



SCHOOL NEWS

Holy Rosary School Family Communication Newsletter

December 14, 2006

So often during this Advent season, I have thought about how fortunate I am to be surrounded by such a loving, supportive community. I have thought about how grateful I am to be working with such a competent and caring staff. I have thought about how thankful I am that Fr. John has involved himself with our school. And I have thought about how much joy your children bring to us each day. This Christmas and in the coming year, may you find love to fill your hearts and peace to warm your souls. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! YOU'RE THE BEST!

ADVENT PRAYER PARTNER CHRISTMAS CARDS will be exchanged in the Faith Families on Wednesday, Dec. 20, at 11:15am. Be sure your child brings a homemade card with a special prayer for his/her prayer partner. Right after the Faith Families meet, the school will gather in the school hall at around 11:30am for a Christmas sing-a-long. Please read message below from our Leadership Elective regarding Wednesday, Dec. 20. Please join us. School will be dismissed at noon on Dec. 20 for Christmas vacation. School resumes on Wednesday, Jan. 3.

CHRISTMAS SPIRIT DAY. Leadership will sponsor a Christmas spirit day on Wednesday, December 20th. Students may wear green, red, or Christmas themed clothing. **Due to the continued lice problem, leadership asks that students NOT wear Santa hats or Christmas themed hats/head ornaments (reindeer antlers are also not allowed).** The Christmas spirit assembly will take place at 11:30 am on December 20th where we will announce the winner of our candy raffle (see below). Hope to see all the students in the Christmas spirit next Wednesday!

LEADERSHIP SPONSORS A CANDY RAFFLE. Leadership has consolidated all the remaining candy St. Nicholas left us into two large jars. Grades K through fourth will have the opportunity to guess the amount in one jar, and grades five through eight will guess the contents of the other. Tickets are 25 cents each - that is quite a bargain if you win! Tickets may be purchased at the lunchtime for each grade. The proceeds from the raffle will benefit Katherine's place as well as future Leadership assemblies. So bring in your quarters and enter to win a LOT of candy!

REPORT CARDS will go home with the students tomorrow Friday, Dec. 15. We ask you to review them carefully with your children, sign the report card envelope, and return it to school right away. We are hoping to receive all signed envelopes back before Christmas vacation. If you have a question or concern regarding your child's progress, please contact the appropriate teacher.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAMS. Thank you again to Ms. Mudge, Mrs. Whetham, and Ms. McKamey for two wonderful Christmas concerts. Thank you to our students who performed like professionals. We especially thank our 8th grade class for the extra spirit they added to the evening. Great job everyone!

HOLY ROSARY PARISH CHRISTMAS EVE AND CHRISTMAS DAY MASS times are Sunday, December 24 – 4:00pm, 7:00pm, and 11:00pm; and on Monday, Christmas Day, Dec. 25, at 8:00am and 9:30am. Please note that the weekend of Dec. 23-24 is the fourth Sunday of Advent with the Mass schedule being Saturday, Dec. 23 at 5:00pm and on Sunday morning, Dec. 24 at 9:00am.

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!

THANK YOU HOLY YOU HOLY ROSARY FAMILIES. The Holy Rosary Development Committee would like to thank each of you for your extraordinarily generous support of our school. At this time of celebration of Christ's coming birth, please know that you and your families are essential connections for all of us. May God bless you! We are looking for a few good persons to join with us in planning the Grandparents/Grand Friends luncheon during Catholic Schools Week. If you are able to give a few hours to the cause, please call Ann Donovan, 206-937-7255, or email adonovan@holynosaryws.org

B.A.S.E. NOTICE. Merry Christmas to all Holy Rosary Students and Parents!! B.A.S.E. is open under our "special day program" December 21st and 22nd and also December 27th, 28th and 29th. The last day to sign up is December 18th. Please make your \$31 per day check to Donna Jerge-Nass. Please do **not** drop off your child(ren) if you have **not** signed up and paid in advance during these days! Staffing and numbers for field trips must be met.

