



# SCHOOL NEWS

Holy Rosary School Family Communication Newsletter

June 8, 2006

**CONGRATULATIONS 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADERS!** Graduation is tonight at 7:00PM in the Church. A reception follows in Lanigan Gym. Thank you to the sixth and seventh grade parents for organizing and hosting the reception and dance.

**CONGRATULATIONS KINDERGARTEN CLASS OF 2006.** Kindergarten graduation will be on Friday, June 9, at 10:00AM. We are proud of how much each of you has grown this year and look forward to seeing you next year in first grade! Congratulations to: *Veronica Ahearn, Caleb Akiyama, Phoebe Baker, Christine Barton, Bradely Bendzak, Brianna Blayney, Lauren Canto, Isabella Carufel, Michael Coluccio, Kara Cunningham, Eamon Dennehy, Brian Doherty, Philip Doherty, Benjamin Douglas, Maya Fosado, Matthew Furman, Olivia Gallagher, Garrett Gants, Meara Gants, Nicholas Golubiec, Lily Grassley, Cade Harris, Michael Heidal, Lauren Jergens, Brendan Klem, Matthew Lange, Parker Larsen, Kaitlin Lindell, Zoe Martin, Bridget McFaul, Kenneth Olson, Bradley Peer, Alexandra Pisciotta, Hayley Richmond, Maxwell Ridgeway, Fiona Scanlan, Reece Schulz, Elijah Sherwood, Luke Slee, Brendan Stoll, Grace Tevaseau, Samuel Viebrock, Rachel Villegas, Richie Wallace, Kaysha White, Frances Wiegand, Jaxon Woodward, and Corey Zarkowski.* Congratulations, too, and thank you to our kindergarten teachers: Mrs. Christina Clarke and Mrs. Gretchen Hedman and to their assistants, Mrs. Janice Isner and Mrs. Kathleen Everett.

**CLOSING SCHOOL MASS.** You are invited to join us for our closing school Mass on Thursday, June 15, at 8:45AM. **We are excited to announce that Fr. John Madigan, our new pastor, will be celebrating this Mass with us. Students are asked to dress-up nicely for this last Mass.** Parents are invited to join us. After Mass, students return to their classrooms to receive their report cards and then are dismissed, generally at around 10:00AM. The teachers and staff will be leaving shortly after dismissal for Foster Golf Course for their annual golf scramble and end of the year celebration lunch. Thank you, Parents' Club and PATS for hosting the lunch.

**CALENDAR REMINDERS.** Please remember that Wednesday, June 14, is a noon dismissal day. All students may enjoy free dress on Wednesday. You should have received the school calendar for the 2006-07 school year. **Please note the following important dates for September and October.** School begins on Tuesday, Sept. 5; school will dismiss at noon on the 5<sup>th</sup>. On Friday, Sept. 8, school will dismiss at noon. Open House for parents will be the second Thursday, Sept. 14, beginning at 6:30PM. There will be no school on Friday, Sept. 15, due to a required Archdiocesan Teachers' Inservice Day. WESTFEST will be Sept. 22-23. School will dismiss at noon on Sept. 22 due to WestFest. Oct. 4, Wednesday, is noon dismissal day due to a teachers' inservice. Parent/Student/Teacher Conference week is Oct. 24-27. School will dismiss at 2:15 on

Tuesday, Oct. 24. There will be no school Oct. 25-27. Conferences will begin on the evening of Oct. 24 and continue through the evening of Oct. 27.

