



SCHOOL NEWS

Holy Rosary School Family Communication Newsletter

January 31, 2008

"Catholic identity pervades a Catholic school when every member of the school community is an active disciple and evangelizer."

--Robert J. Kealey, former executive director of Elementary Education for the NCEA

It was wonderful to see so many of our families at our Catholic School Week Masses and the Open House. Thank you to the students who served as lectors, ushers, and greeters. Thank you to the Children's Choir who sang beautifully at the 9:30am Mass. Thank you to Fr. John for your involvement and interest in the school. Thank you to the 8th grade students who served as tour guides during the Open House. Thank you to members of the Marketing Committee who helped to organize the hospitality and display for the Open House. More than 60 new families toured our school on Sunday. Finally, thank you to our families for the beautiful Light the Way Family Posters and to our dedicated staff and our creative students for the excellent projects and work that is on display throughout our school. I am so proud to be a part of Holy Rosary School!

Yesterday more than 450 grandparents and special senior friends enjoyed a delicious spaghetti lunch, as well as a tour of the school and a visit to the Book Fair. We owe Davi Sobotta, who coordinated and decorated for the luncheon, and Devanni Spadoni and Susan Strmich, who oversaw the food preparation, a standing ovation! Thank you to Carol Ann Joyce and Roseann Ryerson for helping Brock Mason with the photographs. Thank you to everyone who helped set up, clean up, serve and cook. What a tremendous community event!

Congratulations to this year's Distinguished Graduates, Mrs. Marie Miller and Mrs. Jan Ittes, who received their awards from Fr. John right after the 9:30am Mass. Marie graduated from Holy Rosary in 1943. She and her husband started the popular Husky Deli. All nine of Marie's children graduated from Holy Rosary and she still has grandchildren attending school. Jan graduated from Holy Rosary in 1966. She is the CEO of Atlas Supply. Her three children graduated from Holy Rosary. Both Jan and Marie remain very active in the parish and school. Congratulations and thank you to Marie Miller and Jan Ittes and their families.

Please look in your FCE for a special thank you note from your children along with a nifty Holy Rosary license plate frame, which we hope to see on your car soon. Thank you, parents, for all you do for your children and for your ongoing support and appreciation of the staff. The PATS Committee provided a delicious breakfast (minus mimosas) for the staff on Wednesday. Thank you to Carol Ann Joyce, Laura Miller and Lisa Roach for the fabulous food! So many of the children showed appreciation for their teachers and the staff with thoughtful notes and cards - thank you!

Catholic Schools Week concludes tomorrow with a Mardi Gras Spirit Assembly planned and lead by our Leadership Elective. The assembly will be in Lanigan Gym from 9:30-11:00. The

grand finale is the annual 8th grade vs. staff volleyball game beginning at around 1:45 in Lanigan. Come join in on the fun and support your favorite team!!

We move right into the important season of Lent on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 6. Please join us for our school Mass at 8:45am. Thank you to Mr. Secrest, Ms. McLaughlin, and the 6th graders for planning the Mass. Preparation for the Mass began today with Patrick Barredo and a group of 6th graders burning the palms to make the ashes. Every student will be writing their Lenten promises on a heart. Our theme this year is "Come Back to Me with All Your Heart". Students must be in perfect uniforms for Mass – sweatshirts, sweaters, or vests required on perfect uniform days. Additional plans for Lent will be shared in a future school newsletter.

Midtrimester reports will be sent home next Thursday, Feb. 7. We ask you to sign the report and return it to school. Please remember that these reports are prepared and shared with you and the students to help them make any necessary improvements before the second trimester ends. Please review your child's academic and social progress carefully.

CLASSROOM SPELLING BEE REPRESENTATIVES AND SCHOOL CHAMPIONS.

Congratulations to the following students for winning their classroom spelling bees: **1A** Hunter Hammington, Sydney Page, Isabel Peterson (alternate) **1B** Rees Holsberry, Emma Connell, Zoe Cullers (alternate) **2A** Kaitlin Lindell, Maya Fosado, Corey Zarkowski (alternate) **2B** Veronica Ahearn, Isabella Carufel, Ben Douglas (alternate) **3A** Eliot Evans, Claire Furtwangler, Blue James (alternate) **3B** Joey Donahue, Bridget Haney, Roman McCambridge (alternate) **4A** Zuzu Kane, Elizabeth Shields, Michaela Keast (alternate) **4B** Thomas Lange, Ross Bajocich, Catherine Mead-Smith (alternate) **5A** Henry Leaming, Jake Ryerson, Colleen Donahue (alternate) **5B** Sylvia Pritchard, Michael Dennehy, Allison Raines (alternate) **6A** Katy Clarke, Geoffrey Wukelic, Spencer Schulz (alternate) **6B** Zach Cullers, Andrew Greuter, Annika Pedersen (alternate) **7A** Matt Jeakle, Abbey Keyser, Tianna Clement (alternate) **7B** Campion Fellin, Nicole Southerland, Johanna Sabado (alternate) **8A** Madison Beiler, Colleen Kane Sabrina Klem (alternate) **8B** Brian McFaul, Max Mierzejewski, Will Westbrook (alternate). For grades 1-4 the third runner up was Claire Furtwangler, second runner up was Ross Bajocich, and the champion was Bridget Haney. For grades 5-8, the third runner was Matt Jeakle, the second runner up was Nicole Southerland, and the champion was Campion Fellin.

