



SCHOOL NEWS

Holy Rosary School Family Communication Newsletter

November 9, 2006

“To give without any reward, or any notice, has a special quality of its own.”

- Anne Morrow Lindberg

Last week I had the privilege of serving on an Accreditation Visiting Team at Assumption School in Bellingham. As always, I found the experience most rewarding and discovered a Catholic school quite similar to Holy Rosary, most especially in its strong faith community and Catholic identity, and commitment to high academic standards. But as always, I was very happy to return “home” to Holy Rosary to our wonderful staff, students, and parents.

On Monday the principal of Assumption St. Bridget School, Mike Foy, very suddenly passed away. Mike had served as principal at Assumption St. Bridget for 19 years. He was an excellent Catholic educator and leader, and was highly regarded, not only at Assumption, but by his colleagues in the Archdiocese. The Vigil Service for him will be Friday evening, Nov. 10, at St. Bridget’s Church at 7:00 pm and the funeral will be on Saturday, Nov. 11, at 10:00 am at St. Joseph’s Church. I know that you will keep Mike, his family, and the Assumption community in your prayers at this difficult and sad time.

Please remember that due to the Veterans’ Day Holiday on November 11 there will be no school on November 10. We hope that you all enjoy a nice three-day weekend! Stay dry!

THE TEEN AND FAMILY MASS on Sunday evenings at 5:30 pm will be at Holy Rosary throughout the month of November. This Sunday, Nov. 12, the **high school youth** are invited to gather in Lanigan right after the 5:30 pm Mass.

FR. JOHN IS CALLING ALL DADS. The second men’s gathering will be in the hall this Sunday night after the 5.30 Mass. We should be ready to start by about 6.45 pm and you will be out by 7.45 pm. However, the doors will be unlocked in case you need to leave sooner! Last Sunday was a great beginning and I look forward to having even more men with us. Fr. John

DEVELOPMENT NEWS. Thank you for the wonderful response to the Consent for Student Art Work! We are grateful for your permission to use digital images of the art created by our talented students. It is a hope that HRS communications will become “famous” for the inclusion of striking art projects. But we need your help! Is anyone interested in volunteer hours to assist Ann Donovan with organizing the Art Consents for easy access? Please call 206-937-7255 or email adonovan@holynosaryws.org Thank you for any assistance!

CATCH THE TEAM SPIRIT DAY. On **Friday, November 17th**, the leadership elective invites students to “Catch the Team Spirit for this Giving Season”. Students may wear a team t-shirt,

jersey or uniform if they bring in a can of food for the food drive OR a coat/blanket for the coat and blanket drive. **Dressing as a fan or vender is not allowed.** Students may wear jeans if wearing a shirt or jersey to show their spirit. Thank you for your spirit and support!

PARENTS' CLUB will meet on **Thursday, Nov. 16 at 6:30 pm** in the school hall. The parish and school mission team to Uganda will make a presentation. Special refreshments will be served – this is the last Parents' Club meeting until January 18. Please mark your calendars now!

LICE UPDATE. The office has been informed of numerous cases of head lice in the community and neighboring schools (as well as our own). Please be aware it is very important to check your child daily. If you are unclear what to look for there are examples in the school office. Thank you to all for being proactive! We are making progress. A huge thank you goes out to **Terry Swanson** for her time and help in getting rid of those hard to find lice!

TRAFFIC SAFETY – PLEASE READ. Drop-off and pick-up are going quite well. A couple important reminders: 1.) Do not park and get out of your car along the curb in front of the school on 42nd during drop-off and pick up; and 2.) Do not park within 30 feet of the crosswalks; please be especially mindful of this on 41st & Dakota. Thank you for your help.

MOTHER/SON GLOW BOWL NIGHT. Our fun bowling night is just around the corner (Saturday, November 18)! If you haven't signed up yet, please send in your form by **Monday, November 13**. 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

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!

POINSETTIA SALES - LAST CALL! 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. **The Flower Power Team!!!**

HO HO HO ~ TREE LOT NEWS! First, a HUGE thank you to Bob Cain, Mary O'Brien, and the entire Pancake Breakfast team: Awesome 6th Grade Students, Fabulous 6th Grade Parents, and Tireless Tree Lot Committee who put on a great event last Sunday. A time of fellowship, good cheer, and good food was had by all, and the 6th graders not only raised a significant amount for their annual sailing trip, but all the 6th grade students who helped out earned Free Dress Passes! We will get them right out to you! Thank you so much! The momentum is building as we are at 17 days and counting until the Tree Lot opens on November 25th. Over 90% of the first week's shifts have been filled and over 65% of total shifts are filled. What an amazing amount of Holiday spirit out there. Remember, any volunteers working 2:45 - 6:00 afternoon weekday

shifts earn two additional fundraising hours. Keep those sign ups coming at <http://treelot.holyrosaryws.org>. Questions? Allison & Scott Willhite 935-8999.

TREE LOT SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY! Holy Rosary Students can earn free dress passes and 8th graders can earn service hours during the week preceding the Thanksgiving break. Each year, the Tree Lot provides posters to local businesses to display in their windows. We need a few families/students to volunteer to visit businesses in the respective West Seattle business areas (Alki, Admiral Junction, Alaska St. Junction, and Morgan St. Junction) during the days before Thanksgiving and offer them posters to display in their windows. The Tree Lot supports and gives to three local charities each year helping families in need: The West Seattle Food Bank, The West Seattle Helpline, and The Salvation Army Hickman House. This is a great way for students to reach out to the community in a spirit of thanks and giving as we enter the holiday season, as well as earning free dress passes and service hours for themselves. Please prayerfully consider whether your family can help out in your neighborhood. A few families per neighborhood should be enough. Contact us and we'll get you the supply of posters...THANK YOU! Allison & Scott Willhite, Tree Lot Chairs. Email allison@alkihomes.com or 935-8999.

