



# SCHOOL NEWS

Holy Rosary School Family Communication Newsletter

December 13, 2007

## The Gardens of Kindness

Volunteers plant seeds of kindness, creating gardens of joy and light.  
The flowers and fruits that bud and grow provide for many and shine so bright.  
The gardens never fade or wither, for their goodness endures in countless ways...  
In the lives they touch, the hope they share, the smiles they spread  
And the spirits they raise.

Thanks, volunteers, for your generous gifts---planting seeds with special flair.  
The world (and HRS) is a kinder, brighter place because of your commitment and care!

Report cards go home with the students tomorrow. Please review your child's report card with him or her carefully, sign the envelope, and return the envelope to school by Wednesday, Dec. 19. We are hoping to have signed envelopes back before Christmas vacation. Thank you for helping us. We are proud of how well our students are progressing. As Dr. Mel Levine says, "It's not how smart you are, it's how you are smart." Each one of our students is smart in many ways! If you have questions about your child's progress, please contact the appropriate teacher. Next week I will post the names of the students in grades 5-8 who earned straight A's the first trimester.

Christmas cards for Advent Prayer Partners are due into the classroom teachers next Monday, December 17. Students are asked to create a beautiful Christmas card with a special prayer or Christmas message for their prayer partner. They will exchange cards in their Faith Families on Wednesday, Dec. 19, at 10:45am, prior to the all school Christmas sing-along, which begins at 11:15am in the school hall. You are invited to join us for the sing-along. Remember, school dismisses at noon on Wednesday for the Christmas holiday. The Leadership Elective encourages everyone to dress like Christmas on Wednesday.

Advent Reconciliation Services for students in grades 3-5 will be on Monday, Dec. 17, from 10:00-10:30am, and for grade 6-8, from 1:00-2:00pm. Students in grades 3-8 must be in perfect uniforms on Monday. Parish Communal Penance Services are Saturday, Dec. 15, at 10:00am, Wednesday, Dec. 19, at 7:00pm, and Saturday, Dec. 22, at 4:00pm.

If you have a child who will turn five by August 31, 2008, please pick up an application for Kindergarten. If you know of other families who have children who will be entering kindergarten next fall, please let them know that there are applications available in both the school and parish office, as well as on the school's website. Applications are due back by Thursday, January 31.

The family letter will be updated on Wednesday, Dec. 19. The January calendar will also be posted. The next FCE packet will go home on Thursday, January 3, the day we come back after the Christmas holiday.

Thank you to all of our fabulous tree lot volunteers! I understand that last weekend, they sold a record number of trees and grossed over \$30,000. WOW! That's a lot of trees and a lot of work! It's not too late to buy your tree from the HR Tree Lot - you know that they are the most beautiful trees around!

**MAGAZINE THE WAY!** New subscriptions for magazines should begin arriving between now and January. If you want to check on the status of your order, just go to [www.4schoolsonline.com](http://www.4schoolsonline.com) and click on "check status". You'll need to enter the name and zip code on the order. If you have any problems you need resolved go to our school website and click on Magazines and scroll down to Customer Service for step by step instructions.

**PARENT COMMITMENT HOURS** – The next quarterly report with your current hours will be going home in January. If you are behind in fundraising hours, you may want to consider signing up for Christmas tree lot shifts since it is the last big fundraiser before the February 29<sup>th</sup> cut-off date. Forms are available in the office or it can be downloaded from the Holy Rosary website ([www.holyrosaryws.org](http://www.holyrosaryws.org)). If you have any questions, please contact Karen Robel (A-L) or Kelley Porter (M-Z) for more information.

**POINSETTIA SALES.** A huge thank you to everyone who helped deliver our beautiful flowers to parishioners and business customers!!! The flowers were fabulous (again!). Our commercial delivery crew headed by Heather Slee was fantastic as they made the rounds all over town, dropping off holiday cheer. Our dedicated Sunday elves got up bright and early to help sort flowers, and hand out more holiday cheer after the Sunday masses. Thank you to Genne Baletto, Kaiti Grassley, Betty Golubiec, Melanie Canto, Paula Thiel, Laura Porter, Janet Richmond, Janell LaRosa and Claire Fritts for your team spirit and hard work! We are officially signing off from Poinsettias after 3 solid years. If you are interested in taking over this fun fundraiser, please send us an email or give us a call! Sherri Chun ([sherri.chun@att.net](mailto:sherri.chun@att.net), 937-6017) and Michele Wallace ([mwallace@transunion.com](mailto:mwallace@transunion.com), 933-1248).