CALLING ALL PHOTOGRAPHERS! The auction needs a volunteer to take pictures **before** and **during** the auction this year. We aren't looking for professional photography but need someone who can document the event! If you're interested, please contact Kristen Hinthorn tkhinthorn1@comcast.net 433-2748) or Ann Martin (peediedogmartin@aol.com 937-0179)

PARENTS IN TOUCH FOR LENT. Lent is nearly upon us and it's a wonderful time to slow down a bit and reflect on the blessings, needs and concerns of our daily lives. Parents in Touch is a group of parents who meet weekly to pray the Rosary and offer intentions for our school and parish communities. Would you consider adding this brief time of prayer to your Lenten practice? You are welcome to join us any time. We meet Monday mornings after drop off (8:30am) in the Parish Center Chapel (convent.) We hope to see you Monday, Feb. 11. Questions/ prayer intentions? please call Ginny Kane.

PARENTS' CLUB MEETING FEBRUARY 12TH February is National Heart Month. Come hear a terrific presentation by the founder of The Nick of Time Foundation. Her mission is to foster awareness of Sudden Cardiac Arrest (SCA) in children and young adults through education, legislation and cardiac screenings in an effort to protect kids from SCA. You can read more about

her organization at www.nickoftimefoundation.org Refreshment's and childcare will be available. Childcare is \$1.00 per child.

THE PARENT COMMITMENT HOUR year for 2007 — 2008 will end on February 29, 2008. **All hours worked must be documented and received in the school no later than March 7, 2008.** All hours not completed by February 29th 2008 will be invoiced to you at the rate of **\$50.00** per hour. If your hours are in arrears please plan accordingly. Final statements are included in this week's FCE. Invoices will be included in the FCE in the middle of March. After invoiced, families must pay for the uncompleted hours by March 31, 2008 to receive registration papers for 2008-2009 school year. Please see the Family Handbook for more information.

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.

2008 HONOR BAND Thank you to all the students that auditioned for Honor Band. We are proud of you! Congratulations to the following band members selected to represent our school in the 2008 Honor Band: Jazmine Brown, Flute; Kira Baker, Flute; Whitney Brown, Clarinet; Rocco Buty, Trumpet; David Salle, Trombone Section Leader; Greta Dattan, Mallet Percussion.

CYO BASKETBALL UNIFORMS— as your season winds down – all coaches should collect and wash the teams uniforms, Return the clean uniforms along with any borrowed balls to Bruno within two weeks of the end of the season. Please do not turn the uniforms in at the office on an individual basis – return them through the coach or team parent.

FREE TICKETS TO UW ATHLETICS The University of Washington has given Holy Rosary free tickets to several of their athletic events, baseball, softball and women's basketball. If you would like to attend any of these events stop by the school office to pick up your free tickets. **GO HUSKIES!**

HOLY ROSARY FAMILIES Thank you for your contribution of over **4,000** volunteer hours logged in at The Kenney this past year. Your warm smiles, kind hearts and generous giving of your time and talents have blessed our residents. We look forward to another great year. **THANK YOU!!!** If you would like to join our wonderful team of volunteers at The Kenney, please contact Davi Sobotta at 206-937-2800 X 202 or email at dsobotta@thekenney.org.

UPCOMING EVENTS AND IMPORTANT DATES:

- ∞ Thursday, January 31: We Take Pride in our Academics
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- ∞ Monday, February 4, 7:00pm – Eighth Grade Parent Meeting on Graduation Event – School Hall
- ∞ Tuesday, February 5, 6:00pm – Fifth Grade Parent Meeting on the Environmental Education Camp Program – Library
- ∞ Wednesday, February 6, Ash Wednesday Mass at 8:45am – Perfect Uniforms
- ∞ Wednesday, February 6, 5:30pm – Budget Committee Meeting – Staff Room

∞ Thursday, February 7, 6:00pm – School Commission Meeting – Staff Room

INCLUDED IN THIS FCE: (white unless otherwise stated)

- ∞ February Calendar (pink)
- ∞ Auction Procurement Update (goldenrod)
- ∞ Sub Sandwich Order Form
- ∞ Holy Rosary Catholic School License Plate Frames (red and white)
- ∞ Northwest Progress Subscription Offer (green and white)
- ∞ Art Wizards Flyer

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO
WITHDRAW FOR THE
2008-2009 SCHOOL
YEAR**

Family Name

Student Information