



SCHOOL NEWS

Holy Rosary School Family Communication Newsletter

November 2, 2006

"Liturgy is like a strong tree whose beauty is derived from the continuous renewal of its leaves, but whose strength comes from the old trunk, with solid roots in the ground."

- Pope Paul VI

YOUTH MASS MOVES TO HOLY ROSARY @ 5:30 THIS SUNDAY EVENING NOV 5TH

YO DADS! An invitation from Fr. John: This Sunday evening, Nov. 5, I will hold a men's group in the school hall after the 5:30PM Sunday Evening Mass --- which will be at Holy Rosary for the first time. I anticipate gathering at 6:45PM and will conclude by 8PM --- or before if the Jr/Sr kids are finished in the gym. If they finish before 8 and you have driving responsibilities, you can get out. This would be the first of two presentations ---- Nov. 5 and 12 ---- for one hour at most, in hopes that I can begin a men's support and spirituality group. I will not talk for the whole time! I will open it up to small and large group interaction for those who would like that ---- you will not be forced to talk to anyone! Come and hear and decide for yourself if it is helpful to you. Fr. John

Many thanks to the 4th grade teachers, Ms. Simpson and Mr. Barker, who led by inspiration the 4th graders at the All Saint's Mass held Nov. 1. May we all follow their example by imitating the lives of the saints so well represented by the 4th grade students. You can hear the saints in heaven shout, "Hooray!" as they watch our positive actions on earth in efforts to lead a spiritual life.

P.A.T.S. held a harvest themed dinner for the teachers during conference week. We want to thank all the volunteers who helped make this event a success, Trish Markey, Carol Ann Joyce, Melissa Tuthill, Gloria Teves, Linda Winter, Seamas Markey and Lisa Roach. All did an awesome job! Trish Markey and Carol Ann Joyce are now planning the teachers' Christmas party. Please call Trish or Carol Ann if you are able to help.



POWER SCHOOL PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT FOR GRADES 5-8: If you are the parent of a child in grades 5-8, you are invited to a special **PowerSchool Parent Information Night** on Tuesday, November 7, from 7:00-8:00PM in the School Hall. We invite you to attend to find out how you can access your child's grades, attendance, and other school activities online. Remember, Parent Night will be held on **Tuesday, November 7, from 7-8PM in the School Hall.** Please mark it on your calendars and plan to attend. We look forward to seeing you there. For more information about PowerSchool, please visit <http://www.powerschool.com>.

ULTRAKEY KEYBOARDING SOFTWARE: Included in this FCE is an order form for UltraKey keyboarding software. This is the keyboarding software used at Holy Rosary in grades 3-8 so it is familiar to our students. UltraKey 5.0 usually retails for \$49.95 but if purchased through the

school, it is priced at \$19.95. For more information about UltraKey keyboarding software, please visit www.bytesoflearning.com or email Mrs. Smith at bsmith@holynosaryws.org. Please turn in all order forms by Monday, November 6 or **at the latest, Thursday, November 9**. Delivery time is 4-6 weeks. Thank you!

INTERNET SAFETY: At the last Parents' Club meeting (10/19), Detective Malinda Wilson from the Seattle Police Department's Internet Crimes Against Children Unit gave a presentation on Internet safety. Additional handouts from the meeting are posted on our website: <http://www.holynosaryws.org>. Click on the Internet Safety link under "Quick Links" on the home page. Please read through the handouts. Thank you!

DEVELOPMENT NEWS A special Thank-You to Brian McFaul and Melissa Bohm, employees of Microsoft, who volunteered as CYO coaches this last year. As a result of their time and a special Microsoft match program, Holy Rosary School has received over \$5,000.00! We are happy to announce that over half of the Annual Fund pledges for 2006-2007 have been received. Way to go Holy Rosary! **Alumni News:** Look for the Fall HRS Newsletter coming out in November. There will be an opportunity to update address information for yourself, spouse, children, and others who you know are HRS alumni. Please contact Ann Donovan at 206-937-7255 or email adonovan@sprintmail.com.

PARENTS' CLUB MEETING Thursday, Nov. 16th, 6:30PM Please join us for our Parents' Club hospitality meeting. Appetizers and refreshments will be served. We will also be hearing from Mr. Barker, Mr. Millan and Ms. Mudge about their trip to Uganda this past summer. Hospitality begins at 6:15PM. Hope to see you there!

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE GRANTS COMMITTEE They received a successful grant of \$1,500 from the Muckleshoot Tribe for internet wireless. This helps move the school closer to wireless throughout the entire school.

MOTHER/SON GLOW BOWL NIGHT We've had a great response so far for our mother/son bowling night! Look for the Martian green Glow Bowl flyer in this FCE to sign up if you haven't done so already. Please complete this form and return it in the FCE or to the school office by **Monday, November 13**. Just a reminder, our bowling party is on Saturday, November 18, from 5:30 to 8:30PM. You may want to arrive a bit early to get your lane assignment, shoes, face painted, etc. Further details are included in the flyer. For questions or to sign up to help, please contact **Lisa Roach** by phone at 206-937-7584 or by email at nlroach@seanet.com. We are looking forward to a fun night of bowling!!

