



# SCHOOL NEWS

Holy Rosary School Family Communication Newsletter

December 7, 2006

**“Jesus’ coming – His Advent – depends on our invitation, our welcome. What is more exciting than to be invited to go someplace you’ve never been before? He’ll love it! And His love will turn our deserts into oases.”**

**CHRISTMAS PROGRAMS.** Please join us tonight, Thursday, Dec. 7, at 7:00pm for Grades K-4 Christmas program in the Church. Students should report to their classrooms no later than 6:45pm, but no earlier than 6:30pm. On Tuesday, Dec. 11, we will enjoy hearing our school band and the grades 5-8 Christmas program, 7:00pm also in the Church. Thank you to Ms. Mudge, Mrs. Whetham, and Ms. McKamey for all of their work preparing our student.

**BAND NEWS.** Band members (gr. 6-8) will need to report to the Church at 6:30pm on December 12<sup>th</sup>. This is a graded performance/attendance is required. We are excited to share our music with you!

**FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION** is tomorrow, Friday, Dec. 8. Our school will celebrate Mass together at 8:45am. Students are required to come in perfect uniform, which includes the proper uniform sweater or sweatshirt. Thank you to our first grade classes for helping to plan this Mass. An additional parish Mass on this special Feast Day will be at 7:00pm.

**ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICES.** Students in grades 6-8 will join the parish in an Advent Reconciliation Service on Monday, Dec. 11, at 9:00am in the Church. The Reconciliation Service for students in grades 3-5 will be at 10:45am in the Church. The parish Advent Reconciliation Service is on Wednesday, Dec. 13 at 7:00pm. You are welcome to attend the services with your children.

**ENDOWMENT FUND.** As 2006 comes to an end, the Endowment Board would like to update you on the Father James Mallahan Endowment for Holy Rosary School. The value of the Endowment as of Oct. 31, 2006 was \$1,132,698. The Endowment will contribute \$50,000 to the 2006-2007 school year budget. That money will be used for tuition assistance so that tuition is more accessible to all families of Holy Rosary. Thank you for your continued support of this long term investment in the future of Holy Rosary School. As you plan your end of the year giving, please consider making a donation of any size to the Endowment, as all donations are fully tax deductible. Thank you for your consideration.

**FAITH FAMILY PRAYER PARTNERS FOR ADVENT.** This year students will again be creating a thoughtful and creative Christmas card for their Advent prayer partners! The card should be decorated carefully, neatly, and include a prayer that students have written for their prayer partners. It can be a prayer that students might be saying every day for their partners or another

one students have written. Cards should be a normal card size. It's important that students make their own cards; please do not buy one. We will not be exchanging candy, gifts, etc. this year, so we ask that students not include any candy or small gift with the card. Second through eighth graders will be doing this as homework. Cards are due to classroom teachers on **Tues., Dec. 19**. We will meet in Faith Families on Wednesday, Dec. 20 at 11:15, to exchange cards. Kindergarten and first grade students will be making their cards in class. Some ideas to make your card: Use construction, tissue or other nice paper, glitter, scrapbooking things, etc. Have fun! If your child does not know who his/her prayer partner is, please let the classroom teacher know. Thanks for your help and thanks for reminding your children to pray for their prayer partner.

**GRANDPARENT GRANDFRIEND LUNCHEON.** The annual Grandparent/Grandfriend Luncheon will be on Wednesday, January 31, 2007, during Catholic Schools Week. We are making an effort to mail the invitations a bit earlier and therefore are attempting to get the names of our guests prior to Christmas. If you can complete the form that is enclosed in today's FCE and have in the school office no later than Dec. 20, we would appreciate it so much. We will resend this form on January 4, in the event you are unable to return it to us this month. Thank you for your prompt attention to this.

**REPORT CARDS** will go home with the students next Friday, Dec. 15. Please see notice below regarding overdue books or fines.

