



SCHOOL NEWS

Holy Rosary School Family Communication Newsletter

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"The difference between what we do, and what we are capable of doing, would solve most of the world's problems." --Mahatma Gandhi

Forging the Future in the HEART of the West is just two weeks away! Excitement is building as people learn about the fabulous opportunities for get-a-ways and dinner parties. There are still a few seats available for the live dinner auction on Saturday, April 19, so if you haven't yet purchased a ticket, you will want to do so soon! The teachers and I look forward to kicking up our boots with you all! Money from this year's fund an item and the dessert auction will go toward the purchase of permanent interactive white boards for the classrooms and for 30 more laptop computers in rechargeable carts for students in grades 3-8. At the next Parents' Club meeting on April 15, there will be a demonstration on one of the portable interactive white boards. Currently, Holy Rosary has 30 laptops that are in constant use. As you know technology is an excellent tool for individualizing instruction and for helping all children succeed. Your generosity and support of this year's fund-an-items will benefit your children and our teachers, and will help keep Holy Rosary on target with their technology goals. For those of you who have a reservation for the dinner auction, the beautiful Auction Catalogue is enclosed in your FCE today. Please hang on to your Catalogue and bring it with you to the Auction. Below there are many announcements regarding the Auction. THANK YOU again to our co-chairs, Kristen & Tim Hinthorn and Ann and Bryan Martin, and to all of our committee chairs for your hours and hours of dedicated work and creative talents!

The students in grades 5-8 who achieved straight A's, A-'s, and only one B will be listed in next week's letter. Please encourage your children to continue their hard work this third trimester. With the nicer weather and full spring sports schedules, the temptation to not complete homework and study for tests becomes even greater. To help with this, we are beginning an **after school study hall** next week, which will be open to all students in grades 5-8. The study hall will be available on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday from 3:00-4:00 in room 7B. The study hall will be supervised by Holy Rosary teachers. There is a flyer and sign-up included in this FCE. Please check it out! **If your children are interested, please sign them up on the form and return to school by tomorrow, Friday, April 4.**

This Saturday, April 5, you are invited to a special Ugandan dinner in the school hall at 6:00pm right after the 5:00pm Mass – only \$5.00 per person or \$20.00 for families! This is a great way to learn more about our mission in Uganda and to support the Mission Team who will be traveling there this summer. Next Wednesday, April 9, our school staff and members of the parish staff will participate in the Archdiocesan required safety training program, Called to Protect. Please note that school will dismiss at noon due to this inservice.

Spring is such a busy time at Holy Rosary! Fifth graders are enjoying three days of environmental education at Camp Seymour this week. Fr. John and I look forward to visiting the campers later this afternoon. Our sixth graders will sail the seas of Puget Sound for three days next week and the following week. On Monday of next week, the eighth graders will travel to Olympia to learn more about how our state government operates and the third graders will enjoy visiting the Pacific Science Center. And later in the month our second graders travel to Eatonville to spend a day at the Pioneer Farm Museum. All of our students are encouraged to consider "showing off" their talent for our Talent Show, which will be on May 9. See announcement about the Talent Show in today's FCE. Check the April calendar for exact dates of the above mentioned field trips. And remember, standardized testing (ITBS – grades K, 1, 2, 5, 6, & 7; WASL – grades 3, 4, & 7) begins on Monday, April 21, and continues through Friday, May 9. Exact testing days and times will be posted on your child's homeroom teacher's webpage. Research shows that children who eat a nutritional breakfast and lunch and who have at least eight hours of sleep prior to taking a test, are able to think more clearly and perform better!! Please plan ahead so that your children are well fed and well rested when taking these important tests. Thank you!

There is an important notice from the school's Health and Wellness Committee in today's newsletter. Thank you to Patricia McBrien, our school nurse, and to Mary Campanaro, for co-chairing this committee. There will soon be an online health and nutrition survey for all families to complete. Watch for more information in next week's newsletter.

AUCTION COMMITTEE MEETING, TUESDAY, APRIL 8TH. Auction Committee Chairs, please plan to attend this last committee meeting before the auction on the 19th. This is the last opportunity to meet together as a group to tie up any loose ends that may impact your area. Meeting takes place in the Staff Room at 6:30pm. THANKS! Ann and Kristen.

