



SCHOOL NEWS

Holy Rosary School Family Communication Newsletter

October 30, 2008

"We are all pencils in the hand of God."

-Mother Teresa

Thank you for your positive participation in last week's conferences. The teachers were proud of their students and appreciated the opportunity to talk with you about ways your children "glow" and areas where they can "grow". Research shows that students are most apt to work towards and maintain high behavioral and academic standards when they realize that their parents and teachers are working in concert! Thank you again for your support of the conference schedule and for your efforts to arrive on time for your meeting. We also wish to thank members of the PATS Committee, Davi Sabotta, Lisa Roach, Dena Werlech-Parker, Terri Rambosek, and Carol Ann Joyce, for providing the staff with a delicious dinner on beautifully decorated tables!

We invite you to join us for our celebration of All Saints Day on Monday, Nov. 3, at 8:45am. Our fourth grade "saints" will be marching in to lead us in this Mass – thank you Ms. Simpson and Mrs. Robel. Please remember that Monday is a perfect uniform day for students with sweaters, sweatshirts, or vests required. Thank you for your cooperation. On Tuesday, Nov. 4, all Holy Rosary students will cast their ballot for our next president and vice president, as well as Washington's governor. The polling station will be in the library. Be sure to ask your children about their voting experience and of course, Holy Rosary's results! Will they mirror our nation's?

The Sunday evening (5:30pm) Mass moves back to Holy Rosary for the month of November. This Sunday, Nov. 2, students in grades 6, 7, & 8 are invited to enjoy pizza and pop and a game of trivia right after the Mass.

It's black and orange day tomorrow, October 31, but please remember students may not wear face paint or dye their hair. There just might be a few ghosts, goblins, and witches around! The Green Team wants you to remember that it's an orange and black Friday, but also a green Friday – be sure to read the GREEN TIP later in this newsletter. There is also a "Halloween Challenge" from our Health & Nutrition Committee which I encourage you to read and have your children support. Thanks.

May you enjoy the remaining splashes of fall color and as the trees say goodbye to their green, letting go of what has been, may we be encouraged to say goodbye to that which weighs us down and distances us from God.

TAKE THE HALLOWEEN CHALLENGE FROM THE HEALTH & NUTRITION COMMITTEE: Once you've sorted through your candy and selected your favorites, donate the rest to charity. Bring your extra Halloween candy into your classroom by Tuesday, Nov. 4. Students from the Leadership Elective will collect the candy from each class. The class in each department, K-2; 3-5; & 6-8, that has donated the most candy, by weight, will receive a free dress pass. Each winning class can choose when to enjoy their free dress. Take the challenge and share your sweets with others.

TRICK-OR-TREAT FOR UNICEF. This year the 2nd grade Brownie Troop is asking the entire school to help us reach our goal for the Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF campaign. If every family contributes \$2.85 in their box, we will have \$1000 to help give children around the world access to basic things like medicine, clean water, food, and an education. Please return the money you collect by Monday, Nov. 3rd. Thank you and have a happy & safe Halloween. (Note: There are extra collection boxes in the school office).

GREEN TIP OCT 30, 2008. Remember that Black and Orange Friday is also Green Friday; thank you to all those who walk, bus, ride, carpool or otherwise get to school by alternate means on Friday. As a last waste free lunch tip, if you need to use throw away lunch containers and utensils, try wax paper bags (biodegrade in about 9 days) instead of plastic. The PCC also carries a biodegradable brand of "plastic" utensils, sturdy enough to be reused but not so tough on the planet. As we head in to the holiday shopping season, please check out the November 15 Toy Swap and Sale at Camp Long from 9am to 1pm. You can de-clutter and donate items for a credit to spend at the sale, or just stop by to find a good deal and reuse toys in good condition. Donations will be taken at seven West Seattle locations until 3 pm Nov. 14. Portions of the event will benefit the West Seattle Food Bank and Westside Baby. Details can be found at Coolmom.org.

SALLY FOSTER GIFT WRAP GOOD NEWS!! We have extended our due date to Monday, Nov 3rd. If you have not turned in your orders yet, there is still time. 50% of the sales goes back to Holy Rosary School. 8th Grade sales benefit their Graduation, 6th Grade sales benefit their Sailing Trip, 5th Grade sales benefit their camping Trip. Students are eligible for amazing prizes! PLEASE SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL! Any questions, please call Yoshimi Lorbiecki 206-937-7528 or Irene Merz 206-933-0742.

