



# SCHOOL NEWS

Holy Rosary School Family Communication Newsletter

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**“We make a living by what we get; we make a life by what we give.”**  
-Winston Churchill

When I visit classrooms, I observe engaging lessons, enthusiastic teachers, well managed classrooms, and on-task, involved students. All of these characteristics point to a school where students are motivated are learning and are achieving. I also see an ethic of care and empathy among our students and between our students and staff. Thank you parents, for all you do to support the work of our teachers and to encourage your children. We are BETTER TOGETHER!

Thank you for returning your conference forms. This year we had 100% returns – wow! In today’s FCE you will receive a notice indicating the day and time of your conferences. All three evenings, especially Tuesday and Wednesday, are solidly booked for most of the teachers, so please make every effort to arrive on time. I have been asked why students aren’t in school more during conference week. Well-planned, worthwhile conferences require extra time and energy from the teacher. To be well-prepared for conferences and to also have a voice to conduct the conferences - talking for five straight hours is a bit taxing on the voice box – teachers cannot be worried about lesson planning, correcting papers, and teaching. They are concentrating on having productive, meaningful conferences with each and every family. We appreciate your support of our schedule. Please remember that BASE is open throughout conference week. Please phone the school office with questions regarding the week or your specific conference time. Again, thank you for your understanding and support!

## Conference Week Schedule, October 20-24:

Monday, Oct. 20:	Full day of school, regular schedule
Tuesday, Oct. 21:	School dismisses 2:15; conferences 3:15pm-8:00pm
Wednesday, Oct. 22:	No school for students; conferences 9:30am – 7:50pm
Thursday, Oct. 23:	No school for students; conferences 9:30am -8:00pm
Friday, Oct. 24:	No school for everyone; “conference recovery day”

On October 8, Wednesday, school dismisses at noon due to a teacher inservice. Teachers will be working on carefully aligning all areas of the curriculum with State and Archdiocesan Standards. This is a part of our curriculum mapping process, which

is one of our schoolwide goals this year. This will help us be well-prepared and right on target for our next Accreditation Site Visit, which is scheduled for spring 2010.

All parents are invited to come together on Monday mornings at 8:30am to pray the Rosary especially for the intentions of our Holy Rosary community. Please see invitation and further information later in this newsletter. Parents In Touch is a national group for both private and public schools. Our kids need our prayers more than ever today!

We hope to see you at the closing magazine assembly tomorrow, Friday. Come and celebrate, cheer on those top sellers, and see if HR remains the #1 magazine selling school in the Northwest. Late orders are being accepted. Thank you again to Jody Shield and her team for their hours of work, their fabulous enthusiasm and of course, ongoing commitment to Holy Rosary. Thank you to all who have participated in this important fundraiser for the school. More information on the sale and assembly later in this newsletter.

Please make sure to read this entire newsletter – as always, there is vital information that we want you to have.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR ALL PARENTS.** You may know that the Seattle Archdiocese is requiring that all parents who volunteer in the school attend a two-three hour training entitled "Called to Protect". Holy Rosary hosted a training session last Monday and several of you attended. Mary Simpson, our Parish Administrator, is in the process of scheduling training at Holy Rosary. You can learn about the program and a list of future trainings by going to <http://www.seattlearch.org> and then clicking on the Safe Environment box at the bottom left of the screen. Future trainings that are not too far from Holy Rosary are: Oct. 21, Tuesday, Blanchet High School at 5:00pm and St. John's School at 7:00pm; and on Oct. 30, Thursday, St. Monica's School at 7:00pm. All of our school and parish employees have completed the training. Also, please remember that all parents who volunteer in the school must have completed a background check. Forms are available both in the school office and the rectory. There is no charge for this. We will be checking all of our volunteers (which is really every parent) in the near future, and unfortunately if we do not have a completed background check for you, you will no longer be able to help out in the school...or complete your volunteer hours! Thanks so much for your cooperation. Holy Rosary School must be in compliance with both Archdiocesan Policy and the WA State Law.

**LET'S PUT THE ROSARY BACK INTO HOLY ROSARY!** Parents in Touch You are welcome and invited to pray with other parents for the intentions of our school and parish community. 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.

**NEW THIS YEAR: PARENTS IN TOUCH PRAYER LINK:** We know that it is difficult for some families to join the Parents in Touch prayer time so we would like to make it easier for our school families to get their confidential prayer requests to us. Each week in the FCE we will list two prayer links – [kjillian@comcast.net](mailto:kjillian@comcast.net) (Jillian Kane) and [kanes6@comcast.net](mailto:kanes6@comcast.net) (Ginny Kane). Any prayer requests will be taken to our next Parent's in Touch prayer time. Our list of prayers is broad. Whatever it is that concerns you or your family, we would feel blessed to support you in prayer. If you have any questions please call or email Jillian (937-3585) or Ginny (938-0673).

