



SCHOOL NEWS

Holy Rosary School Family Communication Newsletter

September 27, 2007

"Lord, help me remember that nothing is going to happen to me today that You and I together can't handle." - Old Preacher's greeting to a new day

Last evening, I attended the Vigil and Rosary at Kennedy High School for Gloria Strauss, the sixth grader from St. Philomena School, who passed away after a four year battle with cancer. It was truly one of the holiest experiences that I have had in my life. Words could never adequately express my emotions. Gloria's faith, courage, and love for God throughout her lengthy struggle with cancer were not just inspiring, but were miraculous. I encourage you to continue to keep Gloria and her family in your prayers. WestFest was wonderful – thank you again to Jodi Sherwood and Sarah Dahleen for co-chairing, and to everyone who helped make it such a fabulous community event. We have received most everyone's conference forms – thank you. A slip confirming your conference day and time(s) will be sent home in next week's FCE. For those families who will be out of town during conference week, the teachers will schedule your make-up conferences sometime in the two weeks following conference week. Please do not request an early conference. Our 8th graders and their teachers will be on the Ropes Course Retreat next Monday, Tuesday, & Wednesday. This is an opportunity for students to work independently and in groups to pray, problem solve, accomplish physical challenges, and practice good communication skills. They learn to appreciate different leadership qualities and they focus on class unity. Finally, mark your calendars for the Alumni Mass and Reception on Sunday, October 7, at 11:15am. We welcome back ALL ALUMNI and would love to see members from our more recent graduating classes. Also, there are still a few spots available for the Annual Holy Rosary Golf Scramble on Sat., Oct. 6. See enclosed flyer for details. I will be playing with Mr. Mohrbacher, Mr. Ritscher, and Mr. Secrest and this year we're out to win!!

IMPORTANT NEWS REGARDING YOUR FCE. This is the last hard copy of the FCE that you will receive unless you do not have access to a computer and you complete and return the form at the end of this letter. Beginning in October the FCE envelope will be distributed every other week (the 1st and 3rd week of every month) for inserts and attachments only. The family letter with attachments will be posted on our Holy Rosary website www.holyrosaryws.org each Thursday no later than 10:00am.

OCTOBER 3RD IS A FULL DAY OF SCHOOL. The All Kinds of Mind Schools Attuned teacher in-service has been changed to Wednesday, October 31st. School will dismiss at noon on Wednesday, Oct. 31. B.A.S.E will be open. We apologize for any inconvenience.

MAGAZINE DRIVE ENDS NEXT WEEK! PUMP IT UP! Will we reach our \$150,000 benchmark or the super goal of last year's sales of \$159,078? Next Tuesday is our **FINAL** turn in day! It's hard to say how close we will be as over ½ of our orders are usually submitted on the final turn in. Each and every order counts so our thanks for your diligence in following up with all your contacts! 8th Graders on retreat; do your best to get your orders in by Tuesday (with a sibling or parent drop off)

but **we will continue to count orders through the end of the week!** The 4th graders were again top turn in grade this week and received stylish puca shell neck ware. They are also in the lead overall followed next by the 3rd and then 6th grade. It's a very tight race! Riley Sanders (6B) and Bridget Haney (3B) lead the individual turn in with 112 and 110 orders respectively. Also note that our ***Celebration Assembly has moved to Thursday October 11***, (formerly scheduled for October 5). People magazine clarification: The catalog offers a 40 and a 17 week subscription offer. To get an entire year (52 weeks) you need to write 40 issue- code M3314 and a second order of 17 issues M3312. Write "Consecutive" on the form; which is considered two separate orders. Sorry for this confusion!

GOLFERS WANTED FOR THE HOLY ROSARY FALL CLASSIC. One of the year's best events will be held Saturday October 6, at 9:00am at the West Seattle Golf Club. We still have space, and would love to have you there. The tournament is a "scramble" format, so all skill levels are welcome and can compete. A registration flyer is included, and all funds raised go to the Father Mallahan School Endowment. More info and photos of last year can be found at <http://golf.holyrosaryws.org/> SIGN UP TODAY!!!!

MUMMY-SON GLOW BOWL. Save the date, Oct. 20, from 5:30-8:30pm @ the West Seattle Bowl. To reserve your spot, fill out the form in this weeks FCE, and send it back in ASAP. It is sure to be a howling good time! If you have questions, or would like to volunteer to help, please contact Alex Gardner @ 932-2390, or Cheryl Fehlen@ 932-4635. Thanks!

