



# SCHOOL NEWS

Holy Rosary School Family Communication Newsletter

***“The All Kinds of Mind – Schools Attuned Program*** is a comprehensive program based on current brain research. The program provides resources and strategies that will help teachers, students, and parents better understand how students’ neurodevelopmental strengths and weaknesses affect their learning. It helps a school teach all students *how* they learn and to understand the ways they are *smart*.” (Do you want to learn more about the program, come to the first Parents’ Club meeting on October 16.)

In spite of the rain, Holy Rosary enjoyed a wonderful first day of school! There were smiling faces all around as teachers greeted their new class of students and parents and students greeted the staff and one other! Thank you to Albert & Karen Raines, Tara Turpen, Nikki Page, & our Parents’ Club for hosting the back to school coffee hour. We extend a special welcome to all of our new families and students - in grades 1-8: **Darin & Susie Meyer, Bella (1B); Amy Thorsen & Sid Jhaveri, Neve (1A); Kari & Robert, Rees (1B); T’suna Law-White, Devante Law-White (2A); Mai Do, Kimberly Le (2B); Daniel & Sydne MeadSmith, Sarah (4A), Catherine (4B); George & Julie Wukelic, Geoffrey (6A); Jeri & Joe Hutchins & Clay (7A); in kindergarten – KA: **Brett & Ann Conway & Joseph; Robert and Tiffany Fuentes & Zoe; Jon & Roxanne Gerhardt & Zachary (3B); Kenneth & Christina Hasselbalch & Doriana; Joseph & Cassandra Keppler & Bernadette; Ian & Sarah Mackay & Quinn; Tony & Martha Nogales & Grayson; Phil & Laura Porter & Audrey; Mark & Janine Robertson & Andrew; David Schinkel and Karen Hoffbuhr & Maia; Michael and April Silva & Mikaela; Michael & Maria Taylor & Michael; Jerry & Sara Velling & Emma; and Sean & Kimberly Wells & Cassidy; and in kindergarten - KB: **John & Tina Carns & Nicole; Michael & Katie Corl & Kelly; John Fitzharris & Ruth Helle & Lily & Mark, and Jacob (6B); Charles & Karen Ginther & Grace; Daniel & Kristen Joy & Leighton; Mark & Cheryl Lorentz & Anne-Louise; Greg Lovell & Nancy Helms & Elizabeth; Anthony Nguyen & Giao Do & Michelle; Frank & Erin Podany & Jake; Don & Michelle Porth & Ann; Steve & Tammy Savage & Connor; Kurt & Anjuli Sorenson & Kyla; and Nathan Thomas & Terri McDermott & Aidan.******

**SEPTEMBER CALENDAR.** The September calendar is enclosed in this FCE for your reference and convenience. Please note that tomorrow, **Friday, Sept. 7, is a noon dismissal day for all classes.** We forgot to include on the calendar the **Pancake Breakfast, which is this Sunday, Sept. 9, after the 8:00am and 9:30am Masses.** See more information about the Pancake Breakfast later on in this newsletter.

**OPEN HOUSE – BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT**... for parents only is next Thursday, **September 13, beginning promptly at 6:30pm in Lanigan Gym.** We are hoping to see every child’s parent or guardian in attendance. Come and meet the entire school staff, hear a brief word from the pastor and principal, and find out more about the curriculum goals and classroom expectations from your child(ren)’s teacher(s). There will be three presentations in the classrooms after the general meeting in the gym. School Directories and Family Handbooks will be distributed in the gym. See you there! – remember parents only – thank you.

**BUILDING FAITH, SCHOOL, COMMUNITY AND MAGAZINE SALES!** Don't miss the all-school assembly tomorrow (9/7) in Lanigan gym at 11:00am to kick off the Magazine Drive! We're the official "School of ROCK!" building a ROCK solid foundation to start our Magazine Sales construction project and welcome an exciting new school year. Our goal to maintain current sales levels of \$159,078 will give us a real challenge. To keep things exciting we're offering the 5 for 5 Family Free Dress Reward Challenge and we'll send the *entire* school to the Admiral Theater if we make the goal. Thank you *everyone* for giving your best efforts to this successful and spirited fundraiser!

**MAGAZINE DRIVE GENERAL INFORMATION:** The following summarizes some Drive highlights. Please visit the school website for more detailed information. **Tuesday Turn in Days** Turn your orders into the classroom over the next 4 Tuesdays. Try to separate your student's orders by classroom. **Unlisted Magazines** are no longer available. Try offering alternatives to your customers! **Discount coupons** are always honored. Attach your coupon to the order form and remit the coupon price. **Cash Donations** are gladly accepted. We will purchase magazines for needy organizations and give your student magazine credit for the sale. **Extra Catalogs and Turn In Envelopes** are available in the office. You can always use regular envelopes as well. **Parent Volunteers** are welcome to process orders on Tuesdays at 8:30 in the convent. Bring a calculator or 10-key if you have one. Also see the website for more volunteer opportunities. **Students Interested in Earning More Magazine Sales** may sign up for after Mass sales or join a crew of students to sell to the community. Sign up sheets are in the main hall construction zone. Adult volunteers are needed for this as well. **Questions or Volunteer?** Contact Jody at [magazines@holyroaryws.org](mailto:magazines@holyroaryws.org) or 933-8920.