**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](mailto:jmacdonald@holynosaryseattle.org).

**ALTAR SERVERS SCHEDULE** Dec 15, 5pm: Ali and Isabella Campagnaro, Nicole Southerland Dec 16, 8am: Joey and Matthew Meucci, Miranda Whitters Dec 16, 9.30am: Charlie and Julianne McLean, Kayli and Spencer Schulz Dec 16, 11.15am: Danny Schreck, Maria and Paul Sheldon Dec 17-21, 8am morning mass: Anna Lewis, Max Lorbiecki Dec 22, 5pm: Tommy Day, Emily and Maddy Winter Dec 23, 8am: Anthony and Sophie Baker, Jim Killeen Dec 23, 9.30am: Katy, Kelly and Tommy Clarke, Joel Scanlan Christmas Eve, 4pm: Isabella and Ali Campagnaro, Nicole Southerland, Alex Chase, Anthony Baker Christmas Eve, 7pm: Annika Pedersen, Emily Suhadolnik, Savannah Davis Christmas Eve, 11pm: Anthony Parker, Alex Isner, Nicholas Jaramillo Christmas Day, 8am: Miranda Whitters, WE NEED TWO MORE SERVERS!!!! Christmas Day, 9.30am: Laurel Kuehl, Kevin Simmons, Rocco Buty Dec 29, 5pm: Julia Nark, Mark

and Robert Rush Dec 30, 8am: Anthony and Sophie Baker, Claire Illich Dec 30, 9.30am: Reilly Dever, Dylan Jergens, Chloe Kuhar, Allyson Ylvisaker Dec 30, 11.15am: Rocco Buty, Mitchell Penner, Allisia and Diego Rangel Jan 3-4, 8am morning mass: Charlie McLean, Matthew Meucci Liturgies School Penance Services: Dec 17 - Grades 3-5 at 10am, Grades 6-8 at 1pm Parish Communal Penance Services: Dec 15 at 10am, Dec 19 at 7pm, Dec 22 at 4pm Christmas Eve masses: 4pm, 7pm, 11pm Christmas Day masses: 8am and 9.30am Solemnity of Mary: December 31 at 7pm, January 1 at 9am  
Thank you, Patrick Barredo

**PLEASE HELP HR EARN MONEY WHILE SUPPORTING LOCAL GROCERY LOCAL GROCERY STORES! E-SCRIP** is a “passive” fundraising vehicle available to schools and youth organizations. The program is very simple to use and requires participants to register existing grocery loyalty (Safeway), debit and credit cards. We currently encourage families to register their Safeway cards. You can also register the Safeway card numbers of other family members, friends and neighbors. Safeway then makes contributions to HR based on the purchases you make. In 2006 our scrip program raised \$8000.00 and is on track to raise over \$10,000 for 2007...just by purchasing your groceries at Safeway. Simply download a registration form and return it to the office or in your FCE.

**AN OPPORTUNITY – FROM DIANE REDENBAUGH.** Estelle is the younger sister of an exchange student we had several years ago, Marine, and we are looking for a family with a daughter about 14 years old willing to host Estelle for two weeks in July. If you can help, please let me know – we can be very flexible on what two weeks. Diane Redenbaugh – 206-937-2291.

**ATTENTION 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 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) **Note:** Safeway and PCC receipts are not accepted at this time!

**CHRISTMAS BAKE SALE!** Please join us at coffee and donuts for a bake sale after all masses this Sunday Dec. 16th. There will be lots of cookies and treats for you to enjoy for yourself or take along for that next holiday event! The proceeds from the sale benefit The Breast Cancer 3-Day. Several Holy Rosary School/Parish moms will be walking 60 miles in 3-days next September to raise money for breast cancer research, education, treatment and prevention. Thank-you for your support!

**SEATTLE UNIVERSITY ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT** would like to invite you to the Saturday, January 12 women's and men's basketball games. They are having kids' day at Seattle University. Seattle University believes in the importance of establishing Catholic ties with the community and this is one of the many events that they would like to do with our school. They will provide parents and students with free tickets for the January 12th basketball game. Please inquire in your school office for the tickets.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS AND IMPORTANT DATES:**

- ∞ 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
- ∞ Advent Prayer Partner Christmas Cards due into Classroom Teachers
- ∞ Reconciliation Services, Gr. 3-5 @ 10:00am and Gr. 6-9 @ 1:00pm – Perfect Uniforms
- ∞ Signed Report Card Envelopes Returned to Classroom Teachers, Wed., Dec. 19
- ∞ DRESS LIKE CHRISTMAS, Wednesday, December 19, **NOON DISMISSAL**
- ∞ Faith Families to Exchange Cards with Prayer Partners, Wed., Dec. 19, 10:45am
- ∞ All School Christmas Sing-Along, 11:30am December 19 – School Hall – Parents welcome to join us – Noon Dismissal Day
- ∞ CHRISTMAS VACATION, Thursday, December 20 – Wednesday, January 2
- ∞ School Resumes, Thursday, January 3

### **ATTACHED TO THE FCE:**

- ∞ Holy Rosary Holiday Basketball Camp Flyer
- ∞ Bake Sale for Lewis Flyer