



# SCHOOL NEWS

Holy Rosary School Family Communication Newsletter

October 18, 2007

<b>The six most important words:</b>	<b>"I admit I made a mistake."</b>
<b>The five most important words:</b>	<b>"You did a great job."</b>
<b>The four most important words:</b>	<b>"What is your opinion?"</b>
<b>The three most important words:</b>	<b>"If you please."</b>
<b>The two most important words:</b>	<b>"Thank you."</b>
<b>The one most important word:</b>	<b>"We"</b>
<b>The least important word:</b>	<b>"I"</b>

It is always good to experience and learn from another school. It is even better to return "home." St. Luke Catholic School in Woodburn, Oregon, is a wonderful little Catholic school. And like Holy Rosary, the school's two greatest strengths are the strong sense of community and the outstanding academic program. At a gathering with the parents one parent jokingly asked me, "Are your parents as nice as we are?" My response, "Nicer!" Last Friday, our teachers joined with teachers from the Catholic schools in the South Deanery for a Theological Update. The day began with the celebration of Mass by Bishop Tyson, who spent 30 minutes before Mass teaching about the Mass. It helped me realize once again how grateful I am for the Mass and for the opportunity we as Catholics have to become intimate with Jesus through both the Word and the Eucharist, and how important it is for us to integrate the liturgy into our lives. The teachers are looking forward to conferences next week. School dismisses at 2:15pm on Tuesday, October 25. There will no classes Wednesday, Oct. 26, - Friday, Oct. 29, due to conferences. Please make an effort to arrive on time for your scheduled conference(s). Grade 1-8 students are required to attend conferences. Thank you to our Parents' Club PATS Committee for providing the staff dinner on Wednesday. The All Kinds of Mind training for our teachers continues on October 31. School dismisses at noon, not for Halloween, but for the AKOM teacher inservice. On Thursday, November 1, you are invited to join us for the All Saints Day Mass at 8:45am. The fourth grade saints will be leading us. This is a perfect uniform day, sweaters or sweatshirts required. Thank you all for your continued interest and involvement. You're the BEST!

**MAGAZINE DRIVE RESULTS ...\$157,192!** Another incredible year Holy Rosary! Thanks to everyone for all your efforts to make this fundraiser so successful. We had an awesome Celebration Assembly last week and recognized our Top grade sellers: 4<sup>th</sup> Grade (Bowling Party), 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade (Pizza Party), 6<sup>th</sup> Grade (Ice Cream field trip to Husky) and our Top Individual Sellers: Rilee Sanders 6B (197 orders), Bridget Haney 3A (155 orders) and Kevin Merz (81 orders). Good job to everyone! Family Fun Center permission slips are due this week to the office. Prizes have been distributed. If you have any prize questions or concerns contact Carrie Bendzak [carriebendzak@comcast.net](mailto:carriebendzak@comcast.net) as soon as possible. **Thank you** to all the volunteers that make this

a fun time and especially those taking on bigger roles this year. **AND THANK YOU TO JODY SHIELDS FOR YOUR ENTHUSIASM, LEADERSHIP, AND HARD WORK TO MAKE THIS SALE SO SUCCESSFUL.**

**NEW LEADERSHIP FOR MAGAZINE DRIVE.** Just a few years ago we were stretching for \$100,000 and now that we have reached our \$150,000 potential it's time for new leadership. **Please step forward NOW if you are interested in chairing this event.** I have some transition ideas that will make this a lower profile job and also modify the Drive as we're close to maximum sales capacity. It's time for change! I will partner with you next year to ensure everything goes smoothly as I fade away from the scene. A coordinator is needed for the Fun Center event. It requires some at home work and attending the Fun Center the day of the event. I will be there this year to train. Contact Jody at [magazines@holynosaryws.org](mailto:magazines@holynosaryws.org) for magazine related items.

**MAGAZINE DRIVE CUSTOMER SERVICE.** We can't accept manual orders after Friday, but you can continue to sell magazines online and our school will receive credit. New subscriptions generally begin in late December or January. Customers can check status of their order 3-4 weeks from the end of the Magazine Drive by going online to [www.4schoolsonline.com](http://www.4schoolsonline.com) and click on the box "Check Status of Your Order". They will need to enter either the customer's phone number or their first or last name and zip code. You can also call customer service at 1-800-847-7898. If you are unable to resolve the problem contact Youth Enrichment Services 425-483-6713 (toll free at 800-224-1809) or email [service@yes-fundraising.com](mailto:service@yes-fundraising.com). For questions or comments about the Drive in general, you can email, [magazines@holynosaryws.org](mailto:magazines@holynosaryws.org). The school website has this information posted for your convenience!

**PARENT COMMITMENT HOUR PROGRAM.** Enclosed in this FCE are Parent Commitment Hour Quarterly Statements. Hours completed from 3/1/07-9/30/07 are included in this statement. Any hours recently turned in will be included on your next statement. Please remember to turn in your completed parent commitment forms to the office in a timely matter. Hours should be reported within 90 days after they have been completed. Parent commitment hour forms are available in the school office. The Parent Commitment year runs from March 1, 2007 - February 29, 2008. Any uncompleted hours will be invoiced to you at a rate of \$50.00 per hour. Please remember only adult (over 18) family members may contribute to a families hours. Please take a moment to look at the Family Handbook for more information on the Parent Commitment Hour Program.

