



# SCHOOL NEWS

Holy Rosary School Family Communication Newsletter

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**Different brains are differently wired, Dr. Mel Levine explains. There are eight fundamental systems, or components, of learning that draw on a variety of neurodevelopmental capacities. Some students are strong in certain areas and some are strong in others, but no one is equally capable in all eight. Dr. Mel Levine's program, *All Kinds of Mind, Schools Attuned*, shows how teachers, children, and parents can identify their strengths and weaknesses to determine their individual learning profile.**

Yesterday, six of us from Holy Rosary had the wonderful opportunity of spending the day with Dr. Mel Levine. Last June, five of us completed Dr. Mel Levine's *All Kinds of Mind, Schools Attuned* professional development course. Dr. Mel Levine is America's top learning expert, and the program that he and his colleagues have developed makes it possible for people to understand how they learn while they learn. His program makes it possible for EVERY child to succeed in school and achieve in the classroom and in life. We are in the process of planning to bring this incredible training opportunity to all of Holy Rosary's teachers. Stay tuned for further information in upcoming FCE's, as well as a brief presentation at the next Parents' Club meeting. I am aware that many of you are familiar with the book, *A Mind at a Time*, by Dr. Mel Levine. I suggest you consider adding this book to shelf, if it's not already there!

**CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK FAMILY POSTERS.** We would love to have a poster from each one of our families and it's not too late. Please design a poster (no bigger than 12 X 18) that shows how your family is connected to our school and parish. Use photos, drawings, clip art, cut-outs and be sure to put your family name on your poster. We would like to have the posters up for our Open House this Sunday, so please try to turn in no later than tomorrow. Thank you so much.

**SUB SANDWICH SALE.** Don't forget to order your Husky Deli Superbowl Sunday Sub Sandwich! The proceeds help pay for the **6th grade sailing trip**. These delicious sandwiches are packed with fresh meat, cheese, and veggies. For only \$15, how can you resist? Order now and pick up after one of the masses on Superbowl Sunday, February 4th. Thanks for your support!

**GANTS FAMILY RETURNS TO AMERICA'S FUNNIEST HOME VIDEOS THIS WEEKEND.** Two weeks ago, the Gants family won first prize with their "gift certificate" video clip on America's Funniest Home Videos! Congratulations to **Colin, Colleen, Meara, Garrett, Beau, and India!** This Sunday, January 28th, they'll be competing for the next prize - tune in at 7:00pm on KOMO-4 to get the results! Good luck to the Gants!

## **A RECAP OF CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK. Please join us!**

### **SUNDAY, JAN. 28 – WE ARE CONNECTED TO OUR FAITH**

- Students will serve as lectors, ushers, and greeters. Students are asked to wear their uniforms to Mass. If your child is interested in helping at one of the Masses, please complete and return the form in this FCE. Masses are Sat. 5:00pm, Sunday, 8:00am, 9:30am, 11:15am and 5:30pm.
- Open House from 10:45-12:30. Visit the classrooms, check out this year's Book Fair, and enjoy some refreshments in the school hall.
- Distinguished Graduate Award presented at the 9:30am Mass. Children's Choir singing at the 9:30am Mass.

### **MONDAY, JAN. 29 – WE ARE CONNECTED TO OUR STUDENTS**

- Class Theme Day – students dress in the theme their class has chosen: KA: Pajama Day; KB: Sports Day; 1A: Pajama Day; 1B: Twin Day; 2A&B: Twin Day; 3A: Pajama Day; 3B: Twin Day; 4A&B: Triplet Day; 5A&B: Late 60's, Early 70's Day; 6A: Mixed Match Day; 6B: Summer Day; 7A: Happy Day; 7B: 80's Day; 8A: Super Hero Day; 8B: Barbie & Ken/Action Figure Day.
- Special awards and surprises, including NO HOMEWORK, to the students from their teachers

### **TUESDAY, JAN. 30 – WE ARE CONNECTED TO OUR LEARNING**

- Perfect Uniform Day
- Spelling Bees: Grades 1-4 at 8:30 and Grades 5-8 at 9:15 both in the school hall
- Grades 5 & 6 "Invention Convention" and Grades 7 & 8 Science Fair Exhibit
- Fourth Grade "State in a Box" Projects on Display
- Students will share their favorite Schoolwide Learning Expectations (SLE's)

### **WEDNESDAY, JAN. 31 – WE ARE CONNECTED TO OUR FAMILIES**

- Perfect Uniforms
- Grandparents' Luncheon – if interested in helping, please complete and return the form enclosed in the FCE
- Students will write letters to parents
- PATS will honor the teachers after school

### **THURSDAY, FEB. 1 – WE ARE CONNECTED TO SERVING OTHERS**

- Jeans Day
- Ugandan Mission Team Presentation – 8:30am in the school hall; more information on how our school will be supporting our mission in Uganda is forthcoming
- Class service activities: Kindergarten & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Buddies – to the Food Bank; Grades 1 & 2 – making Valentine placemats for Mount St. Vincent's; Grades 3 & 4 – making and delivering Certificates of Appreciation for West Seattle Businesses; Grade 5 – writing thank you notes and delivering primroses Holy Rosary's neighbors and our parish staff; Grade 6 – writing thank you notes to School Commission and PATS; Grade 7 – writing thank you notes to the Parents' Club Board; Grants Committee; Development Committee and Technology Committee; Grade 8 – writing thank you notes to the Catholic Schools' Department Staff, the Archbishop, Fr. John, Fr. Eblen and Fr. Mallahan.
- Primrose Planting in Faith Families at 2:00pm; students are to bring a small gardening tool

### **FRIDAY, FEB. 2 – WE ARE CONNECTED IN SPRIT**

- Students dress in their "Class Color": Kindergarten – Navy Blue; First Grade – White; Second Grade – Light Blue; Third Grade – Red; Fourth Grade – Pink; Fifth Grade – Blue; Sixth Grade – Black; Seventh Grade – Green; Eighth Grade – Orange.

