arts. All parents are welcome to enjoy a night out while their children enjoy pizza, popcorn and a movie with us. The price is \$25 a child \$40 for 2 kids. All proceeds go to benefit the demonstration team competing in the March 4th tournament in West Seattle. If you would like to register or donate please call Lisa Skvarla 938-3375. Space is still available. Thank you for your support.

INCLUDED IN THIS FCE:

- March Calendar & Parish Lenten Calendar (back to back purple)
- 8th Grade Pizza Lunch Order form (pink or blue)
- UW Summer Tech Camp pamphlet

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Prayer Service on Lent by 5A – Friday, Feb. 24, 8:30AM – School Hall
- Family BINGO Night – Saturday, Feb. 25, 6:00PM
- Convent (Parish Center) Open House & Tours after all Masses – Feb. 25 & 26
- Ash Wednesday School Mass – 8:45AM – Perfect Uniforms Required
- FAST FROM DESSERTS – Thursday, March 2
- BROWN BAG LUNCH DAY WITH A PAIR OF SOCKS – Friday, March 3
- Prayer Service by 1B – Friday, March 3, 8:30AM – School Hall
- Noon Dismissal due to Teacher Inservice – Wednesday, March 8
- Kindergarten Testing; No School for Kindergarteners – Friday, March 10
- Father/Daughter Glow Bowl – Saturday, March 11, 5:30PM – W. Seattle Bowl