



SCHOOL NEWS

Holy Rosary School Family Communication Newsletter

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“When students are rewarded for participation rather than achievement, they don’t have a strong sense of what they are good at and what they’re not. Thus older members of Generation Y might be in for quite a shock when they show up for work at their first jobs. They expect to be immediate heroes and heroines. They expect a lot of feedback on a daily basis. They expect grade inflation, they expect to be told what a wonderful job they’re doing.” -Dr. Mel Levine, quoted in a New York Times editorial, Nov. 28, 2007

Go Seahawks! Friday, Jan. 11, is Seahawk Spirit Day at Holy Rosary. The Leadership Elective invites students to wear any Seahawks clothes or Seahawk colors of blue, lime green, and white. Students may also put eye block and small Seahawk “tattoos”, like the number 12, on their faces. No blue or lime green hair or faces. Support the only winning Seattle team!

We are gearing up for Catholic Schools Week. The 2008 theme, as designated by NCEA, is **Catholic Schools Light the Way**. We are encouraging each Holy Rosary family to make a **FAMILY POSTER**, which will be displayed in the school hall and hallways for our Open House on Sunday, January 27. Write your family name and decorate with photos, words, clip art, and drawings and tell how Holy Rosary School Lights the Way for your Family. Posters are due on Thursday, January 24. We would like each of our families to be represented. The schedule for the week is as follows:

Sunday, January 27: We Celebrate our Faith with our Parish Community

- Student readers, ushers and greeters at all Masses; Complete and return signup form if you’re interested in having your child participate in one of the weekend Masses.
- Open House after the 9:30am and 11:15am Masses until 2:00pm. Student led tours for new families.
- Book Fair opens in the Library

Monday, January 28: We Honor our Students

- Class theme day to be announced in next week’s newsletter
- Students will receive a special award and treat from their classroom teacher and also enjoy a fun surprise

Tuesday, January 29: We are Happy to Serve Others

- Jeans Day
- Ugandan Mission Team Presentation – An Update on our Mission and the Students we Sponsor – 8:30am in the School Hall
- Class and Schoolwide Service Projects – check in next week’s newsletter for a listing of service projects
- Annual Planting of the Primroses at 2:15pm – please have your child bring a small planting tool

Wednesday, January 30: We Appreciate our Parents, Grandparents, Pastor, and School Staff

- Perfect Uniform – sweaters, sweatshirts, vests required
- Grandparents' Luncheon – see enclosed forms for more information; please complete and return to school ASAP
- Surprise for Parents completed – will go home on Thursday
- Have your child write a special thank you for “lighting the way” note to Fr. John, the office staff, and his/her teacher; remember the specialist teachers. No Gifts, please!

Thursday, January 31: We Take Pride in our Academics

- Perfect Uniforms – sweaters, sweatshirts, vests required
- Spelling Bee, Grades 1-4, 8:30-9:15 and Grades 5-8, 9:30-10:15 – School Hall
- Schoolwide Learning Expectations (SLE's) Classroom Presentations after each Spelling Bee
- Check out Grades 7 & 8 Science Fair Exhibit Today
- Eighth Grade Pizza Lunch today – complete and return enclosed order form no later than Friday, January 25
- Schoolwide “DEAR” – Drop Everything And Read – 2:25-2:55; Be sure you child has a good book or magazine to read.

Friday, February 1: We Have Fun Building School Spirit

- Mardi Gras Theme Day
- Leadership Elective Mardi Gras Spirit Assembly, 9:30 – Lanigan Gym
- Eighth Grade vs. Staff Volleyball Game, 1:45 – Lanigan Gym – Come and cheer on your favorite team!

We hope to see you all at Parents' Club on Tuesday, January 15, beginning at 6:30pm. Come and see another Dr. Mel Levine video clip and also hear from Mrs. Blanco and Mrs. Rangel about way they are implementing the All Kinds of Mind Principles into their classrooms.

GRANDPARENTS' AND SPECIAL SENIOR FRIENDS' LUNCHEON. The annual Grandparents' Luncheon will be on Wednesday, January 30, 2008, during Catholic Schools Week. If you are new or you did not give us names of your guests last year, please complete and return the form that is included this FCE no later than Thursday, January 17. If you gave us information last year your guest(s) are already in our database and there is no need to complete a form. Many volunteers are needed to help with this luncheon. If you can help, please complete the cherry colored form included in today's FCE and return to school ASAP. Thank you to **Davi Sobotta** for chairing this event and thank you to **Devanni Spadoni** for providing the delicious food.

