



# SCHOOL NEWS

Holy Rosary School Family Communication Newsletter

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**“Believe it! High expectations are the key to everything.”**

-Sam Walton

Thank you, thank you for another fabulous party and hugely successful auction! The staff and I are so grateful for your generosity in supporting the fund-an-item. We are excited to have permanent Smart Boards in our classrooms and another cart of laptops, both of which will benefit our students and teachers. There is a lot more scoop on the auction from our co-chairs and committee chairs later on in this newsletter, so read on.

After teaching art at Holy Rosary for eight years and establishing an outstanding program, Ms. Maureen Curran has decided it is time to move on! She's not quite ready to retire, but looks forward to some new opportunities. The position has been posted and we will soon begin interviewing. I am grateful to Ms. Curran for helping us in this process.

School Commission is looking for five new members to fulfill a four year term. The primary tasks of the School Commission are strategic planning, formulating and approving the yearly school budget, and policy formation. One of these members will represent the school on the Parish Administration Commission, who oversees the parish grounds and buildings, and one will represent the school on the Parish Stewardship Council, who with Fr. John provides vision and leadership for the parish. If you are interested, please pick up a form in the school office. If you wish, I can email you the form and you can complete it and email it back to me. Forms are due back Wednesday, May 7. Questions, please contact Terry Scanlan, School Commission President, or Kris Brown, Principal. Thank you.

Calling all 7<sup>th</sup> grade parents: Please make sure to sign up to help with the 8<sup>th</sup> grade banquet and awards dinner, and reception after the graduation. All 7<sup>th</sup> grade parents are needed! Thank you to Chris Jaramillo for chairing the banquet and awards dinner.

Audition times for the Talent Show were given to the students today. They will audition on either Tuesday, April 29, or Wednesday, April 30. There will be no school on Monday, April 28 – it is our magazine sale reward day! We hope our students and teachers enjoy a nice day off and that it's okay for the parents, too! **Tuesday, April 29, is class photo day. Students must be in perfect uniforms, which must include the proper uniform sweater, sweatshirt, or vest.** Thank you for making sure your children come dressed properly for their class pictures. ITBS and WASL testing continues for some classes, begins in other classes, and I believe concludes in a few classes. Be sure to check your child's homeroom teacher's webpage for the testing schedule. We appreciate you encouraging your child to do his/her best on these very important tests, the results of which provide important data for our ongoing process of school

improvement. Thank you for your prompt attention to next year's registration papers. Remember they are due on May 16.

To conclude on a happy note: Last evening Mrs. Sue Harris hosted a reunion for the Holy Rosary Class of 2004, who will soon be graduating from high school. More than 40 alums attended and seemed to have wonderful time. I had the chance to check in with each one of them. It is so rewarding to see how our former HR students mature into such refined, confident young men and women. These students will be heading to as far away as Catholic University of American in WA DC and Embry Riddle Aeronautical University in Florida to as close as South Seattle Community College and University of Washington. In addition, there will be HR graduates from the Class of 2004 at Seattle University, Gonzaga University, Bellevue Community College, University of San Francisco, Washington State University, Western Washington University, Central Washington University, Cornish College of the Arts, University of Montana, Montana State University, Seattle Central Community College, Villanova, Whitman, WestPoint, University of Arizona, and the Art Institute of Seattle. One student will spend time next year working in an orphanage in India before beginning college. We are so proud of these HR alums and wish them the best as they continue to pursue their goals and dreams! CONGRATULATIONS HR CLASS OF 2004!

**THANK YOU FROM THE HEART AUCTION!!!** As Co-Chairs of this year's HEART Auction, we would like to graciously thank everyone who played a part in the success of this years HEART Auction. Our school community makes this event successful, and no matter what you did, from Chairing a committee all year, to picking up a gift certificate, to helping set the tables, to cleaning up the aftermath, or simply chose to attend the Auction, every bit counts and we are thankful for each and every person who helped in any way. Our two year term as Co-Chairs is up. We have truly enjoyed the people we. We certainly couldn't have done this without **YOU!** Warmly - Ann Martin and Kristen Hinthorn.

**WONDERING HOW TO GET AUCTION ITEMS YOU WON, BUT DIDN'T PICK UP?** If you have an open invoice (you haven't paid yet) please remit payment to Janise Jordan in the School Office. Once payment has been received we will arrange for you to pick up your merchandise. Outstanding invoices unpaid by next Wednesday will be sent home in your FCE folder on Thursday, May 1st. If you have paid and just need to pick up your items, contact Ann Martin (937-0179 or [peediedogmartin@aol.com](mailto:peediedogmartin@aol.com)) or Kristen Hinthorn (433-2748, or [tkhinthorn1@comcast.net](mailto:tkhinthorn1@comcast.net)) to arrange a convenient pick-up time. Gift Certificates that have been paid for will be delivered via the May 1st FCE as well. Thank You!

