



SCHOOL NEWS

Holy Rosary School Family Communication Newsletter

May 8, 2008

"Be kinder than necessary. Everyone you meet is fighting some kind of battle. You never know when a moment and a few sincere words can have an impact on a life." -anonymous

Our second grade students will be making their First Solemn Holy Communion this Saturday at 10:00am. Our first communicants will be invited to wear their special communion clothes each Sunday throughout May. We congratulate and pray for the second graders as they celebrate another milestone on their faith journey. Thank you to our third grade parents for providing the reception in Lanigan Gym immediately following the service.

If you are an Ambassador Family for next school year, please be sure that your new family is aware of the New Family Orientation next Thursday, May 15, beginning at 6:30pm in the school hall. This important meeting will provide an opportunity for our new families to begin feeling connected to our Holy Rosary community.

Special celebrations honoring Mary, our Blessed Mother: On Friday, May 16, our fourth grade students will join fourth graders from each of the Catholic schools in the archdiocese at St. James Cathedral for a special May Crowning led by Archbishop Brunett. On Tuesday, May 20, the seventh graders will form a Living Rosary and lead our student body in saying the rosary. The service will conclude with our eighth grade classes presenting a Liturgical Prayer Movement in honor of Mary. Students must be in perfect uniform on May 20 – thank you! We hope that you can join us for this special celebration – Tuesday, May 20, at 2:00pm in the church.

Happy Mothers Day to all of our wonderful Mothers! Happy Pentecost Day to everyone! May the Holy Spirit touch all of our lives with Wisdom, Understanding, Right Judgment, Courage, Knowledge, Reverence, and Wonder.

We hope to see you tomorrow at our Talent Show – guaranteed FUN for all! There is a notice in this newsletter with further details and times. Congratulation to all our performers – we are proud of you!

Just one final reminder: We need your help! On the days that students have health and fitness, they MUST be wearing tennis shoes with Velcro or shoelaces that are tied. It is unsafe for children to participate in health and fitness class without the proper shoes. Students' grades will be negatively impacted when they cannot participate. Also, students may NOT wear slipper type shoes to school. Thank you for your cooperation. We appreciate you helping us enforce the Uniform Policy.

BIKE TO SCHOOL DAY IS MAY 16th! Put on your helmet and join Ms. Brown in cycling to school next Friday, May 16. This is a city-wide event sponsored by the Cascade Bicycle Club. You can park your bike in the bike rack outside of Mrs. Blanco's classroom. This is also Bike to Work Day, so parents, after riding the kids to school, you may want to just keep on going! (P.S. Ms. Brown will not be cycling from Green Lake, but from a friend's home in West Seattle. Ms. Brown would not make it to Holy Rosary from Green Lake!)

TALENT SHOW TOMORROW! Holy Rosary celebrates the remarkable talents of its students tomorrow, May 8! We hope you will join us for HR's own version of *American Idol*! Act One (K – 3 and mixed grade acts) begins at 9:00 and will run until approximately 11:15. Act Two (4 – 8 acts) begins around 1:00 and will end at around 2:50. All students may wear western attire – boots, jeans, cowboy hats, and bandannas; sheriff badges are fine, holsters and their contents, however, are NOT allowed! Thank you to all performers for your work and an advance thank you to every student for being a great audience member! And a standing ovation for Mrs. Kirmeyer, Ms. Johnson, Mrs. Rangel, Mrs. Oczkewecz, Ms. Mudge, Ms. McKamey and the Leadership Elective students for the extraordinary effort and work given to make this show such a fun event!

REGISTRATION PAPERS Please remember that 2008-2009 registration papers are due Friday, May 16th. If you do not have your registration papers please call the school office as soon as possible. **Reminder:** For those school families who currently use automatic withdrawal for tuition payments and want to continue for the 2008-09 school year, please note that we need you to complete a new Payment Authorization 2008-09. The form is included in the registration packet. Or you may download it from the school website http://www.holyrosaryws.org/forms/Payment_Authorization_2008-2009.pdf Once you have completed the form, please deliver it to the school office to the attention of Jennifer MacDonald. Thank you.