**STAFF CHANGES FOR THE 2006-07 SCHOOL YEAR.** As you know, Tony Dortero, is retiring at the end of this year. The classes honored Tony with a special assembly on Tuesday. In addition to receiving a special hat from each class, for the many hats he's worn while at Holy Rosary, he received a check for \$2,500. Tony extends his thanks to everyone for your generosity and years of support! We are certainly going to Tony and all the hats he's worn! **Please "HONK FOR TONY" on the last day of school after the final closing school Mass.** I am happy to announce that Scott Stoeffen has been hired as our new Plant Manager. Scott comes to us from Our Lady of Fatima School & Parish and he will begin at HR in mid-June. Mrs. Donna Popich and Ms. Felicia Ochs will also be leaving Holy Rosary at the end of the year. Mrs. Popich has accepted a teaching position at O'Dea High School and Ms. Ochs will be moving to Canada to be with her fiancé. We thank Mrs. Popich and Ms. Ochs for the wonderful job they did while teaching at Holy Rosary. We are sad to seem them go and will miss them so much. Ms. Megan Johnson will be the new 8<sup>th</sup> grade homeroom teacher and Mrs. Margaret Whetham and Mrs. Michelle Defeo will be job-sharing the 7<sup>th</sup> grade homeroom position. Ms. Juliana Kirmeyer will be the math specialist. Please see personal notes of thanks and farewell from Mrs. Popich and Ms. Ochs written below.

**A NOTE FROM DONNA POPICH.** My eight years at HRS have been some of the most enjoyable and memorable in my twenty-nine years of teaching. Parents and this wonderful community are a huge reason why my experience here at Holy Rosary has been so positive. This is not really "Good-bye" - just a bit of a role change. I will continue to be a parent, parishioner and volunteer in our community as I move onto new opportunities and challenges at O'Dea High School. Thank you so much for all your kindness and support throughout the years. Donna

**A NOTE FROM FELICIA OCHS.** I want to thank you sincerely for opening up not only your school to me but also your homes and hearts. I have felt so well-supported and loved during my short time here. Holy Rosary school truly is a unique and special community. Thank you for sharing your dynamic, wonderful children with me and I wish you all many blessings on your journey. In peace, Felicia Ochs

**FR JOHN JOINS HOLY ROSARY PARISH JULY 15 AND 16.** We hope to have "record" mass attendance this weekend, as we officially welcome our new pastor **Father John Madigan** to Holy Rosary and celebrate his arrival to our community. Plan to stay after services for refreshments and socializing! A Transition Team has been assembled to orient and welcome Father John and to facilitate in the communication with the community at large. You can learn more about Father John, the transition process, and upcoming events in the weeks ahead by visiting our website at <http://www.holyrosaryws.org/Transition/>.

**THANK YOU TO OUR FABULOUS "FCE STUFFER TEAM".** A standing ovation for the following parents for their faithful work on Thursdays. Your FCE is brought to you each by them. **Kate Price, Brenda Heflin, Julie McKelvey, Mary Ballanger, Ann Martin, Sharon Cavanagh, Janet Pedersen, and Yoshimi Lorbiecki.** Thank you, thank you!

**PARENT COMMITMENT HOUR PROGRAM:** Enclosed in this week's FCE are Parent Commitment Hour Quarterly Statements for families who have turned in hours for the 2006 - 2007 school year. The Parent Commitment Hour year runs from 3/1/06 – 2/28/07. Hours completed

from 3/1/06-6/1/06 are included on this statement. **If you did not receive a statement in your FCE, we have not received hours from your family and your hours are posted as zero.** Any hours recently turned in will be included on your next statement.

**NEED HOURS.** Summer Painting Projects at the school need volunteers! Please call the school office if you can help or leave a message at (206) 937-1488 ext. 229.

**SIXTH GRADE ART WORK ON DISPLAY AT ALKI TULLY'S.** Tully's Coffee on Alki is framing and featuring Seattle skyline landscapes produced by members of Holy Rosary's sixth grade classes. The show officially opens on Monday, June 12, from 4:00-6:00PM. All sixth graders and their families are invited to participate. Refreshments will be served and the artists will be recognized. The featured artists will receive a professional copy of their own work from Tully's. The show will continue throughout the summer. Congratulations to the sixth graders and to Ms. Maureen Curran, our art teacher. (Unfortunately, at this point, we are not sure of which student's work will be featured.)