- Leadership Elective Spirit Assembly – “THE AMAZING RACE” – 9:30AM – Lanigan Gym
- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade vs. Faculty & Staff Volleyball Game – 1:45pm – Lanigan Gym

**GEOGRAPHY BEE.** Students in grades 4-8 participated in a classroom geography bee. Congratulations to the following classroom winners: **Michael Dennehy-4A, John Roach-4B, Eastyn Baletto-5A, Jack Auter-5B, Chris Dwyer-6A, Jackson Diller-6B, Hope Miles-7A, Daniel Thiel-7B, Molly Murphy-8A, and Ben Swanson-8B.** Congratulations also to the runners-up for each class were: **Claire Lindblom-4A, Diego Rangel-4B, Andrew Greuter-5A, Carrie Diedrich-5B, Josh Campbell-6A, Max Scherwin-6B, Chris Porter-7A, Max Bertolotti-7B, Alycia Gardner-8B, & Danielle Sposari-8B.** Last Friday classroom winners competed in the school Geography Bee. Students competing in the final round included: Michael Dennehy, Chris Dwyer, Daniel Thiel, and Ben Swanson. The final two students competing in the tie-breaker were Chris Dwyer and Daniel Thiel and the winner is.... **Daniel Thiel**, who completed a written test and may be going onto the regional Geography Bee. We are proud of all of these students – it was a very exciting competition. Thank you to Mr. Mohrbacher, Ms. Corrigan, Mr. Ritscher, and Mrs. Harris for organizing this event.

**THE HEART AUCTION NEEDS YOUR HELP!** There are still several open chair positions that need to be filled. The Auction is a great way to earn your fundraising hours. The current openings are: **Silent Auction Table Closers** - responsible for "closing" the Silent Auction tables after the bidding has stopped. You can still attend the auction as well as help! **Clean Up** - Pretty self explanatory, but a critical piece of the event, nonetheless! **Best of Live Raffle** - Promote and sell raffle tickets prior to and the night of the Auction. Interested in helping? Please let me know. I can be reached at home 937-0179 or by email [Peediedogmartin@aol.com](mailto:Peediedogmartin@aol.com).

**TUITION ASSISTANCE.** There are tuition assistance forms available in the school office for the 2007-2008 school year. We need this form back in the school office by Feb 12<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions please contact Miyuki DeFranco in the office. Thank you.

**THE TRAFFIC FLOW COMMITTEE** has received multiple reports of concern in the following areas: 1. Please remember to treat 42<sup>nd</sup> Ave SW as having 2 lanes going northbound, the curb lane and the center lane. 2. Show your intent by using your blinkers to signal into and out from the curb. This simple act helps the drop off and pick up flow along. 3. When pulling away from the curb after dropping your student off, please, please pull all the way away from the curb lane to the middle of the street and head north. This way others who have not yet dropped off their student can drive all the way forward along the curb lane and drop off. Otherwise, you end up blocking both lanes and halt the traffic flow! 4. Do pull as far forward up the curb lane as possible. 5. Do not stop in front of the kindergarten door or the front door if you are able to pull more forward.

**B.A.S.E.** Just a reminder that auditions for the B.A.S.E. School Play are today at 3pm.

**CYO BASEBALL.** The CYO organization runs two spring baseball leagues – one team for 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders and one team for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders. This year league games will be played between March 11<sup>th</sup> and May 6<sup>th</sup>. The post season tourney runs May 9<sup>th</sup> through the 20<sup>th</sup>. In the past we have sponsored teams from Holy Rosary when there was enough interest from players and of course coaches. This year we have heard rumblings of interest. If these rumblings are to turn into an actual team – we'll need the players to submit the Spring Sports registration for, filled out for baseball no later than Feb 12<sup>th</sup>. The earlier the better! The second and most important piece

needed is coaches. We need someone to coordinate chasing players down as we move closer to Feb 12. We'll also need to identify the coaches by Feb 1. Please contact Rick Diedrich with any questions.

**CYO BASKETBALL UNIFORM.** As the season begins to wind down for some, please remember to return all uniforms to your coaches. All of the uniforms should be returned to the coach within two weeks of the last game. Ideally, you could plan to give the uniform to the coach following the last game. Please do not return the uniforms through the school office.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to **Abby Tuthill, Isabella Campagnaro,** and **Emily Diedrich** who won the Knights of Columbus Local Free Throw Championship for their respective age groups on January 14th. They will advance to the District Championships next month. Good Luck Girls!

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

- February Calendar (pink)
- Book Fair Flyer - lavender
- Northwest Progress Partnership Flyer
- Barnes & Noble Catholic Schools Flyer (gray)
- City of Seattle Pedestrian Safety Program Pamphlet (blue)
- CYO Volleyball Notice (bright yellow)
- West Seattle Little League Notice

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

- **FAMILY POSTERS FOR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK DUE TOMORROW, JAN. 25**
- Prayer Service by KA/KB, Friday, Jan. 26, 8:30am
- Grade 2B First Reconciliation, Saturday, Jan. 27 – 10:00am
- **Catholic Schools Week 2007 – January 28-Feb. 2 – We Celebrate the Good News at Holy Rosary (see schedule on first page)**
- School Commission – Thursday, Feb. 1, 6:00pm
- Midtrimester Reports Home – Thursday, Feb. 8