**HEALTH NEWS.** The annual vision and hearing screenings have been completed. These screenings provided a basic evaluation of the child's hearing and vision. The exams were not meant to replace a complete eye and ear exam by a physician. Results that have fallen outside of normal range will be communicated to the family during parent/teacher conferences. Please consult your child's pediatrician for further evaluation. Inform your child's teacher if glasses and/or preferential seating are recommend by your pediatrician. There will be a makeup screening session within the next few weeks for children that were unable to attend the first sessions. I want to send a heart felt thanks to all the volunteers who assisted me with this important task: Tauna Evans, April Silva, Michelle Porth, Roxanne Gerhardt, Sandy Rottler, Mary Rose Blather, Sue Cain, Sydne Mead-Smith, Carol Anne Joyce, Amy Thrones, Mary Ballanger, and Karen Pritchard. Gentle care, cheerfully given and greatly appreciated! **Head lice update.** There are no new cases to report at Holy Rosary School. There have been cases reported in the West Seattle community. I continue to recommend weekly scalp checking (preferably on Fridays), no sharing of personal items and hair tied back in ponytails or braids. I want to commend all of you for working on this

problem together. I notice a lot more ponytail and braids within the student body and a lot more hats tucked in pockets. Thanks. Patricia McBrien RN

**8<sup>th</sup> GRADE PIZZA LUNCH.** Just a reminder the first 8<sup>th</sup> grade pizza lunch will be Thursday, November 15<sup>th</sup>. The order forms will come home in the FCE on Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>. This is a fundraiser for the 8<sup>th</sup> grade class to help offset the expenses of graduation activities and retreats. Thank you for participating.

**AUCTION PROCUREMENT TEAM – We want you!** If you are interested in being part of the procurement team please complete the enclosed flyer and return in your FCE, or contact Karri Lange at 938-8352 or Katie Cunningham at 935-2340. **Do you have a connection with a potential donor or sponsor for the auction?** We are kicking off auction procurement and sponsorship for the greater Seattle area and experience has taught us a referral by someone connected to a potential donor/sponsor is ALWAYS better than a cold call from one of us. **Please fill out the enclosed flyer** with your business information and we will work with you to make the ask and give you the credit! Questions? Contact Nancy Stillger ([nstillger@gmail.com](mailto:nstillger@gmail.com)) for Sponsorship or Karri Lange ([Karrilange@comcast.net](mailto:Karrilange@comcast.net)) or Katie Cunningham ([katie-madrid@hotmail.com](mailto:katie-madrid@hotmail.com)) for Procurement.

**ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE FOR OCT 20-21:** Sat. 5pm: Max L., Nicole S., Emily S. Sunday, 8am: Claire I., Jim K., Matthew M. 9.30am: Anthony P., Joel S., Hadley S., Pyper S. 11.15am: Allissia R., Maria and Paul S.

**SALLY FOSTER GIFT WRAP SALE.** It's that time again! Please help support the school with this fabulous little fundraiser. Fifty percent (50%) of all sales goes back to the school. Please bring the catalogs into work with you to help your child with sales. Prizes will be awarded for sales of 1-100. New this year are the Entertainment Books selling for just \$20.00. Every family will receive a book that is enclosed in this FCE. We hope you will purchase it. You can take orders for more. At the end of the sale Entertainment is generously giving all of our teachers a free book! Call Mary Yanak at 935-9949 with questions.

**THE HOLY ROSARY ADMINISTRATION COMMISSION (AdCom)** oversees the maintenance needs and capital improvements to Holy Rosary's Church and School campus, including the care and upkeep of buildings, walkways, grounds, and related infrastructures. We are recruiting new members to sit on AdCom. We are looking for people who have backgrounds in construction or building maintenance, especially plumbing, electrical, h.v.a.c., drywall, masonry, landscaping or roofing. If you would like more information or you would like to become a member of this committee, please call Tim Jergens at (206) 510-0690. Thank you.

**CYO BASKETBALL REGISTRATION FORMS ARE DUE TOMORROW, FRIDAY OCTOBER 19TH** Registration forms are available on the school website and in the school office. Completed forms should be turned into the school office. Holy Rosary Parish's Basketball program is open to all school and parish young people in grades 4-12. Our basketball program is designed to include players of all skill levels with an overall goal of developing self confidence and teamwork through athletic competition. As always we are looking for coaches, this is a great way to give back to our community in a fun and positive environment. For information please contact Rick Diedrich 937-4473 [rdiedrich@msn.com](mailto:rdiedrich@msn.com).

**CYO BASKETBALL COACHES MEETING** will be this Friday October 19<sup>th</sup> – 7:00 pm in Lanigan – All Holy Rosary CYO basketball coaches should be there. We'll discuss the upcoming season including scheduling practice times.

