



SCHOOL NEWS

Holy Rosary School Family Communication Newsletter

December 6, 2007

“Our work-a-day lives are filled with opportunities to bless others. The power of a single glance or an encouraging smile must never be underestimated.” -G. Richard Rieger

Fr. John will bless the classroom Advent wreaths tomorrow morning at our Prayer Service. Thank you to Ms. Semandiris and the students in grade 5A for planning and leading the service. Students met in Faith Families on Tuesday to draw for Advent Prayer Partners. We hope you have posted the red slip of paper with the name(s) of your child(ren)’s prayer partner in an obvious place in your home in order to remember to pray for him or her. Homemade Christmas cards for prayer partners are due to classroom teachers on Monday, Dec. 17. We also hope that you are enjoying random acts of kindness from your children!

Huge thanks to Scott and Allison Willhite and all of their committee members, as well as all parents who are working at the tree lot. Have you purchased your tree yet? We hope you’ll consider getting it at the best tree lot in the city!

If you are interested in serving on a committee to explore the possibility of beginning a pre school at Holy Rosary, please come to a meeting on Monday, Dec. 10, at 6:30pm – 7:30pm in the staff room. Thank you.

Teachers are busy finalizing grades and preparing report cards, which will be given to the children on Friday, Dec. 14. Please review the report card carefully with your child, sign the envelope and return to school by Wednesday, Dec. 19. Questions regarding your child’s report should be addressed directly to the appropriate teacher.

A belated thank you to Dave & Tara Turpen and Derek & Nikki Page for donating and installing two new tether ball poles on our playground. Great fun for our students!

As we draw closer to Christmas, may your lives and your homes be filled with the light and love that Jesus brings! See you tonight at the Christmas program – it’s sure to put you in the Christmas spirit! Please read messages above and below regarding the program.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM. Tonight, December 6th at 7:00pm is 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.

ALTAR SERVERS Sat, Dec 8, 5pm: Elliott B, Zachary C, Haley Rose J Sun, Dec 9, 8am: Claire I, Anna and Tim L 9.30am: Olivia G, Andrew G, Chloe K, Levi S 11.15am: Nicole B, Kevin T, Cameron W Morning Mass, Dec 10-14: Jim K, Laurel K

8th GRADE PIZZA LUNCH Next Thursday, Dec 13th is pizza lunch sponsored by the 8th grade. Last week your child was given an order form to bring home. Please turn those in by TOMORROW, Dec 7th. If you no longer have a form it can be downloaded from our website. Thank you for supporting our eighth graders and their graduation events!

PROCUREMENT UPDATE. Our auction software is now open for donations. Please look for the directions on how to enter an item in today's FCE. 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! **Donations are due on-line by February 1st!** 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 Hotel Andra and get one free. We'd like two or four tickets to Teatro ZinZanni to add to our downtown package. Do you have a weekend cabin? Could you offer it for a week or weekend? Do you belong to a Golf Club? Would you be willing to host a couple or a three-some for a round of golf? 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 great success!

TUITION ASSISTANCE FOR THE 2008-2009 SCHOOL YEAR. You can now access the application for tuition assistance for the 2008-2009 school year on-line at <http://www.fulcrumfoundation.org/Tuition>. You can apply on line or download the application and fill it in by hand. Whether you apply on-line or in paper form the application needs to be completed and forwarded to Jennifer MacDonald in the school office by February 21, 2008 with your Federal Tax Return. You can e-mail Jennifer at jmacdonald@holynosaryseattle.org.

MOSEY ON OVER TO THE NEXT HEART AUCTION COMMITTEE MEETING Our next Auction Committee meeting is **Tuesday, December 11th** at **6:30** in the Staff Room. We've got lots of exciting news, new faces to introduce, and updates on the progress of our event planning! Please plan to attend if you are chairing one of our many auction committees - snacks and beverages provided! Please contact Kristen Hinthorn (433-2748) or Ann Martin (937-0179) with any questions.

PRESS RELEASE! One of the most enduring, yet often forgotten Christmas memoirs, Dylan Thomas's "**A Child's Christmas in Wales**" comes to life at Stone Soup Theatre. "**A Child's Christmas in Wales**" recreates the nostalgic magic of Dylan Thomas' childhood Christmas when everything was brighter, better and more alive. However, what Dylan comes to realize is that the experience of Christmas doesn't change with time, but holds a place in our hearts that nothing else can fill. Performers include our youth conservatory students and professional adult actors. Come watch Dylan recreate Christmas at Stone Soup with live classic instrumentation and vocals that bring us right back in time. December 7– 23 Friday and Saturday nights 7:30pm Saturday and Sunday matinees 3:30pm 4035 Stone Way N, Seattle, WA 98103 Tickets: \$14 General Admission \$10.00 each - Group and Family Rates (4 or more people) **Ask about our Flex Pass (8 Tickets for \$100 or 4 Tickets for \$50)**

UPCOMING EVENTS AND IMPORTANT DATES:

- ∞ 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:

- ∞ Staff Christmas Card
- ∞ Hot Lunch Menu and Order Form for January
- ∞ HEART AUCTION Procurement Update
- ∞ Freedom Fitness Holiday Specials Flyer
- ∞ Alki & Hiawatha Community Center Brochure
- ∞ Wyatt Jewelers Flyer