



SCHOOL NEWS

Holy Rosary School Family Communication Newsletter

November 29, 2007

An Advent Prayer

Good and gracious God, you know how much fills our minds and hearts these days. Help us to pay attention to your presence in our lives. Help us to look for and find opportunities this Advent to become more aware of how you touch our lives each day. Please help us to become evermore a sign of your love in the world. Amen.

Advent is a time to prepare our hearts and our lives for the coming of Jesus. It is a time to renew in ourselves the joy that came into the world on that first Christmas. This year our school chose the Advent theme "*Make Room for Jesus*", in our *hearts* through *prayer*, in our homes through *random acts of kindness*, and in our *school* through *caring habits and service*. Classes will be discussing specific ways to make room for Jesus as we celebrate Advent and prepare for Christmas. On Tuesday, December 4, students will gather with their Faith Families to draw a name for an Advent Prayer Partner. Your child should be bringing home a red piece of paper with the name of his/her prayer partner and directions for creating a Christmas card. Cards are due into the classroom teacher by Monday, December 17. Please post these red slips of paper in an obvious place in your homes so that our children will remember to pray for their prayer partners each day of Advent. Classroom Advent wreaths will be blessed at the December 7 prayer service at 8:30am in the school hall.

Our second graders will be making their First Reconciliation, 2A on Saturday, Dec. 1, at 10:00am and 2B on Dec. 8, at 10:00am. Please keep them in your prayers as they experience the Lord's forgiveness in this beautiful sacrament.

Our first trimester ends on Friday, Nov. 30. Teachers will be busy finalizing grades and preparing report cards, which will go home with the children on Friday, Dec. 14.

Congratulations to **Mary Rising**, a sixth grade student at Holy Rosary. Mary is performing in the play *Whistle Down the Wind*, which is at the 5th Avenue Theater. Many of Mary's classmates will be going to the play tomorrow evening. I enjoyed seeing the play last week, and especially enjoyed seeing Mary on stage! She does a wonderful job!

Thank you to **Karri Lange**, who has been overseeing the Blue Ribbon Schools application process. **Gina Auter, Bill Pless, Terry Scanlan**, and **the teachers** also helped in the writing of the application. We thank them, too. Keep your fingers crossed. We all know that Holy Rosary is a Blue Ribbon School, we hope the U.S. Department of Education agrees with us!

Finally, we look forward to our Christmas program on Thursday, Dec. 6, the Feast of St. Nicholas, beginning at 7:00pm in the Church. We have only one program this year. Please see notice below from Ms. Mudge. It's sure to be a wonderful show, as always.

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. **FYI: the church may well be crowded --- so if you prefer, we are inviting parents, etc. to attend the dress rehearsals: we are having 2 of them: 3 - 6th Grade will be on Wednesday 12/5 at 9:30 AM and Grades K-2 & 8th will be on Thursday 12/6 at 9:30 AM. This rehearsal may require a little "stopping & restarting" – so please come expecting lots of room in the pews but maybe less perfection! Otherwise – we'll see you on Thursday night! Thanks – Ms. Mudge**

HEART AUCTION PROCUREMENT UPDATE. Our auction software is now open for donations. Please look for the HEART auction link on the Holy Rosary web site and click on the donate option to enter your donation information on-line. Please read the instructions carefully. If you do not wish your donation to be bundled with other items, please note that on the restrictions section of the donation page. Procurement letters and donation forms are available in the office. Remember that holiday shopping is a great time to ask while you are patronizing the business. If you don't yet know what to donate we have a few opportunities for you: Would you like to underwrite an evening stay downtown? We can purchase a night at the Sheraton and Westin at a significantly reduced rate. Do you own a boat? We would like to offer a sailing or fishing excursion for the day. Do you have hotel points or airline miles? We could use some for a package we are trying to pull together. We have lots of other ideas so if you are stuck please call us or donate cash and we'll put that to good use or toward the bottom line. If you have any issues, questions or comments please contact Karri Lange or Katie Cunningham. Thank you for helping to make this year's auction a success!

FIRST GRADERS TRICK OR TREAT FOR UNICEF. In continuing with the tradition they started last year, this year's 1st graders participated in the "Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF" program. Together, they collected a total of \$143.58 to go towards providing children around the world with safe drinking water, immunizations and school supplies. Way to go Class of 2015! Meg Peterson

ALTAR SERVERS DEC 1-8: Sat., Dec 1, 5pm: Thomas B, Kelly Jean C, Andrew S Sun., Dec 2, 8am: Colleen and Joey K, Danny St 9.30am: Riley Du, Mitchell and Monica M, Sylvia P 11.15am: Aidan L, Mitchell P, Diego R Dec 3-7: Colleen and Joey K

WIN A NINTENDO Wii! Ticket sales for the Nintendo Wii raffle are still going on. What a great Christmas gift a Wii would make! We will be selling tickets during lunches on Thursday and Friday. Tickets cost \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. Your child(ren) will also be bringing home an order form today for tickets. Return the form to the school office by Thursday, Dec. 5. The drawing will be on Friday, December 7. The money raised will go to buy books for the low income and special needs children. Thank you for your support of our 7th grade service project.

