



SCHOOL NEWS

Holy Rosary School Family Communication Newsletter

November 8, 2007

“Out of love, place yourselves at one another’s service” Galatians 5:13

Congratulations to the 7th grade girls’ soccer team and their coaches, Vito Montanarelli and Steve Keyser, on a winning season! They are this year’s CYO Co-Champions along with Sacred Heart. They played an awesome game on Saturday and made everyone very proud! Please remember that we observe Veterans’ Day on Monday, Nov. 12. There will be no school. I hope to see you at the Parents’ Club meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 13 - see details below from Parents’ Club president, Tara Turpen. Thank you to Karri Lange and Gina Auter who are helping with the Blue Ribbon Schools Award Application – a rather arduous task! I have been reading a small book on gratitude. The author describes gratitude as a spiritual state, an acknowledgement of our own unimportance and dependence on God and others. She stresses the importance of getting into the habit of expressing gratitude and teaching our children to do so. When we acknowledge someone else’s thoughtfulness and generosity, it stimulates our own, and we complete the circle of giving and receiving, a circle that spiritually enriches everyone within it. Our children will be writing thank you notes for the Christmas Tree Lot. Please encourage them to take their time in writing and decorating beautiful thank you notes. We are so very grateful to the West Seattle community for supporting our school through the tree lot. Thank YOU for all that you do for your children and for Holy Rosary School. You are simply the best!

FAMILY FUN CENTER IS TOMORROW! Pizza lunch will be provided at the Fun Center and kids attending may also enjoy free dress day. Chaperones, a detail instruction sheet has been emailed. Please arrive around 10:50 out front. We’ll return to the school at 2:30 sharp. We still need an additional chaperone for the 8th and 5th grade. Please call Jody if you can come. 933-8920.

SAFE ENVIRONMENT PROGRAM The Safe Environment Program of the Archdiocese of Seattle is looking for qualified trainers to facilitate trainings in the *Called to Protect* program. There is no particular educational background needed to be a *Called to Protect* trainer but applicants should be committed to sexual abuse prevention, comfortable speaking to groups, able to maintain confidentiality and able to make a commitment of 2-4 trainings a month. Teachers, counselors, case workers or health-care professionals make great trainers as well. All trainers will participate in a two-day Train-The-Trainer program, which will prepare them to facilitate child abuse prevention trainings for clergy, employees, volunteers and youth. There are two sessions coming up: **December 6-7** (presented in English) or **December 8-9** (presented in Spanish). There is a special need for trainers able to teach in Spanish. For more information, please contact Mary Simpson at 937-1488, ext. 210 or email: msimpson@holynosaryseattle.org.

ALTAR SERVERS NOVEMBER 10th -16th Sat. 5pm: Mark and Robert Rush, Emily Winter, Julia Nark; Sun. 8am: Anthony and Sophie Baker, Colleen and Joey Kane; 9.30am: Reilly Dever, Andrew Grueter, Laurel Kuehl, Kayli and Spencer Schulz, Claire Lindblom; 11.15am: Allisia and Diego Rangel, Maria and Paul Sheldon, Danny Schreck; 5:30pm Youth Mass: Annika Pedersen, Michael Blatner, Alex Isner 8am Morning Mass, Nov 12-16: Olivia Gillies, Andrew Grueter

PARENTS' CLUB TUESDAY NOVEMBER 13th Come celebrate the beginning of the Holiday's with your fellow Holy Rosary parents. Catch up with people you haven't seen lately. There will be door prizes, childcare, flu shots and another informational video from the School's Attuned video library. The class with the most parent representatives wins a popcorn party and free dress. We look forward to seeing you.

MIX IT UP SPIRIT DAY NOVEMBER 13th This day helps students to make new friends. Students are encouraged to be inclusive. You may wear free dress only if you donate a coat, blanket, or canned food. There will be bins in each classroom for donations. Younger students could play with new people at recess. Older students could sit with different people at lunch. Remember to make this a positive experience for everyone!

P.A.T.S. COMMITTEE MEETING Please join the P.A.T.S. Committee to plan the teacher and staff Christmas party and events for 2008. We will meet directly following the Parents' Club Meeting on Tuesday, November 13th in the back of the school Hall. This is a fun way to volunteer and appreciate the wonderful people who teach and care for our children! Want to participate, but can't make the meeting? Call Laura Miller @ 909-4392.