BRAIN CAMP AT HOLY ROSARY SCHOOL: If you are the parent of a 7th or 8th Grade student, we need to hear from you! Brain Camp is a successful Study Skills course that teaches organization, listening, memorization techniques, time management, note and test-taking skills. It is a 12-hour course that runs three consecutive weeks: Saturdays from 9-12:30; or Tues/Thursday after school for 1-1/2 hours. The price for the 12-hour course is \$329. If you are interested, please fill out the enclosed form and return it to the school office. If we have enough interested parents, we will schedule a Brain Camp after Christmas. Brain Camp is open to all 7-8th Graders from surrounding schools too. Thank you!

BAND NEWS Each band member has recently received a practice chart. It is expected that they use it. Information is gathered from it each week. Therefore, home practice is required. This

form is designed to accommodate the busy schedules that we all face. Practicing ...a little...frequently...gets the job done! How to help: Please make sure your student has their instrument with them on band days. Provide a supportive atmosphere in which to encourage AND expect practicing! Help your child develop a routine of time/days and place in which to practice. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT! By the Way: school band parents: ask your student about "RESPECT!" and beginning band parents: ask to hear their "WARM & FUZZY NOTE" or Drum Roll!!

PE PROGRAM REQUEST FROM MRS. HANFORD Needed 1" white PVC pipe 18" and longer; 1" PVC pipe fittings (not threaded); clean 2 liter pop bottles. If you have any of the above items you can drop them in the blue can by the PE office. Thank you!

LICE UPDATE Several children have been sent home with lice this week. Please do not be complacent even if your child was "cleared once." Checking every day is not too often, at least now when we know they are present. <http://www.headlice.org/downloads/10steps.htm>

FAMILY FUN CENTER INFORMATION WEDNESDAY, NOV. 8 140 students will attend the Family Fun Center next Wednesday. They may all wear FREE DRESS and will receive 8th grade pizza lunch in the school hall at 11:00, after which we will load 3 school buses to the Fun Center and return by 2:00. If you signed up to chaperone, you will find an information sheet in the FCE. We have a few open spots, so if you returned your permission slip and listed "maybe" you may be receiving a call. Otherwise we are good to go. Thank you so much for the great response! Each family **must** have a permission slip to go the Fun Center. If you received a call that we don't have your form, please complete a new one and leave it in office by Friday. Email Jody at magazines@holynosaryws.org with questions or call her at 334-8927 if you have any problems or an absent student the Fun Center Day. We look forward to a safe and fun time!

NOVEMBER'S FEATURED CLASS AT MASS The 8th grade and their Kindergarten buddies will be featured at Mass in November. Please be looking for them as they will be bringing up the gifts at Mass, and they will also be hosting Coffee & Donuts after Mass on the 12th & 19th. Watch for 2nd grade in December.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST THIS SUNDAY NOV 5 No need to cook next Sunday morning, November 5th! Together with the 6th grade classes, the Tree Lot Committee will be kicking off the holiday season with our traditional Pancake Breakfast in the School Hall after the 8:00AM and 9:30AM masses. Enjoy a scrumptious breakfast including mouth-watering pancakes, delectable French toast, sizzling bacon, yummy sausage, orange juice and hot coffee to warm you all the way to your toes on a crisp Fall morning! The Holy Rosary 6th Grade students and the Tree Lot Elves will be hosting your scrumptious breakfast, and all proceeds will benefit the annual 6th Grade Sailing Trip. Avast ye mateys ~ see you there!

ATTENTION ALL 6TH GRADE STUDENTS! The Pancake Breakfast needs your help! The Tree Lot Committee needs you to help to set up and serve our famous Pancake Breakfast this Sunday after the 8AM and 9:30AM Masses. We need your help from 8AM till after the 9:30 serving is over- to set tables, serve the breakfast and then help clean up afterwards. You don't have to stay the whole time, just help out when you can. Contact Mary O'Brien Strick at obrieme@comcast.net or at (206) 932-0317 and let me know when you would be available. Remember that the proceeds from this event helps to offset the cost of the Spring Sailing trip! In addition, you can get some of your service hours taken care of too at this fun, fast paced event. See you there!

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM! Mark your calendar NOW for these wonderful presentations: K - 4 December 7 at 7PM and Grades 5 - 8 with the school band on December 12 at 7PM. Both programs will be held in the church. Please check the "Music Department" link on the Holy Rosary website for updates and more information as these dates draw nearer. Please contact **Ms. Mudge** at 937-1488 X 322 - Thank you!