CHANGE FOR LEWIS. Lewis is a service dog and best friend to a young girl named Adelle who has a form of Autism. He badly needs leg surgery to survive. As part of our 7th grade service project we are collecting money for his surgery. You can help to change Lewis' life by donating money for Lewis' surgery. The class that collects the most money will win Slurpees for the entire class! Please look for your donation cans in your classroom. The contest ends this Friday. Any questions? Please call Josh Campbell, Jackson Diller, Chris Dwyer or Mitchell Sasonoff

PARENT'S NIGHT OUT- LEE'S MARTIAL ARTS ACADEMY – FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 6:00PM-10:00PM. Looking for an opportunity for a date with your spouse without the children? Maybe get started *EARLY* this year on your Christmas shopping? Well, this Friday you have the opportunity to do just that! Lisa and Joe Skvarla will once again be hosting a Parent's Night Out at their Lee's Martial Arts studio. We will have games, food (pizza and drinks), popcorn, and a movie on the projector on the wall (*Ratatouille!*). We will have a sign-in and sign-out sheet. Your kids get to enjoy a safe evening while you enjoy yours! Cost is \$25/child or \$40 for two. Please call Lisa at the studio 938-3375 or email LMAWestSeattle@aol.com to reserve your space

LOST AND FOUND. has a *mountain* of items just waiting for their owners. Not only are there uniform sweatshirts, fleece jackets, pants, and tops but there are also many very nice winter coats, rain coats and other sweatshirts, not to mention many other miscellany. There is also a very large collection of P.E. shorts, t-shirts, and shoes. Many of these items have names on them. Please stop by and take a look – you might be surprised to find something that belongs to your family. I regularly sort and mark the incoming items, so that **all items that remain unclaimed after two weeks are donated to the Used Uniform Sale or the Clothesline Clothing Bank.** Lost and Found is located on the first floor hallway between the first grade classrooms. Contact Paula Thiel at thiel@quidnunc.net if you have any questions.

SEATTLE LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL is hosting an Open House on Monday, January 7, from 6:30-8pm. Seattle Lutheran is a leader in holistic education where high academic standards and physical development are balanced with emotional and spiritual growth. You can learn about their focus on the whole student through small group ministry, advising program, service learning model and character education that leads to confidence, hope, integrity and passion. For information please call Rachel at (206) 937-7722. X 18.

UPCOMING EVENTS AND IMPORTANT DATES:

- ∞ First Trimester Ends - Friday, November 30
- ∞ Prayer Service by 6B, 8:30am Friday, November 30 – School Hall
- ∞ First Sunday of Advent – Sunday, December 2
- ∞ Development Committee Meeting, 6:00pm Tuesday, December 4 – Staff Room
- ∞ School Commission Meeting, 6:00pm Wednesday, December 5 – Fosada Home
- ∞ **Christmas Program Gr. K-6 Band and Gr. 8, 7:00pm Thursday, December 6 - Holy Rosary Church**
- ∞ Prayer Service by 5A - 8:30am Friday, December 7, Advent Wreath Blessing – School Hall
- ∞ Vigil of the Immaculate Conception Mass, 7:00pm December 7, Friday – Holy Rosary Church
- ∞ Feast of the Immaculate Conception Mass, 8:00am Saturday, December 8 – Holy Rosary Church
- ∞ Second Sunday of Advent - Sunday, December 9
- ∞ Preschool Task Force Committee Meeting, 6:00pm Monday, December 10 - Staff Room. Anyone who may be interested in helping Holy Rosary to begin a preschool program is welcome to attend this meeting.

- ∞ Auction Committee Meeting, 6:00pm Tuesday, December 11 – Staff Room
- ∞ Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe School Mass, 8:45am Wednesday December 12 – Holy Rosary Church **PERFECT UNIFORM W/ SWEATERS OR SWEATSHIRTS**
- ∞ PATS Christmas Party for Staff, 3:00pm Wednesday, December 12 - at the home of Ed & Alice Merklin (THANK YOU, MERKLINS)
- ∞ 8th Grade Pizza Lunch, Thursday, December 13 (Forms went out on Wednesday, Nov. 28. You can also download from the web. Forms due back Dec. 7.)
- ∞ Prayer Service by 5B, 8:30am Friday, December 14 – School Hall
- ∞ First Trimester Report Cards Go Home Friday, December 14
- ∞ Third Sunday of Advent - Sunday, December 16
- ∞ DRESS LIKE CHRISTMAS, Wednesday, December 19 **NOON DISMISSAL**
- ∞ All School Christmas Sing-Along, 11:30am December 19 – School Hall – Parents welcome to join us
- ∞ CHRISTMAS VACATION, Thursday, December 20 – Wednesday, January 2
- ∞ School Resumes, Thursday, January 3

INCLUDED IN THE FCE:

- ∞ Pizza Lunch Forms