POINSETTIAS FOR THE HOLIDAYS Last chance everyone - get your flower order in ASAP! We offer 3 sizes in a variety of wonderful colors. Why support a box store when you can support a student instead? Pickup dates are Nov. 25 and Dec. 2, after Mass in the school hall. The order form is available online at the school website (click on the Poinsettias link under Participate). Return it to the school office. 4" - Red, Burgundy, White - \$5 each; 6.5" - Red, Pink, White, Burgundy, White Glitter - \$10 each; 8" - Red, Burgundy, Pink, White - \$21 each (these are the full "triple" plants that look fantastic in an entryway or next to a fireplace!) Questions? Please call us: Michele Wallace 933-1248 or Sherri Chun 937-6017.

INDIVIDUAL PICTURE RE-TAKE DAY is Monday, November 19th. If you want your child to have their individual picture retaken please have them bring their original package with them. If your child did not have their picture taken, please stop by the office and pick up a form to complete prior to Monday's retakes.

HEALTH NEWS The **Flu Vaccine Clinic** will be held next Tuesday night during the Parent's Club meeting. The hours are: 6:30PM-8:30PM. The consents were sent home last week. Additional copies will be available that night for those of you needing additional consents for siblings or other family members, as well as for those of us who has lost the packet by now. The VNS has informed me that the Flu-Mist will not be available. This is due to a distribution problem of the manufacturer of the vaccine. The other forms of the Flu vaccine and the Pneumovacc will be available. The VNS wants to remind parents that they must be in attendance when their

child/children receive the vaccine. The VNS would also like a rough estimate as to how many people are thinking of attending. They would like this information so they know how much vaccine to bring. They will bring some extra in case people decide at the last minute to attend the vaccination clinic. If you are planning on attending the clinic would you either call the school office or email me at mulkey.family@comcast.net. Would you be sure to inform us if anyone in your party is 36 months old or younger. **MRSA update:** Methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus (MRSA) infections have been in the media quite a bit lately. This information can be scary. Here are some basic facts to help you. MRSA infections have been around for along time, causing mild to severe illness. MRSA is a kind of Staph infection can be more difficult to treat than the routine "staph infection". It may look like a "spider-bite", "bug bite", abscess, boil, impetigo, or infected "turf burn". Staph is passed from person to person by contact with skin or through contact with contaminated items (sports equipment, clothing, towels, soap etc), not keeping clean, and the overuse of antibiotics (as well as stopping them early or missing doses). How do you stop the spread of MRSA? 1) WASH HANDS OFTEN with warm soapy water (or hand gel). Supervise young children. 2) Do not share personal items. 3) Avoid contact with other people's skin infections. 4) Cover all wounds with a clean, dry bandage taped on all four sides. 4) Keep children home from school if wound drainage cannot be contained by a bandage. 5) Report skin infections to the school office. 6) Do not take antibiotics when you do not need them. 7) Contact your physician if concern arises over any skin lesion/rash. Wounds that do not heal properly need medical attention. The only way to determine if an infection is caused by MRSA if through lab tests ordered by a physician. You may refer to the school web site for additional information from the King County Public Health Department. Please send me an email with any questions: mulkey.family@comcast.net

HEAD LICE UPDATE There has been a new case of head lice reported in the Holy Rosary School community. The family identified the problem during their Friday night head checks. The family, as well as their home, have been treated per the Holy Rosary School protocol located in the student handbook. This can serve as a reminder as to the importance of weekly head checks, long hair in pony tails/braids, no sharing personal items (bring your own pillow/sleeping bag on sleep-overs!) and hats tucked into coats. Questions? Please email me at the email address listed below. Patricia McBrienRN Mulkey.family@comcast.net

NEW COMMITTEE A new committee is being formed this year from School Commission to evaluate and update our policies and programs to determine if we are doing everything we can to promote healthy habits in our kids. Patricia McBrien, the school nurse and I will be Co-Chairing this committee. Our first meeting will be Wednesday, November 28th at 6PM in the Staff Room. We would like to establish our mission and goals for the coming year. Please join us if you can. Mary Campagnaro & Patricia McBrien

ART ROOM NEWS FLASH Work by the following students will be on display for the West Seattle Second Thursday Art Walk tonight and through November 21st: Nicole Southerland, Cozette Padon, Sabrina Klem, Meara Gants, Veronica Pritchard, Eamon Dennehy, Geoffrey Wukelic, Jake Fitzharris, Daisy James, Emmett Abdian, Sophie Baker, Ali Campagnaro, Sylvia Pritchard, Thomas Sobotta, Alex Fosado, Jane Miller.