**SUMMER "BRAIN CAMP" FOR STUDENTS ENTERING GRADES 7-12 NEXT YEAR.** Enclosed in this FCE is a registration form for the How to Study for Success, Learning to Learn Brain Camp. The camp lasts four mornings from 9:00-12:00 and families have a variety of weeks in August and locations from which to choose. **This program comes highly recommended. Please note that the camp is offered at both Kennedy High School and Seattle Prep the week of August 14-17. This is a fabulous opportunity for our students entering 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> or 9<sup>th</sup> grade.** We hope some of you will choose to attend.

**TECHNOLOGY FUND-AN-ITEM THANK.** All of the faculty and staff at HRS would like to thank you for supporting the Technology Fund-an-Item at this year's Auction. We raised \$27,000 for new MacBook laptops! Your generous donation will make it possible for students in grades 4-8 to have a mobile learning lab with wireless access to be used in their classrooms. We are getting bids now from Apple and should have the MacBooks ready to use by Fall. Thank you again from all of us!

**MATH TUTOR GRADES 5 – 7.** I am available this summer for math tutoring for Holy Rosary students in grades 5-7. I've been teaching at Holy Rosary for 16 years, and have taught grades 5-7<sup>th</sup> grade math for much of that time. Please email Becky Smith at [bsmith@holyroswyws.org](mailto:bsmith@holyroswyws.org) for more information. Thank you!

**GUITAR LESSONS.** Mr. Mohrbacher is putting together one more group for summer guitar lessons. If you are interested, you can email him at [tmohrbacher@holyroswyws.org](mailto:tmohrbacher@holyroswyws.org).

**A NOTE FROM THE PARENT'S CLUB TREASURER.** All receipts for reimbursement from the Parents' Club Fund need to be submitted by June 30th. The books will close on that date for the 2005-2006 budget.

**AUCTION DECORATIONS COMMITTEE:** I would like to give my heartfelt thanks to everyone who painted, constructed, brainstormed, created and used scissors. You helped to make this year's Auction a night to remember. Thanks to a great committee: **Lucy Johnson, Mary Lawler, Kris Whitters, Katie Dolejsi, Frances Mauldin, Duane and Denise Davis.** And thank you to everyone who worked with us: **Nancy Wickler, Mary Pyper, Geoff and Mary Abdian, Karen Shelton-Baker, Alan Mulkey, Patricia McBrien, Terry Killeen, Marisa Lindell, Terrie and**

**Richard Randecker, Matt and Lynn Crockett, Jonathan McAfee, Pat Malley, Karen Raines, Grace Fosado** and all the other elves who helped during set up and take down. Special thanks goes to **Marisa Jeakle, Mark Contratto and Tony Rosario** for their creativity and input and fabulous centerpieces. But the biggest thanks goes to **Cely Sasonoff and Regina Schulz** for their fantastic leadership these past two years. Karen Kuhar, Auction Decorations Chair **(And let's not to thank Karen for her vision, talent, and time – wonderful job!)**

**4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY KIDS' PARADE** sponsored in part by Holy Rosary's Mom's group! Celebrate the 4<sup>th</sup> of July by bringing your family and friends to the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual **4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY KIDS' PARADE!** Decorate wagons, bikes and trikes and join this old fashioned kids' parade. All are welcome. The Seattle Police and Fire Departments will lead the parade starting at **10:30 a.m. at the corner of 44<sup>th</sup> Ave. S.W. and the 1100 block of Sunset S.W.** the morning of July 4<sup>th</sup>. Following the parade enjoy the fun and games in Hamilton View Pt. Park. Bring a blanket and some lunch (leaving a little room for treats from the Holy Rosary Mom's group concession stand!) and join the fun! Would anyone be interested in bringing some water balloons or helping with the games? If yes call Ginny Kane at 938-0673 or email me at [kanes6@comcast.net](mailto:kanes6@comcast.net). **THIS IS A WORD OF MOUTH PARADE SO PLEASE TELL YOUR FRIENDS!** See you there!