POINSETTIAS FOR YOUR HOME Hello everyone, it's time to **get connected** with **Poinsettias** again! Yep, time to start thinking about holiday cheer. We offer more sizes and more colors than any of the big box stores, and our prices are competitive! Last year our largest plant was only \$2 less than Costco. If you're going to decorate with flowers this year, don't buy from the big box stores, buy from us! New this year is an 8" burgundy plant (3 beautiful plants in 1 pot). You asked for it, so we got it! Order forms are in this week's FCE, and also in the school office. All orders are due by Nov. 10. P.S. It's not too late to order for your office - Commercial Order forms are still available in the office. Questions? Give us a call: Sherri Chun 937-6017 or Michele Wallace 933-1248.

POINSETTIA SALES - VOLUNTEER HOURS Looking for a few extra fund-raising hours? Help distribute flowers with the flower power gals (that's us - Michele and Sherri) in the school hall after Mass on Nov. 26 or Dec. 3. Want to get out and about? Join our delivery team and help deliver some holiday cheer on Nov. 27 or Dec. 4. Or, need a few extra hours but want to get them at home? Help us make reminder calls right before our scheduled pick-up and delivery dates. We need your help! Give us a call: Sherri Chun 937-6017 or Michele Wallace 933-1248.

HO HO HO! TREE LOT SHIFTS FILLING UP! THANK YOU! THANK YOU! so much to all who have signed up for Tree Lot Shifts ~ over 52% of shifts have been filled! Many unfilled shifts remain on weekday afternoons, 2:45 - 6:00 PM, and understanding that this time frame can be a bit more difficult for volunteers, all volunteers on weekday afternoon (2:45 - 6:00 PM) shifts will receive an additional two fundraising hours! Sign up online at <http://treelot.holyrosaryws.org> and click on the volunteer link. We are excited for the special events coming to the Tree Lot this year ~ music, choirs, bake sales, visits from Santa, and more. Look for the Tree Lot Calendar of Events in next week's FCE! Thank you for supporting the Tree Lot ~ not only one of Holy Rosary School's largest fundraisers, but a community tradition that engages the entire West Seattle community and gives BACK to those serving the community ~ the West Seattle Helpline, the West Seattle Food Bank, and the Salvation Army Hickman House. Questions? Allison or Scott Willhite 935-8999.

SERVICE HOURS OPPORTUNITY Twice a year, the Alumni Newsletter is mailed. We need assistance placing mailing labels on newsletters and organizing the newsletters by zip code. This is a great job to do at home for those multi-taskers who could watch TV or listen to the radio at the same time. We want to thank Maggie Smith and Sandra Brown who have agreed to do this for yet another year. We would like to get some additional volunteers since the newsletter mailing has greatly increased. If interested starting 11/6, please call Pam 937-7255, Ex. 222.

THE JFK COUNSELING DEPARTMENT PRESENTS Brad Henning, a nationally known speaker and author of the Book "Don't Take Love Lying Down." Mr. Henning will speak on Wednesday, November 8 from 7 to 9PM in the Goodwin Gymnasium at Kennedy High School. This is for all parents with teenagers or those approaching the teen years who believe there are alternatives to the pressures the media places on our youth.

ST. CHRISTOPHER ACADEMY OPEN HOUSE for students in grades 6-8 will take place November 19th from 2-4PM. St. Christopher Academy is housed within John F. Kennedy Memorial High School and is oriented toward the academically at risk, learning disabled and/or ADD student. For more information visit www.stchristopheracademy.com or call the St. Christopher Academy office @ (206) 246-9751.

FOR SALE: Antique dining room table and chairs need a new home. 48" round oak dining table, complete with an additional 18" leaf and 4 chairs. Asking \$100 for the set. If interested please call Terri @937-7110.

INCLUDED IN THIS FCE: (white unless otherwise stated)

- Parents' Club Meeting Minutes
- UltraKey Keyboarding Software Order Form
- BRAIN CAMP Survey Form
- Mother/Son Glow Bowl Night Sign Up Form (martian green)
- Poinsettia Sale Order Form (salmon or green)
- Don't Miss Youth Night Flyer (7th & 8th Graders)
- Thank you to the 8th Grade Parents (blue)
- Consent To Use Student Art Work (multi colored)

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- All Souls Day – Thursday, Nov. 2
- Prayer Service by 5B – 8:45AM, Friday, November 3 – School Hall
- School Commission Meeting – 6PM, Monday, November 6 – Staff Room
- 4A Field Trip to Pike Place Market – Tuesday, November 7
- Grades 5-8 Parent Meeting for Power School Access –7PM, Tuesday, November 7 – School Hall
- Family Fun Center Magazine Reward Day – Wednesday, November 8
- 8th Grade Pizza Lunch – Wednesday, November 8
- 4B Field Trip to Pike Place Market – Thursday, November 9
- VETERANS DAY – NO SCHOOL – Friday, November, 10