SIXTH GRADE SAILORS SPONSOR PANCAKE BREAKFAST Save the date November 18th - No need to cook breakfast on Sunday November 18th! Together with the 6th grade classes, the Tree Lot Committee will be kicking off the holiday season with our traditional Pancake Breakfast in the School Hall after the 8:00AM and 9:30AM masses. Enjoy a scrumptious breakfast including mouth-watering pancakes, delectable French toast, sizzling bacon, yummy sausage, orange juice and hot coffee to warm you all the way to your toes on a crisp Fall morning! All proceeds will benefit the annual 6th Grade Sailing Trip. Avast ye mateys ~ see you there!

SEVENTH GRADE SERVICE PROJECT In our raffle, there are two baskets, a video game basket and a girls clothing basket. The video game basket, comes with the games Tony Hawk, Project 8 for Xbox 360, Project 8 for PSP, Trans World Surf for Xbox, and Tony Hawks downhill Jam on the Wii. These next two games are newly released and they are Tony Hawk's Proving Ground for PS2 and Tony Hawks Ground Proving Ground on Xbox 360, which also includes five guitar hero demos. Betting on this basket gives you two chances to win three different games. In our next basket, there is girls clothing. This basket includes a pair of shorts, a shirt, a scarf, a beautiful dress, a set of earrings and a watch. If you win this basket, you will receive all of these wonderful clothing items. Tickets will be \$0.50 each and we will be coming around during your lunchtime to collect money for the tickets on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. This raffle lasts for two weeks starting Monday the 5th, so bring your money in and bet on the raffle. We are doing this as our service project to help Lewis who is a service dog for Adelle Pickered who has a rare type Autism. Lewis has become Adelle's best friend because he goes everywhere with her and she calms her down. They got a dog for her 2 years ago and now Lewis needs 2-3 expensive knee operations that will cost 8-10,000 dollars. My friends and I call our group the ARK, Acts of Random Kindness. If Lewis doesn't have the operation, they would have to put him down. So please, do what you can do to help, even if it is little. If you would like to make a donation to Lewis, please make checks payable to Reading for Rover. Any amount will help. For questions please contact Jackson Diller, Josh Campbell, Chris Dwyer or Mitchell Sasonoff. Thank you.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM Mark your calendar for Thursday, December 6th at 7pm for the annual Holy Rosary Christmas program held in the church. Gr. K-6, Band and Gr. 8 will perform. Check The Holy Rosary website "Music Department" for more information.

WHAT IF HOLY ROSARY SCHOOL EARNED A PENNY EVERY TIME YOU SEARCHED THE INTERNET? Well, now we can! GoodSearch.com is a Yahoo-powered search engine that donates half its advertising revenue, about a penny per search, to the charities its users designate. Use it just as you would any search engine, get quality search results from Yahoo, and watch the donations add up! Just go to www.goodsearch.com and be sure to enter Holy Rosary School - Seattle (Seattle, WA) as the charity you want to support. And, be sure to spread the word!

MUMMY SON GLOW BOWL UPDATE We would like to thank all of the wonderful Mummies & Daddies who helped make this Glowbowl a success: Sue & Nicole Southerland, Teresa Holsberry, Rise Pyscher, Mike Grueter, Paul Gardner, Tom Fehlen, Nancy Dennehy, Carol Ann Joyce, Lisa Roach, Kathy Sampson, Julie Small, and our 9th grade helpers: Cole Fehlen, Alycia Gardner, Katie Rice and Jessie Osborn. We couldn't have done it without your help! We are putting the finishing touches on the pictures & will send them out in the next FCE. If you have

any questions, please feel free to give us call : Alex Gardner 932-2390 or Cheryl Fehlen 932-4635. Thanks!