BASE SCHOOL PLAY. A meeting for the BASE School play will be held Thursday, December 14th 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.

PARENT COMMITMENT HOUR PROGRAM: Enclosed in this FCE are Parent Commitment Hour Quarterly Statements. Hours completed from 3/1/06-12/7/06 are included in this statement. Any hours recently turned in will be included on your next statement. Please remember to turn in your completed parent commitment forms to the office in a timely matter. Hours should be reported within 90 days after they have been completed. Parent commitment hour forms are available in the school office. The Parent Commitment year runs from March 1, 2006 – February 28, 2007. Any uncompleted hours will be invoiced to you at a rate of \$30.00 per hour. Please remember only adult (over 18) family members may contribute to a families hours. Please take a moment to look at the Family Handbook for more information on the Parent Commitment Hour Program.

THE POINSETTIA SALES TEAM would like to thank all of you for making this year's flower sale a success! We hope you are enjoying your beautiful plants. Each and every order helps raise money for our school, so we really appreciate all of the orders that came in. This year we raised over \$5,400 for our school. Special thanks to our volunteers who made those all important reminder calls, and came in early Sunday morning to help sort and distribute flowers: Genne Baleto, Betty Golubiec, Janet Richmond, Suyu Edwards, Angela Colcombe, Maggie Lucas, and Dena Suzuki. A super THANK YOU to Heather Slee, our "Delivery Manager" extraordinaire, and her crew of dedicated drivers who delivered hundreds of poinsettia plants all over Seattle. Special thanks go to the people and businesses who are our top five orders: 1. BECU - If you are a member of BECU and have been to their main branch in Tukwila you will see lots of beautiful

poinsettias! Please let your credit union know how excited we were to have their order this year!!! 2. Eric Olsen - Thanks for getting AGAIN the orders from multiple businesses downtown! (The Washington Shoe Building, Providence Health System, and SAMIS Property Management) 3. Lynn Caragol - Alumni Rock! Thanks for your continued support and order from Carney Badley Spellman, P.S. 4. Huling Bros - We have been decorating their dealerships every year for so long now! Please let them know how much we appreciate them when you are there purchasing your new 2007 automobile!! 5. Red Lion Hotel - Downtown Seattle - Their banquet department really knows how to decorate for the holidays!! When you need accommodations downtown.....please remember their goodwill toward us! And a huge thank you to Sherri Chun and Michele Wallace, our faithful chairs, for doing such terrific job again this year!

COAT AND BLANKET DRIVE A SUCCESS! A huge thank you from the first trimester leadership elective for making our coat and blanket drive a success. The community donated over 450 coats, blankets, and warm clothing items to the Holy Rosary Clothesline. Way to go Holy Rosary!

YEARBOOK ORDERS Thank you to all who have ordered their yearbook through our pre-order month. The last day we will accept yearbook orders is **December 20**. If you miss this deadline, we can add your name to a wait list only (no guarantee that a yearbook will be available).

LICE UPDATE. We are happy to say we have no active cases of lice at this point. We will be doing a school wide check the day after we return from break. **A BIG THANK YOU TO TERRY SWANSON** for her continued diligence on this project.

SAVE THE DATE - April 28th, 2007 we'll be "Raisin' the Green at Madigan's Pub". It's not too soon to start making your plans to attend the 28th annual HEART Auction! Look for the **Red** insert in your FCE with a small item to help you remember the date of our largest annual fundraiser. On the backside of the sheet we've put together a **brief** survey to get an idea of what items you'd like to see at the auction. Take a look - there's information on some great trips that we'd like your input on. Please take a moment to give us your feedback. Completed survey forms should be returned via your FCE to the Hinthorn's via Kaleigh Hinthorn's 3B FCE.

