



SCHOOL NEWS

Holy Rosary School Family Communication Newsletter

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"A positive, healthy attitude is contagious, but don't wait to catch it from others. Be a carrier." -Tom Stoppard, British playwright

I am looking forward to seeing many of you at our sold out **Raising the Green at Madigan's Pub** on Saturday. Thank you to our fabulous co-chairs, **Ann & Bryan Martin and Kristen & Tim Hinthorn**. They and all of the hard-working committee chairs and committees have done an incredible job. I encourage your support of this year's Fund-An-Item, which will fund the training for our staff in Dr. Mel Levine's *All Kinds of Mind/ Schools Attuned* Program. This program will provide our staff with more expertise and tools in meeting the unique learning needs of all of our students. It will also help us to teach children *how* they learn while they are learning. I recently read that the Superintendent and the School Board of New York City (the largest school district in the country) mandated this training for all of their principals and teachers over the next five years. All of Holy Rosary's teachers will attend the training right here at Holy Rosary the week of June 18-23. I am grateful to our outstanding staff for their willingness to learn this program. I always look at the auction as the premier social event of the year and a time to really celebrate this wonderful community of Holy Rosary. Once again, thank you one and all for your continued dedication and generosity. See you Saturday! Please remember that due to the Auction, tomorrow is a noon dismissal day. Other school happenings this week: Fifth graders return from three days at Camp Seymour and grade 6B returns from a three day sailing adventure on Puget Sound tomorrow. Fr. John and I will visit the 5th graders this evening; there's no way to visit the sailors! Please pray for a safe return for all, as well as a safe sailing trip for grade 6A next week, May 2-4. Students continue to do their best on either the ITBS or WASL standardized test scores. Please encourage your own children to take their time and proofread their answers – a good night's rest and healthy breakfast also can help!

MADIGAN'S PUB OPENS FOR BUSINESS ON SATURDAY, APRIL 28TH AT 5PM! It's *finally* here - the 2007 HEART Auction begins at **5:00pm this Saturday** with live music and the Silent Auction. The Live Auction activities are scheduled to begin at 7:00pm-ish. **Thank you** to all the **volunteers** who have worked to make this event successful and **Thank you** to all the **attendees** who will be **RAISIN' THE GREEN** for Holy Rosary School!

BEST OF THE LIVE UPDATE: If you are one of the many people who helped jump-start our Best of Live ticket Sales by participating in the pre-sales activities, here's some news for you. We made a logistical change for the distribution of your trinkets, tickets, and drink card (if you made a qualifying purchase). We don't want you to lose or misplace anything related to this part of the auction, so **items in your purchase will be bundled together and handed out as you check in on Saturday**. Remaining trinkets and tickets will be sold Saturday during the Silent

Auction only. The winner will be announced at the beginning of the Live Auction. Your Best of Live Contacts are: Jodie Underwood 571-1996 and Roseann Bonnar 935-0733.

EXCITING NEWS ABOUT THE LIVE AUCTION! !! As in years past, the table centerpieces are available to bid on during the Live Auction, ***BUT this year there's a catch!*** Within each centerpiece is a gift certificate for, and generously donated by, Wyatt's Jeweler's in Westwood Village. If you are the winning bidder for the centerpiece at your table, you also win the gift certificate. **BUT WAIT, there's more...** The winning bidder from each table is automatically entered into a drawing for a **\$700 Necklace and Pendant** (which will be on display on Saturday) also donated by **Wyatt's Jeweler's**. A Huge Thank You to **Kirk Keppler**, owner of Wyatt's Jewelers, for this most generous donation!

WINE, WINE, AND MORE WINE. . . . The Live Auction Wine Cellar continues to grow with early donations. **Please remember to bring a nice bottle of wine with you on Saturday** if you haven't donated already. Are you considering bidding on this item? There are some nice surprises in it for you - like a **2005 Leonetti Merlot** direct from Walla Walla, or how about a **2002 Cabernet** from **The Terraces** in Napa Valley. You may even find a nice bottle of Champagne to celebrate your bidding success!

SOME NEWS FROM THE MADIGAN'S PUB BAR. This year we have put together a nice menu of a few special wines that will be available for purchase by the bottle during the Live Auction. By the bottle, we are offering a Tamarack Cellars Chardonnay, a Shooting Star Cabernet, and The Jack by Saviah Cellars. **Wine purchases by the bottle** can be made using your **bid card**. ***All other bar sales are by cash or drink ticket only.***

SCHOOLS ATTUNED FUND AN ITEM NEWS! The Fund an Item is always an exciting and energetic part of the Live Auction. This year money raised during our **Fund an Item** will go to certify the Holy Rosary Staff on Dr. Mel Levine's **"Schools Attuned"** program - a nationally acclaimed program that helps educators meet the diverse learning needs of students. Did you know, to help us reach our goal, **you can participate even if you are unable to attend the auction?** Simply put your donation in an envelope marked **FUND AN ITEM** and turn it in to the office. Stay tuned, for news on "Schools Attuned"!

