



SCHOOL NEWS

Holy Rosary School Family Communication Newsletter

October 16, 2008

"In the evening of life, we shall be judged on love."

-St. John of the Cross

Today is Red Ribbon Day at Holy Rosary School. We are honored to be one of two schools in Washington to welcome Mika Camarena, widow of Enrique "Kiki" Camarena, who was killed because of his fight against illegal drugs. Mika has dedicated her life to traveling around the country teaching children about the danger of drugs. Thank you to Jodie Underwood and Sarah Dahleen for coordinating this important, educational, and very exciting event!

The teachers look forward to conferences next week. Midtrimester reports will be given out at the conference. In grades 1-8, students must attend the conferences. Please, please arrive on time for your conferences. The evenings are particularly tight for most all of the teachers. Remember that the Book Fair is open throughout conference week. Thank you to Mrs. Sue Harris for the extra time and work she puts in to make the Book Fair happen. Proceeds from the Book Fair are used to purchase new books for the library. We also thank Carol Ann Joyce, Lisa Roach, Laura Miller, and Roseann Ryerson from PATS for providing dinner for the staff on Wednesday. One more time, the schedule for next week is:

Mon., Oct. 20 – full day of school

Tues., Oct. 21 – school dismisses at 2:15; conferences from 3:15-8:00

Wed., Oct. 22 – no school for students; conferences from 9:30am – 7:50pm

Thurs. Oct. 23 – no school for students; conferences from 9:30am – 8:00pm

Fri., Oct. 24 – no school for students and teachers

I am looking forward to seeing you all at the first Parents' Club Meeting tonight, Thursday, October 16, at 6:30pm in the school hall. See below for further information.

PARENTS' CLUB NEWS. JOIN US TONIGHT- 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. Used Uniforms will be available at no charge to anyone interested. Come see what is available. Child care will be in the gym for \$1 per child.

ALUMNI NEWS FROM THE DEVELOPMENT OFFICE. If you are interested in getting involved with the HRS Alumni committee, we would love to hear from you! Please contact **Sarah Dahleen** for more details at (206) 937-1488 X 219.

RED RIBBON EVENT INFORMATION FROM THE DEVELOPMENT OFFICE Visit the Jefferson Square Safeway to view some of the Red Ribbon artwork on display the week of October 13th. Great job to all of our winners and to everyone who participated by making a poster, coloring a picture or creating a bookmark!

FUNDRAISING NEWS FROM THE DEVELOPMENT OFFICE. At the most recent School Commission meeting the decision was made not to continue the Entertainment Book and Cookie Dough sales for the 08-09 school year. Thank you to everyone who participated in these sales last year.

MAGAZINE DRIVE RESULTS- \$146,750! Another fantastic year! Thank you parents, students, and staff for all your efforts! 51% or almost 75,000 will be contributed to the operating fund. **As a special thank you tomorrow will be free dress for all.** Our top grade sellers were the 4th Grade (Bowling Party), 7th Grade (Pizza Party), Kindergartners (Ice Cream field trip to Husky) and our top individual sellers were Rilee Sanders 7B (196 orders), Bridget Haney 4B (147 orders) and William McGaughey 2B (94 orders). We no longer accept paper orders but you can continue to make sales online at www.aphearst.com school code WC2897. **Prizes.** If you have any outstanding prize questions or problems email sharlene82@msn.com. **Family Fun Center-** is tomorrow 11:20-2:30 for those students earning that reward. Pizza lunch will be served at the Fun Center. If you volunteered to chaperone please meet at the school by 11:10 sharp! **Customer Service** You'll soon be able to check the status of your order by going to www.aphearst.com and click "check order status". Enter the zip code and last name (or order number) or you can call 1-800-284-9711 or email customerservice@aphearst.com. Allow 14 weeks for subscriptions to start. The back of the pink order copy has all the information or you can go to the school website. **Magazine Thank You!** A big thank you to those who helped to make this event so successful especially to those interested in taking on leadership roles. Holy Rosary appreciates you!

SALLY FOSTER GIFT WRAP sale begins today October 16th. It's that time of year again. Time to stock up for Christmas! 50% of all sales go back to Holy Rosary School. Students are eligible for great gifts this year! Sale ends October 31st so get those orders in and help support our school!

PARENT COMMITMENT HOUR PROGRAM: Enclosed in this FCE are Parent Commitment Hour Quarterly Statements. Hours completed from 3/1/08-9/30/08 are included in this statement. Any hours recently turned in will be included on your next statement. Please remember to turn in your completed parent commitment forms to the office in a timely matter. Hours should be reported within 90 days after they have been completed. Parent commitment hour forms are available in the school office. The Parent Commitment year runs from March 1, 2008 – February 28, 2009. Any uncompleted hours will be invoiced to you at a rate of \$50.00 per hour. Please remember only adult (over 18) family members may contribute to a families hours. Please take a moment to look at the Family Handbook for more information on the Parent Commitment Hour Program.