**WESTFEST NEWS.** The count down has started! WestFest is only 15 days away! Just a reminder, our final two WestFest meetings will be on September 12, at 7pm in the Convent Dining Room and September 19, at 7pm in the School Library. Please try to be there! The Pancake Breakfast will be this Sunday, September 9, with servings after both the 8am and 930 am masses. If you wish to help, please contact Katie and Tom Cunningham at 937-2741 or Eric and Maria Olson at 932-4757. Yumm!! The Italian Dinner will be on September 15, at 6pm. Servers are needed so if you would like to help, please contact Christina Clarke at 425-641-4144. Look for the other WestFest flyers including wrist band pre-sales, T-shirt Sales (Friday, Sept. 21, will be WestFest Spirit Day!!) Golf Tournament information and much more!! Don't forget to log-on to the web site to sign up for your favorite volunteer shifts. Going FAST!

**WESTFEST BINGO.** This year the big blackout will be known as the FATHER JOHN BLACKOUT. The blackout will be in Lanigan gym on Saturday, Sept. 22, at 9:45pm. Last year we sold out so you better come early. A box will be in the school office for the purpose of collecting donations for the FATHER JOHN BLACKOUT. We really need your help to make this the biggest BLACKOUT in the history of WestFest Bingo. Donations can be made now until Thursday, September 20<sup>th</sup>. Thank you in advance for your support & help. See you at WestFest. –Bruno T.

**DEVELOPMENT NEWS:** As the Development Committee Chair, I wanted to communicate the purpose of our development efforts here at Holy Rosary, while our development office is "developing." The Development Office exists to raise funds and other resources to support the academic, capital and endowment needs of the school. This is done through the Annual Fund Drive, the cornerstone of yearly giving, and other special events. Donations to Holy Rosary make a difference in so many ways and in so many lives. Each of our alums has benefited from the

generosity of the generations that went before it, and through our continued fund raising efforts, many more generations will benefit as well. Donations to the Annual Fund support our general operating budget and allow us to keep up with inflation, pay our faculty and staff just wages, maintain the facility, meet the challenges of technology and most importantly, provide this education to all who desire. Charitable gifts to Holy Rosary, via the Annual Fund and/or the Endowment Fund, are wise investments in the current and future education of our children and our community. **Gifts** to the Annual Fund can be made at any time, although pledges are appreciated by December 31<sup>st</sup> of each year. Our fiscal year runs from July 1 through June 30, therefore all gifts pledged throughout the 2007-2008 school year are due by June 30, 2008. All gifts are tax-deductible to the extent provided by law. The Annual Fund has benefited from matching gift amounts from businesses that have such a program. A matching fund program could more than double your total gift to Holy Rosary. Please check with your Human Resources department to see if they have such a program. **Over the next few weeks**, and throughout the school year, I will provide an update as to the status of our fundraising efforts. For now, there are a few dates I recommend for your calendar: October 6<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Holy Rosary Golf Tournament, supporting the Fr. Mallahan Endowment Fund; October 7<sup>th</sup> - Alumni Sunday, celebrated at the 11:15 mass with a reception in the school hall following mass; November 3<sup>rd</sup> - Celebration of Excellence, an evening for parents to celebrate our successes. **The Alumni Committee** has been working hard all summer planning Alumni Sunday (Oct. 7<sup>th</sup>). We will honor our 50 year graduates from the Class of 1957 and our Distinguished Alumni, Steve Antush '74 with special recognition to the classes of 1947, '67, '77, '87, '97 and 2007! If you are interested in helping with this event, or working on this committee, please contact Colleen Gants at [cgants@prrbiz.com](mailto:cgants@prrbiz.com) or Denise Davis at [denised@jps.net](mailto:denised@jps.net). The committee is also working hard on making sure our alumni database is up to date, includes all alums and is accurate. Please bear with us while we go through this process. If you can help us with your contact information, or help identify alums or just like to input data into the computer, please let us know. If you have questions about the Annual Fund or development efforts at Holy Rosary, please contact me at [gmteves@comcast.net](mailto:gmteves@comcast.net). Gloria M. Teves, chair.

**USED UNIFORM OPPORTUNITY.** The used uniform room on the second floor in the convent will be open from 8:30 am to 9:30 am this Friday, September 7<sup>th</sup>. Thank you Suzanne Nevan-Casey!