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE: Sept 29 5pm: Elliott Butterworth, Jack Auter, Isabella Campagnaro Sept 30 8am: Anthony Baker, Jim Killeen, Matthew Meucci 9.30am: Savannah Davis, Carrie Diedrich, Emily Diedrich, Riley Duffy 11.15am: Allisia Rangel, Nicole Bell, Kevin Tarabochia Morning Mass 8am: Isabella Campagnaro, Alex Chase

HOLY ROSARY ALUMNI SUNDAY - OCTOBER 7. A fun event is coming up a week from Sunday! Our 2nd Annual Alumni Sunday welcomes back alumni from Holy Rosary School and High School, as well as the Dominican Sisters who taught here. We're working to strengthen the alumni database, create an alumni board, and gain momentum for the parish ('09) and school ('13) centennial celebrations. If you are school alum, please join us. We need about 6 volunteers from 10 am - 1:30 pm to help pull off this important celebration. Please call Colleen Gants (206-937-2429) or Denise Davis (206-935-6967) - we could really use your help! Thanks.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR. Get ready to sing! The Holy Rosary Children's Choir will begin the 2007-08 year on Tuesday, October 9. Practices will be after school from 3:15-4:15. Due to size limitations, at this time, the choir will be open to parish children in grades 3-8. Boys are invited to be a part of our special "BOYS SECTION" in the choir. We are also looking for a practice pianist for one hour once a week. Do you play proficiently? Could you help us, or do you know someone who could? This could be a volunteer (think volunteer school hours!) or paid position. Please contact Paul Dolejsi at 935-8754 or <paul@dolejsidesign.com>.

WESTFEST. What a great WestFest! Many thanks to all who volunteered and attended this super fun festival. We are excited to announce that sales were up over 18% from last year - even with a light rain! Another awesome figure is that the teacher's Cookie Lee table raised \$600 for the school! While WestFest is still fresh in your mind, please send any feedback to Jodi Sherwood or Sarah Dahleen. We want to know how we can make WestFest 2008 even better. A fun yet casual wrap-up party will be held at 7:00pm on October 5th at Talarico's in the West Seattle junction. BYOB (Buy Your Own Beer)and EGC (Enjoy Great Company) Hope to see you there!

FROM YOUR WESTFEST BINGO CHAIRS- THANK YOU to all the hardworking volunteers who helped make BINGO such a great success this year. We had so much fun and we couldn't have done it without all of you. Thank you to all our sellers **Mark Benson, Sandy Brown, Dave DuPuy, Joe and Sandy Koszarek, Julie McKelvey, Jim Newstrom, Donna Popich, Kate Price, Melody & Michael Sarkies, and Todd Waltier** for doing such a fabulous job working those tables. And thank you to all our callers **Bruno Tarabocia, Jo Benson, Ann Bowers, and Father John** for doing such an awesome job working the crowds. This was a very exciting and successful year. Thanks to Bruno and the generous sponsors he collected from, we had the biggest jackpot and the highest profits ever. We're already looking forward to next year's frenzy at the annual **Father John Blackout**, and hope you can join us again!—**Kristi DuPuy & Janet Richmond**.

HOLY ROSARY FAMILY HANDBOOK. By now each family should have received their 2007-2008 family handbook. The first page of the handbook is a Parent Agreement Form which needs to be signed and returned to the school office. If you have not done so already please sign and return to the school office as soon as possible.

B.A.S.E. NEWS FOR OCTOBER. October 22 is the B.A.S.E. Spaghetti Dinner @ 6:30pm; October 23 2:15pm dismissal for conferences, B.A.S.E. will begin at 2:15pm and B.A.S.E. will be open all day on Oct. 24, 25 and 26th. October 31 is a noon dismissal and B.A.S.E. will be open from noon until 6:00pm.

HO HO HO! Now that we've cakewalked at Westfest and renewed all our magazines, it's time to break out the holiday cheer! Just what you've been waiting for ~ the First Tree Lot Committee Meeting of the season. Even with last winter's "unpredictable" weather, we achieved the second highest volume Tree Lot season in history. Let's make this year the best ever. Many Tree Lot veterans have graduated or will be graduating soon and we look forward to sharing Tree Lot cheer with a new generation of Tree Lot elves. If you are a returning Tree Lot Committee veteran or a Tree Lot newbie looking to join the committee that puts the "FUN" in fundraising, please come. Next Monday, October 1, 7 PM at our home located at 11066 Arroyo Beach Place SW. Of course, "Tree Lot Cheer" will be served. Questions please call Allison Willhite at (206) 854-9831 or email allison@alkihomes.com. Thank you and HO HO HO! Allison and Scott Willhite, Tree Lot Chairs.

GOING ONE, GOING TWICE. . . .SOLD!!! Ahh, that familiar phrase of the **HEART AUCTION** - Last April 28th, that phrase, and the generosity of those in attendance, helped raise *close to* **\$165,000 for Holy Rosary School ! ! !** This year you, too, can be part of the team. The HEART Auction Committee is ramping up to plan our 2008 HEART Auction, and we could use some help. If you are looking for a fun way to get your fundraising hours in, we have plenty of opportunity. Our Auction is April 19th, 2008, and we have a lot of work ahead of us. If you are interested in helping on a committee, or ***Chairing the event next year***, please contact either of your 2008 HEART Auction Chairs: Ann Martin (937-0179 or peediedogmartin@aol.com) or Kristen Hinthorn (433-2748 or TKHinthorn1@comcast.net).