FINAL NOTE FROM THE PROCUREMENT TEAM. We would like to extend a big **THANK YOU** to all the school families and faculty for your thoughtful, creative and generous donations for this year's HEART auction. There are some amazing items available! Please take time to look through the catalog (both hard copy and on-line) and get your bidding strategies together. Also, as you are out shopping in the West Seattle neighborhood please mention to our businesses how much we appreciate their support. We look forward to seeing you all on the 19; it is going to be a great evening! If you have questions about any items in the catalog please feel free to contact us - Karri Lange (938-8352) and Katie Cunningham (937-2741)

AUCTION ATTENDEE'S – LET'S START BUILDING THAT WINE CELLAR. This does not require any manual labor! If you're coming to the HEART Auction on April 19th - don't forget to help us build the 2nd Annual HEART Auction Instant Wine Cellar! If you would like to turn in your contribution prior to the 19th, you are welcome to do so. Turn early donations in to the office.

ANY DAWDLER'S OUT THERE???? We're nearing the cut off for Live Auction Reservations. . . if you are still on the fence and haven't decided whether or not to attend, we hope you'll join us for what is sure to be a great event! We still have a few seats left to fill - come on - get your reservation in! Any questions concerning Auction Reservations can be directed to Sharon Cavanagh or Janet Pedersen.

AUCTION RAFFLE UPDATE. Tickets are going fast! Send in your order forms for either Best of the Live and/or the Tuition Raffle with your money to secure your spot in the drawings. There is still time to get your forms in to take advantage of the Pre-Sale Incentive: For every \$100 spent in each of the raffles, received on or before April 11th, you earn one free drink ticket. Raffle tickets

are limited so don't delay... don't be left standing on the platform when this stage coach pulls out of town. If you have misplaced the flyers sent in the last FCE, you can download the pdf's now. If you have any problems downloading OR if you would like to sell raffle tickets the night of the auction please contact Laura Douglas mrspazzo@comcast.net or 206-932-5921.

AUCTION SET-UP HELP NEEDED! If you would like to earn fundraising hours and are available to help set up on Thursday, April 17 during the hours of 3:30-8:00 pm and/or Friday, April 18 from 8:30-noon, please join us. (This is also a great way for students to get service hours) Please email Tauna at philandtauna@yahoo.com if you are interested. Thank you!

TALENT SHOW GUIDELINES. Students may participate in only one act other than their class acts. Any music lyrics need to be appropriate for a K-8 audience and follow the morals of the Catholic Church. Students may not alter the lyrics. All permission slips need to be turned in by **April 15**. When submitting a permission slip, please include the lyrics for the music, unless it is an instrumental. If performing as a group, all permission forms for everyone in the performance need to be turned in at one time. Please make sure the form is complete and have your child(ren) turn it in to a leadership elective student or HR teacher **in person** – please do not send in through the FCE. ***A teacher who is on the talent show committee or a leadership student will collect the forms in the entryway of the school every morning at 8:00am and every afternoon at 2:50pm.*** **THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP IN CREATING A FABULOUS SHOW!**

CLASS PHOTOGRAPHS AND 8TH GRADE GRADUATION INDIVIDUAL AND GROUP PHOTOGRAPHS. Class photos for all grades will be on **Tuesday, April 29**, which is a perfect uniform day. **Students must wear their uniform sweater, sweatshirt, or vest for these photographs.** Graduation photos for 8th graders will be taken Monday, May 5. Eighth graders wear their graduation clothes for these photos. A group photo is taken and students may also have individual photos taken.

FATHER/ DAUGHTER GLOW BOWL. Friday, tomorrow, is the last day to sign up for Glow Bowl. Get your sign up sheet and check turned into the office by 3:00 tomorrow Friday April 4th. Remember your Hawaiian shirts!

OTIS/CHIPPERY COOKIE DOUGH is available for your purchase. Fifty per cent (50%) of every purchase comes back to Holy Rosary School. Order forms are included in this FCE and are due back by April 21. Thank you for your support and enjoy the best baked cookies around!!

WAMoola FOR SCHOOLS. Recently we received a donation of \$572.40 from a Washington Mutual program called **WaMoola for Schools**. It is an enrollment program in which a WaMu debit card user signs up for their child's school to receive the points they earn when using their debit card. At the end of the calendar year the points are collected for the school and converted into a financial donation. This donation was based on points from 2007. So a huge thank you to all of you who have already enrolled, or will be enrolling Holy Rosary into this program. We greatly appreciate your support! You can visit the WaMu website at www.wamoolaforschools.com for further information about this excellent program.

