



# SCHOOL NEWS

Holy Rosary School Family Communication Newsletter

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**“In matters of principle, stand like a rock. In matters of taste, swim with the current.”** -Thomas Jefferson

When I visited one of the first grade classrooms on Monday, one of the students asked if I was at “WetFest” on Saturday. Though wet, spirits were not dampened and the weekend was another great success. Once again thank you to **Sarah Dahleen** and **Jodi Sherwood** for co-chairing this event. Please see Jodi’s and Sarah’s thanks in this newsletter. And speaking of thanks, I would like to thank four people whose service is not always recognized. Thank you to three parents who serve on our Technology Committee: **Mike Grueter**, **Mike Go**, and **Reg Harris**. Mike Go maintains our webpage, which I believe is one of the best in the Archdiocese; Mike Grueter is our on-site troubleshooter helping to keep our hardware and our network up and running; Reg Harris is our resident “Windows Guy”, and all-around technology consultant. Along with Mrs. Becky Smith, this extremely dedicated group, known as our “Tech Dad’s”, makes certain our teachers and students enjoy the benefits of updated, outstanding technology! Secondly, thank you to **Dave Bauman**, father of Sarah Dahleen and grandfather of Chloe, Hannah, and Emma Dahleen. Dave is on our playground many days of the week as a playground volunteer. In addition he sweeps our playground every Sunday afternoon, he has put up new basketball nets, painted new lines for games, and donated big tires and plastic mats. Dave is truly an unsung hero – if you see him, please tell him how much his generosity and service to Holy Rosary are appreciated!

Thank you for returning your Parent / Teacher / Student Conference forms. Please, please make certain we receive your form no later than Tuesday, Sept. 30, as we will be scheduling conferences on Wednesday, Oct. 1. We have noticed fewer requests for conferences on Tuesday, Oct. 21 – thank you very much. A reminder of the schedule for the week of October 20-24: Monday, Oct. 20 – full day of school; Tuesday, Oct. 21 – school dismisses at 2:15pm – conferences from 3:15pm-8:00pm; Wednesday, Oct. 22 – Friday, Oct. 24 – no school for students – conferences on Wed. and Thurs. from 9:30am – 8:00pm. Friday is a day off for all – enjoy! Thank you to our BASE staff for being open on all days during conference week. Our teachers work hard to make conferences meaningful and worthwhile – we appreciate your support of the schedule – thank you. Please remember that students in grades 1-8 must attend the conferences.

Tomorrow, Friday, Sept. 26, is GREEN FRIDAY! Not only will some students put on a GREEN SKIT after the prayer service, but all students may WEAR GREEN to school tomorrow! Thank you for making an effort to use alternate transportation on Fridays. Little things add up and make

a difference. Be sure to read this week's GREEN TIP! Students not choosing to wear green, must be in their uniforms.

There was an article in the PI this week entitled "Free Advice for Making the Most of High School Years". The link is [http://seattletimes.nwsources.com/html/craigsmith/2008196706\\_smitty23.html](http://seattletimes.nwsources.com/html/craigsmith/2008196706_smitty23.html). The article gives 17 tips for high school students. I think you all will appreciate tip #17, which reads: BE KIND TO YOUR PARENTS!

We've had a fabulous first month of school! I began this newsletter by thanking a few individuals; I will close by thanking everyone! This year's theme is close to my heart – we surely are BETTER TOGETHER and I am so grateful to be a part of the Holy Rosary Community. Thank you for all that you do to help make our school the extraordinary school that it is! I hope to see you out on the golf course on Saturday!

**MAGAZINE DRIVE ENDS NEXT WEEK!** The final turn in is next **Tuesday**...a nail-biter as always! We're at \$67,000 in sales as we count on that final day to bring us in to \$150,000. We're still down just \$15,000 over last year. Again, our thanks to all the families who put in the extra effort to make us the #1 magazine selling school! Speaking of #1....it's the **4<sup>th</sup> Graders** who lead our school but those cute little **Kindergartners** and the **2<sup>nd</sup> Graders** are close behind. Make sure you **participate!** It's much more fun to celebrate our achievements **together** as a community knowing everyone did a part...big or small! If for some reason your family is unable to sell or purchase a magazine or you're one away from that awesome prize... email [magazine@holynosaryws.org](mailto:magazine@holynosaryws.org) no guarantees but we can certainly try and find an order for you! Prizes and final results are announced at our closing assembly next Friday!