THE SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR. “Reading Road Trip” will open in the Library from January 25-Feb. 4. Mrs. Harris promises many special activities and an abundance of choices. This fundraiser supports all of the library activities. Volunteers are essential to the success of this book fair. If you are interested in volunteering please complete the flyer enclosed in the FCE and return to the school office.

AN EIGHTH GRADE PIZZA LUNCH is scheduled for Thursday, January 31, during Catholic Schools Week. Complete and return the enclosed order form no later than Friday, January 25.

PARENTS' CLUB MEETING TUESDAY THE 15TH Please join us Tuesday, January 15th for the first Parents' Club meeting of the year. We are pleased to have Mrs. Blanco and Mrs. Rangel speak about how the All Kinds of Mind, Schools Attuned Program is being applied for the lower grades. Childcare is available for \$ 1.00 a child. The class with the most parents present will win a POPCORN PARTY!!

DO YOU HAVE SCHOOL RELATED RECEIPTS NEEDING REIMBURSEMENT? Come to Parents' Club on Tuesday night with your receipts and Donna will reimburse you there!

CONGRATULATIONS TO 2B! They have won a popcorn party for having the most parents in attendance at the last Parents' Club meeting. They will be celebrating on Thursday, January 17th. Way to go 2B!

HEY Y'ALL – THE HEART AUCTION ON APRIL 19TH WILL BE HERE BEFORE YOU KNOW IT! Look for the eye-catching Auction Insert in today's FCE Envelope asking you to **"SAVE THE DATE!"** Mark your calendar and start making your arrangements to attend the 29th Annual HEART Auction on this year!

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.

LOST AND FOUND is looking for a volunteer to take over the maintenance of the lost and found area. This job requires roughly 4-5 hours a month to tag new items, remove old items, and keep the area as tidy as possible. An added bonus to the job is that you get to visit with the first graders and answer all their "What are you doing?" questions. If you might be interested but need more details, contact Paula at thiel@guidnunc.net or 932-6624.

HONOR BAND 2008 AUDITIONS. All school band members (gr. 6-8) have received information regarding the upcoming Honor Band auditions. The auditions will take place as follows: Clarinets/Saxophones/Oboe and Drums will audition on Monday, January 14th from 6:30-8:00pm, and the Flutes/Bells/Trumpet and Trombone will audition Wednesday, January 16th from 5:00-7:15pm. Auditions are held at Kennedy High School @ 140 S 140th Street Burien WA.

GATOR GEAR is available for order now. Enclosed in this FCE is an order form for Gator Gear including 'Hoodie' style sweat shirts, sweat pants, water bottles and gym bags. Orders will be placed Monday, January 21. Please return the completed order form and payment to the school office as soon as possible.

CYO SPRING SPORTS. It is time once again to think about the CYO spring sports. We offer Volleyball for 5th-8th grade boys and girls, Baseball for 5th-8th graders and Track for 4th-8th graders. Spring is a great time to get out and be active. We have a spot for all of these athletes on one of our teams. Please see the enclosed registration form. As always – we need volunteer coaches to help run the program – this is a great opportunity to spend some time with the great kids we have

at Holy Rosary – please note on the registration form where you'd like to help – or call – Rick Diedrich.

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 the school office for the tickets.

FREE HEART SCREENING FROM THE NICK OF TIME FOUNDATION. The Nick of Time Foundation along with Parent Heart Watch is very excited to announce the Puget Sound areas first community Youth Cardiac Screening on January 17th, 2008- at Bishop Blanchet High School in Seattle. This screening event is planned to coincide with the Parent Heart Watch National Conference (www.parentheartwatch.org), on January 18-21, 2008. Also the University of Washington/ Parent Heart Watch CME (Continuing Medical Education symposium) event on January 18, 2008. This screening will be available to any local Jr. High, High School and College age students at no charge. WHEN: Thursday, January 17, 2008. 12:30 PM - 7:00 PM. WHERE: Bishop Blanchet High School, 8200 Wallingford Ave. N., Seattle WA 98103. PRE-REGISTRATION is recommended on-line at www.anthonybates.org

STONE SOUP THEATER is having auditions for Greek Myths "From Artemis to Zeus". For information about auditions and Summer Camp sign ups please contact The Stone Soup Theatre at (206) 633-1883 or go to www.stonesouptheatre.com.

THE LENNY WILKENS FOUNDATION is hosting their first annual wine tasting and silent auction entitled \$pare change for kids on January 26. Guest can join them at the VFW hall in West Seattle. The event will benefit the Lenny Wilkins Foundation who sponsors the Odessa Brown Children's Clinic in Seattle. It will be an evening featuring two local winemakers Alexanderia Nicole and Willis Hall, Hors d'oeuvres and a silent auction will top off the evening.