AUCTION COMMITTEE MEETING: October 9. Our first Auction Committee Meeting is scheduled for ***Tuesday, October 9th at 6:30pm in the Staff Room*** of the school. If you are an Auction Committee Chair, please plan to attend this important meeting. Among other items, we will be talking about the timeline for the auction, new improvements to the software, and deciding the theme for the 2008 HEART Auction. Please stay informed about Auction progress by attending these meetings. If you chaired a committee last year and are not returning, please let

me know. Any questions - give me a call (937-0179) or e:mail me (peediedogmartin@aol.com). Thanks! Ann Martin

RECYCLING PROGRAM REMINDER! We need your on going support for the Holy Rosary recycling program. So, continue to save your used inkjet/toner cartridges and old cell phones. We are working to keep our environment healthy and to earn \$\$\$ for our wonderful school. The best part is that there is nothing to buy and no cost to Holy Rosary! A BIG THANK YOU to all who are contributing to the program! If you have used cell phones or inkjet/toner cartridges for the program, please put them in a ziplock bag and drop them off in the collection box inside the main office. See the enclosed flyer for more details. If you have questions or want to get your office involved, please contact Kristen or Tim Hinthorn at 433-2748 or email us at tkhinthorn1@comcast.net

CONGRATULATIONS BREAST CANCER 3-DAY WALKERS! Kudos to our own Holy Rosary mom's who walked 60 miles, Sept 7-9th for Breast Cancer Nancy Stillger, Shannon Novito, Julie Small, Maria Hartelius, Debbie Johnson, Regina Schulz, Cheryl Fehlen, Alex Gardner, Karen Osborne, and non-Holy Rosary ladies: Marissa Smith, Ayme Bellinger, and Karen Hogan. As a team, they raised over \$28,900 to date, and that number is still climbing! Way to go ladies! If you would like info on joining the team for next years walk, please contact Alex Gardner at (206) -932-2390.

FAUNTLEROY FALL FESTIVAL. Volunteers are needed at the Fauntleroy Fall Festival at the Fauntleroy Y/community center Sunday, October 14. This is also a good opportunity for 8th Graders to help the Community with service hours and you receive a free t-shirt! Volunteers are needed for 2-hour commitments in the following areas: Cross Walk Guard, Album Craft Project, Bouncy Toy Supervision, Climbing Wall Assistance, Pumpkin Painting, etc. Volunteers are the heart and soul of this very popular annual festival. This free community event cannot function without the generous help of volunteers on the day of the festival. Please contact Kim Petram at kim@petram.org for questions or to sign up or sign up at the Fauntleroy Y. Colleen Murphy

GIRL SCOUT INFORMATION NIGHTS will take place Oct 10, 11 and 15 in the West Seattle area. "Girl Scouting builds girls of courage, confidence and character, who make the world a better place." Informational flyers are available in the school office or you can access information at <http://www.girlscoutstotem.org/int form.htm>.

FOUND AT WESTFEST. Beige Footjoy windbreaker size large can be found in the Holy Rosary lost and found area.

REMINDER RE: DISABLED PARKING SPACES. Unless you have a disabled parking permit, you should never park in the disabled parking spaces. Thank you for your cooperation.

UPCOMING EVENTS AND IMPORTANT DATES:

- ∞ Prayer Service Friday, September 28th, 8:30 am – School Hall
- ∞ Vision & Hearing Screenings. Monday, October 1 - School Hall
- ∞ 8th Grade Ropes Retreat., October 1, 2, & 3 – Camp Coleman
- ∞ **OCTOBER 3RD IS A FULL DAY OF SCHOOL**
- ∞ Holy Rosary Golf Scramble, October 6, West Seattle Golf Club
- ∞ Alumni Sunday, 11:15 Mass followed by Reception, October 7, Sunday

INCLUDED IN THIS FCE: (white unless otherwise stated)

- ∞ October Calendar (lilac)
- ∞ Westfest Thank You and Free Dress Pass Form
- ∞ Final Call Golf Tournament Flyer (yellow)
- ∞ Mummy-Son Glow Bowl Flyer (neon orange)
- ∞ Discovering Chess (goldenrod)
- ∞ Recycling Flyer (bright green)
- ∞ Notice for Grade 3A Parents

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I WOULD LIKE TO HAVE A HARD COPY OF THE FCE BECAUSE I HAVE NO INTERNET ACCESS.

FAMILY NAME _____

FCE CARRIER NAME _____ CLASS _____