YEEEE HAAAWWWW! Planning is underway for our 2008 HEART Auction! If you missed the announcement at the last Parent's Club meeting, the theme for the 29th Annual HEART Auction is **Wild Wild West!** It's going to be another great event, but we need your help! We have several Auction Committee Chair positions open, a couple of which can be handled from the comfort of your own home. . . If interested, please contact me for more information or watch for the flier in next weeks FCE. Ann Martin (937-0179 or peediedogmartin@aol.com)

KENNEDY HIGH SCHOOL CRAFT FAIR. JFK Parents' Club presents the 2007 Arts & Crafts Fair Saturday, November 17th 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. John F. Kennedy Memorial High School 140 S. 140th Burien WA Wonderful home-made arts and crafts; food booths, face-painting, choral music!

KENNEDY HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE will take place Sunday, November 18 from 2-4pm. Faculty, staff and students at Kennedy High School welcome 6th, 7th and 8th grade students and their families to the 2007 JFK Open House. Discover JFK honors, college-prep and regular academic programs; Delve into the ways JFK encourages students to build their faith and spirituality. Learn about the 54 clubs and extra-curricular activities offered to JFK students. Explore award winning Lancer athletic programs; and hear what JFK counselors are doing to ensure student success. Kennedy High school is located at 140 South 140th Street Burien 98168. If you have any questions please contact the Director of Admissions Jim Mesick at (206) 246-0500 or email him at Mesickj@kennedyhs.org.

BISHOP BLANCHET OPEN HOUSE. will take place on Thursday, November 15 from 5:30pm to 8:00pm. It will be a free-flowing format. All interested families are invited to attend and tour the school. This is a great opportunity to interact with teacher and students, learn more about the curriculum and co-curricular programs, and see all the great NEW facilities. Please note this is Blanchet's only Open House this year. Blanchet High School is located at 8200 Wallingford Avenue N. Seattle 98103. If you have any questions please contact the school at (206) 527-7711.

UPCOMING EVENTS AND IMPORTANT DATES:

- ∞ Archdiocesan Principals & Pastors Meeting, 8am-3pm Thursday, November 8 – Palisades
- ∞ School Commission Meeting, 6pm Thursday, November 8 – Staff Room
- ∞ Prayer Service by 5A, 8:30am Friday, November 9 – School Hall
- ∞ Magazine Drive Top Sellers to Family Fun Center, Friday, November 9 – Tukwila
- ∞ VETERANS DAY - NO SCHOOL Monday, November 12
- ∞ Gr. 4A to Pike Place Market – Tuesday, November 13
- ∞ Endowment Board Meeting, 6pm Tuesday, November 13 – Staff Room
- ∞ Parents' Club Holiday Party, 6:30pm Tuesday, November 13
- ∞ Grants Committee Meeting, 6pm Wednesday, November 14 – Staff Room
- ∞ Book It! Presentation about Banned Books for Gr. 6-8, 8:45am Thursday, November 15 – School Hall

- ∞ Gr. 4B to Pike Place Market – Thursday, November 15
- ∞ 8th Gr. Pizza Lunch, Thursday, November 15
- ∞ Prayer Service by 6A, 8:30am Friday, November 16 – School Hall
- ∞ Individual Picture Retake Day, Monday November 19

ATTACHMENTS TO THE FCE:

- ∞ Parents' Club Meeting Minutes
- ∞ Parents' Club Agenda

Holy Rosary School Parents' Club Meeting Minutes

October 16, 2007

Tara Turpen welcomed everyone and Father John led the opening prayer. The minutes of the May 17, 2007, Parents' Club meeting were approved as written.

President's Report-- Tara Turpen

∞ WestFest sales were up over 18% from last year. Many thanks to all who volunteered for this fun event.

∞ Today is the kick off for the Sally Foster gift wrap sale. Proceeds from the sale help offset costs of the 8th grade graduation, 6th grade sailing trip and 5th grade camping trip.

∞ Entertainment Coupon Books will come home with the next FCE and will be selling for \$20 each.

