



SCHOOL NEWS

Holy Rosary School Family Communication Newsletter

May 10, 2007

“Most importantly, Holy Rosary has taught me how to give and take and how to balance my priorities: how to keep my faith, my academics, my extra curricular activities, my family and my friends at a healthy balance. I am choosing to continue my education at a Catholic high school because in order for me to grow academically I need to grow spiritually. I incorporate my prayer and my faith into my everyday school life. I don’t think I could go to a school where I can’t be surrounded by my faith.” -8th grade student, class of 2007

Tomorrow we look forward to the 7th and 8th graders leading our school community in the Living Rosary. Students are asked to come to school with a rosary and in perfect uniform for this special celebration in honor of our Blessed Mother and our school’s namesake. Please join us at 2:00pm in the church. BASE presents *Charlotte’s Web* tomorrow evening and again on Saturday in the School Hall. This looks to be a fabulous production! If you are planning on attending the play, please be aware that on Friday evening the vigil for Charlie Chong will be taking place in the church, and on Saturday, the funeral and reception for him will be from 12:00 noon to 3:30pm. Parking will be challenging, so we ask for your patience. Next Thursday, May 17, beginning at 6:30pm, will be the final Parents’ Club Meeting for this year, which is really a huge thank you to all of our fund-raising and committee chairs. We hope to see you there – child care will be available. The Talent Show will be next Friday, May 18, with grades K-4 performing in the morning beginning at 9:30am and grades 5-8 in the afternoon beginning at 1:30pm in Lanigan Gym. Please come and enjoy the remarkable talent of our Holy Rosary students. Along with the individual and small group acts, each class and our school band will be showcased in the Talent Show. Thank you to Ms. Kirmeyer, Ms. Johnson, Ms. Mudge, Mrs. Oney, Mrs. Rangel and the Leadership Elective Students, for overseeing the Talent Show. **Finally this week, we wish all of our amazing Mothers a wonderful Mothers’ Day on Sunday. The sun will be shining on and for you all!**

FROM FR. JOHN. A huge **Thank You** to all who did such a great job with the auction. I have seen the preparations go on for months and I am very grateful to all who invested so much time and energy, as well as all who made it a sell out. I am thrilled that it was such a success both to reward their efforts and for the benefits it brings to our school. **MEN’S GROUP** - We are continuing on Saturday mornings, 7--8am, generally in the school hall or when there is a conflict, in the parish center --- convent building--- which will be the case this Saturday. We are beginning a new book: *The Purpose Driven Life*. We would love to have you with us. Come when you can and stay if you can. Could it be easier?

CELEBRATING OUR PAST ~ PRESENT ~ FUTURE! Everyone is invited to join in Celebration of our Parish Community and Fr. John’s First Anniversary as Pastor, Sunday, June 10 in Lanigan Center from 12:30pm to 2:30pm. A light lunch will be served and there will be a special video presentation highlighting Holy Rosary’s history. Please join us for food and fun! If you have any photos of our history or recent parish events that you would like to share, please contact Paula

Righi at 937-1488, ext 204 or prighi@hrparish.net. Our Parish Celebration is co-hosted by the Stewardship Council and the Hospitable Parish Committee.

SHH – IT'S A SECRET! In honor of **Fr. John's 33rd anniversary as a priest and his 1st anniversary at Holy Rosary** the school would like to recognize him with a special gift. A little bird has told us that he would enjoy an I-pod to take with him on his trip this summer. We're asking each child to contribute a \$1.00 towards this gift. Any extra money collected will be given to Fr. John for his travels. Please send your donation in an envelope marked FR. JOHN. Please remember to keep this a secret, as we hope to surprise him at the parish celebration on June 10. We are so very grateful for Fr. John's commitment to our school and interest in our children. Thank you so much.