**MAGAZINE DRIVE RESULTS.** We continue to count all orders, but the results as they stand will be announced at tomorrow's Magazine Drive Celebration Assembly at 2:15 in Lanigan. Did we make \$150,000? It promises to be a loud and chaotic event so come join the fun! We announce the top sellers, grades and top it off by sending kids home with their prizes including the free dress passes (don't throw away the baggies!). See you there!

**FAMILY FUN CENTER- IMPORTANT.** Permission slips are included in this FCE. These **must** be returned to the office on **Monday** so we make arrangements for buses and chaperones. The Fun Center award is for individuals selling 25 or families selling 40 orders or more. If you **did not** receive a slip, we **don't** have you as going! Are you on the list? Email [cflair@qwest.net](mailto:cflair@qwest.net) right away if you think you should be going and don't see your name. The Fun Center is scheduled for Friday October 17, 11:00-3:00 **Please volunteer to chaperone this event for fundraising hours.**

**MAGAZINE SALE PRIZES!** Prizes are distributed on Friday! Please email [sharlene82@msn.com](mailto:sharlene82@msn.com) for any prize related problems. We can fix anything so no one panic!

**FINAL MAGAZINE SALES PROCESSING.** We continue to process paper orders through next week. After that you can continue to make you sales online at [www.aphearst.com](http://www.aphearst.com) school code WC2897. To check your online sales visit the school website under magazines. We post updates periodically. Email questions to [magazines@holyrosaryws.org](mailto:magazines@holyrosaryws.org)

**PARENTS' CLUB NEWS – SAVE THE DATE -** Thursday, October 16, at 6:30pm, in the School Hall for our first Parents' Club meeting of 2008-2009. There will be a presentation on the new permanent SmartBoards, made possible by your support of last year's Auction Fund-An-Item and Dessert Auction. Come learn why our kids are so excited about the SmartBoards and see a demonstration in grade 6B by Mrs. Sue Harris, Mr. Matt Secrest, and Ms. Mary Simpson! This 20 minute demonstration will follow the regular business meeting in the School Hall. Babysitting will be available in the library during the meeting.

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**CHILDREN'S CHOIR UPDATE.** Good news! The Children's Choir will begin Tuesday, October 7 after school, from 3:00-4:00 pm. The choir is open to school and parish children in grades 3-7. Practices are on Tuesdays and we'll sing at many masses this year, including Christmas Eve and Easter! For info, contact Paul Dolejsi [pdolejsi@holyrosaryparish.org](mailto:pdolejsi@holyrosaryparish.org).

**WESTFEST 2008.** Thank you Joe Keppler and Bart Eldredge for your electrical support! You were fantastic! – John Campagnaro. The WestFest wrap-up party will be on Saturday, October 11 from 6 – 9 pm at Brian and Marti McGaughey's house. Thanks for offering to host us McGaughey's! Everyone who helped is invited to enjoy good eats, drinks and dessert! E-mail Sarah or Jodi if you have any questions. Please submit any outstanding receipts as soon as possible. You can find the reimbursement form on our web site. All receipts need to be submitted to Jodi or Sarah before they are submitted to the school. Thank you! Finally, if you are in need of Fundraising hours – We

Need You! We need 3-4 volunteers to help clean-up the WestFest loft. Please contact Jodi or Sarah if you would be interested.

**A HUGE THANK YOU TO THE WIEGAND FAMILY FOUNDATION** for making it possible for Holy Rosary School to have a new piano in the school hall. We are so grateful to have this beautiful new instrument!

**GREEN TIP.** October is Waste Free Lunches month at Holy Rosary! When packing lunches for school or work, try reusable Tupperware-type containers, cloth napkins and utensils from home instead of plastic bags, paper napkins and plastic utensils. Reusable sandwich wraps are available at [www.wrap-n-mat.com](http://www.wrap-n-mat.com), and they double as placemats. Leftovers can go to your home yard waste bin, and there you have it, a waste free lunch!

**ALUMNI NEWS FROM THE DEVELOPMENT OFFICE.** You are invited this Sunday, October 5, after the 11:15 mass! If you are an alum come join us! Or tell your children that have recently graduated from Holy Rosary School! 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 [Click here to RSVP](#) (Go to the Holy Rosary School website at [www.holyrosaryws.org](http://www.holyrosaryws.org), select Alumni and then, Alumni Registration or you can contact [Sarah Dahleen](#) at [sdahleen@holynosaryws.org](mailto:sdahleen@holynosaryws.org) 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](#) at [sdahleen@holynosaryws.org](mailto:sdahleen@holynosaryws.org)) 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.

**RED RIBBON EVENT INFORMATION.** 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. This week students will be working on a Red Ribbon message through artwork, some of which will be on display the week of October 13<sup>th</sup> at the Jefferson Square Safeway.