Single Parent Families: To be a qualifying single parent family, you must have no other parent, ex-spouse, guardian, or family support who can help you with your hours. To get approval for single parent hours, please explain your situation in writing and submit it to School Commission Vice President no later than October 31, 2008. Please see the Holy Rosary Family Handbook for information on the Parent Commitment Hour Program.

FIRST RECONCILIATION PARENT PREP DATES. We will be having our parent prep classes for First Reconciliation Oct. 15th OR Oct. 29th, both from 6:30 to 8pm in the school hall. The parents need attend only one session.

NO CHESS. Please be advised there will not be chess class after school on Thursday, Oct. 16 or Thursday, Oct 23rd. Thank you, Mike Ritscher

GREEN TIP FOR OCT 16 4 million plastic water bottles are used each DAY in Washington State. 80% of those are not recycled. Each one takes 1,000 years to biodegrade. 25% of bottled water is simply reprocessed municipal/city water. The average energy cost to make the plastic, fill the bottle, transport it to market and then deal with the waste is the equivalent of “filling up a quarter of every bottle with oil.” (Peter Gleick, water policy expert.) So, make a move toward waste free lunches by eliminating those plastic water bottles and replacing them with reusable ones. Stainless steel water bottles are available at the PCC and many other local stores, and on-line at KleanKanteen.com. Other sites of interest: GreenHalloween.org and WasteFreeLunches.org. Remember that Fridays are still Green Fridays! Carpools, bikes, walking, bus; all alternative transportation modes are encouraged! Finally, all interested parents, teachers and parishioners are invited to attend the Green Team meeting on Wednesday, October 29, at 7 pm in the School Hall. Hope to see you there!

THANK YOU to **Brian and Marti McGaughey** for hosting our wrap-up party on Saturday night. The food was great and the company even better. Thank you all for a great WestFest 2008!
Jodi Sherwood and Sarah Dahleen

MOTHER SON GLOWBOWL Save the Date!! Friday, November 14th 5:30 - 8:30 PM!!
Download your forms now for the 2008 Mother Son Glowbowl. Cost is \$35 for Mother & one son, add \$5 for each additional son. See flyer for more details. Flyers will be available in the school office if you have trouble downloading one. Please fill out the form & return it to the school office asap to reserve your spot! If you have questions, please contact Alex Gardner or Cheryl Fehlen. Thanks!

NOTE FOR UNICEF BOXES For the past 2 years, the class of 2015 has participated in the Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF campaign. This year the 2nd grade Brownie Troop would like to ask the entire school to help us reach our goal. If every family contributes only \$2.85 in their box, you will have helped us reach our goal of \$1000. Kids like us truly have the power to change the world, because it only takes pennies to save a life. Any donation you collect on Halloween, either from the homes you visit during “trick-or-treating” or from your spare change jar, will help give children around the world access to basic things like medicine, clean water, food, and an education.
Included in your FCE envelope is one Trick-or-Treat collection box per family. Please bring your boxes back to school the Monday following Halloween. We will come by each classroom to collect the boxes, count the money and send the funds to UNICEF. Brownie Troop #42880 and the entire 2nd grade class thank you for your help. And remember, WE ARE BETTER TOGETHER!

SEATTLE PREP OPEN HOUSE will take place Wednesday, November 5th from 5:30-8pm. Seattle Prep is a Catholic Jesuit High School located at 2400 11th Ave East 98102. Meet the faculty, tour the school and find out more about curriculum and student activities! Any questions, call the Seattle Prep Admissions Office at (206) 577-2146.

INCLUDED IN THIS FCE:

- 🕒 **November Calendar (goldenrod)**
- 🕒 **November Hot Lunch Menu and Order Form**
- 🕒 **Photo Communications Form**
- 🕒 **Sally Foster Information**
- 🕒 **Unicef Box**

UPCOMING EVENTS AND IMPORTANT DATES:

- 🕒 **Red Ribbon Day/Drug Free School Gathering, Thursday, Oct. 16, 9:25am – Playground**
- 🕒 **Parents’ Club Meeting, Thursday, Oct. 16, 6:30pm – School Hall - SMARTBOARDS**

- ⌚ Magazine Reward Day at the Family Fun Center, Friday, Oct. 17 – Free Dress for All
- ⌚ Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences – Tuesday, Oct. 21 – Thursday, Oct. 23
- ⌚ NO SCHOOL, Friday, October 24
- ⌚ 1A/1B Field Trip to Remlinger Farm, Tuesday, Oct. 28
- ⌚ Power of One Anti-Bullying Assembly, Gr. 5-8 12:10pm, Gr. 1-4 1:20pm, Thursday, October 30 – Lanigan
- ⌚ Happy Halloween, Wear Black and Orange, Friday, Oct. 31
- ⌚ All Saints Day Mass, Monday, Nov. 3, 8:45am – PERFECT UNIFORM – HR Church