**SCHOOL HEALTH NEWS.** Attention families whose children will require administration of medication on a regular basis. The School is required to have a completed Permission to Administer Medication form on file in the office before a medication can be dispensed to the student. A copy of this form is located in the Student Handbook. Additional copies are available in the school office Please complete this form and return to the office as soon as possible. Questions? Please see Peggy Cunningham in the office. Thank you, Patricia McBrien (School Nurse).

**ITALIAN DINNER HELP NEEDED!** This year's Italian dinner is on September 15th. If you are interested in volunteering (fundraising hours) for the Italian Dinner please contact Christina Clarke in KA or at 425-641-4144.

**PANCAKE BREAKFAST.** Get em' while there hot! Come flip some pancakes and get some fun and easy volunteers hours in at the pancake breakfast, Sunday, September 9th after the 8:00 and 9:30 masses. Please call Katie Cunningham 937-2741 or Maria Olson 932-4757.

**TRAFFIC FLOW ALERT.** When using the alley for drop off or pick up, or for that matter any time, please honor the Heart Auction parking spot. The family that purchased that spot should have

access to it 24 hours/day/7 days a week. Please never park in the Heart Auction spot, even if you are just going to be a minute or tow or block the entrance into or out of the parking spot. Thank you! A new sign marking this parking spot should be up soon!

**CUB SCOUTS PACK 793** invites all Holy Rosary Parish boys in 1st through 5th grade to attend our Pack Kickoff Meeting at Lincoln Park Shelter #4 at 6:30pm on Friday, September 14. This is the best time of year to join the Cub Scouts and we'll have games, snacks, hot cocoa, and a hot fire going, so come see what the Cub Scouts program is all about and join in the fun! Please contact Pat Heidal at 935-0660 for more information or visit the Pack Web site at [www.pack793ws.org](http://www.pack793ws.org)."

**THE SEATTLE GIRLS' CHOIR**, led by Artistic Director Dr. Jerome Wright, a national leader in choral and music training, announces Fall Auditions September 8th and 11th, 2007. There are openings in all six levels of instruction from beginning prep choir (ages 6-7) to advanced (up to age 18). For an audition packet visit our website at [www.seattlegirlschoir.org](http://www.seattlegirlschoir.org) or please call our choir information line at 206-526-1900.

**CAMP FIRE USA** flyers are available in the school office for boys and girls in grades K-3. You can e-mail Janelle Kitson at [Janelle-k@campfireusa.org](mailto:Janelle-k@campfireusa.org) or call her at (206) 461-8550, ext. 310 w/ ?'s.

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

- ∞ September Calendar (green)
- ∞ Italian Dinner Reservation Form (red)
- ∞ Hot Lunch Notice
- ∞ Holy Rosary and Kennedy Catholic High School Band Program Information (gr. 5-8)
- ∞ WestFest Flyer (goldenrod)
- ∞ WestFest Wristband Order Form (yellow)
- ∞ WestFest T-shirt Order Form (blue)
- ∞ WestFest Pancake Breakfast Flyer
- ∞ Mom's Group Fall Bulb Sale Flyer (lavender)
- ∞ Art Wizards Flyer
- ∞ Alki & Hiawatha Community Center Fall Brochure

**UPCOMING EVENTS AND IMPORTANT DATES:**

- ∞ Band Recruiting Concert for Gr. 5 – Thursday, Sept. 6<sup>th</sup>, 10:45am – School Hall
- ∞ School Commission Meeting – Thursday, Sept. 6<sup>th</sup>, 6pm – Staff Room
- ∞ Magazine Sale Assembly – Friday, Sept. 7<sup>th</sup>, 11am – Lanigan
- ∞ Noon Dismissal – Friday, Sept. 7<sup>th</sup>
- ∞ Band Class Begins – Monday, Sept. 10<sup>th</sup>
- ∞ First Magazine Turn-in Day – Tuesday, Sept. 11<sup>th</sup>
- ∞ **OPEN HOUSE - Thursday, Sept. 13<sup>th</sup> – 6:30pm – BEGINS IN LANIGAN**
- ∞ Band Instrument Rental – Saturday, Sept 15<sup>th</sup>, 12noon – Our Lady of Guadalupe
- ∞ Italian Dinner – Saturday, Sept. 15<sup>th</sup>, 6pm – Lanigan
- ∞ Second Magazine Turn-in Day – Tuesday, Sept. 18<sup>th</sup>
- ∞ Opening School Mass – Wednesday, Sept. 19<sup>th</sup>, 8:45am – Holy Rosary Church
- ∞ 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Pilgrimage – Thursday, Friday, Sept. 20-21 – John McDonald Park Carnation WA
- ∞ Westfest – Friday, Saturday, September 21, 6-10pm & 22, 10am-10pm – Holy Rosary School
- ∞ Individual Picture Day – Monday, September 24<sup>th</sup>