



SCHOOL NEWS

Holy Rosary School Family Communication Newsletter

November 15, 2007

Fr. John and the School Commission have approved the formation of a task force to explore the possibility of beginning a preschool at Holy Rosary School. If you are interested in serving on this please notify the school office or email Kris Brown at kbrown@holynosaryws.org. The first meeting will be on Monday, December 10, at 6:30pm in the staff room.

Thank you to 7th grade students, Emily Diedrich and Bella Campagnaro, who proposed to the School Commission that on Fridays students be allowed to wear their Gator sweatshirts instead of the uniform sweatshirts. The School Commission passed the proposal with the following guidelines: 1.) Gator sweatshirts will be made available to all Holy Rosary students, whether they play CYO sports or not. 2.) Only the student's first or last name may be on the sweatshirt – no nicknames or initials. 3.) Students may wear the Gator sweatshirt with their uniform pants, skirts, shorts, or jumpers every Friday, which we will designate as "Gator Pride Day." 4.) The policy will not go into effect until Friday, January 4, 2008, which will be the first Gator Pride Day. Information about ordering Gator Pride Sweatshirts is forthcoming. The sweatshirts might make great Christmas presents!

The third grade classes are sponsoring a canned food drive. We are asking that each student purchase a can of food out of their allowance money and bring to school by Tuesday, November 20. The food will be donated to Holy Rosary's St. Vincent de Paul Society for the holiday season. Thanks for your support.

Please note that the December calendar is enclosed in this week's FCE packet. Even though there are fewer school days in December, it's a busy month here at school – hang on to the calendar.

The tragic death of Matt Rice, a 2002 Holy Rosary graduate, has had a tremendous impact on our school community. Thank you for your understanding in our decision to close school on Wednesday, November 21, the day of Matt's funeral. I know that you will continue to keep the Rice family and all those who knew Matt in your prayers.

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.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM. Mark your calendar for Thursday, December 6th at 7:00pm 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.

HO HO HO! SIGN UP FOR TREE LOT SHIFTS! The Tree Lot opens in ten days! Thanks to the families who are filled with Holiday Cheer and have signed up for Tree Lot shifts. We have filled 300 shifts and have about 100 more to fill. **The critical unfilled shifts for the first week are: SAT 11/25 3PM-6PM (1 shift), SUN 11/26 3PM-6PM (1 shift), TUES 11/27 12PM-3PM (1 shift), WEDS 11/28 12PM-3PM (2 shifts) and 3PM-6PM (1 shift), THURS 11/29 12PM-3PM (2 shifts) and 3PM-6PM (3 shifts), SAT 12/1 12PM-3PM (1 shift) and 3PM-6PM (3 shifts).** Please visit the website at www.treelot.holyrosaryws.org and click on "volunteer" to sign up. The Tree Lot is the school's third largest fundraiser and stands to raise between \$50,000 and \$60,000 for the school this year! Please help us achieve our fundraising goal and volunteer for an open shift. Thank you! We will continue to provide staffing updates with critical shifts that need to be filled. Please call me (206) 854-9831 or email me allison@alkihomes.com with any questions. Thank you. Allison Willhite, Tree Lot Fundraising Chair

PARENTS' CLUB NEWS. The Parents' Club made a donation to the Father Mallahan Endowment fund honoring our Fall parent Volunteers.

WE'RE RUSTLIN' UP HELP FOR THE 2008 HEART AUCTION COMMITTEE. If you are interested in participating on the 2008 HEART Auction Committee, please look for the tan insert in your FCE Folder today. We've got a variety of open positions and need your help! Take a look - you may see something that looks interesting and fun - and it's a great way to earn your fundraising hours! Contact Ann Martin or Kristen Hinthorn with any questions.

HEART AUCTION. It is time to start thinking about your auction donation! Procurement forms and letters are available in the office now. Holiday shopping time is a great opportunity to ask a business for a donation while you are spending money. Our system will be available soon to enter your donations on-line – look for our notice. Items are due on-line or forms turned into the office by February 1st. Please see our flyer in the FCE for exciting news about changes to the auction format and for donation ideas. If you have any comments or questions, please contact Karri Lange (karrilange@comcast.net) or Katie Cunningham (katie_madrid@hotmail.com)

WIN A NINTENDO WIII! Seventh graders Claire Illich, Nicole Southerland, Riley Ramage, Fiona Dattan, Mikaela Teppner and Angus Abels are holding a raffle for their service project. They are raffling off a Nintendo Wii. Tickets are \$1.00 per ticket or 6 tickets for \$5.00. The drawing will be held December 7th. The money from the raffle will go towards books for low-income disabled children at the EEU (Early Education Unit) at the University of Washington. Look for the order form in this week's FCE.

CHANGE FOR LEWIS. Don't forget to look for the "change for Lewis" cans in your classroom. Please bring in a donation to help Lewis. Remember, the classroom who has the most money will win slurpees for the entire class. Any questions ask Jackson Diller, Josh Campbell, Chris Dwyer or Mitchell Sasonoff.

CYO CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS. The CYO Cross Country Championships were held in Woodland Park on Sunday, October 21. Holy Rosary had 72 runners competing this year, in grades K-8, and our school placed sixth overall. Congratulations to the Fourth Grade Boys, who captured first place in their race, led by Joe Auter with a first place finish and a time of 6:25 in the

mile-long run. Big thanks to all the parents who ran with us and helped out at practices. We had a record number of kids turn out this year, and needed the extra help you provided! I especially want to thank Heather Slee, Paul Devine and Jim Pritchard for helping coach and for helping set up the course for the races. – Kevin Thiel

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.

FOUND: In 7B classroom closet. An XL royal blue Pacific Trail jacket with a women's navy glove in each pocket. Ready to be claimed. Mrs. DeFeo and Mrs. Whetham

UPCOMING EVENTS AND IMPORTANT DATES:

- ∞ 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
- ∞ Arts Committee Meeting, Tuesday November 20, 6:30pm – Staff Room
- ∞ Vigil Service for Matt Rice, Tuesday, November 20, 7:00pm – Holy Rosary Church
- ∞ **NO SCHOOL , Wednesday November 21 – WE HONOR AND REMEMBER MATT RICE;** Funeral Mass is at 11:00am at Holy Rosary Church
- ∞ NO SCHOOL, November 22, 23 Thursday and Friday THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY
- ∞ Holy Rosary Tree Lot Opens, 12noon Saturday November 24
- ∞ Prayer Service by 6B, 8:30am Friday November 30 – School Hall
- ∞ First Sunday of Advent, Sunday December 2

- ∞ Christmas Program Gr. K-6 Band and Gr. 8, 7:00pm Thursday December 6, Holy Rosary Church

INCLUDED IN THE FCE:

- ∞ December Calendar (cherry)
- ∞ Auction Help Flyer (tan)
- ∞ Auction Procurement Flyer (cream)
- ∞ 7th Grade Service Project Wii Raffle Form (bright green)
- ∞ Kennedy High School Open House Flyer for 6-8th graders (blue)
- ∞ Art Wizards Handout
- ∞ Lee's Martial Arts Upcoming Events
- ∞ Wyatt Jewelers Information (orange)