HOW ARE YOU GETTING HOME FROM THE AUCTION? We hope everyone attending the auction on Saturday night has a great time, and we want you to get home safely. This year, should the need arise, **free vouchers for a safe ride home** will be available as you Check-out. **Thank You to Albert Raines** for making this safe end to our night possible.

MURALS FOR SALE AT THE AUCTION. For the first time Auction Decorations Committee will be offering murals for sale through the Silent Auction. These Murals will be cut to your specifications, trimmed and sealed to be used as floor coverings or modified for wall hanging. This is your opportunity to bring a one of a kind piece, a little visual magic from this year's Auction, into your home.

AUCTION DECORATIONS COMMITTEE SCHEDULE as follows: Thursday 3pm-Midnight, Friday 9am-9pm, Sunday 9am-Noon. All volunteers are welcome, no experience required. (No children, please. Heavy equipment is in use. Danger, danger.) Karen Kuhar 206.595.7466

THE 50/50 RAFFLE NEEDS HELP! Come join our fun 50/50 team Saturday, April 28th and help us 'Raise the Green' during the silent auction selling raffle tickets. We're in need of four fun &

feisty volunteers! Time commitment is 4:30-7:00pm. It 's a fun way to experience the auction, chalk up some fundraising hours, mingle with parents and teachers and help support the school. Please call or 3-mail Nancy G. Davis at 937-1194 or ngdseattle@covad.net .

REGISTRATION PAPERS for next year are enclosed in this FCE. As mentioned in previous FCE's, your registration papers are withheld if you are not current with tuition, band, tithing, sacrificial giving card, auction procurement or parent commitment hours. Questions please call Miyuki at the school for tuition and band payments, Mary Simpson at the rectory for tithing and sacrificial giving cards, Ann Martin for auction procurement, and Karen Robel or Kelley Porter about parent commitment hours. (Just a reminder that tithing is calculated from June 2006.)

A NOTE FROM THE RECTORY There seems to be some confusion regarding the requirement that school families have a sacrificial giving card on file with the parish in order to be eligible for in-parish tuition. Sacrificial Giving cards are sent out in November each year, and the commitment is for a calendar (not a school) year. A new card needs to be completed each year, even if you are on an automatic payment plan. We hope that you will prayerfully consider each year what your commitment will be. If your registration papers are being held because we have no record of receiving your card, you can email instructions to Mary Simpson at msimpson@hrparish.net with a copy to Miyuki DeFranco (mdefranco@holynosaryws.org), or, you can pick up a sacrificial giving card at the rectory office. Thank you.

ANNUAL FUND PLEDGE FORMS are included with registration papers in this FCE. The pledge forms are due back with your registration papers in the office by Friday, May 18. Prior to spring break you should have received a letter from the Development Office providing you with information about our Annual Fund. Now in its 3rd year, this funding source has become an *integral* part of our school budget. Please prayerfully consider a generous tax-deductible pledge. All gifts, no matter the size, are important and appreciated. If there are any questions regarding the Annual Fund please contact Ann Donovan in the Development Office.

SCHOOL COMMISSION OPENINGS. Holy Rosary is looking for volunteers to serve on the School Commission beginning next school year. If you are interested and would like to find out more about this opportunity, please pick up an informational letter & application in the school office. The selection process is discrete and applicants will remain anonymous. Applications will be reviewed and voted on by a selection committee made up of a few representatives each from the Commission, staff, and parents. You can direct any questions to Tricia McLean or Gina Auter. To be considered, applications are due in the school office by Friday, May 11.

STAFF CHANGES. We will be sad to say good-bye at the end of this school year to three excellent staff members: Megan Oney, second grade teacher for seven years; Pam Sturgeon, vice principal for three years; and Ann Donovan, Development Director for two years. Ms. Oney will be staying home with her baby; Ms. Sturgeon will be returning to full time teaching; and Mrs. Donovan is looking forward to being able to spend more time with her family. We are grateful for the dedication and work of all three of these individuals and wish them all the best in the future. They have all made a positive difference at Holy Rosary and we are grateful.