VALENTINES TEA AT THE ALKI HOMESTEAD RESTAURANT. All are invited to a Valentines Tea and Silent Auction on Saturday, February 9, 2008 from 12-3pm at the beautiful Alki Homestead Restaurant, 2717 61st Ave. SW. Singing artist, Gina Funes will entertain while you enjoy tea sandwiches, savories and sweets. Proceeds from this event will benefit West Seattle Hi Yu by helping us provide funding for the Miss West Seattle Hi Yu Scholarship Program, organize local community events, as well as build the float that represents West Seattle in many parades throughout the year. Tickets are \$25 per person. To purchase tickets contact Danette Carufel at 206 935-6517 or email valentinestea@hotmail.com. Seating is limited. FYI: Holy Rosary student, India Gants is a Hi Yu Jr. Court Princess this year!

THE SEATTLE SYMPHONY is sponsoring a free community concert featuring Carolyn Kuan, conductor and Quinton I. Morris, violin on Friday, January 11 at 8pm at West Seattle High School 3000 California Ave SW.

UPCOMING EVENTS AND IMPORTANT DATES:

- ∞ School Commission Meeting – Thursday, January 10, 6:00pm – Staff Room
- ∞ Seahawks Spirit Day – Friday, January 11 (no blue or green hair or faces)
- ∞ Prayer Service by 7B – Friday, January 11, 8:30am – School Hall

- ∞ Technology Committee Meeting – Monday, January 14, 3:15pm – Library
- ∞ Parents' Club Meeting – Tuesday, January 15, 6:30pm – School Hall
- ∞ Archdiocesan Pastor/Principal Meeting –Thursday, January 17-Palisades Retreat Ctr
- ∞ Prayer Service by 8B – Friday, January 18, 8:30am – School Hall
- ∞ NO SCHOOL, Martin Luther King Day, Monday, January 21
- ∞ Budget Committee Meeting – Tuesday, January 22 – Staff Room
- ∞ Marketing Meeting – Tuesday, January 22, 7pm – Staff Room
- ∞ Grants Committee Meeting – Wednesday, January 23, 6pm – Staff Room
- ∞ Prayer Service by KA/KB – Friday, January 25, 8:30am – School Hall

INCLUDED IN THIS FCE

- ∞ January Calendar (red)
- ∞ 8th Grade Pizza Lunch Order Form
- ∞ Yearbook Order Form (cherry)
- ∞ Signup for Student Participation in Catholic School Week Masses and Signup to Volunteer at the Grandparents' Luncheon on Wednesday, January 30 (cherry)
- ∞ Grandparents'/Special Senior Friends' Luncheon Signup (blue)
- ∞ Book Fair Volunteer Signup (green)
- ∞ Parents' Club Meeting Agenda (neon green)
- ∞ February Hot Lunch Menu and Order Form
- ∞ CYO Spring Sports Registration Form
- ∞ Heart Auction Flyer (beige/black)
- ∞ Heart Auction WANTED Flyer
- ∞ Heart Auction Procurement Help Request (beige)
- ∞ West Seattle Bowl Registration Form (orange)
- ∞ Southwest Community Center Brochure (green)
- ∞ Singing in the Rain Performance Advertising Card

GRANDPARENTS'/SPECIAL SENIOR FRIENDS' LUNCHEON

LANIGAN, Wednesday January 30th 2008

Child's Last Name A-L: 11:15-12:00; M-Z: 12:30-1:15

Please complete **ONLY** if you **DID NOT** complete a form last year or if your grandparent/senior friend information has changed.

List Children's Names and Grades:

Names and Addresses of Grandparents or Special Senior Friends:

_____ My child would like to adopt a senior guest.

GRANDPARENTS' LUNCHEON VOLUNTEER FORM

Please mark the time you are interested in helping for the Grandparents' Luncheon. Help is needed for set up, serving, cleaning, and in the classrooms. Please remember, parents are not invited to eat lunch with their children and their guests. Thank you in advance for your help. It could not happen without you.

Wednesday, January 30 – Grandparents' Luncheon

_____ 8:30-10:30 – Set Up Tables and Decorations

_____ 11:00-12:30 – Serve First Lunch, Clean-up, Prepare for Second Lunch

_____ 11:30-12:30 – Help out in Classroom

_____ 12:30-1:30 - Serve Second Lunch

_____ 12:30-1:30 – Help out in Classroom

_____ 1:30-3:00 – Clean-up and Take Down Tables

Name _____

Phone Number _____

Email Address _____

Classroom in which you'd like to help _____