**FAMILY FUN CENTER** has been scheduled for **Friday, October 17**. If your student sold 25 magazines or your family sold 40 magazines you earned this reward. Permission slips will be in next week's FCE and must be **returned by Monday, October 6**. Please get these in so we don't have to call you and chaperone if you are able. We take 3 yellow buses to the Fun Center. The hours are from 11:00 to 3:00 which are fundraising hours. **Volunteer next Tuesday**. We could use a few more counters for the final turn in day. Come to the convent after drop off with your calculator. **Attention 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Students and Parents**. This weekend we ask the **6<sup>th</sup> Grade** to quietly dismiss themselves after communion for whatever mass they attend and meet outside the front entrance to assist in sales. Magazines questions email [magazines@holynosaryws.org](mailto:magazines@holynosaryws.org).

**GREEN TIP 9/25/08** Remember that tomorrow is Free Dress for those who wear GREEN to help kick off Holy Rosary's Green Team!! And, as always, tomorrow is Green Friday, so remember to walk, bike, bus, unicycle, roller blade or carpool if you can. The bike rack has been overflowing!!! Great job! Please join us at and after tomorrow's Prayer Service for a very short but entertaining look at Holy Rosary's green side. We welcome any parents and parishioners who would like to be on the Green Team. Please contact Nancy Stillger at [nstillger@gmail.com](mailto:nstillger@gmail.com) if you would like to help. This week's green tip is: Try a Walking School Bus. Many school districts around the country have been forced by high fuel costs to cut out some bus routes. Walking school buses are replacing some of these routes. Just locate some families between your home and the school. As you walk along, pick up students on your route. Some families already do this; parents take turns and everybody gets a healthy start to the day!

**WESTFEST 2008!** Once again, our community has proven that we are "Better Together!" We cannot thank all of you enough for the amazing efforts that everyone put in to make this year's

WestFest an awesome and super fun event for everyone. We want to express a special thank you to some people who truly go above and beyond the call of duty to make everything come together. Here we go: Sandy and Andy Rottler – Wow! Andy even stepped up to spend the night with our stage equipment on Saturday night, only to be woken up by those raindrops on his face! Dave Hartley came to the rescue with a cover for the stage so we could keep the music going! You are tireless! Scott Stoeffen - we called on you countless times and each time you answered even if you were sleeping! Thank you! David Jerge-Nass you had the job of gathering the trash and you did such a great job we hardly knew there was any! Brian McGaughey – without the stage lights we would not have been able to see! Papa Dave Bauman – you are the go-to person for everyone and we needed it! Nana Carole Bauman – for keeping all of those books organized! John Campagnaro – You made us all feel safe even in the pouring down rain and you were patient when not everything arrived as scheduled! Lisa Mosher – You carted endless carts of books over from the convent and then covered several shifts when no one else was here! Melissa and Ardales – You took on a huge job and made the pizza booth fun and successful! Jeremy and the beer garden crew – Thank you for being so “on it” you never missed a beat and no one was thirsty! Matt Crockett – You helped keep all of the children safe on the wet rides, covered for missing volunteers and then made sure everything was cleaned up after! Tom Hubbard, Jim Dever and the stage crew – Your last minute coordination ensured great music and entertainment for all! MaryKay Sposari, Karen Kuhar and assistants – Your decorations were beautiful – even when they were all wet! And to everyone else that came, worked countless hours, served food, stood out in the rain, set-up, took-down, decorated, cooked, cleaned, handed out prizes, sold tickets, served drinks and had fun, THANK YOU for making this such a great community event for everyone! You are all so AMAZING and we are so grateful!!

**FROM YOUR WESTFEST BINGO CHAIRS - THANK YOU** to all the hardworking volunteers who helped make BINGO such a great success this year. Since the unpredicted rain brought in the extra crowds, it was very nice to be able to rely on such devoted and hardworking volunteers. We had so much fun and we couldn't have done it without all of you. Thank you to all our sellers Mark Benson, Dave DuPuy, Therese Gerrish, Patrick Kennedy, Michael & Julie McKelvey, Jim Newstrom, Ralph Pooler and Todd Waltier, for doing such a fabulous job working those tables. And thank you to all our callers Jo Benson, Ann Bowers, Megan DuPuy, Father John and Bruno Tarabochia, for doing such an awesome job working the crowds. This was a very exciting and successful year. A special thanks to Bruno and the generous sponsors who helped support this fundraiser. As usual, Bruno, you never cease to amaze us with your BINGO savvy. – Kristi DuPuy & Janet Richmond.

