



SCHOOL NEWS

Holy Rosary School Family Communication Newsletter

May 17, 2007

"I have been attending Holy Rosary School for a total of nine years. Not only has this school become my second home, but also it has changed how I will take my future. Educationally this school has taught me the best of the best in all of the subjects we have taken. My spiritual education at HRS has influenced me to become a better Christian and a better person. Overall this school has prepared me the best it ever could and my decisions in school and out will be very affected by it and will be the right ones."

-Eighth Grade Student, Class of 2007

Sometimes I think year round school would be a good idea! We seem to cram so many activities and events into the closing weeks of school. However, I realize that everything we do and celebrate is worthwhile. Last evening at Kennedy High School, our HRS School Band, along with bands from eight other Catholic elementary schools, participated in the Elementary Band Festival. Wow! What a fabulous concert! Each year at this festival two eighth grade students who will be attending Kennedy High School next year are selected to receive a special scholarship. Congratulations to **Sam Payne**, who was one of the scholarship recipients this year. Sam is the first Holy Rosary student to receive this honor! Tonight the final Parents' Club meeting of the school year takes place. This meeting is really an appreciation party to honor all of our committee chairs and outgoing officers. Babysitting will be available this evening – we hope you can attend. The week concludes with **Go Greased Lightning** - all students are invited to dress like they did in the 50's. The Talent Show begins at 9:30am with Act 1 and grades K-4 performing. Act 2 begins at 1:30pm with students from grades 5-8 performing. In addition to nearly 60 individual or small group acts, our school band and every class will be in the Talent Show. On Saturday, May 19, our second graders make their Solemn First Holy Communion. Congratulations second graders on making this important step in your faith journey. On Wednesday, May 23, Cole and Kyle Fehlen will be principal and vice principal for the day – thanks to their parents who purchased this at last year's auction. Cole and Kyle have chosen "Dress in Something to Embarrass Yourself" as the theme for the day. We ask parents to check that your children do dress appropriately and modestly in trying to embarrass themselves! Wednesday, the 23rd, is also the last 8th grade pizza lunch day. Next Friday, May 25, is our Field Day, which will be at Hiawatha. Every class will be selecting a color to wear for Field Day. Class colors will be posted on our website by Monday, May 21. A reminder that May 25 is a noon dismissal day due to the three day weekend – no school on Monday, May 28, Memorial Day. As always, thank you for your continued support to the teachers during this very busy time. Amidst all the fun there is still much learning and studying that needs to happen. We appreciate parents making sure your children complete their homework each night and come to school prepared – THANK YOU.

REGISTRATION PAPERS ARE DUE TOMORROW, MAY 18. It is important for families who have not yet received registration papers to please notify the school office as to your intention for next school year. We have many students on waiting lists that need to hear from us as soon as possible. Thank you.

NEW PARENT COMMITMENT HOURS CONTRACT. An old version of the parent commitment hours contract was included in your registration papers. Please find an updated contract enclosed in this week's FCE. We apologize for the confusion. The School Commission has raised the hourly rate billed for uncompleted volunteer hours to \$75.00 per hour. The reason for the increase is to fairly recognize and assess the value of volunteer hours given by so many families to our school. This is not an attempt to gauge our parents. The desire of the school is to have all parents participate; this is what makes Holy Rosary the community that it is. Please sign this updated contract and return it to the school to complete your registration.

ANNUAL REPORT. Please find the 2005/2006 Holy Rosary Annual Report enclosed in your FCE. This report shares with you how we did financially last school year. We hope you find this information useful. You can be proud that we had many successes to celebrate!

SOUND ALLIANCE. This is a community based group that has recently begun drawing people together in communities in So. King and Pierce Co. to organize and work for the common good. They have been very successful in helping ordinary folks in Eastern Washington and across the U.S. They particularly help bring together people who feel over burdened by some aspects of their lives but who feel helpless to do anything as an individual to change things. They work with a coalition of churches, trade unions and education. I was involved with them in South King and they work from grass roots –this is not some radical, off the wall group, this is a perfect group for those who are attracted to local community projects that benefit the common good. If this brief description interests you and you would like to check it out, their first local meeting will be on Tuesday June 5, 6 – 9 pm at Admiral Congregational Church, corner of SW Hill and SW California. Let me know if you are interested. Fr. John

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.

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

LAST YOUTH MASS FOR THE YEAR. This Sunday, Holy Rosary and Our Lady of Guadalupe will be celebrating the last Youth Mass for the year. 7th and 8th graders are especially encouraged to come to mass here at Holy Rosary at 5:30pm. Bring your friends as we celebrate the Ascension, and also a great year of masses with our 2 parishes!

EIGHTH GRADE PARENTS. Please RSVP for the Baccalaureate Dinner June 2nd by Friday May 25 to Regina Schulz @ (206) 890-2237 or best2bs@comcast.net. The incorrect number was given previously.

