



SCHOOL NEWS

Holy Rosary School Family Communication Newsletter

March 16, 2006

**Dear God,
Grant me the SERENITY to accept the things I cannot change
The COURAGE to change the things I can
And the WISDOM to know the difference.
Amen.**

The news that we received this weekend saddened all of us. The School Commission met on Monday evening and drafted a letter that is included in this FCE. I have been informed that a copy of the Archbishop's letter that was read at last weekend's Masses will be included in the parish bulletin this weekend, along with a one page information sheet answering some questions that the Archdiocese received from Holy Rosary parishioners. Your continued prayers and thoughtfulness during this painful and challenging time for our parish and school are very much appreciated.

A PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY for all educators and administrators is tomorrow at Kennedy High School. Please remember that there is **no school on March 17** for the students.

SECOND TRIMESTER REPORT CARDS will be sent home with the students on March 31. The second trimester ends today. As we begin the final trimester, please encourage your children to stay focused and committed to their learning goals. As the days become longer and March Madness and all spring activities get into full swing, the temptation to postpone homework can be strong. We can use this as an opportunity to help our children understand the importance of prioritizing and staying disciplined. Thanks for your ongoing support.

PARENTS' CLUB meets this evening, March 16, at 6:30PM with hospitality beginning at 6:15. The agenda was sent home in last week's FCE.

COME EXPERIENCE UGANDA AT HOLY ROSARY SCHOOL. Your family is invited to the School Hall after the 5:00 Mass on Saturday, April 1st, to enjoy a simple, but sumptuous four-course traditional Ugandan meal. Sister Jane Francis and Sister Immaculate will prepare the meal, speak, and entertain you with traditional song and dance. Mr. Barker, Ms. Mudge and Mr. Millan, our teachers traveling on our Ugandan mission this summer, will join you for the evening along with several Holy Rosary student alumni traveling with the teachers on the mission. The cost is only \$5.00 per person or \$20.00 per family. Children four and under are free. Proceeds will go directly toward off-setting the cost of the trip for our mission participants. This promises to be a wonderful event, so mark you calendars now so you won't miss this great opportunity.

THE FATHER DAUGHTER GLOW BOWL was a smashing success! It was the biggest year yet, with 121 families signed up for a total of 281 planned participants. We had a few no shows which left us with a final count of 262 Dads and daughters. The management at the West Seattle Bowl told us that we were the most well behaved group they have seen! There were no problems and everyone had a fantastic time. Thanks to all the Dads and daughters for being so flexible and patient, in spite of the overcrowded lanes! Pictures will be sent home in the FCE in a couple weeks. Due to the continued and growing popularity of this event I will be sending out a questionnaire asking your preference of how you would like to see this event scheduled to accommodate everyone. Thanks also to the fabulous moms who volunteered at the event. **Patricia Hahler Morgan, Kristi DuPuy and Karen Raines**. I couldn't have done it without you. from Melody Sarkies (Thank you to Melody for all of your wonderful and hard work!)

REMINDER FROM BASE. BASE school store is open on Tuesdays during lent due to no dessert on Thursdays decided by our teachers. Please support our store so our little girl in Uganda gets **her full tuition and shoes**.

BROWN BAG FRIDAYS continue next week. Along with the lunch, you may send in men's deodorant, toothpaste or a toothbrush. Thanks for supporting this Lenten activity.

DAILY MASS DURING LENT. A visiting priest or Fr. Mallahan will preside at the 7:45AM Mass every day during Lent. Next week the following classes are encouraged to attend: Tuesday, March 21: 7A; Wednesday, March 22: 4B; and Friday, March 24: 2B. Thank you for attending Mass with your children.

LENTEN FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT. Come and watch "Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Family" with the 8th graders of Holy Rosary to support Katharine's Place Transitional Housing Community. This fun event will be Saturday, March 25th from 7:00pm to 9:00pm. The cost is \$3.00 per person and \$10.00 per family. The proceeds will go towards laying down the concrete foundation needed for a basketball court. This basketball court will provide outdoor entertainment for the many homeless children at Katharine's Place. Please make checks out to Holy Rosary School and turn in to Ms. Ochs. Thank you for your support of Seattle's homeless families!