**OVERDUE BOOKS.** Each month, more than 2000 books are checked out from the HRS Library. At the end of the trimester, there are a few housekeeping library chores, and one important job is getting all overdue books returned. Any book checked out before November 13 and due on or before November 20 must be returned at this time. Students needing and using an overdue book should bring it by the Library and renew it. Overdue lists were printed and given to the homeroom teachers. Individual overdue notices and bills will be distributed to students on December 11. Report cards are withheld until the missing material is paid for or returned. If a family needs to pay for a missing book, the money is refunded when the book is returned. Thank you for helping your child learn this important lesson.

**HO HO HO! TREE LOT NEWS!** Another strong, although chilly, start to the Christmas Tree Lot! Thanks to all the volunteers who braved the snow, ice, and freezing temperatures to spread cheer and sell trees! One of the busiest selling weekends of the season is coming up on December 9th and 10th and there are still a few opportunities to sign up for shifts ~ Friday afternoon and evening, and a few openings on all shifts Saturday and Sunday. We also REALLY need morning and afternoon shifts filled next Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. Remember ~ work a weekday afternoon (2:45 - 6:00 shift) and receive 2 extra fundraising hours! \*\*\* Reason Of The Week To Work On The Tree Lot \*\*\* You've only heard Josh Groban sing "O Holy Night" 950 times and are going for 1000! Sign up at <http://treelot.holyrosaryws.org> and click on "volunteer". We have some Special Events happening at the Tree Lot this weekend! **Saturday, December 9th** 12:00 noon - 6:00 PM Holy Rosary Mom's Group will host a bake sale! Pick up some goodies or hostess gifts while you shop for your tree! **Saturday, December 9th** 5:30 - 6:00 PM SPECIAL APPEARANCE by **VOICES OF CHRISTMAS DIRECT FROM ARTSWEST PLAYHOUSE!** Here's your chance to see the beloved Voices of Christmas between their performances at ArtsWest. What a great opportunity for the whole family. **Sunday, December 10th** 2:00 - 4:00 Special Appearance by "Josh K & The Rockers" ~ Terrific Christian youth band, your kids will love this! Thank you again to all our terrific volunteers! Questions? Allison or Scott Willhite ~ Tree Lot Hotline 935-8999.

**TREE LOT THANKS TO OUR STUDENTS!** Your Tree Lot Thank You cards are beautiful and are getting rave reviews from our customers. Another big thank you to the students who have earned free dress passes for themselves by helping out as Junior Tree Lot Elves! Andrew Grueter, Sam Gubelman, Christina, Timmy & William Guppy, Kyle McAfee, Kayla Mosher, Dylan Moorleghen, Adam Rising, JJ Rosario, Megan Ross, JT, Reece, & Spencer Schulz, Stephen Strick, Joseph Whitaker. If I have forgotten anyone, please let me know! Allison Willhite ~ Tree Lot Hotline 935-8999.

**SANTA CLAUS IS AT WESTWOOD VILLAGE.** Bring your kids to see Santa at Westwood Village from 12noon to 4pm this week-end. Pictures with Santa are free with a donation of non-perishable food for the food bank. You may even recognize a familiar face!

**HONOR BAND 2007 AUDITIONS!** All School Band members (gr. 6-8) will be receiving information regarding the upcoming Honor Band auditions. Auditions are held at Kennedy High School and will be as follows: Monday, January 8<sup>th</sup> 6:30 -8:00pm for Clarinets/Oboe/Drums and Clarinets; Wednesday, January 10<sup>th</sup> 5:00-7:15pm for Flutes/Bells/Trumpets and Trombone.

**BASE SCHOOL PLAY.** A meeting for the BASE School play will be held Thursday, December 14<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm in the school hall. All Holy Rosary students are invited to be part of the play. Auditions will be January at 3pm in the school hall.



**POWERSCHOOL PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT RESCHEDULED.** If you are the parent of a child in grades 5-8, you are invited to a special **PowerSchool Parent Information Night** on **Monday, January 8, 2007**, from 7:00-8:00 p.m. 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 has been **rescheduled for Monday, January 8, 2007 from 7-8 p.m.** 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>.

**ULTRAKEYBOARDING SOFTWARE.** UltraKey keyboarding software orders have arrived and should be enclosed in your FCE this week. Thank you!