INDIVIDUAL PICTURE RETAKES will take place **Monday, November 10**. If you want your child to have their individual picture retaken please have them bring their original package with them. If you child did not have their picture taken, please stop by the school office and pick up a form to complete prior to Monday's retakes.

8th GRADE PIZZA LUNCH. Hooray!! It's back! The first 8th grade pizza lunch for this school year will be THURSDAY NOVEMBER 13, 2008, and we have some new choices on the order forms this year! Order forms were sent home Monday Oct. 27th. Forms can also be downloaded off the website. 8th grade parents don't forget this is a fundraiser for our 8th graders and the hours are fundraising hours!!

MOTHER SON GLOW BOWL is Nov 14th 5:30-8:30 pm. Remember to download your form from the FCE, or pick one up in the office, and turn it in to the school office ASAP! Spots are filling up quickly & you won't want to miss this opportunity to spend some quality time with your

son! This event is sure to be a blast - not only will you get to bowl with your son, enjoy Garlic Jims pizza, but you will get to spend time with a lot of other wonderful Moms and their sons! If you don't have a son, and would like to volunteer, please contact Alex Gardner, or Cheryl Fehlen. Thanks!

FLU VACCINATION CLINIC AT HOLY ROSARY. The Holy Rosary Parent's Club and the Visiting Nurse Services of the Northwest (VNSNW) are hosting a Flu vaccination clinic on Thursday, November 20th. The clinic will run from 6:30 to 8:30. More information, including vaccine fees, consents, and general information regarding the vaccine, will be posted soon on the school web site. The VNSNW would like a rough idea of how many people are considering attending the clinic. This information will allow the agency to determine how much staff and vaccine will be needed that evening. If you and your family are considering attending this vaccination clinic, please email me at: mulkey.family@comcast.net. Contact me at the above email address with any questions you may have about the Flu vaccine or the Flu vaccination clinic. Thank you, Patricia McBrien, RN

30th ANNUAL HOLY ROSARY HEART AUCTION - April 25, 2009: Set Sail for the Tropics! Preparations are already well underway for Holy Rosary's 30th Annual Heart Auction: Set Sail for the Tropics. Look for the auction Checklist and Heart Auction and You flyers in your FCE and remember to check the Heart Auction web site regularly for all necessary forms and updates! Kindergarten and New Families - keep an eye out for Auction Packets coming soon! Any questions? Please contact Katie Cunningham @ (206) 948-5710 or Sarah Mackay @ (206) 234-6372.

CORRECTION IN THE FAMILY HANDBOOK. Uncompleted parent commitment hours must be paid at the rate of **\$75** an hour as per the signed contract. Please update your handbook to properly reflect this change. This should be updated on page 7, item #8 as well as on page 27 in the first and last paragraphs under the Parent Commitment Hours Program. We apologize for any confusion this may have caused.

ATTENTION WEST SEATTLE THRIFTWAY and METROPOLITAN MARKET SHOPPERS! This is your chance to support Holy Rosary by shopping at your favorite grocery store. HR is registered to participate in a 1% Cash Back Community Fundraising Program offered by these two local stores. Please save your receipts and send them to school. The pre-tax receipt amounts will be tallied and the stores will send a check directly to Holy Rosary School. Cash register receipts accepted for purchases made are as follows: Metropolitan Market will not accept receipts over 6 months old. West Seattle Thriftway will not accept receipts after 45 days. I pick receipts up monthly on the 10th. So that means no receipts will be accepted for Thriftway any earlier than the 1st of the previous month. There is a basket in the Narthex of the Church for you to deposit your receipts into. You can also send them in via the FCE. Direct any questions about receipts to Tara Turpen at 935-0552. Thank you for your participation in this easy fundraiser. Safeway or PCC receipts are not accepted at this time!

HO, HO, HO! The Tree Lot is just around the corner and we need Santa's helpers like you to make it happen! The sign-ups are now available online (click on the Tree Lot logo on the right side of the school website). New Tree Lot hours this year: Monday - Friday: 3:00 - 9:00 p.m. Saturday & Sunday: 9 a.m. - 9 p.m. The Lot Opens Saturday 11/29. Sign up now to get the shift(s) of your choice. Also, we are looking for volunteers who can assist on the "Lot Squad". The "Lot Squad" volunteers need to be available on designated days on an "on call" basis to

assist with the delivery and unloading of the trees from our suppliers. Please call or email Refawne or Rick Acarregui if you are available to help.

