



SCHOOL NEWS

Holy Rosary School Family Communication Newsletter

September 21, 2006

“There is no better exercise for strengthening the heart than reaching down and lifting people up.”

PARENT/STUDENT/TEACHER/CONFERENCES. Enclosed in this FCE is a form for you to complete in order to schedule parent/student/teacher conferences scheduled for October 24-26. It is very important for you to return this form by **Tuesday, September 26.** The teachers are meeting on Wednesday, September 27, to schedule all conferences. You will receive a slip in the October 5th FCE confirming your conference day and time(s). Thank you in advance for completing and returning the form ON TIME!

WESTFEST NEWS: FREE DRESS TOMORROW - Get in the WestFest spirit! Wear your WestFest t-shirt or fall colors! **FRIDAY NIGHT MOVIE NIGHT:** We will be showing the movie *Cheaper by the Dozen 2*. The show will begin with previews at 7:00PM tomorrow in the school hall. Kids are welcome to bring in water, popcorn and candy. Pop will not be allowed. **Parents:** this is not a chaperoned event. You are responsible for your children during the movie. **SKATEBOARD DEMONSTRATION:** Come watch the Alki Bike & Board Skate Team on Friday night, 6:00PM-9:00PM. They will be handing out free goodies. They will be located in the upper corner of the parking lot/playground. **RAFFLE:** Look for the raffle ladies on Friday and Saturday, who will be roaming the grounds as well as have a table set up in the gym. We have lots of great raffle items.

WESTFEST CAKE WALK-We still need cakes, cupcakes, cookies, pies or any other treats for the cake walk. Please drop off on Friday morning 9/22 or Saturday morning 9/23 in the school hall kitchen. THANK YOU ! Any questions call Heather Campbell 938-6126 or Kim Medica 938-6780.

CALLING ALL SNAKES. The WestFest Haunted House is looking for donations of any rubber or plastic snakes you might have. If you can bare to part with your favorite slithering friends, please bring them to school on Friday and drop them off in the "WestFest Snakes" box in front of the school (either before or after school is fine).

MOMS' GROUP AT WESTFEST. Visit the Moms' Group table and Make-a-Plate for just \$8. Create a design that will be permanently molded to a 10-inch white plate. This is a keepsake to be remembered for years to come and is ideal for use at meal time.

WESTFEST RECYCLES. Again this year we will recycle. There will be two boxes at each recycle location-one for plastic and one for cans. Thanks for putting those cans and water bottles in their proper places!

PHOTO NEEDED FOR EVERY HRS STUDENT. Faith families will meet for the first time this year on October 4th. Kindergarten students and new students to the school will soon be assigned to a Faith Family. **For this first meeting, all students need to have a recent photograph of themselves.** Students can bring in their photos early in an envelope and give to their classroom teachers. Thank you.

PLAYGROUND SUPERVISORS. If you help supervise on the playground during the lunch time recess you are invited to a very important meeting that is scheduled for Monday, October 1st, at 6:30PM. You will be receiving details in next week's FCE. Please save the date and plan to attend. Thank you.

SAVE THIS DATE -PLEASE! The second **Celebration of Excellence** is scheduled for **Friday, October 13 from 6:00PM – 9:00PM.** Please plan to come to Lanigan Gym for Beer and Brats. You will be receiving a special invitation to this important event to celebrate Holy Rosary School's excellence and to especially show appreciation for your support of the School Annual Fund. Mark your calendars now!

ALL PARENT VOLUNTEERS: Please remember to put on a name badge when volunteering in the school. If you are dropping off something for your child, please leave it in the office. Thank you.

OPENING SCHOOL MASS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT. Please join us on Tuesday, September 26, at 8:45AM for our opening school Mass. Students must be in perfect uniform for this Mass.

MAGAZINE DRIVE... NOW YOU'RE CONNECTING! Our second turn in day brought us to \$49,442 in sales (\$2000 short of where we were last year) We'll need every order you can manage to reach our HUGE milestone of \$150,000 in sales! The 2nd graders were the top turn in grade this week receiving "crazy glasses" and are also in 1st place overall with the 5th and 6th grades close behind. Ms Rich's 6A was the first class with *100% participation* and earned a free dress pass day. Isn't all this CONNECTING so much fun?! **Only 2 Tuesday Turn In Days left!**
MAGAZINE DRIVE- Online Orders- If you have registered your student for online sales at www.4schoolsonline you should be receiving confirmations each time an order is placed under their name. If you are concerned you are not receiving confirmations don't worry...we will do an audit at the last turn in day to ensure all students have been properly credited for their online magazine sales. **MAGAZINE DRIVE- Cash Donations-** At times people prefer to donate cash and not buy magazines. We have identified some wonderful organizations who appreciate receiving magazines such as Mt St. Vincent's. Just send your donation through the normal turn in envelope and we will complete an order form and credit your student with the order. The donation would need to cover the full cost of the magazine to credit your student with the order. If you know a charitable organization that would appreciate magazine donations please email magazines@holyroaryws.net. **MAGAZINE DRIVE- Tuesday Count Volunteers-** We will need a few more volunteers this Tuesday and next to help count orders due to increasing volumes. If you aren't planning to attend the school mass next Tuesday morning and could help us count, that would be great (bring your calculator).