**\*\*\*RAFFLE RESULTS\*\*\*RAFFLE RESULTS\*\*\*RAFFLE RESULTS\*\*\*** Thank you to everyone who purchased raffle tickets this year; each of you helped to make this year's raffles such a success. We sold \$10,775 in Raffle tickets this year - **THAT'S FANTASTIC!!** Congratulations to the winners: **Kathleen Stoll** for the **Best of Live** and our first ever **Tuition Raffle** winner **Haley Hampton!** Thanks again for supporting the raffle, Laura Douglas

**THANKS TO ALL OF THE 2008 HEART AUCTION OFFICE STAFF VOLUNTEERS:** Gail Akiyama, Rachel Baker, Brad and Danette Carufel, Joan Carufel, Diane Schafer, Chelle Chase, Brett and Susan Cooper, Krista Veisseo, Karen Pritchard, Sampson and Leigh Tevaseu and Sandi Viscusi. Together, they welcomed and checked in over 336 guests; entered auction night data on nearly 1,000 bid purchases; and after a long evening, cheerfully checked-out each bidder. Special thanks also to Reg Harris and the Tech Committee for all their assistance and support.

**THE AUCTION SET-UP COMMITTEE** would like to thank all of our wonderful volunteers for your hard work last Thursday and Friday. Hard working volunteers included Janine Robertson, Michael Sarkies, Dinah Sherwin, Mary Lawler, David Winter, Linda Winter, Rita Gribben, Yoshimi Lorbieki, Marie Palermo, Randy Sampson, Mark Orsen, Mary Gubelman, Regina Fergusen, Suzanne Lewis, Steve Lewis, Ann Bowers, Laura Porter, Jillian Kane, Laurie Schuster, John Schuster, Cheryl Lorentz, Christina Price, Greg Price, Lyanda Haupt, Kaiti Grassley, Mary Ballanger, Brenda Heflin, Erin Podany, Bart Eldredge and Max Bertelloti. We hope that we haven't forgotten anyone! Thanks so much!

**PROCUREMENT WRAP-UP.** What an amazing evening! Thank you to everyone who made the auction a success this year. There are still spaces left in several of the parties from the party table. Please contact the host of those parties if you are interested in attending. There are also a few items that did not sell the night of the auction. Please keep your eye out in next week's FCE envelop for how to bid on those. Thanks!

**GIVE A BIG HAND TO THE HEART AUCTION DECORATION CREW.** There were a lot of talented volunteers behind the scenes preparing to make the *Wild Wild* Heart Auction a huge success. I want to thank you personally for I could not have pulled this off without you all. There were many countless hours that each and everyone deserve a pat on the back. Don, Brendan & Elena, Lisa & Al Bajocich, Verina Bajocich, Michelle & Ed Wardian, Roxanne & Jon Gerhardt, Michele Wallace, Betty and Mark Golubiec, Sheila Cosgrove, Nancy Wickler, Boyd Coffee Chris Hasselbach, Theresa Wiegand, Duane & Denise Davis, Theresa & Steve Gerrish, Kay Neal, Kristin Hinthorn, her mom, Gretchen and friends, Mary Simpson & Sherry Smith, Michael Silva, Paul Gardner, Alan Mulkey, Eric Kuehl, Rocco Popich, Kaiti Grassley, Steve Savage, Phil Porter, Gregg Lovell, Dave Schinkel, Virginia Wickler, Carrie Bendzak, David Dupuy (Jefferson Safeway), Gregg Ridgeway, Patrick Blayney, Eric Olson, Steve Wallace, Frances Mauldin & Richard Arscott, April Davis, Mary Lawler, and for all those who helped with Set up and Take down. Thank You, Thank You! Kathleen Stoll, *Decoration Chair*

**DEAR NON CATHOLIC PARENTS:** We are just starting a new course on what it takes to become Catholic on Monday mornings at 9.30 in the dining room of the old convent building ----- known as the parish center. JoAnn Tobin will be delighted to welcome anyone who comes this Monday morning and she will talk about what we do and will welcome your questions. Consider yourself invited and please give me the name of anyone I should invite. Fr. John

**MATH-A-THON.** Ninety-Nine (99) students are participating in the Math-a-thon, raising funds for the patients and researchers at St. Jude Children's Hospital. The students have two weeks to complete the booklet, CD or online questions and to collect the donations. We will forward the funds to St. Jude's on May 12. If you have any questions, please email Mrs. Harris. Thank you.