PARENTS' CLUB is seeking a vice president for next year. This person will become the president the following year. If you are interested in more information or in serving in this role, please contact Nikki Page at 932-2468 or email nikkipage1@gmail.com.

MAGAZINE DRIVE LEADERS NEEDED: Time to step up! Plans for next year's Magazine Drive will begin soon and *your school needs you to fill the Chair/co chair position* and learn the ropes! With sales levels consistently at \$150,000 it's time to change leadership and the dynamics of this fundraiser. Join with a friend to share the fun. This fundraiser runs itself with a little direction. Email Jody at magazines@holyrosaryws.org.

NEWS FROM THE BAND The Elementary Band Festival is set for Wednesday, May 14th at 7pm at Kennedy High School. ALL BAND MEMBERS ARE INVOLVED! Details about the Kennedy Elementary Summer Band Camp will be handed out to all band students very soon!

A USED UNIFORM SALE will be on Tuesday, May 20, 6:00 - 8:00 PM. Upstairs, 2nd floor, Parish Center. Come to Parents' Club meeting and exchange/buy uniforms for the end of the year and beginning of new school year.

SUMMER READING SKILLS CLUB: Ms. Corrigan and Mrs. Morris are offering small group reading instruction and skills practice this summer to help students avoid the "summer slide." Students who will be entering grades 3, 4, or 5 in the fall are eligible to participate. All reading levels and abilities are welcome: we will provide different activities for the varying levels of reading proficiency. The club will meet on four Tuesday mornings in July (8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th). Sessions

will focus on building vocabulary and decoding skills, applying comprehension strategies and improving fluency. Students will be engaged in hands-on activities, games, literature circles and more! Each child will also receive take-home practice activities to use throughout the summer. The cost is \$30 per day or \$100 for the entire series. Registration forms will be sent out via the FCE packet next week. If you would like to pre-register to reserve your spot (*space is limited*), or if you have any questions, please email Ms. Corrigan at mcorrigan@holynosaryws.org. Thanks!

HEALTH NEWS. There have several reported cases of head lice within the Holy Rosary School community. The children have been treated, per the Holy Rosary Head lice policy, and have returned back to school. I would like to ask you to use this current head lice out-break to as a reminder to continue to perform weekly scalp checks on your family. I also suggest that during periods when the school is experiencing active cases of head lice that scalp checks be increased to at least three times a week. Below are the instructions on how to perform these checks. Check your child for signs of head lice in a well-lighted area when the hair is dry. Begin at the nape of the neck and work your way up. Lice and eggs can be anywhere on the head but they prefer warmer places to hide. The lower hairline is a good place to start. Using either your fingers or a tail comb, slowly part the hair down the middle, from the crown to the nape of the neck. Check the part for the eggs on the hair shaft (small white specks attached to the hair shaft) or adult lice. Note that the eggs will be well attached and should only be able to be removed by scraping off the hair with your fingernail. Once the first section is checked, part the hair either to the left or right of your original part in very small sections. Check this new parting for eggs or lice. Repeat this process throughout the entire back of the head, paying extra attention to the warmer spots at the nape, hairline and close to the ears. When the entire back portion of the head is complete, part your child's hair from the crown to the front hairline and repeat the process for the front of the hair. Please refer to the "Head Lice Policy" and Treatment Checklist" in your family handbook if nits/lice are found. Contact the office or me (at mulkey.family@comcast.net) with questions regarding school policies; contact your physicians with any questions regarding specific treatments. Patricia McBrien, RN

BRAIN CAMP. How do you ensure your child's success in school next fall? Brain Camp is an insightful, practical and effective How-To-Learn program for students in grades 7-12! Just as sports and arts camps hone skills and improve performance, Brain Camp's proven program builds strong study, organization, motivation and time –management skills essential for success in school. Brain Camp is offered exclusively in the Puget Sound area each week in August (M-F, 9am – noon) and provides an excellent transition from summer to the best year ever in school! You can access a registration form from this website.