**OTHER DEVELOPMENT OFFICE NEWS:** Do you know about the Target Take Charge of Education Program? If you have a target red card, you can register your card on-line at [Target.com/tcoe](http://Target.com/tcoe) or by calling 1-800-316-6142. Just by registering your card, Target will donate 1% of purchases from the red card back to our school. Our most recent donation from Target from this program was \$456.00. This is an easy passive way to support our school! Tell your friends and family! Thank you to those who have been participating in this program!

**CYO CROSS COUNTRY.** There is still a chance for your runner to join the greatest team we have fielded at Holy Rosary. – There are two meets left Preliminary Meet –Oct 5th and the Championship Meet – K-3 Oct 12th and 4th – 8th Oct 19t–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. Please contact Heather Slee if you can help or have questions. The registration form is available on the school website under forms.

**CYO BASKETBALL.** Players, THIS IS THE LAST WEEK - 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 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.

**ADDITIONS TO THE OCTOBER CALENDAR.** Please note health screenings for vision and hearing will take place on Monday, Oct. 13 and Monday, Oct. 27. For more information please contact Patricia McBrien through the school office. Also, October prayers services will be lead by the following classes: Oct. 3 by 7B, Oct. 10 by 3A, Oct. 17 by 5A and Oct. 31 by 5B.

**MOTHER SON GLOWBOWLI SAVE THE DATE!** Friday, November 14th 5:30 - 8:30 pm. The flyer to reserve your spot will come home soon in your FCE. Questions? Call Alex Gardner or Cheryl Fehlen

**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!

**TRAFFIC REMINDERS.** Please keep all dogs on the west side of the street at drop off and pick up and please remind your children to walk their bikes across the streets in the crosswalks with the crossing guards. Also, remember not to turn right onto Dakota. Thank you!

**OFFICE REMINDER.** If you drop a lunch off for a student in the school office please make sure it is clearly marked with the student's first and last name, and homeroom. Thank you!

**eSCRIP NEWS:** Time is running out! This is our chance to raise an extra \$1,000 bonus for HR by collecting 10% Back to School register receipts from Safeway. Last year we were a few dollars

shy of receiving our bonus. You can help! Gather ANY Safeway 10 % Back to Schools receipt with a redemption code (see 10% Back to Schools flyer for an illustration of these valuable receipts), and return the receipts to the school. These special receipts will only be printed until Oct. 6, and must be redeemed by Oct. 13. Current members of eScrip will have their earnings automatically credited to Holy Rosary, but many unclaimed dollars are being thrown away! Please contact Sandy Rottler, at [s-rottler@comcast.net](mailto:s-rottler@comcast.net), for further information.

**KENNEDY HIGH SCHOOL PRESENTS THE JR SPIRIT SQUAD CAMP** for students in grades K-8. The camp is from 12noon to 3pm on Sunday, Oct. 12<sup>th</sup> at Kennedy High School gymnasium 140 S. 140<sup>th</sup> St. Burien Way 98168. Participants will receive a 2008 JFK Spirit Squad t-shirt. Flyers are available in the school office or you can call Sue Strong at JFK at (206) 246-0500 X 312 for more information.

### **INCLUDED IN THIS FCE:**

- ⌚ Parent/Teacher/Student Conference Time (purple)
- ⌚ Study Hall Enrollment Form (yellow) For the Next Four Weeks - Oct. 13-Nov. 7
- ⌚ Revised October Calendar (on-line only)

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

- ⌚ Friday Morning Prayer Service by Grade 7B – 8:30am – School Hall
- ⌚ 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
- ⌚ Teacher In-Service Curriculum Mapping, Wednesday, Oct. 8, NOON – Library
- ⌚ NOON DISMISSAL, Wednesday, Oct. 8, Teacher In-Service
- ⌚ School Commission Meeting, Thursday, Oct. 9, 5-8:30pm – Staff Room
- ⌚ 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Ropes Retreat, Monday, Oct. 13-Wednesday, Oct. 15 – Camp Coleman
- ⌚ 2A Field Trip, UW Arboretum, Tuesday, Oct. 14
- ⌚ Auction Committee Meeting, Tuesday, Oct. 14, 6:30pm – Staff Room
- ⌚ 2B Field Trip, UW Arboretum, Wednesday, Oct. 15
- ⌚ Red Ribbon Day/Drug Free School Gathering, Thursday, Oct. 16, 9:30am – Playground
- ⌚ Parents' Club Meeting, Thursday, Oct. 16, 6:30pm – School Hall - SMARTBOARDS
- ⌚ Magazine Reward Day at the Family Fun Center, Friday, Oct. 17<sup>th</sup>
- ⌚ Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences – Tuesday, Oct. 21 – Thursday, Oct. 23