HRS INTERNET ACCEPTABLE USE FORM FOR STUDENTS AND PARENTS: Enclosed in this FCE are the "Student Acceptable Use Consent Forms" and the "Parent/Guardian Acceptable

Use Consent Forms." These forms come from the Archdiocese and must be signed by all K-8 students at Holy Rosary School. Parents who sign the consent form give permission for their child to use the Internet at Holy Rosary; and students who sign agree to the terms of the "Regulations for Student Acceptable Use of School Technology Resources" found in the Appendix of the Student Handbook. Please sign and return the form to your child(ren)'s teacher no later than Friday, September 29. Parents and/or students will not be allowed to use the Internet unless they have a signed consent form on file. Thank you!

READ THE FCE ONLINE at <http://www.holyrosaryws.org>. The latest FCE is posted before noon every Thursday. You can download the PDF of the latest FCE by going to the Holy Rosary website and clicking on the FCE link under "Quick Links." There you will find the latest FCE and archives of past FCEs.

SAFETY REMINDER. All adults and children need to remember to use the crosswalks during drop off and pick up. Your cooperation is so much appreciated.

DESPERATELY SEEKING PIANIST for CHILDREN'S CHOIR Wonderful, spirit-filled choir of beautiful, cherub-faced children seeks patient, loving pianist to help them sing God's praises. One short hour of practice each week after school. One meaningful mass each month in a beautiful church full of adoring parents. Lots of hugs and/or volunteer hours in exchange. Could also involve other means of compensation as appropriate. Call Paul Dolejsi at 935-8754.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY CHOIR (grades 2-6) The Children's Choir will begin the year with a big CHOIR COOKIE KICK-OFF on October 3rd after school! Children and parents are invited to come and learn about the choir. Practices will begin the following Tuesday from 3:15-4:15 in the church. The Children's Choir sings on Sundays once a month, usually at the 9:30 mass, and also includes Christmas Eve and Easter. Boys and girls call now - the roster is getting full! Call Paul at 935-8754.

YOUTH & FAMILY MASS MUSIC GROUP (grades 7-12) The Teen music group starts October 15 at the 5:30 Sunday evening mass at Our Lady of Guadalupe. Practice is before mass at 4:15 in the church. BIG NEWS: The 5:30 YOUTH MASS comes to HOLY ROSARY in NOVEMBER! Our 7th and 8th graders can sing every week at the Sunday evening mass! Call Paul Dolejsi, Pastoral Asst. for Music, at 935-8754 (home office).

HO HO HO! 2006 TREE LOT COMMITTEE WANTS YOU! As our son pointed out while shopping for school supplies (in August) "Look Mom! They already have the Christmas ornaments out!" On that note, the first Tree Lot meeting of the season is scheduled for this coming Monday, September 25th at 7PM in the Parish Center dining room. We are looking forward to another record breaking year on the Tree Lot! Join us this Monday whether you are a seasoned Committee veteran or Tree Lot newbie. As always, refreshments, fun and good cheer provided. If you can't make the meeting, but want to be a part of this SUPER FUN group, give us a call or drop us an email. **Scott & Allison Willhite 935-8999 or Email allison@alkihomes.com or scott@alkihomes.com**

ARE YOU A 7th or 8th GRADER LOOKING FOR SERVICE HOURS? The nursery is looking for caring, conscientious helpers to assist the adult volunteers during the 9:30AM mass. If you are interested, please come to an orientation meeting Tuesday September 27th. We'll meet right after school for about 15 minutes in the nursery (located in the basement of the convent /parish center).

I will explain the responsibilities and the expectations and you can ask any questions that you have while you enjoy some treats. If you are interested, but can't make the meeting please contact me so I can get you on the list. **Laura Douglas 206-932-5921 or mrspazzo@comcast.net**

ITALIAN DINNER. Thank you to all those who volunteered at the Italian dinner last Friday: Rob Walker (fabulous dishwasher) Suzanne Lewis, John Schuster, Sara Furman, Nicky Page, Lynne Crockett, Suya Edwards, Donna Tarabochia, Mary Bell, Sharon Ridgeway, Kui Hammington, Mimi Day, Dianne Gary, Scott Baker, Madeline O' Rourke, Jill Price-Crawley, Sue Cain, Meg Westbrook, Sandy Rottler, Shelly Neil, Janice Isner, Mary Meucci. Thank you also to Suzanne Nevan- Casey for helping to organize the eighth graders, who served and did dishes: Katie Sena, Natalie Novito, Tessa Garton, Amanda Porter, Alycia Gardener, Elise Baletto, Ellen Hisken Martha Strmich, Tilo Calkins. AND thanks to Mary Rose Blatner and Gina Auter who saw a need and filled it! Because of all your hard work, it was a great success. A HUGE thank you to **Tricia McLean, Christina Clarke and Steve Hulsman** for putting on a fabulous dinner. Thanks for all your hard work and effort you put into making the dinner a fun event for all who attended.