SPRING BREAK 2009! Luxury Maui suite - Westin Kaanapali Villas. 7 nights in a deluxe (guaranteed deluxe water view) suite. Sleeps 4, including small kitchen, washer dryer, and large shuttered soaking tub. Large Screen TV and music system. Full resort amenities including room & maid service, stainless BBQ's by the pool, several pools & waterslides, kids club, tennis courts, 3 restaurants, kids "game room", health club, and Westin concierge services. Best snorkel beach on the island. Free resort entertainment performed nightly on resort grounds. The Westin Villas are located within 10 minutes of Whaler's Village and Kapalua Golf course (with free transportation from the resort to Lahaina and nearby shopping). Thru Westin, this suite rents for a minimum of \$495 a night. Offering to interested HRS family at \$295 a night/7 nights required (Sat April 11th arrival with Sat April 18th departure) or a total of \$2065 for the week. 50% deposit required at booking, balance due by Jan 10th, 2009. If interested, email mwardian@youngoneusa.com.

WEST SEATTLE HELPLINE! Mark your calendars for May 15! It's the Taste of West Seattle- a fund raiser for our own West Seattle Helpline. Come enjoy the offerings of 19 local food and wine vendors to benefit this non-profit that helps the working poor of West Seattle. The event starts at 6:00 and will feature the musical talents of Holy Rosary's band extraordinaire, Tupelo! For more info see the enclosed postcard or call 932-2746. See you there!!

THE CARUFEL FAMILY (Gabrielle 4A, Isabella 2B) are offering baby sitting in their home on Fri 5/16 and Fri 6/6 from 6-10pm. Cost is only \$5.00 per child, per hour which includes snacks, dinner and a fun time for your child. Proceeds will help Isabella raise funds to participate in an acting competition/audition in Los Angeles next January. Please call 935-6517 to hold a spot for your child. Thank you, the Carufels

INCLUDED IN THE FCE

- Brain Camp Flyer

UPCOMING EVENTS AND IMPORTANT DATES:

- Thursday, May 8 – 6:00pm - School Commission Meeting
- Friday, May 9 – TALENT SHOW, Gr. K-3, 9:00am; Gr. 4-8, 1:00pm
- Saturday, May 10 – 10:00 am - 2nd Grade First Solemn Holy Communion – Holy Rosary
- Saturday, May 10 – 9:00am - Called to Protect Safe Environment Training Required for all Parent Volunteers in the School – School Hall
- Monday, May 12 - 9:00am – 7th Grade Safe Environment Training – School Hall
- Monday, May 12 – 6:00pm – Endowment Board Meeting – Staff Room
- Tuesday, May 13 – 6:00pm - Development Committee Meeting – Staff Room
- Wednesday, May 14 – 2:00pm – Called to Protect Safe Environment Training Required for all Parent Volunteers in the School – Our Lady of Guadalupe
- Saturday, May 17 – Called to Protect Safe Environment Training Required for all Parent Volunteers in the School – Holy Family Parish – White Center
- Wednesday, May 14 – 7:00pm - Elementary Band Festival –Kennedy High School
- Thursday, May 15 – School of Rock, Music Elective Class to EMP
- Thursday, May 15 – 6:30pm New Family Orientation – School Hall
- Friday, May 16 – Bike to School/Work Day - Get Fit and Save on Gas!
- Friday, May 16 – 4th Grade May Crowning - St. James Cathedral
- Monday, May 19 – 7:00pm - Kennedy Spring Band Program w/ the Elementary School Honor Band Students
- Tuesday, May 20 PERFECT UNIFORMS
- Tuesday, May 20 – 2:00pm – Living Rosary & Liturgical Prayer Movement – HR Church
- Tuesday, May 20 – 6:30pm – Parents' Club Meeting & Celebration – School Hall
- Wednesday, May 21 – 11:30am-2:00pm – 8th Gr. Science Field Trip – Lincoln Park
- Wednesday, May 21 – 1:45pm - 4th Grade Band Recruit Assembly – School Hall
- Thursday, May 22 – 11:30am-1:30pm – 6A & 6B Patrol Lunch and Bowling – WS Bowl
- Friday, May 23 – Field Day at Hiawatha

- Friday, May 23 – NOON Dismissal
- Monday, May 26 – Memorial Day – NO SCHOOL