**INTERNET SAFETY.** Last week, Detective Malinda Wilson from the Seattle Police Department's Internet Crimes Against Children Unit gave a presentation on Internet safety to our 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade students. Additional handouts from the meeting are posted on our website: <http://www.holyrosaryws.org>. Click on the Internet Safety link under "Quick Links" on the home page. Please read through the handouts. Thank you!

**MOTHER/SON GLOW BOWL NIGHT – THANK YOU!!** Many, many THANKS to all of you moms and sons for making our Glow Bowl night a glowing success! A special thanks goes to the following moms/dad who helped out before and/or during our fun bowling night: Nancy Dennehy, Mike Grueter, Nancy Grygorowicz-Davis, Jenny Halpin, Carol Ann Joyce, Julie Meer, Sharlene McCambridge, Nikki Page, Deborah Scanlan, Barb Shreck, Heather Slee, Kathleen Stoll, Nancy Wickler, Deena Werle-

Parker, Tauna Evans and all the other volunteers who pitched in and helped at various times during the night. I cannot describe enough how much I appreciated all of your help!! Of course, we cannot forget the West Seattle Bowl crew and all the boys who helped either with set up or loading up the cars at the end! Deena Hofstad, of Deena Hofstad Photography, did a wonderful job of taking photos of all the moms and their sons. We expect to deliver those photos to you sometime in early December. Thanks again and if you have any feedback on the event, please contact Lisa Roach at [nlroach@seanet.com](mailto:nlroach@seanet.com) or 937-7584.

**MOTHER/SON GLOW BOWL CHAIR.** We are looking for a volunteer to chair the Mother/Son Glow Bowl next year. After four years of chairing the Glow Bowl it is time for me to step down and have someone new take over. I have thoroughly enjoyed chairing this fun event, have had many wonderful helpers, and am certainly willing to help whoever takes over. We were thinking it would be nice if some of the dads took over next year so that all of us moms can focus on having fun with our sons that night – not that we haven't had a good time helping out! If you are interested in chairing the Mother/Son bowling night next year, please contact Lisa Roach (937-7584) or Jill Fulmore (932-7498). Once again, thank you everyone for all the help you have given and to all the moms and sons for making this such a great event! from Lisa Roach **(Thank you to Lisa for the fabulous job you have done with this event!)**

**TRAFFIC FLOW ALERT.** **The Traffic Circle @ 42<sup>nd</sup> and Genesee** In order to keep the traffic flowing during drop off and pick up please take turns and go "every other car" into the circle. There are HRS families approaching the front of the school to 42<sup>nd</sup> Ave off California onto Genesee heading eastbound, approaching via 42<sup>nd</sup> Ave. Northbound and up Genesee hill westbound. After calling and speaking with a supervisor in the Seattle Department of transportation and going over a few Seattle Municipal codes Re: uncontrolled intersections, here is the short and long of it all...Drivers entering a roundabout (traffic circle) must yield to drivers already in the circle. SMC 11.55.010/ When two vehicles approach or enter an uncontrolled intersection from different highways at approximately the same time, the driver of the vehicle on the left shall yield the right of way to the vehicle on the right. SMC 11.55.080 The operator of a vehicle intending to turn to the left shall yield the right of way to any vehicle approaching from the opposite direction which is so close as to constitute an immediate hazard. After continued discussion with the senior civil engineer in the Seattle Department of Transportation about the traffic circle at 4<sup>th</sup> and Genesee with nearly 500 children being dropped off in such a short period of time she said "wouldn't it work best if the drivers were just plain courteous and took turns going every other car into the traffic circle. It would be so difficult to monitor otherwise." So...please be courteous, take turns entering the traffic circle so that the flow of traffic continues and does not come to a halt. I know this is long but there have been many "issues" at this traffic circle and I hope this helps. This traffic circle addition will be in next years HRS Handbook, but it is an expectation of all HRS families to comply. Any questions or concerns can be directed to Mary McKay Vial. The Safety Committee

**CYO BASKETBALL** Welcome back to another CYO basketball season here at Holy Rosary School. Join all the other warm and dry sports fans in Lanigan gym this weekend to cheer for the home team!