**MAGAZINE SALES CONNECT TO THE COMMUNITY!** Many West Seattle businesses order magazines...and we want them all to renew through Holy Rosary School! If we have enough student interest (and parent volunteers) we can arrange for a few after school training sessions next fall where students can be taught how to approach business owners for a renewal and organize to visit our community businesses. It would likely be one training session, one or two session where we visit the businesses and leave catalogs and then a final visit to pick orders up. If you think your child would be interested email right away so we know if there is enough interest to pursue. Also, if you are a parent that is interested in coordinating a group of students (especially if you have a sales background) email [magazines@holynosaryws.org](mailto:magazines@holynosaryws.org). (these are fundraising hours for any parent volunteers)

**MAGAZINE SALES CONNECT TO THE PARISH!** Mark your calendars for weekend of **September 16 and 17th** when the Magazine Drive will sponsor coffee and donuts (or other refreshments) after the masses. In the past, students have been available after mass for the entire 4 weeks of the Drive. Now we would like to try one big "Renewal Blitz!." We will start advertising this in the August Bulletins. We will need **LOTS** of student volunteers on this weekend so please keep the date! Also we would need several parents to help coordinate and run the event (fundraising hours....). Email [magazines@holynosaryws.org](mailto:magazines@holynosaryws.org) if you are interested!

**2006-2007 ROOM PARENTS NEEDED.** If you are interested in being a room parent please contact Carol Ann Joyce @ [seattlesilver@comcast.net](mailto:seattlesilver@comcast.net) or (206) 250-9844. This is a great job with simple skills needed like organization and delegation. This is truly a rewarding opportunity you should not miss.

**COME TO COFFEE AND DOUGHNUTS THIS SUNDAY.** The "Hiking for Hooters" will be selling goodies and fun items to raise funds for the 3-Day Breast Cancer Walk. There's a lot of Holy Rosary mom's on the team and we'd really appreciate your support. We'll have more information about the walk during coffee and doughnuts. So come and enjoy after mass!

**ATTENTION ALL SAFEWAY SHOPPERS!** Are you tired of being asked to give more? More time, more talent, more money. Want to contribute to the school operating budget and help keep the

cost of tuition down. Do you wish you could make money for the school by doing what you normally do? Well, here's your chance. Just spend a few minutes providing your name, phone number and Safeway club card number and we will sign you up for e-scrip. The merchants will then credit a percent of selected shopping expenditures directly to Holy Rosary School. You can even gather numbers from family, friends and neighbors. Each valid sign-up between now and the first day of school will count twice and the class with the most sign-ups by Monday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> will enjoy an ice cream party. Please call or email Sandy Rottler (935-6220 s-rottler@comcast.net) with your information. We'll take care of the rest.

**HOLY ROSARY PRINTER CARTRIDGE/CELL PHONE RECYCLING PROGRAM** wants to remind you to **SAVE YOUR CARTRIDGES AND CELLPHONES OVER THE SUMMER!** If you have too many to store, we are happy to pick them up over the summer. Since February of this year, Holy Rosary has recycled 821 items and we still have more to process. We have saved well over 1500 items from our landfills since we started the program in December 2004. In less than 2 years, we have earned a total of \$3150. This program has become a success because of your involvement. Thank you to all who participated this year by turning in their old printer cartridge and cell phones. Especially, those who involved their work place. A special thanks also to Peggy Cunningham who calls me when she is overwhelmed with printer cartridges in the school office. We started the program in the hopes of making an impacted on our environment as well as making some \$\$\$ for our school. We never dreamed it would be this successful. The best part is that there is nothing to buy and no cost to Holy Rosary! If you have used cell phones or inkjet/toner cartridges for the program, you can still drop them off in the collection boxes located inside the main school door or inside the main office until the last day of school. If your work place wants to get involved please contact us and we can help facilitate the process. If you have questions, Please contact Kristen or Tim Hinthorn at 433-2748 or email us at [tkhinthorn1@comcast.net](mailto:tkhinthorn1@comcast.net) (Thank you to **Kristen and Tim** for overseeing this wonderful program)