MAGAZINE DRIVE CUSTOMER SERVICE INFORMATION (The following information is posted on the school website under "Magazines" for future reference) Magazine subscriptions have all been submitted! New subscriptions may take up to 14 weeks to arrive while renewals will start at the end of your current subscription. With over 7000 orders processed, one or two may go astray! Not to worry, we guarantee 100% customer satisfaction. Here are the steps to take if you want to check your order or follow up on any problems. Customers can check status the status of their order by going to www.4schoolsonline.com and click on the box "Check Status of Your Order". You'll need to enter either the customer's phone number or their first or last name and zip code. You can also call customer service at 1-800-847-7898. If you are unable to resolve the problem contact Youth Enrichment Services 425-483-6713 (toll free at 800-224-1809) [or email service@yes-fundraising.com](mailto:service@yes-fundraising.com) If you are unable to get something resolved or for questions or comments about the drive in general you can email magazines@holynosaryws.org.

ARE YOU A 7th or 8th GRADER LOOKING FOR SERVICE HOURS? Do you like to play with little kids? Are you looking to get more babysitting experience and meet potential clients? You can accomplish all this by volunteering in the church nursery on Sunday mornings during the 9:30 AM mass. If you are interested, please **contact Laura Douglas 206-932-5921 or mrspazzo@comcast.net**.

AUCTION COMMITTEE MEETING - 6:30pm, Tuesday, November 14th Our next auction planning meeting is next Tuesday. This will be our last meeting for 2006. We ***still*** have a few Chair positions open and would welcome volunteers to step up and help out. Current openings are: Silent Auction Table Closers, Best of Live Raffle, and Clean Up. Please consider helping support this important Holy Rosary School function by volunteering! If you have any questions, please contact Ann Martin (937-0179) or Kristen Hinthorn (433-2748).

TITHING COMMITMENT. Two reminders regarding your tithing commitment to Holy Rosary Parish: 1.) Beginning in July 2006, families in the school who are registered in our parish, and thus receive in-parish tuition, are asked to tithe a minimum of \$840.00 a year, which is about \$16.00 each Sunday. This is the first increase in the minimum tithing commitment in 25 years. 2.) In order to receive in-parish registration, school families must complete a new stewardship commitment card each fall. Holy Rosary School is grateful to our parish for their constant and

generous financial support to our school. We ask our school families to be faithful and generous in their tithing. Thank you very much.

THANK YOU TO ALL OF THE KINDERGARTEN FAMILIES who participated in the Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF program this Halloween. With all of the donations collected on Halloween we were able to send UNICEF a donation of \$212 to help children around the world with immunization, education, health care, nutrition, clean water and sanitation. Way to go Kindergartners!

THE SCHOOL LOST & FOUND Please check the lost and found which is located in the first floor hallway between the two first grade class rooms. The items left in the **Lost & Found** will be donated to charity on Friday, November 17th.

BISHOP BLANCHET OPEN HOUSE will take place Thursday, November 16 from 5:30-8:00PM. It will be a free flowing format. All interested families are invited to attend. This is a great opportunity to interact with teachers and students, learn more about the curriculum and co-curricular programs, and see all the great NEW facilities. Bishop Blanchet is located at 8200 Wallingford Ave. N. For more information call (206) 527-7711.

JOHN F. KENNEDY HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE will take place on Sunday, November 19th from 2:00-4:00PM. Faculty, staff and students at Kennedy welcome 6th, 7th and 8th grade students and their families. Discover JFK honors, college-prep and basic skills academic programs. Learn about the 54 clubs and co-curricular activities offered to JFK students. Explore award winning Lancer athletic programs; and delve into the ways JFK encourages students to build their faith.

JOB OPPORTUNITY FOR BUSY MOMS We are hiring at On Safari Foods! This is a perfect part time job for moms. The position is for café server/ banqueting at our in house cafeteria in the South Lake Union neighborhood. Hours are Monday – Friday, 11.00 a.m. – 3.00 p.m. with one possible day from 8.00 a.m. – 3.00 p.m. Good customer service skills, efficiency, and good organizational skills are a must. Please call 206 932 9497, or email teresa@onsafarifoods.com. There are also plenty of opportunities for part time banquet servers.

INCLUDED IN THIS FCE: (white unless otherwise stated)

- Parents' Club Agenda (bright blue)
- December Hot Lunch Menu
- December Hot Lunch Order Form
- Poinsettia Sale Order Form (mixed colors)
- Welcome to JFK Flyer (for 7th and 8th grade students only) (blue)
- Holy Rosary School News Fall Issue for our Alumni (pamphlet)

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- VETERANS DAY – NO SCHOOL – Friday, November, 10
- Auction Committee Meeting – 6:30PM, Tuesday, November 14 – Staff Room
- Endowment Board Meeting – 5:30PM, Thursday, November 16 – Staff Room
- Parents' Club Meeting – 6:30PM, Thursday, November 16 – School Hall
- Prayer Service by 4B – 8:45AM, Friday, November 17 – School Hall
- Spirit Day, Wear Team Logo & Donate Food or Clothes – Friday, November 17
- Mother/Son Glow Bowl – 5:30-8:30PM, Saturday, November 18 – West Seattle Bowl
- PowerSchool Parent Information Night – Tuesday, November 28, 7:00 pm – school hall