COME CELEBRATE UGANDA AT HOLY ROSARY! All parishioners are invited to the School Hall for a special Ugandan meal after the 5:00pm mass on Saturday, April 5. The Missions Team will show short videos of two recent trips to Uganda and will introduce those who will be traveling to Uganda this summer. The cost is only \$5.00 per person or \$20.00 per family. Children

four and under are free. An additional free-will offering will be requested to offset the upcoming trip costs. This promises to be a wonderful event, so mark your calendars, and don't miss it!

THE DRAMA GROUP has selected the play The Shoemaker and the Elves and is in the midst of rehearsals and set design. Our greatest challenge is to find 16 costumes for the various characters. If you have any connections to a costume shop/designer or to a school that has a drama program, please let me know. Below is a list of the costumes we will need by mid-May.

Thank you! Darcy McLaughlin - dmclaughlin@holynosaryws.org Costumes needed: shoemaker and his wife (peasant clothing), evil landlady - fancy, yet tattered clothes, similar to Cruella de Vil old lady fairy princess (similar to Glenda the Good), 5 elves, high-society woman, mayor, ballerina, another older lady, captain of running team, police officer (from long ago)

SCHOOL HEALTH UPDATE. Wellness, health and nutrition for school aged children have been a topic of discussion in the media as of late. Children in the United States are becoming overweight and obese, putting them at risk for many serious health concerns such as diabetes, cardiovascular disease, and elevated cholesterol and blood pressure. The present and future health and well-being of school-age children are profoundly affected by dietary intake. Schools contribute to current and life-long health and dietary patterns and are uniquely positioned to model and reinforce healthful eating behaviors in partnership with parents, teachers, and the broader community. In response to the above, and the call to action by federal, state and local governments, the Holy Rosary School Health and Wellness Committee has begun an assessment of the nutritional standards and practices at our school. In order to do so, the committee needs your help. A survey will soon be available on the school website. The committee is asking that you give us a few minutes of your time to provide us with your opinions and insight. Your participation will provide very valuable information and assist in the appraisal of the nutritional "health" of our school as well as provide a forum for you to share any concerns your family may have on the topic. Thank you. Patricia McBrien RN

CYO BASKETBALL UNIFORMS. Basketball has been over for several weeks now – however – we are still have many uniforms left to be returned. Please double check you closets and return any jerseys and shirts that you may still have. For the 6th-8th grade players – the reversible mesh jersey is yours – please do not return that. Please return these to your coach, team parent or the CYO office in the gym immediately. WE have a couple of weeks of volleyball left, Bruno is over at the gym after school M, T, TH and F at 3:00.

CYO SOCCER COORDINATOR NEEDED. The fall CYO season is still a ways off – we are looking for someone to pick up the absolutely fabulous work that Bob Patten and Mary Kay Sposari have turned in these last few years. Under their leadership the program has doubled in size, we have replaced our uniforms and equipment and added the summer training session. Our Holy Rosary soccer program is running more smoothly than ever. This is a great time to add your leadership skills to managing this program. Because the CYO registers teams over the summer, we have to run our player registration in May. We really need to have someone on board in May to keep this program organized. It's also a great way to get soem hours in from home. Please contact Mary Kay Sposari at (206) 937-1831 or email at mkspo@comcast.net or Rick Diedrich with interest and questions.

SUMMER CHILDCARE. Summer vacation will be here before you know it, and Louie, the B.A.S.E. art teacher has the answer to your childcare needs. Louie will be hosting the second annual summer activities program at B.A.S.E. as a service to the entire student body of Holy Rosary School. The basic structure of the program will consist of a full day of fun activities. In

addition, they will be going on an outing every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday to some of Seattle's more popular attractions, such as the Aquarium, Children's Museum, or Alki Beach to name a few. (Further costs may apply.) On Tuesdays and Thursdays we will have arts and crafts, movie, or games at the school. If this sounds like something that might be of interest to your family feel free to stop by the B.A.S.E. art room in Lanigan Monday through Friday from 3 to 6pm or call (206) 937-1488 ext. 228 for more information. However, due to the lack of staffing space is limited, so enrollment will be accepted on a first come first serve basis.

NEXT TO NATURE PET STORE is having an ugly dog contest on Sunday, April 27th. They are looking for children ages 6-12 years old to judge the contest. If you are interested please contact Louie at (206) 388-2780.

THE MUSEUM OF FLIGHT invites Catholic school parents to visit www.museumofflight.org/ace <<http://www.museumofflight.org/ace>> for a information on their Summer 2008 Aerospace Camp Experience (ACE) offerings for Grades 1-12.