MAGAZINE SUBSCRIPTIONS READY TO START! Magazine subscriptions have been processed and are on schedule. New subscriptions generally start in January which means you should start receiving them shortly. You can check the status of your order by going to www.4schoolsonline.com and click the box "Check status of Order". You'll need to enter in either the order phone number or name and zip code. If you don't see the order here are your next steps. 1) Call customer service at 1-800-847-7898, 2) 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 3) Finally if you are still having problems or want to tell me about your service experience contact Jody at via email at magazines@holynosaryws.org. You can always go to the school website under Magazines for the above information.

CYO BASKETBALL CONTINUES In this week's FCE is the schedule for all the teams playing this coming weekend. 8th grade girls-Varsity were trying to reschedule their 11:30 game. The new time was unknown at press time. Please be advised that there can be last minute changes that miss the FCE deadline. All the schedules are published on the CYO website at <http://www.seattlearch.org/BuildingCommunity/CatholicYouthOrganization/Athletics/Basketball/>.

The following teams will be at home in Lanigan on Sunday Dec. 17th.

5th grade boys-A vs Christian Faith at 1:15pm

5th grade boys-B vs St. Edward at 2:30pm

6th grade boys-V vs OLG at 3:45pm
7th grade boys-JV vs Villa Academy at 6:15pm
8th grade boys-V vs OLG at 5pm

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 at 6:30 - 8:00pm for Clarinets/Oboe/Drums and Clarinets; Wednesday, January 10th 5:00-7:15pm for Flutes/Bells/Trumpets and Trombone.

KEEP RECYCLING THOSE CELL PHONE AND PRINTER CARTRIDGES! Did you just run out and buy new printer cartridges to finish up your family Christmas card? Did you just get a great deal on a new cell phone during the holiday sales? We will recycle your used ones for \$\$\$ for the school. Get family, friends, and coworkers to support the program as well! Simply drop them off in the main office. If you have any questions call Kristen & Tim Hinthorn 433-2748, or email us at tkhinthorn1@comcast.net

FREE THROW COMPETITION. Our Lady of Guadalupe Council and the Holy Rosary Round Table Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a Free Throw Competition for all boys and girls age 10 to 14. It will be held Saturday, January 13th at 10:00 AM for all boys 10 to 14 years of age and Sunday, January 14th at 1:00 PM for all girls age 10 to 14. The competition will be held at the Roxhill Elementary School Gym, 9430—30th Ave. SW, Seattle. Each age group champion will be eligible to advance to the District Competition to be held the end of January. You must provide proof of age (birth certificate, etc.).

MISSING BOOK If you find a hard cover book called “The Ice Dragon” by George Martin please return it to the school office. Thank you.

INCLUDED IN THIS FCE: (white unless otherwise stated)

- Fulcrum Foundation Flyer
- Christmas Prayer Letter from Fr. John
- January Calendar (purple)
- Auction Notice and magnet (red)
- CYO Basketball Schedule
- Community Center Winter Catalogue (blue)

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Prayer Service by 6A, 8:35am Friday, Dec. 15 – School Hall
- Reports Go Home – Friday, Dec. 15
- 4th Grade Bowling Party – Friday, Dec. 15 – West Seattle Bowl
- Third Sunday of Advent – Sunday, Dec. 17
- Christmas Spirit Day Assembly – Wednesday, Dec. 20 – School Hall
- Noon Dismissal – Wednesday, Dec. 20
- Christmas Vacation – Thursday, Dec. 21 – Tuesday, Jan. 2
- Fourth Sunday of Advent, Masses on Dec. 23, Sat. at 5:00pm and Dec. 24, Sunday at 9:00am
- Christmas Eve Masses, Sunday, Dec. 24, 4:00pm, 7:00pm and 11:00pm
- Christmas Day Masses, Monday, Dec. 25, at 8:00am and 9:30am

- School Resumes – Wednesday, Jan. 3rd

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 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.