STAFF CHANGES FOR NEXT YEAR. A few weeks ago I mentioned that Mrs. Megan Oney will be staying home to be with her baby, that Ms. Pam Sturgeon will be returning to full time teaching, and that Mrs. Ann Donovan has resigned as Development Director. In addition, Mrs. Miyuki DeFranco is retiring (isn't she lucky?) and Ms. Sheila Hanford will be moving to Snohomish County to be located near her husband's new job in Everett. We are grateful for the positive contributions all of these people have made to HR and will be sorry to see them leave us. At this time, I am happy to announce the following replacements and additions: I have named Mr. Ted Mohrbacher as the director of the Upper School (grades 5-8) and Mrs. Mary Jo McFaul, the director of the lower school, (grades K-4). Mr. Mohrbacher will remain as an 8th grade homeroom teacher teaching 8th grade social studies and Mrs. McFaul will continue to assist with reading in grades 3 & 4. Mr. Mohrbacher, Mrs. McFaul and I are now working together to designate the administrative tasks. I look forward to trying this new model of school administration. Ms. Brenda Rich requested a move to second grade and Mrs. Juli Rangel eagerly welcomed her as her new partner. We welcome Mrs. Sue Southerland as our new P.E. teacher. Mrs. Southerland has been teaching P.E. at Our Lady of Fatima for many years and comes to us highly recommended. We also welcome Ms. Darcy McLaughlin as a new teacher in grades 5-8. Ms. McLaughlin is a graduate of St. Monica's elementary school, Seattle Prep, Notre Dame, and Loyola Marymount. She has five years teaching experience and also comes to us with the highest recommendations. We will be interviewing and hiring a new Development Director and Office Assistant.

PARENT'S CLUB THURSDAY, MAY 17th 6:15PM THANK-YOU MEETING! We would like to make our May PC (Thursday, May 17th) meeting special. We will be thanking and honoring all of the volunteers for the various PC committees (room parents, chairs of the fundraisers, standing committees and the executive board). Refreshments will be served.

CHILDCARE WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR THE MAY 17 PARENTS CLUB MEETING. We are excited to announce that we will have childcare available at the next Parent's Club Meeting. Please join us in thanking all of our dedicated volunteers who make Holy Rosary such a wonderful school.

THE HOLY ROSARY STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL. "As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace." (Peter 4:10) The **Holy Rosary Stewardship Council** is an appointed group of parishioners, representing a cross section of the parish community whose **mission** is to assist and advise our pastor in the leadership of Holy Rosary Parish. The **vision** of the Holy Rosary Stewardship Council is to strengthen and grow our parish community through faith building and effective utilization of our parish's collective gifts of time, talent and treasure. We believe this vision is achieved by promoting and nurturing the following **values**:

- ∞ A spirit of welcoming to all
- ∞ Vibrant liturgy that evokes active participation
- ∞ Catholic faith formation for adults and children
- ∞ Faith inspired ministry to our parish and to our local, national and worldwide communities

GO GREASE LIGHTING! THE TALENT SHOW IS COMING MAY 18TH! **Act I:** The K – 4 and HRS Band performance, begins at 9:30 am. **Act II:** The 4 – 8 performances, begins at 1:30 pm. Students are invited to wear 1950s inspired clothing that fits the spirit day guidelines in the handbook. **Dress rehearsals** are scheduled during lunches (11:30 – 1:00) for Tuesday, May 15th and Wednesday, May 16th in Lanigan Gym. Please be sure to bring your costume/show outfit and any items necessary for your performance on your assigned dress rehearsal date. Students may change into their show outfits in the locker room before the dress rehearsals. If you did not bring your music to the talent show audition, please bring it to the dress rehearsal.

HOLY ROSARY BAND is in full swing with two special performances next week. The 23rd annual Band Festival will take place at Kennedy High School on Wednesday, May 16th at 7pm. Also, it is Talent Show time at “Gatorville” on Friday, May 18th! Catch the band in action on our own home turf! We are looking forward to sharing our music with all of you!