∞ Space is still available for the Mommy Son Glow Bowl on Saturday, Oct. 20th

Vice-President's Report-- Nikki Page

∞ The School Commission met last week and formed new committees.

∞ The replacement of the school's south side windows has been completed.

Treasurer's Report-- Donna Suhadolnik

∞ In order to receive reimbursement for Parents' Club expenditures, fill out the forms found in the office and attach your receipts. Donna will pick them up every other week and mail the checks out to you.

∞ Copies of the Oct 07 Treasurer's report were made available.

Principal's Report-- Kris Brown

∞ The teachers are busy preparing for the upcoming conferences. The staff and the School Commission will be looking at the present model for parent/teacher/student conferences. Scheduling has become increasingly difficult with so many people requesting Tuesday conferences. The majority of families with 1 child did not get their first or second choice.

∞ The majority of Kris's report is the "All Kinds of Minds" presentation.

Vice Principal's Report-- Ted Mohrbacher / Mary Jo McFaul—No Report

Special Reports

Pastor's Report – Father John

∞ Father John is inviting comment to the question "What changes would you like to see at Mass?" Include your name if you would like Father to respond to you about your comments.

∞ If you would like to host a neighborhood visitation in your home, Father John is continuing to look to make connections/ get closer to people in their West Seattle neighborhoods.

Flu Clinic—Patricia McBrien

∞ Parents' Club will host a flu shot clinic at the Nov. 13th meeting. Information will go home in next Thursday's FCE.

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Standing Committee Reports

Magazine Sales-- Jody Shields

∞ Magazine sales are at \$157,190 and still counting. A replacement for Jody is needed for next year's magazine drive and Jody will help with the transition to someone else.

Poinsettia Sales-- Michele Wallace

∞ Poinsettia sales are focusing more on commercial orders. Please help with contacts for businesses/companies which may have an interest in purchasing poinsettias with free delivery from Holy Rosary.

Tree Lot-- Allison Willhite

∞ The tree lot is in its 19th year in West Seattle and raises between \$50,000-\$60,000 a year for the school. Tree lot sign ups are now open through the school's web site. Scott and Allison are looking for a new team to chair the tree lot next year.

Auction-- Ann Martin and Kristin Hinthorn

- ∞ Last year's auction raised just under \$155,000 for the school's general fund.
- ∞ Next year's auction will be on April 19th and will have a western/frontier/saloon theme as well as a new auctioneer, Dell Jackson.
- ∞ A new corporate sponsorship position was created for next year's auction which will be chaired by Nancy Stillger. Decorations Chair positions and other high level volunteer positions are still open.

Featured Program---All Kinds of Minds' Schools Attuned Presentation

Kris Brown and teachers Ted Mohrbacher, Michelle DeFeo, Margaret Whetham and Megan Johnson gave a presentation on the All Kinds of Minds' Schools Attuned program for which the entire staff has been undergoing training. Kris showed a video clip and gave a brief overview of Dr. Mel Levine's approach to understanding and addressing individual learning differences which focuses on enhancing the student's strengths in order to overcome areas of difficulty. The video clip, which addressed the parental role in understanding and supporting their child's individual learning profile, is the first of a series of videos which parents will be able to check out and which Kris hopes may be shown at future parent club meetings. The teachers each talked about specific lessons in the Schools Attuned program and briefly explained the neurodevelopmental framework used to address individual learning differences.

Next Parent Club Meeting: November 13, 2007

Virginia Wiegand McIntyre
Secretary



Holy Rosary School

Parents' Club Meeting Agenda

November 13, 2007

6:15 –7:30 School Hall

Welcome & Prayer

Tara Turpen

Approval of Minutes

Virginia McIntyre

President's Report

Tara Turpen

Vice President's Report

Nikki Page

Treasurer's Report

Donna Suhadolnik

Principal's Report

Kris Brown

Vice Principal's Report

Ted Mohrbacher /
Mary Jo McFaul

Standing Committee Updates:

Poinsettia Sales
Christmas Tree Lot
Wrapping Paper

Michelle Wallace / Sherri Chun
Allison Willhite
Mary Yanak

School's Attuned Video presentation following business portion of meeting.

CHILD CARE IS AVAILABLE FOR \$1.00 PER CHILD