POINSETTIA SALE. The holidays are upon us and it's time to think about decorating with beautiful poinsettias! Poinsettias are great holiday hostess gifts and if you have a business, they are a lovely way to decorate or gift to employees. Our prices are competitive and we deliver to businesses for free! There is no tax and best of all, you're supporting Holy Rosary School and Students! Remember that with your help we are "Better Together".

BLESSED MOTHER TERESA PROGRAM of Studies at Kennedy High School for Current Students in Grades 9, 10 & 11 - for Students with Learning Differences *"There is only one God and He is God to all: therefore, it is important that everyone is seen as equal before God."* Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta (1910 – 1997) "As an archdiocesan high school, the mission of Kennedy High School is to provide a quality Catholic education to all students. We are dedicated to fostering their relationship with God, educating the whole person, and inspiring a life-long commitment to learning and service." – Mission of Kennedy High School To this end, Kennedy High school offers a comprehensive program of studies within the Kennedy High School curriculum for students with learning differences. This program is named after Blessed Mother Teresa, known for her humanitarian work throughout her life for those in need. She was beatified in Rome in 2003. If you have questions about the Admissions process, please contact: Mrs. Lisa Jandusay (Admissions Assistant) (206) 246-0500 x 355 jandusayl@kennedyhs.org , Mr. Jim Mesick (Admissions Director) (206) 246-0500 x 306 mesickj@kennedyhs.org OR Ms. Kathleen Gurnard (Mother Teresa Assistant) (206) 246-0500 x 388 gurnardk@kennedyhs.org

BISHOP BLANCHET HIGH SCHOOL is having an open house Thursday, November 13 from 5:30-8pm. It will be a free – flowing format. All interested families are invited to attend and tour the school. This is a great opportunity to interact with teachers and students, learn more about the curriculum and co-curricular programs, and see all the great NEW facilities. Please note that this is our only Open House this year. Bishop Blanchet High School is located at 8200 Wallingford Ave. N., two blocks north of Green Lake. For more information call (206) 527-7711 or visit www.bishopblanchet.org.

KIDS' SELF DEFENSE CLASS is changed to November 9th!! (2:00-4:00 PM) The Kids Self Defense Workshop is designed to inform and empower kids 6 - 11 years of age on the basics of self defense. This class will include a highly rated film, role playing, and physical self defense tools. As a follow up, kids will be requested to discuss the lessons with their parents. Co-education between children and parents is highly encouraged. Cost - \$25 per child Instructor - Lisa Skvarla (206) 938-3375 Location: Lee's Martial Arts (West Seattle) 3270 California Ave SW 206-938-3375

WEST SEATTLE & FAUNTLEROY YMCA BASKETBALL flyers are available in the school office. You can register by filling out the registration form on the flyer or on-line at www.seattleyymca.org.

CHILDCARE NEEDED. Jon Barker and his wife are looking for full-time Monday-Friday childcare beginning in January. Childcare will be for their five month old baby boy. Hours and salary to be determined and references will be needed. Please contact Jon at jbarker@holyroaryws.org.

Download Available with this FCE

- Mother/Son Glow Bowl
- KENNEDY High School Mother Teresa Programs Flyers
- Holy Names Academy Just for Dads Breakfast Flyer
- Stone Soup Flyer

UPCOMING EVENTS AND IMPORTANT DATES:

- Power of One Anti-Bullying Assembly, Thursday, October 30, Gr. 5-8 12:10pm, Gr. 1-4 1:20pm, Lanigan
- Happy Halloween, Wear Black and Orange, Friday, Oct. 31
- All Souls Day, Sunday, November 2
- Youth and Family Mass, Sunday, November 2 – 5:30pm, Holy Rosary Church followed by pizza, pop, and trivia for 6th, 7th, & 8th graders
- All Saints Day Mass, Monday, Nov. 3, 8:45am – PERFECT UNIFORM – HR Church
- Nov. 4 REMEMBER TO VOTE! Voting at Holy Rosary in the Library (for students!)
- Auction Committee Meeting, Tuesday, November 4, 6:30pm – Staff Room
- Grants Committee Meeting, Wednesday, November 5, 6pm – Staff Room
- School Commission Meeting, Thursday, November 6, 6pm – Staff Room
- Prayer Service by 4B, Friday, November 7, 8:30am – School Hall
- Youth and Family Mass, Sunday, November 9 – 5:30pm, Holy Rosary Church
- Veterans Day, Tuesday, November 11 – NO SCHOOL
- 8th Grade Pizza Lunch – Thursday, November 13 – LUNCH TIMES