UNPAID AUCTION INVOICES ARE DUE! Some of you received Unpaid Auction Invoices in last weeks FCE for items that you purchased at the auction but haven't paid for. ***Please remit payment of that invoice by tomorrow, Friday, May 11th.*** We are close to closing the software system for this year and need to record all purchase payments for accurate records. If you have any questions, please contact Ann Martin at 937-0179 or peediedogmartin@aol.com. THANKS!

ARE YOU A CYCLIST? We have a *Cascade Bicycle Club Passport* that was overlooked for purchase from the auction. Includes rider entry into Cascade Bicycle Clubs 6 events: Flying Wheels Summer Century (June 16), Seattle To Portland Bicycle Classic (July 14-15), Ride from Seattle to Vancouver, B.C & Party - RSVP (Aug. 17-18), Cascade Spawning Cycle (Sept. 16), Kitsap Color Classic (Oct. 7) and The Chilly Hilly 2008. The Value is \$290 and will be awarded to the highest bidder. If you are interested please contact Karri Lange with your bid 938-8352. Winner will be announced at Parent's Club on May 17th.

SEATTLE ART MUSEUM TOUR. We have 3 spots left for the Seattle Art Museum Private Tour. You will be led through the museum by a docent on Thursday, May 17th from 6-8 in the evening. We will have the use of a private room as a base camp during our tour. During the remodel the museum has added 70% more space for exhibits. Feel free to come early or stay late (the museum is open until 9 p.m.). Price is \$20 and will be awarded on a first come, first served basis. Please contact Karri Lange if you are interested.

SUMMER COCKTAIL PARTY ON BEAUTIFUL ALKI BEACH Come celebrate summer with a party at the Alki Bathhouse on August 24th from 7-10 p.m. Cost is \$40 per person and all proceeds go to 2007 Holy Rosary Heart Auction. This event is sponsored by The School Commission and Gourmondo Catering. A flyer with details and RSVP form are included in your FCE. You won't want to miss this one!

DOUBLE YOUR VOLUNTEER HOURS FOR NEXT YEAR. Now is the perfect opportunity to sign up for next year's lunch recess duty. The time is 11:40am – 1:10pm daily. Double volunteer hours are given for this enjoyable task. We ask that you choose one specific day per week for the

entire year. There is a flyer enclosed in this FCE to sign up. Please complete it and return to Ms. Judd by May 16th.

8th GRADE PIZZA LUNCH. This will be our last pizza lunch for the year! Forms are included in this FCE. If you did not get one or need another they can be found in the office. Please complete the form and do your best to have it turned in by the 18th of the month. If we don't have a completed form for your child they will have to wait until all of the children who have turned in their forms have had lunch before they receive their pizza. This may disrupt their lunch/recess period. A huge thank you to Jerry Rice for collecting all of the forms and tallying up the numbers, and of course to the entire 8th grade parents that volunteered to help out on the pizza lunch day! And to the 8th graders that helped to deliver the pizza to the students!

CURRENT 7th GRADE PARENTS. The 8th grade pizza lunch is the responsibility of 8th grade parents. It is time for us current 8th grade parents to pass on this great tradition. If you are interested feel free to call me at 932-3259 or e-mail ussanne@comcast.net. Kristi Coluccio

ATTENTION ALL 7th GRADERS. Help the Holy Rosary Mom's Group at the July 4th Parade concession stand and full fill community service hours for school. We ask that you help us from 9 am to 11 am at the Hamilton Park selling popsicles, water, chips, juice and baked goods. We need 3-4 7th graders to help. Please contact Sarah Mackay at 206-234-6372 or oceanskimmer@comcast.net if you are interested.

CYO SOCCER REGISTRATION FOR FALL 2007. Attention all new and returning CYO soccer players and coaches. It's time to sign up for fall ball! Please have your forms in by June 13th. We need to have all registrations in for all players by June 30, 2007. In the past we have had a large number of fall signups. Due to a change in the team registration deadline, **we cannot add teams in the fall**. Therefore, late registrations can only be accepted if there is room for additional players. Even then, the expectation should be that room would be extremely limited. We really want your player on one of the Gator teams, sign up now and reserve your spot. Any questions please call Mary Kay Sposari at (206)937-1831 or email mkspo@comcast.net. Thank you.