**ATTENTION ALL WEST SEATTLE THRIFTWAY and METROPOLITAN MARKET SHOPPERS!**

This is your chance to support Holy Rosary by shopping at your favorite grocery store. HR is now registered to participate in a 1% Cash Back Community Fundraising Program offered by these two local stores. Please save your receipts or collect any one's receipts and send them to school. The pre-tax receipt amounts will be tallied and the stores will send a check directly to Holy Rosary School. Cash register receipts must be for purchases made after our enrollment date of 10-15-07. Metropolitan Market will not accept receipts over 6 months old. No receipts over 45 days old will be accepted by West Seattle Thriftway. Keep shopping and support HR while supporting our local merchants! Direct any questions to Sandy Rottler at 935-6220 or email [s-rottler@comcast.net](mailto:s-rottler@comcast.net).

**ATTENTION ALL SAFEWAY SHOPPERS!** Are you tired of being asked to give more? More time, more talent, more money. Do you want to contribute to the school operating budget and help keep the cost of tuition down? Do you wish you could make money for the school by shopping for groceries like you normally do? Simply download an eScrip registration form from the HR web site and send it to the school office. Safeway will then automatically credit a percent of selected shopping expenditures directly to Holy Rosary School. It's that easy! Holy Rosary earned \$8,000 in 2006 and is on track to earn over \$10,000 in 2007. Please call or email Sandy Rottler with your questions.

**GATOR LOGO ITEMS.** These items should be in every household. Gator Coffee mugs \$5. Gator Umbrellas \$25. Gator Hats \$15 or 2 for \$25. Great coaches gifts for your soccer coach, or anyone who wants to show their Gator Pride. Go to the golf web-site to see them <http://golf.holyrosaryws.org/> , or contact Chris Clarke at [clarkeski6@msn.com](mailto:clarkeski6@msn.com) to order.

**CLOTHESLINE.** Halloween is coming and what will your children dress up as this year? If it is different from last year, please pass your costumes along to the Clothesline! We are opening up the Saturday before Halloween so that needy children here in West Seattle can come and shop-many won't have a costume otherwise. Thank you Holy Rosary for remembering these children so kindly! Also, a big thank you to the angels that I met at the rummage sale this weekend. Your unexpected generosity bought 10 pairs of shoes for the Children's Room and also 2 costumes. Thank You, Thank You! Suzanne Nevan-Casey [s\\_nevan@yahoo.com](mailto:s_nevan@yahoo.com)

**SEATTLE PREP'S OPEN HOUSE** will take place Wednesday, November 7<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-8pm. Meet the faculty, tour the school and find out more about curriculum and student activities. Seattle Prep is a Catholic Jesuit High School located at 2400 11<sup>th</sup> Ave East. For more information call the Seattle Prep Admissions Office at (206) 577-2146.

**BISHOP BLANCHET HIGH SCHOOL PERFORMING ARTS presents NOISES OFF.** Noises Off makes use of the old tradition of a play within a play format, specifically the variant in which a repertory company touring around performing a play and the antics that ensue during the run. Act One is the final dress rehearsal; Act Two is the opening night, but seen from the backstage perspective; and Act Three is the performance long into the run. The dates of the play are Nov. 9 – Nov. 11. Tickets will go on Sale Oct. 19<sup>th</sup>. For more information please call (206) 527-7746.

**UPCOMING EVENTS AND IMPORTANT DATES:**

∞ Prayer Service by 7A, 8:45am Friday October 19 – School Hall

- ∞ Scholastic Book Fair, Friday October 19 – Thursday October 25
- ∞ “Taste of Kennedy” Grade 8, Friday October 19 – Kennedy High School
- ∞ Mother/Son Glow Bowl, 5:30pm-8:30pm Saturday October 20 – West Seattle Bowl
- ∞ Stewardship is a Way of Life for Leadership of all Councils and Commissions, 7pm Monday - School Hall
- ∞ 2:15pm Dismissal, Tuesday October 23 – Conferences Begin 3:15pm – 8pm
- ∞ CONFERENCES, Wednesday October 24-Thursdays October 25, NO SCHOOL
- ∞ NO SCHOOL, Friday October 26
- ∞ Halloween Spirit Day, Wear Black and Orange Day, Wednesday October 31
- ∞ NOON DISMISSAL, Wednesday, October 31 Teacher Practicum – ALL KINDS OF MINDS
- ∞ All Saints Day, Mass 8:45am Thursday, November 1 – Holy Rosary Church – Perfect Uniforms, Sweaters & Sweatshirts required

**INCLUDED IN YOUR FCE:**

- ∞ Tree Lot Flyer (red)
- ∞ November Lunch Menu and Order Form
- ∞ Auction Procurement Team Needs You (yellow)
- ∞ Heart Auction Business Connection Request (green)
- ∞ Notes from the Nurse
- ∞ Pneumococcal Vaccine Flyer
- ∞ Influenza Fact Sheet
- ∞ High Point Community Center Information (orange)
- ∞ Kenney Annual Gift Bazaar Flyer (taupe)
- ∞ Wrapping Paper Information/Entertainment Book