SEATTLE LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL DRAMA DEPARTMENT will present "Twelfth Night" by William Shakespeare. This is a hilarious comedy of love, mistaken identity and yellow stockings. The public performances times will be on the evening of Friday, April 25, at 7:30pm and the afternoon of Sunday, April 30, at 2:30 pm in the Seattle Lutheran High School gym, located between 41st and 42nd SW on Genesee Street. Admissions are \$5.00 for adults and \$2.00 for children age 5-12. Children under 5 are free. For more information call the school office at (206) 937-7722.

STONE SOUP THEATRE SUMMER STAGE 2008. Summer Camps will be taking place in three parks from June 23 through August 22, Wallingford, Seward Park and Rogers Park. If you are interested you can visit their website @ www.stonesouptheatre.com or call (206) 633-1883.

NANNY AVAILABLE FOR THE SUMMER Hi, my name is Andrea Gudmundson and I am available this summer to nanny or tutor. I currently live in North Seattle and am an elementary education major, having just graduated from Woodring College of Education. I have experience nannying children of various ages (I have specifically been a nanny for a family with children ages 2 and 4 and a family with children ages 6 and 8). I have also tutored in the one on one setting for literacy and have through my education learned about the educational needs of children. If you are looking for a responsible nanny or tutor this summer please feel free to call me. I would be more than happy to provide references or any more information upon your request. You can contact me either by phone 360-220-5781 or email andrea.klemmt@gmail.com. Thank you so much!

INCLUDED IN THIS FCE:

- 🕒 After School Study Hall Flyer and Sign Up Form
- 🕒 Auction Catalogue
- 🕒 The Heart Auction Is Almost Here Flyer
- 🕒 CHIPPERY – Otis/Chipperry Cookie Dough Brochure and Order Form
- 🕒 Schools Out for Summer Auction Flyer
- 🕒 8th Grade Pizza Lunch Order Form
- 🕒 Art Wizards Flyer
- 🕒 Lee's Martial Arts Summer Camp Flyer

UPCOMING EVENTS AND IMPORTANT DATES:

- 🕒 Friday, April 4 – Fifth Graders Return from Camp Seymour – 12:00noon
- 🕒 Saturday, April 5 – 6:00pm Ugandan Dinner to Support our Mission Team's Trip to Uganda this Summer – School Hall – Only \$5.00 per Person & \$20.00 per Family
- 🕒 Saturday, April 5 – Father/Daughter Hawaiian Glow Bowl 5-8pm, West Seattle Bowl
- 🕒 Monday, April 7 – Eighth Grade Field Trip to Olympia
- 🕒 Monday, April 7 – Third Grade to the Pacific Science Center
- 🕒 Tuesday, April 8 – Thursday, April 10 – 6B Sailing Trip
- 🕒 Tuesday, April 8 – 6:30pm Auction Committee Meeting – Staff Room
- 🕒 Wednesday, April 9 - Noon Dismissal/Teacher Inservice (Required Safety Training)
- 🕒 Thursday, April 10 – 6:00pm School Commission Meeting – Staff Room
- 🕒 Monday, April 14 – 3:10pm Technology Committee Meeting – Library
- 🕒 Tuesday, April 15 – 6:30pm Parents' Club Meeting–Interactive White Board Presentation
- 🕒 Wednesday, April 16 – Friday, April 18- 6A Sailing Trip
- 🕒 Friday, April 18 – NOON DISMISSAL – Auction Set-up; Teacher Inservice
- 🕒 Saturday, April 19 – Forging the Future in the HEART of the West Auction
- 🕒 Monday, April 21 – Friday, May 9 –Standardized Testing – Check Your Child's Teacher's Webpage for Exact Days and Times
- 🕒 Monday, April 21 – 6:00pm Development Committee Meeting – Staff Room
- 🕒 Tuesday, April 22 – 7:00pm Marketing Committee Meeting – Staff Room
- 🕒 Wednesday, April 23 – 6:00pm Grants Meeting Committee – Staff Room
- 🕒 Thursday, April 24 – 8th Grade Pizza Lunch
- 🕒 Friday, April 25 – Second Grade Field Trip to Pioneer Farms
- 🕒 Friday, April 25 – Archdiocesan 7th Grade Awards Celebration – St. James Cathedral
- 🕒 Monday, April 28 – NO SCHOOL – Magazine Reward Day
- 🕒 Tuesday, April 29 - Class Photographs
- 🕒 Monday, May 5 – 8th GRADE Graduation Photographs, Class & Individual
- 🕒 Friday, May 9 – TALENT SHOW