**E-SCRIP UPDATE:** Way to go Safeway Shoppers! The 2007 year end earnings have finally been calculated; Holy Rosary supporters raised \$9,976.00. Participation in the this passive fundraising vehicle is optional for Safeway, so please take the time to thank your Safeway staff the next time you shop. It is never too late to register with e-Scrip. For more information contact Sandy Rottler, or visit [www.escrip.com](http://www.escrip.com).

**FOUND AT AUCTION.** A silver ring was found at the auction. Please inquire at the school office.

**O'DEA HIGH SCHOOL** is running a basketball and a football camp in June for boys in grades 4 - 8. If you are interested in attending these camps there are registration forms available in the school office.

**Men! Men! Men! Men! Men! Men! Men! Men!** ... This is the beginning of a comical song and thought it may also be appropriate as the opening for this notice. OK, down to business. This is just a quick reminder to all those men still in the Saturday morning Holy Rosary Men's Group, some who haven't attended lately, and any who may wish to join us. We will go back to meeting at 7:00am next Saturday in the convent dining room. We will be covering Chapter 9 of the United States Catholic Catechism for Adults, "Receive the Holy Spirit" (Jn 20:22). If you haven't attended lately or not at all, hope to see you there. Here is an excerpt from the Chapter 8 Meditation section to wet your whistle: In the life of faith there are always two movements: God in search of us and we in search of God. The poet Francis Thompson described God's attempts to reach us in terms of his being the "Hound of Heaven." Thompson said he felt God coming after him and yearning to give him love. But the poet was not ready: "I fled Him, down the labyrinthine ways of my own mind...I hid from Him." At the same time, God has stamped in our souls a longing for Himself. We are born with a longing for the divine that cannot be satisfied by anyone or anything short of God. We are created to be seekers for the absolute love, which is God. Thompson not only experienced God as the hound pursuing him, he also felt his own hunger and thirst for God. One day he stopped running, turned, and rushed toward God: "Naked, I wait Thy love's uplifted stroke! My harness, piece by piece, Thou hast hewn from me,...I am defenseless, utterly." And God, the other seeker, in this spiritual drama says: "Rise, clasp my hand, and come!" The Holy Spirit presided over this spiritual adventure. It is the mission of the Spirit to help us draw near to God. When the Holy Spirit is present and active in our lives, we can have an experience of His presence. Please join us this Saturday at 7:00am in the convent dining room for Men's Group. See you soon, Doug Fiechtner

**KENNEDY HIGH SCHOOL** is running several sport camps for both boys and girls in grades 7, 8 and 9. If you are interested in attending these camps there are registration forms available in the school office.

**SEATTLE LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL SUMMER SPORTS CAMPS** Basketball: for boys and girls entering grades 5<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup>, June 23-27, 9AM – 12:30PM. Cheer: for girls entering grades 2<sup>nd</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup>, July 7-9, 9AM – 12PM. Registration forms can be downloaded from the Seattle Lutheran High School website at [www.seattlelutheran.org](http://www.seattlelutheran.org). For more information call (206) 937-7722 ext. 28.

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

- 🕒 Friday, April 25 – 8:30am – Grade 1A Prayer Service – School Hall
- 🕒 Friday, April 25 – Grade 2A & 2B to Pioneer Farm Museum in Eatonville
- 🕒 **Monday, April 28 – NO SCHOOL, MAGAZINE SALE REWARD DAY**
- 🕒 **Tuesday, April 29 – Class Picture Day, Perfect Uniforms**
- 🕒 Tuesday, April 29 – 6:00pm – Health Committee Meeting – Staff Room
- 🕒 Wednesday, April 30 – 6:00pm – Development Committee Meeting
- 🕒 Thursday, May 1 – Grade 7 & 8 to Intiman Theater, *The Diary of Anne Frank*
- 🕒 Monday, May 5 – 8<sup>th</sup> GRADE Graduation Photographs, Class & Individual
- 🕒 Tuesday, May 6 & Wednesday, May 7 – Talent Show Dress Rehearsal
- 🕒 Thursday, May 8 – 6:00pm - School Commission Meeting

🕒 Friday, May 9 – TALENT SHOW