FIRST WESTFEST MEETING! Our first kickoff meeting for WestFest is at 7pm on May 23rd in the Parish Center Dining Room. Please come and share your ideas on how to improve Westfest. The bonus is that snacks and drinks are provided! See you there! Jodi Sherwood

THE 7TH GRADE BOYS CYO BASEBALL TEAM ended a winning season with a 4-3 record, just missing the playoffs by one game. The boys finished in fifth place in the ten-team 7th/8th grade National League. You read that correctly: Our team was all 7th graders competing in a 7th/8th grade league. We should be even tougher next year. Our "regular" players: Max Bertelloti, Tommy Clarke, Bart Hardwick, Alex Isner, Jim Killeen, Charlie McLean, Matt Meucci, Blake Pedersen, Chris Porter, Robbie Rush, David Salle, Max Schwabe, Pasquale Sena, and Kevin Tarabochia. Our "guest" players: Brian McFaul and Mitchell Penner. Coaches: Mike Killeen, Mike Porter, and Dave Meucci. Thanks to all the parents who provided transportation, kept score, ran the phone tree, and never, ever once, complained about the weather, the batting order, or the umpires.

MOTHER / SON GLOW BOWL CHAIR NEEDED. Are you looking for a volunteer opportunity? How about chairing the Mother / Son Glow Bowl night. The event is a fun way to earn your hours. The previous chair is happy to mentor you. Please contact Tara Turpen at 935-0552 or taraturpen@msn.com if interested.

BEAT THE BRIDGE. Less than 2 weeks left to train for the Beat the Bridge run/walk to cure Juvenile Diabetes. Join TEAM KATY for a fun time helping a great cause. 8am start on Sunday May 20th and done by noon. <http://www.beatthebridge.org> for more info or to donate. Thanks.

SEATTLE PREP GIRLS BASKETBALL SKILLS CLINIC for girls entering grades 5-9 will take place this June. Join current and former Seattle Prep players, head coach Michelle Hall and Assistant Coaches Stephanie Wheeler and Ando Bernard. If you are interested pick up a brochure I the school office or on line at <http://etteamz.active.com/prepgirlsbball>.

SEATTLE PREP BASKETBALL CAMPS. Come learn the fundamentals of the game of basketball and develop your skills at Seattle Prep Basketball Camps. Sessions for 5th/6th graders and 7th/8th graders are available. Coaching from Prep coaches, players, and former players. Please visit www.pantherhoops.net for more information or contact Coach Brian Elsner at (206) 850-3166.

CHOCOLATE LOVERS AND MOTHER'S DAY SHOPPERS! If you love chocolate, or if your wife or mother loves chocolate, check out the enclosed invitation for an evening with THE Fran, of Fran's chocolates, including caviar and other amazing starters, wines paired with fabulous Fran's chocolates, a special presentation by Fran and then dessert! Each guest receives a complimentary copy of Fran's famous chocolate cookbook. Just in time for Mother's Day; what a wonderful gift! Dads, send the moms out for a special evening; they deserve it! All proceeds benefit Providence Mt. St. Vincent, our West Seattle neighbor.