SEVENTH GRADE STUDENTS HONORED. Tomorrow afternoon, 13 of our seventh grade students will join seventh graders representing Catholic schools from around Western Washington for a Leadership Recognition Ceremony held at St. James Cathedral. Archbishop Brunett and Sr. Joyce Cox, Superintendent of Catholic Schools, will present the awards. Congratulations to the following Holy Rosary seventh graders for being chosen by their classmates, teachers, and

principal for their distinguished award: **Colleen Kane and Sammie Pless - Leadership in Faith Award; Madison Beiler and Hope Miles – Leadership in Academic Achievement Award; Jazmine Brown and Claire Fritts – Leadership in Co-Curricular Participation Award; Whitney Brown and Kayli Schulz – Leadership in Service Award; and Tommy Clarke, Jason Helle, Matt Meucci, Blake Pedersen and Chris Porter – Leadership in Community Building Award.** Fr. John, Ms. Brown, Ms. Sturgeon, Mr. Ritscher, Mrs. DeFeo and Mrs. Whetham will all be attending the ceremony tomorrow to see our students receive their awards.

ATTENTION ALL POTENTIAL TALENT SHOW PERFORMERS: Would you like to show off your talent to the entire school? If so, please sign up for this year's talent show on May 18th! It will be lots of fun and leadership hopes for a big turn out this year. **PERMISSION SLIPS ARE DUE WEDNESDAY, MAY 2ND.** **Typed lyrics** need to be included with the permission slip. Students should participate in **one act only**. If a group is performing everyone in the group needs a permission slip. Extra permission slips are in the office. Leadership wants as many people as possible to perform, so turn in your permission slip soon! Please contact Mrs. Kirmeyer at jkirmeyer@holyroaryws.org if you have any questions.

B.A.S.E. SCHOOL PLAY. Please mark your calendars for the B.A.S.E. School Play, Charlotte's Web, May 11th at 7pm and May 12th at 2pm.

REMINDER FROM B.A.S.E. Friday April 27th –**AM B.A.S.E.** is in the school hall and there will be no **PM B.A.S.E.** Donna Jerge-Nass

CUB SCOUT PACK 793 invites all Holy Rosary School boys in Kindergarten to attend our New Tiger Scout Meeting in the Holy Rosary School Hall at 6:30pm on Wednesday, May 2nd. This is great time to join Cub Scouts and we'll have entertainment for the boys, so come see what the Cub Scouts program is all about and join in the fun! Please contact Nick Roach at (206) 937-7584 for more information or visit the Pack Web site at www.pack793ws.org.

MATH-A-THON. Last call for St. Jude Mathathon donations. Please turn into Sue Harris in the library. Thanks for your participation in this worthwhile activity!

LOST COLUMBIA JACKET If anyone has found a pink Columbia shell with a removable pink fleece jacket, size 10/12, please call Danette Carufel at 935-6517. It was lost before or during Easter break.

BISHOP BLANCHET GIRLS' SOCCER CAMPS will take place this summer for girls' in grades 6 – 12. There are registration forms available in the school office.

INCLUDED IN THIS FCE: (white unless otherwise stated)

- ∞ 2007-2008 Registration Papers
- ∞ May Calendar (purple)
- ∞ Dessert Auction Teacher's Wishlist Flyer (green)
- ∞ Wyatt's Jewelers Diamond Necklace Flyer from the Heart Auction
- ∞ JoinCubScouting.org Flyer (multi-colored)
- ∞ Stone Soup Theatre Summerstage 2007 Flyer
- ∞ Cub Scout Summer Camp Flyer (yellow)
- ∞ Lee's Martial Arts Summer Camp Flyer (green)
- ∞ Spring Studio Open House and Art Sale (gold)
- ∞ West Seattle Little League Flyer (gold)

UPCOMING EVENTS AND IMPORTANT DATES:

- ∞ NOON DISMISSAL, Friday, April 27th – Teacher Inservice & Auction Set-up
- ∞ Archdiocesan Seventh Grade Recognition Ceremony, 1:00pm – St. James Cathedral
- ∞ HEART AUCTION, Saturday, April 28th – Silent Auction 5pm, Live Auction & Dinner 7pm
- ∞ 8th Grade Individual & Group Graduation Pictures, Tuesday, May 1
- ∞ 2nd Grade Class Pictures, Tuesday, May 1 – Perfect Uniform
- ∞ 6A Sailing Trip, Wednesday, May 2 – Friday, May 4
- ∞ School Commission Meeting, Thursday, May 3, 6pm – Staff Room
- ∞ Prayer Service by 1A, Friday May 4, 8:30am – School Hall
- ∞ 7th Grade Retreat at HRS
- ∞ Talent Show Rehearsals, Monday, May 7th at Lunch