**NEWS FROM B.A.S.E.** 1) On Monday, June 12<sup>th</sup>, the DVD for "The Phantom Tollbooth" will be available for \$5.00. Many thanks to Andy Rottler for all of his hard work. 2) Donna Jerge-Nass, director of BASE, is going on a mission trip to help hurricane victims start over. She is going to St. Bernard's parish which was the hardest hit area in New Orleans. Many families are still living in tents. There is no electricity in the area and cleaning up has just begun. If you have wanted to help, Donna would like to bless a few families with gift cards. Please send checks to BASE, marked Holy Rosary noted as mission to Donna so it can be tax deductible. 3) Elizabeth Jorge is interested in doing babysitting in the evenings or week-ends. Please call her at (206) 321-9683.

**THE CLOTHESLINE** is now closed for the summer. We will reopen on August 25 for the Back to School Event. Susan and Eileen would like to thank you all for your support during the past year. We couldn't have done it without you!

**FOR SALE:** 2006 TREK 3700 bike. 21 gears. Blue. \$125.00 (\$300 new) Lightly used. Added new cassette. Great for mountain biking, long distance or riding around the neighborhood. Used only 6 months. Contact Jason Helle: (206) 937-1814

**BABYSITTER FOR HIRE!** – Natalie Robel is now available for babysitting. She is great with kids since she is the oldest of four. She took the Red Cross Babysitting Class so she's well trained. If you would like to meet her to get to know her prior to babysitting, that is fine. Give her a call if you need a night out! Natalie Robel 937-9555



**DOG SITTER** July 15 - July 29 A big lovable Golden Retriever would like a loving home to stay at while her owners travel this summer. Phone Michelle Hubbard at 933-0817 if you are interested. Compensation negotiable.

**SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS IN THE SUMMER.** The school office will officially close on Friday June 30. The office will reopen on Wednesday, August 2. Summer office hours are 9:00-2:00, until August 21; at that time, regular office hours will resume, 8:00AM – 4:00PM. Ms. Brown will be in and out during the month of July to check mail and messages. We wish everyone a wonderful and safe summer. Thanks for one more outstanding year!

**INCLUDED IN THIS FCE:**

- Parent's Club Budget Information
- September Hot Lunch Menu
- September Hot Lunch Order Form
- Spirit of Giving Information
- Holy Rosary Parish Picnic and Fun Run Flyer (orange or peach)
- CYO Cross Country Information and Registration Forms
- Westfest Flyer (goldenrod)
- Kids' Parade
- Brain Camp (grades 6-8)
- Predator Ridge Golf Resort ( sponsor of the HR 2006 Golf Tourney) Letter and Pamphlet
- Camp Fire Day Camp Brochure
- Lee's Martial Arts Summer Camp Schedule (bright green)
- Dennis Uniforms

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

- Eighth Grade Graduation, in the Church – Thurs., June 8, 7:00PM - Church
- Kindergarten Graduation – Fri., June 9, 10:00AM – School Hall
- Second Grade Poetry Café, Mon., June 12, 2A- 9:25AM; 2B-1:00PM
- 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Underground Tour and Alki Beach – Tues., June 13
- Noon Dismissal – Wed., June 14
- **Closing School Mass – Thurs., June 15 – 8:45AM – Students Dress Nicely**  
**SCHOOL DISMISSES AT AROUND 10:00AM RIGHT AFTER MASS; REMEMBER TO**  
**“HONK FOR TONY” AS YOU LEAVE SCHOOL ON THE LAST DAY!**

**HOLY ROSARY SCHOOL WELCOMES OUR NEW PASTOR, FR. JOHN MADIGAN, WHO WILL CELEBRATE OUR CLOSING SCHOOL MASS ON THURSDAY, JUNE 15, AT 8:45AM. PARENTS ARE INVITED TO JOIN US. PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND ONE OF THE MASSES THE WEEKEND OF JULY 15-16, WHEN HOLY ROSARY OFFICIALLY WELCOMES FR. JOHN. AND, HAPPY BIRTHDAY FR. JOHN ON JULY 11!**