INCLUDED IN THIS FCE: (white unless otherwise stated)

- ∞ Flyer on the production of *Charlotte's Web* from BASE
- ∞ Ambassador Families Needed Flyer
- ∞ 8th Grade Pizza Lunch Sign Up Form (orange)
- ∞ CYO Track Flyer
- ∞ 2007-2008 Recess Duty Volunteer Form
- ∞ CYO Soccer Registration for Fall 2007
- ∞ Alki Bathhouse Cocktail Party Flyer
- ∞ Seattle Drum School Flyer (bright orange)
- ∞ Introduction to Women's Self Defense Sheet
- ∞ Fran's Chocolates Charity Event Flyer

UPCOMING EVENTS AND IMPORTANT DATES:

- ∞ Prayer Service by KA/KB, Friday May 11, 8:30am – School Hall
- ∞ Living Rosary & Liturgical Dance, Friday May 11, 2:00pm – Holy Rosary Church
- ∞ PERFECT UNIFORM, Friday May 11 (Students remember rosaries)
- ∞ BASE School Play, Friday May 11, 7pm – School Hall
- ∞ BASE School Play, Saturday May 12, 2pm – School Hall
- ∞ Talent Show Dress Rehearsal at Lunch, Monday & Tuesday May 14, 15 – Lanigan
- ∞ Development Committee Meeting, Tuesday May 15, 6:30 – Staff Room
- ∞ Elementary Band Festival, Wednesday May 16, 7pm – Kennedy High School
- ∞ Art Elective Field Trip to Sculpture Garden, Thursday May 17th
- ∞ 4th Grade Field Trip to the Gold Rush Museum, Thursday, May 17th
- ∞ Parents' Club Meeting & Appreciation Party, Thursday, May 17th, 6:30 – School Hall
- ∞ Talent Show, Friday May 18 Act I 9:30am (K-4) w/ Band; Act II 1:30pm (5-8) – Lanigan
- ∞ Second Grade First Communion, Saturday May 19, 10am – Holy Rosary Church

Ambassador Families Needed

We're looking for volunteers to act as Ambassador to our new families joining Holy Rosary School for the 2007/08 school year. We currently have 30 new Kindergarten families joining us in the fall and anticipate new families joining us with children in the upper grades.

The role of an Ambassador Family is a short and easy commitment of helping another family make the transition into our school a little smoother. Each Ambassador Family will be matched up with a newly enrolled family and asked to do the following:

This spring:

1. Call your family and introduce yourself. Explain the Ambassador program and invite your family to our last **Parents Club meeting, Thursday, May 17th**. The May meeting will be our volunteer appreciation meeting. It would be a nice gesture if you offered to pick them up or to meet them at the meeting. Give them your phone number and tell them to please call with any questions.
2. New Kindergarten families will receive an invitation to **the New Parent Orientation Meeting, Tuesday, May 8** in the School Hall. Call your family and remind them of this very important meeting.

This August:

1. **Call your family in mid August** to make sure they received the packet of information from the school and to answer any questions.
2. Kindergarten families will receive an invitation to the **Kindergarten Tea, Thursday, August 30th and 10:00AM**. Mention the date of the tea to your families as a friendly reminder.
3. Make sure your family understands the schedule for the first week of school. Kindergarten students dismiss at 10:00AM on the **first day of school, Tuesday, Sept. 4** and dismiss at noon the remainder of the week. Be sure they know that school dismisses at 2:15PM on Wednesdays through out the school year.
4. Open House **"Back to School Night", Thursday, Sept. 4**. Explain the importance of the evening and the expectation that both parents attend. Remind them to make childcare arrangements for the evening.
5. Invite your family to the **first Parents' Club meeting in September**.
6. Be sure your family understands how important the FCE is. If they get in the habit of reading the FCE they should stay well informed and it will be easy for them to get connected to our community. Review the terms of volunteer hours: 25 outreach hours and 25 fund raising hours and ways they can earn them. Also encourage them to read the Family Handbook.
7. If you have a family with older children coming into the upper grades, talk to them about class specific information. (5th grade – spring campout, 6th grade – sailing trip, etc.)

If you and your family are interested in volunteering for the Ambassador program please detach the bottom portion of this page, with your name and phone number and **return in the FCE**.

For any additional questions or clarification please call Sheila Cosgrove Ridgeway at 937-3608.

Ambassador Family Volunteer Form

We are interested in volunteering as an Ambassador Family.

Family name: _____ **Phone number:** _____

Grade your child/children will be in the fall of 2007: _____