**WESTFEST LOST AND FOUND.** There are a few lost and found items from WestFest. If you are missing something, please contact the school office.

**WESTFEST CAKEWALK CAKE PLATES MISSING.** If you won a cake that was on white china with a silver border please return the plate to the school office. Thank you.

**ALUMNI NEWS FROM THE DEVELOPMENT OFFICE.** Calling all HRS Alumni! The Holy Rosary School Third Annual Alumni Sunday will be on Sunday, October 5. Join other alumni for mass at 11:15, followed by lunch and fellowship in the school hall. Sunday, October 5, 2008 12:15 (after the 11:15 Mass) Holy Rosary School Hall 4142 42nd Ave SW Seattle, WA 98116 All Alumni are invited to reconnect with friends, contribute to your class photos, plan your reunion, take a tour of the school and help us get ready and excited for Holy Rosary School's Centennial in 2013. [Click here to RSVP](#) or you can contact [Sarah Dahleen](#) in the [Development](#) Office for additional information. The Alumni committee can use your help! If you are interested in helping

plan this event or would like to get involved with the Alumni committee, we would love to hear from you! Please [contact Sarah Dahleen](#) for more details. We are also seeking current information for our graduates. You can register your current name, address and e-mail by visiting the Alumni section of the Holy Rosary website.

**PARENTS IN TOUCH.** You are welcome and invited to pray with other parents for the intentions of our school and parish community beginning next Monday, Sept. 29. We meet from 8:30am (after drop off) until around 9am in the Parish Center chapel to pray the rosary each Monday morning of the school year. It is a wonderful way to begin the week, remembering those who need our prayers, as well as giving thanks for the wonderful community that is Holy Rosary School. Whether you are new to the school or someone who has always "meant to" join us, please do! We look forward to seeing you there! Any questions, please call Ginny Kane at 938-0673 or Jillian Kane at 937-3585.

**JOINING THE CATHOLIC CHURCH OR RETURNING TO THE CHURCH OR NEEDING TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE FAITH?** There will be an information evening in the school hall on Thursday, Oct. 30, from 7:00pm-8.30pm led by Fr. John, JoAnn Tobin, Margaret Whetham, Tim Law and Steven Gray. Initial presentations will be brief as we establish the needs of those gathered before breaking into separate groups to meet those needs and answer questions. If what you are hearing does not work for you, you can leave at any time as the doors will not be locked!

**CYO BASKETBALL.** Players, please submit your registration forms to the school no later than Friday, October 3rd. the registration form is available on the school website. Coaches – if you are interested in coaching one of our teams please make sure to contact Rick Diedrich.

**CYO CROSS COUNTRY.** There is still a chance for your runner to join the greatest team we have fielded at Holy Rosary. – Our goal is 200 runners – Cross Country is the shortest of all the CYO seasons – the meets are very cool. The meets are a great area wide, CYO Community event. Practices – Tues and Thurs at the northern most entrance of Lincoln Park – 4:00 to 5:00. If you are playing soccer and running that practice – just come to the meets. Preliminary Meets – Sept 28th and Oct 5th – Championship Meet – K-3 Oct 12th and 4th – 8th Oct 19th. We want to grow the team this year and are in need of parent volunteers, it's a great way to get some exercise and spend time with your kids. Please contact Heather Slee if you can help or have questions. The registration form is available on the school website under forms.

**CYO BOARD.** We are looking to add new members to the Holy Rosary CYO board. Most of our members are inside their final two years of their children's time at Holy Rosary. To ensure a smooth continuation of the operation it is important to have parents of kids in the younger grades join the board to provide oversight and continuity. This does not need to be an overwhelming commitment; it could be less than 10 hours a year or perhaps more if you are so inclined. Please contact Rick Diedrich or join us at our next board meeting Tuesday, Oct 7th at 7:00 in the gym.

**CYO UNIFORMS.** We are missing many uniforms, too many. If your child is not playing soccer and you have a white soccer or volleyball shirt and blue shorts or a basketball jersey and shorts – please return these immediately. We have kids playing soccer this year that do not have uniforms – this is solely due to the fact that uniforms are not being returned. We are missing at least 60 soccer uniforms from last year – at \$25 per set – your CYO program is out over \$1,500.