SCRIPTURE STUDY OF THE BOOK OF ACTS: Here is your chance for an in-depth look at Part II of St. Luke's two volume work which begins with the Gospel of Luke: the Acts of the Apostles. The presenter will be Robert Fontana who holds a Doctorate in Ministry and is a dynamic, knowledgeable and orthodox speaker. We will meet Tuesdays from 9:30AM-11:30AM at the home of Paula Thiel on the following dates: Oct 3, Nov 7, Dec 5, Jan 9, Feb 6, and Mar 13. Cost is \$10 per session or \$50 for all six. To register or if you have questions, please call or email Paula at 932-6624 or thiel@quidnunc.net. Space is limited, so please register in advance.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY for non-fundraising hours. The Baby Brigade is a family life sponsored ministry that supports our growing parish families. Volunteers deliver a hot meal to Holy Rosary families who have had new babies and/or have a special family need. If you are interested in volunteering for this ministry, please contact Jodie Underwood at 571-1996 (days) 932-0946 (eves). If you know of a parishioner or are a parent of a new or expected addition, please contact the Baby Brigade for a complimentary dinner.

THANK YOU SAFEWAY Shoppers for the wonderful response to the e-scrip registration. There is still time to register friends and family members before the October 2nd deadline. The class with the most registrations will enjoy an ice cream party. Call Sandy at 935-6220. Also, please send in any "10% back to schools" receipts. The school can redeem any receipt showing a yellow school bus and a redemption code if received by October 17th.

HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL PRESENTS "PENNIES FROM HEAVEN" - a benefit concert to raise funds for materials, books, classroom supplies, and to help finance our school arts program. This culturally diverse production represents traditional and ethnic songs and dance for all ages from all over the greater Seattle area. Included will be the Mexican Folklore Dance Group Bailadores de Bronce, on stage performing their famous dances, "Swing Kids", The Boeing Employee Concert Band, jazz and tap dances from Kathy's Dance Studio, "The Sojourners", The Holy Family Choir, singer Marco Cortes with accompanist Diego Coy, and many more. The Performing Arts Center in Burien, (401 S. 152nd) on Saturday, October 7, 2006 at 7PM. Ticket information call (206) 767-6640.

HOLY NAMES ACADEMY. (HNA) is pleased to invite your fourth through eighth grade girls to their Fall Open House, "One of a Kind...Just Like You!" The open house will take place on Sunday, October 29th from 12noon to 3PM. This is a wonderful opportunity for you to learn more about NHA. For more information you can call Michelle Basilio, Director of Admissions and Marketing (206) 720-7805.

SEATTLE LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL will hold its annual fall Open House on Thursday, October 26, from 6:30PM to 8:00PM. Their theme is "One" because their mission is to empower each student to make and implement choices which reflect his/her highest calling. The Open House will feature a tour of the facility, as well as interaction with faculty and administration. Please enter through their gymnasium which is located on Genesee street. Call Rachel at (206) 937-7722, ext. 18, for information.

NORTHWEST BOYS' CHOIR. Join the **Northwest Boychoir** and you too can have fun singing and learning about music! **The Northwest Boychoir will be auditioning boys between the ages of 6 - 9 on Saturday, October 7, 2006.** No previous musical training is required. Boys age 10 or older with choral or other musical training may also audition. The auditions are relaxed, informal and private (parents are welcome to sit in), so that we can best judge each individual's talent and potential. Financial aid is available for those who qualify for the choir. There are flyers available in the office if you are interested.

INCLUDED IN THIS FCE: (white unless otherwise stated)

- **Parent/Student/Teacher Conference Form (salmon) DUE BACK SEPT. 26**
- Technology Acceptable Use Form (green)
- Westfest Flyer (goldenrod)
- October Lunch Menu
- October Lunch Order Form
- Lyric Opera Northwest Presents Flyer

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- 7th Grade Pilgrimage – Thursday, Sept. 21 and Friday, Sept. 22
- Prayer Service by Leadership – 8:30AM – Friday, Sept. 22 – School Hall
- Noon Dismissal – Friday, Sept. 22nd (due to WestFest)
- **Westfest – 6PM – 10PM -Friday, Sept 22**
- **Westfest – 10AM-10PM – Saturday, Sept. 23**
- **Opening School Mass of the Holy Spirit – Sept. 26, 8:45AM – Perfect Uniforms**
- **Conference Sign-up Forms Due Back – Tuesday, Sept. 26 – Thank You**