**Saturday 12/10/06**

4th grade girls vs St Anthony at 9am

6th grade girls Varsity vs OLG at 10:15am

6th grade girls JV-A vs St Edward at 11:30am  
8th grade girls Varsity vs St Francis at 2:00pm  
8th grade girls-JV vs Lakeside at 3:15pm  
6th grade girls JV-B vs St Louise at 4:30pm

**Sunday 12/11/06**

4th grade boys-W vs St Francis at 1:15pm  
6th grade boys Varsity vs St Vincent de Paul at 2:30pm  
7th grade boys AAA vs St Anthony at 3:45pm  
8th grade boys-JV vs Lakeside at 6:15pm

**CLOTHESLINE IS IN NEED OF MEN'S CLOTHING AND SHOES.** We are also running low on children's and men's clothing and shoes. So clean out those closets!! The needy here in our own West Seattle could use your help before the holidays. Remember gently used clothing and freshly laundered, please. Thank you for your kind generosity. Any questions, please call Suzanne Nevan-Casey at 206-525-9480.

**SOUP BOWL FOR CHARITY** Campbell's Soup has a promotion for each city with an NFL franchise. Go into the Campbell's Soup website below and vote for the Seahawks. For each vote the Seahawks get, they will donate a can of soup to the Seattle Soup Kitchen. With Christmas coming, this is a great cause. Donate a can of soup daily by adding the website to your Favorites: <http://www.chunky.com/clickforcans.aspx>

**LICE UPDATE.** Every child should have come home with a LICE UPDATE letter from Terry Swanson this week. Please note under "What you can do" point number 5 should have read "Use tea tree shampoo/conditioner as lice do **not** like the smell. " A big thank you to Terry for her diligence in getting rid of the lice and to all who helped with head checks: Patricia McBride, Mary Rose Blatner, Kay Neal, Mary Vial, Tracey Kipp, Kelly Ross and Katie Cunningham. [WWW.NPR.ORG/TEMPLATES/STORY/STORY](http://WWW.NPR.ORG/TEMPLATES/STORY/STORY) **Thank you.**

**INCLUDED IN THIS FCE:** (white unless otherwise stated)

- Grandparents' Luncheon Information and Sign-up Form (goldenrod)
- January Hot Lunch Menu
- January Hot Lunch Sign Up and Payment Grid
- Kennedy High School Holiday Skills Basketball Clinic Registration Form (red)
- Seattle Children's Drama School Flyer for grades 1-6 (yellow)
- Winter Break Art Camp Flyer (pink)
- The Making of a Fakehead Flyer

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

- Christmas Program, Gr. K-4, 7PM Thurs., Dec. 7 – Church
- Feast of the Immaculate Conception Mass – 8:45AM Fri., Dec. 8 – Perfect Uniforms
- Second Sunday of Advent, Sunday, Dec. 10
- Gr. 6,7,8 Communal Reconciliation Service – 9AM Mon., Dec. 11 – Church
- Gr. 3,4,5 Communal Reconciliation Service – 10:45AM Mon., Dec. 11 – Church
- Christmas Program, Gr. 5-8 & School Band, 7PM Tues., Dec. 12 – Church
- PATS Christmas Party, 3pm-6pm Wednesday, Dec. 13
- Prayer Service by 6A, 8:35am Friday, Dec. 15 – School Hall

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**CALENDARS FOR SALE** The 2007 **COLONdar** is now available to purchase. This is a calendar of men & women living with colorectal cancer. This national calendar features our own Holy Rosary mom, Anita Mitchell for the month of April. All proceeds go to the Colon Club, a non-profit company. [www.colondar.com](http://www.colondar.com) This would make a great Christmas gift to remind your loved one to get that pesky colonoscopy especially if you are over 50 or even earlier if you have a history of colon cancer in your family. COLONdar's are \$15.00 each.

\_\_\_\_\_ YES, I would like a COLONdar.    QUANTITY \_\_\_\_\_

Please enclose a check made payable to COLON CLUB or send cash. You may send this form into the Holy Rosary School Office with your payment and Anita will process your request. If you have any questions please call Anita Mitchell @ 937-4741.