MATHATHON. We would like to commend the 37 students who completed the Mathathon problems and raised \$2594 for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. A final envelope containing the last few donations will be mailed on Monday. If you received any late pledges, please send them to school by Monday. Thank you.

DO YOU WANT TO BOGO? BOGO or Buy One Get One **Free** Scholastic Book Fair will arrive at HRS on Tuesday, May 29 and ends after school on Friday, June 1. Hopefully, you can take advantage of these four days and stockpile some new books for you and your family to enjoy this summer. If you would like to volunteer during the lunch recesses, after school, or to pack up the book fair, please email Mrs. Harris.

BAKE SALE NEWS. The 4th grade classes would like to thank everyone for their generous support of the bake sale last week. The sale raised \$521.50! The 4th graders will be selecting Mercy Kits to purchase with the earnings that will help to improve the lives of people from many parts of the world. Thank you!

THE HOLY ROSARY PARISH PICNIC AND FUN RUN IS JUNE 16th IN LINCOLN PARK. We have something for everyone at the picnic; The Madigan Mile fun run and a kids 100 yard dash, Bingo, water balloon toss, three legged race, Pie baking contest, Hotdogs Hamburgers other picnic foods, and a raffle with many great prizes. The run starts at 11:30 and the tent come down at 2:30. If you can help please contact John Slee @ 206-226-0009 or j.slee@comcast.net

AMBASSADOR FAMILIES. Thank you to everyone who volunteered to be an ambassador family to our new incoming Holy Rosary families. The name of the family you will be hosting can be found on a separate sheet in your FCE. Note: The new families have been contacted and invited to the Parents' Club meeting tonight.

SUMMER READING/STUDY PROGRAMS. There are a number of summer programs providing enrichment and academic skills practice for your child. Visit the web sites to view samples, or local books stores for more ideas. **Bridges Program**, PK-6, 1-866-250-6886 www.bidgesprogram.com/features.php **Summer Bridge Activities-Reading, Writing, Math and Language Skills**, Grades PK-8, 1-800-598-1441 www.summerbridgeactivities.com **Summer Take Home Book Program**"Wilbooks.com" info@wilbooks.com

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE HOLY ROSARY/GUADALUPE combined 5th & 6th grade **CYO baseball** team. They won their semi-final playoff game against ASB 7-2 last Sunday. They now play for the CYO championship against St. Joseph's this coming Sunday at 12:00 noon at Highpoint field. Please come out and cheer on the following classmates and friends. **Brady Price, Mitchell Sasonoff, Conrad Nark, Rocco Buty, Josh Campbell, Joe Campbell, Jackson Diller, Chris Dwyer, Anthony McCluskey, Anthony Baker, Conner McKinney, Kevin Dallman, Nicholas Jaramillo, Alex Glidden, & Kirk Medica.** Seating is limited, bring a blanket or chair if needed.

FLOWER POWER!! (aka Poinsettia Sales!) Want to fulfill **ALL** your volunteer hours in one activity and get a good dose of the holiday spirit at the same time??!!! The Poinsettia Co-chairs would like to pass the 'flower power' on for the 2007/08 school year, and are looking for new chairs for this fundraiser. We're not going completely away - we will mentor you all the

way! Please contact Sherri Chun at 206-937-6017 or Michele Wallace at 206-914-1248 with any questions. Thanks.

BELLARMINE 2007 VOLLEYBAL CAMP for children entering 5th through 9th grades will begin June 18th. If you are interested please call Jody DeGroot at (253) 752-7701 or e-mail her at degrootj@bellarmineprep.org. You can also go on www.bellarminereprep.org for more information.

FOUND. A wallet and a cell phone have been found on school grounds in the last two weeks. Please come to the school office if you lost either of these items.

INCLUDED IN THIS FCE: (white unless otherwise stated)

- ∞ Revised Parent Commitment Hour Program for Signatures (pink, blue or lavender)
- ∞ Parents' Club Agenda
- ∞ Celebrating Our Past-Present –Future Announcement (green)
- ∞ Hot Lunch Menu
- ∞ Hot Lunch Sign Up Form
- ∞ Annual Report
- ∞ End of the Year Track Information Flyer
- ∞ Lincoln Park Day Camp Flyer
- ∞ WSU Reading Skills Programs Flyer

UPCOMING EVENTS AND IMPORTANT DATES:

- ∞ 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
- ∞ Honor Band plays at Kennedy Spring Program, Monday, May 21, 7pm - PAC
- ∞ "Dress in Something to Embarrass Yourself Day"; Cole and Kyle Fehlen: Principal and Vice Principal for the Day
- ∞ 8th Grade Pizza Lunch, Wednesday May 23rd
- ∞ 4th Grade Band Recruit Assembly, Wednesday, May 23rd, 1:45pm – School Hall
- ∞ 8th Grade Retreat at St. Stephen's in Renton, Thursday, May 24th
- ∞ Field Day at Hiawatha Park, Friday, May 25th; also NOON DISMISSAL
- ∞ MEMORIAL DAY, May 28th, NO SCHOOL