**EScrip NEWS:** Join hundreds of HR families and register for eScrip, the easiest way to earn money for out school. Simply down load the eScrip registration form or visit [www.escrip.com](http://www.escrip.com) to register. Safeway shoppers who are not registered with eScrip can earn money for the school by collecting any 10% back to school register receipts. See the attached flyer for more information and to see an example of these special register receipts. These receipts will only be printed until October, 6<sup>th</sup>, and need to be sent into the school office by October, 11<sup>th</sup>. Please call or email Sandy with your questions. Thank you! [s-rottler@comcast.net](mailto:s-rottler@comcast.net); 935-6220

**CALLING ALL 8<sup>th</sup> GRADERS LOOKING FOR SERVICE HOURS!** The 2nd grade Brownie Troop Leaders need your help watching their 2 younger sons while they lead the troop meetings. We meet two Thursdays a month from 3:00pm-4:30pm in the convent dining room. The boys are age 4½ & 5. Please call Meg Peterson at (206) 932-0883 if you are able to help.

**RED RIBBON EVENT INFORMATION – FROM THE DEVELOPMENT OFFICE** Red Ribbon School Day Rally: Thursday, October 16. Red Ribbon Week is the nation's oldest and longest drug prevention program reaching millions of Americans during October every year. By wearing red ribbons young people pledge to lead a drug-free life and pay tribute to DEA Special Agent Enrique "Kiki" Camarena. Our event will include a special all school rally which will be attended by our Seattle City Chief of Police, members of the DEA, FBI and other dignitaries. We also will be honored to hear the widow of Agent Camarena speak to us at our rally. Today, Red Ribbon Week is nationally recognized and celebrated, helping to preserve Special Agent Camarena's memory and further the cause for which he gave his life. The Red Ribbon Campaign has also become a symbol of support for the DEA's efforts to reduce demand for drugs through prevention and education programs. Wearing a red ribbon demonstrates our opposition to drugs. This pays homage to the men and women who have made the ultimate sacrifice in support of our nation's struggle against drug trafficking and abuse. Our students will each have a red ribbon to wear and parents are invited to wear red and join our parade and rally.

**OTHER DEVELOPMENT OFFICE NEWS.** Reminder: Our first Development Committee meeting will be on Monday, September 29 at 6pm in the teacher's lounge at the school.

**LOST.** Travel coffee mug with pictures of four beautiful children. Last seen near crosswalk just before the opening school mass. Please call Sandy at 935-6220 if you have any information about this very special cup. Thanks!

**INCLUDED IN THIS FCE:**

- 🕒 October Calendar (orange)
- 🕒 Study Hall Enrollment Form (lilac)
- 🕒 Discovering Chess Information
- 🕒 Stewardship Invitation (yellow)
- 🕒 Escrip news (download only)
- 🕒 Basketball Registration Form (download only)
- 🕒 Lee's Martial Arts Academy Flyer (green)

**UPCOMING EVENTS AND IMPORTANT DATES:**

- 🕒 Prayer Service by 7A, Friday, Sept. 26, 8:30am – School Hall - followed by a special presentation from Sr. Juanita and Tim Law and a GREEN SKIT.

- ⌚ Annual Holy Rosary Golf Classic for the Fr. Mallahan Endowment Fund, Saturday, September 27-West Seattle Golf Course – 8:00am
- ⌚ Youth and Family Mass for all followed by a special Pizza Party for Gr. 6,7,8, Sunday, September 28-5:30pm Mass – Holy Rosary Church
- ⌚ Development Committee Meeting, Monday, Sept 29, 6pm - Staff Room
- ⌚ Last Magazine Turn-in Day, Tuesday, Sept. 30
- ⌚ Parish Religious Ed Classes begin Gr. 1-8, Wednesday, Oct. 1, 6:30pm
- ⌚ Grants Committee, Wednesday, Oct. 1, 6pm – Staff Room
- ⌚ Magazine Assembly, Friday Oct. 3, 2:15pm – Lanigan
- ⌚ Parish Leadership Retreat, Saturday, Oct. 4, 7:30-10am – School Hall
- ⌚ Alumni Sunday, Sunday, Oct. 5 – Mass at 11:15am - Reception to Follow