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE YOUTH CORNER. Junior High Youth Group is Friday, St. Patrick's Day, from 6:45-8 p.m. in the DeMazenod Room at OLG. Be sure to wear green. The OLG lecture series committee is looking for a way to make their last lecture special and what better than homemade bread! Join us in the hall on Saturday, March 25, as we bake tons of banana bread. There will also be snacks, music and games. Half of what we make will be served at the lecture, the other half we will deliver to a local shelter. Any questions please email or phone Kerry at Guadalupe.

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS DISTRICT FREE THROW COMPETITION took place this past weekend and three Holy Rosary School children, **Kirk Medica, Isabella Campagnaro and Chelsea McLean** all won in their respective age divisions. They will be competing for the state championship in Yakima on March 25th. Congratulations and Good Luck!

HEART AUCTION SET-UP COMMITTEE is looking for men, women and 8th graders to help us set up for the auction! We need volunteers beginning Thursday April 27th after school in the evening and Friday April 28th beginning at 8:30 am until all is complete. To sign up or find out more information call Carol D'Ambrosio at 938-1395.

AUCTION PROCUREMENT. A reminder that all families are required to donate procurement for the Auction. If you choose not to do so, you must send in \$100.00. Procurement deadline is March 24. A letter is enclosed for families who have not yet turned in their procurement form.

DESSERT AUCTION 2006. Thank you to those individuals who have contacted me and are contributing a dessert to this year's auction. I am still in need of 32 desserts!!!! Please contact me as soon as possible if you can donate a dessert. This is a great opportunity to raise valuable \$ for new desks for our students!! Linda Hisken 937-9876 or plhisken@comcast.net

CONGRATULATIONS to the following students who placed and received medals at the LEE'S MARTIAL ARTS CHAMPIONSHIP on March 4th at the West Seattle High School. **Alex Kane, Campion Fellin, Alex Ballanger, Kathryn Skvarla, Stephen Skvarla, and Alex Peterson.** These kids did great! There were over 1200 competitors from all over the country!!! We are very proud. Also a big thank you goes out to all the parents who volunteered their time and effort in making this tournament a tremendous success. We are grateful. Thank you!

REGISTRATION FOR THE 2006-07 SCHOOL YEAR. In April registration papers for next school year will be sent home. If you are not current with all of your contractual obligations, including tuition, tithing, parent hours, and auction procurement, your papers will be withheld. You risk surrendering your child's spaces for next year. Please phone the school or rectory office should you have any questions. At this time there are wait lists for every class, so it will be very important for you to note deadlines, so your child's placement at Holy Rosary is not jeopardized. Thank you for your cooperation.

SUMMER ENRICHMENT PROGRAM OPPORTUNITY. In last week's FCE there was a flyer entitled **Passport to Learning**. If you have a child who will be in grades 1-3 next year, and are interested in having him/her participate in a one or two week enrichment program right here at Holy Rosary, please complete the registration form and return to school. There are additional forms available in the school office.

INCLUDED IN THIS FCE:

- Letter from Holy Rosary School Commission
- April Hot Lunch Menu
- April Hot Lunch Order Form
- Free Dress for Colon Cancer Awareness Flyer

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- No School for Students, Friday, March 17, due to Professional Development Day
- Grade 7A Attend 7:45AM Mass – Tuesday, March 21
- Grade 4B Attend 7:45AM Mass – Wednesday, March 22
- Colon Cancer Awareness Day -- \$1.00 to wear blue, Wednesday, March 22
- FAST FROM DESSERTS – THURSDAY, MARCH 23 (BASE Store open on Tues.)
- Grade 2B Attend 7:45AM Mass – Friday, March 24
- Brown Bag Lunches, Deodorant, Toothpaste, or Toothbrush – Friday, March 24
- Prayer Service by 3B, Friday, March 24, 8:30 am – School Hall
- Heart Auction Meeting, Monday, March 27, 6:30 pm – Staff Room
- Second Report Report Cards Sent Home – March 31