



SCHOOL NEWS

Holy Rosary School Family Communication Newsletter

November 6, 2008

"Leadership and learning are indispensable to each other."

-John F. Kennedy

This week I have been somewhat flooded with feelings of pride: pride in being a Holy Rosary Gator, pride in being a Catholic involved in Catholic education, and pride in being an American! It started on Sunday while watching our sixth grade boys' CYO soccer team play for the championship. The boys played well and won – defeating Our Lady of Fatima 3-0. Of course, I was proud of them for winning and adding another beautiful trophy to our trophy case. But mostly, I was proud of the team's spirit of perseverance, cooperation, and sportsmanship. Everyone at HR can be proud of the way this team represented us. Congratulations and thank you, players, coaches, and fans, too! These feelings continued on Monday when our fourth grade "saints" did an absolutely incredible job leading us in the All Saints' Day Mass. The "saints", each dressed up to look exactly like one of the real saints, read, sang, and recited the Prayer of St. Francis with expertise and enthusiasm. Once again I was so very proud of how well our fourth graders had led us, but more importantly I was proud of them and proud of all of our students, teachers, and parents for their sincere and prayerful participation in the Eucharistic celebration, which is what truly defines our Catholic faith. At times like this, I feel especially blessed and grateful to be a Catholic and to be a part of this wonderful Holy Rosary School community. You know what's coming next... On Tuesday evening witnessing our nation's historic election made me feel extremely proud to be an American – proud and grateful – to live in a country where voting happens in a peaceful manner and where losers are gracious and winners are humble. It's Wednesday and all I'm feeling now is tired – that is a lot of emotion in three days!

Next Monday, Nov. 10, our students will gather with their Faith Families to decorate bags for our parish's "Lunches of Love" program. The rectory gives hundreds of free lunches away to people in need, and that number has been increasing every day. Each student will bring home his/her decorated bag with a list of

non-perishable items that can go into the bag. We are encouraging the children to purchase the items for the bag and bring to school a "Lunch of Love" for someone in need. Students can bring in their extra lunch ANYTIME – there will be a container for the lunches in the main hall near the bulletin board. If this is a service that your family wishes to continue, the bags do not need to be decorated. Extra lunches with non-perishable items can be donated anytime. Perhaps your family would like to donate one lunch every week, or one every month – each lunch will be so appreciated by a hungry person. Thank you for caring and for your generous support.

We remember our Veterans at tomorrow morning's prayer service led by Mrs. Robel's fourth grade class. There will be no school on Tuesday, Nov. 11, in honor of Veterans' Day. Thursday, Nov. 13, is the first 8th grade pizza lunch; money raised by the 8th graders from their pizza lunches helps to pay for their graduation activities. See notice later on in this newsletter. Thank you for your support.

Be sure to check out the results of Holy Rosary's mock election. The 8th grade classes under the direction of Mr. Mohrbacher, Mrs. Harris, and Mrs. Smith, sponsored the election and created the webpage. Great job, 8th grade! We hope our students learned a lot about the election of our president and also enjoyed the opportunity to vote using our SmartBoard technology.

And thanks for sharing your Halloween candy ... the sweet treats will be donated to the men living at St. Martin de Porres Shelter. The leadership elective students will weigh each class's stash. The heaviest stash in primary (K-2), intermediate (3-5) and junior high, (6-8) will result in that class getting a free dress day on a day determined by the teacher.

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!

AUCTION COMMITTEE MEETING CHANGE. The auction committee meeting scheduled for this week has been changed to Tuesday, November 18 at 6:30pm.

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: 3pm-9 pm. Saturday & Sunday: 9am-9pm. The Lot Opens Saturday 11/29. Sign up now to get the shift(s) of your choice. Please note: Wednesday, 12/10 is the Children's Christmas program. Please keep this in mind when choosing your shifts. 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 with this.

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! New this year are bags of pinecones. Remember that with your help, we are "Better Together". Orders need to be placed by November 17th - see the order form in this FCE, or look at the poinsettia link for more information. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer with delivering to businesses on December 1st and 8th - please contact, Bethany Larsen at pbanjonw@msn.com, or Melissa Ardales at mardales1@yahoo.com. Order forms are included in this FCE.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST NOVEMBER 23. Please mark your calendars! Bring the family and help us kick off the Christmas season on Sunday November 23rd after the 8:00 and 9:30 Masses in the school hall. The tree lot elves and the 6th grade classes will provide a complete breakfast of mouth watering Pancakes, delectable French Toast, sizzling bacon, yummy sausage, orange juice and hot coffee. Proceeds will benefit the annual 6th grade sailing trip. The tree lot will open the weekend after Thanksgiving, so please visit <http://treelot.holyrosaryws.org> and sign up for a shift to help at the tree lot.

WESTFEST NEWS. Thank you to the following people who helped clean out the WestFest loft and storage area this weekend! Frank and Erin Podany, Brian and Marti McGaughey, Currie Baker, Rise Psycher, Jason Westlund, Dave Hartley. If you have not had the chance, please extend a special thank you to Erin Podany who has graciously accepted the role of Co-Chair for WestFest 2009.

GREEN TIP NOV. 6, 2008. In November, we give thanks for our earth and look for ways to nurture and sustain it, as it sustains us. We also give thanks for those who work the land to bring the harvest to our tables. To support them, and to care for our earth, try some shade grown, fair trade coffee. This coffee is grown among the trees, rather than clear cutting the trees to make way for coffee plants. This method uses fewer chemical pesticides and fertilizers, maintains healthy soil, avoids erosion and supports bird populations. Fair trade coffee is purchased from its growers for a fair price, which helps them raise their families and their communities out of poverty and supports their efforts to care for the earth by using sustainable growing methods.

NOTES FROM THE NURSE – Screenings. Vision and Hearing screenings have been completed on 1st through 8th graders. November 17 the school will test those students or classes who were absent or unavailable on the original testing dates. Testing of the kindergarten classes will be held on a later date. I would like to extend a thank you to the Karen Pritchard, Carol Anne Joyce, Karen Kuhar, Sandy Rottler, Sydne Mead-Smith, Roxanne Gerhardt, Ruth Helle, and Andrea Duffy. These volunteers donated their time, worked hard, and provided compassionate and professional care to the all the school children. **Flu Vaccination Clinic.** Holy Rosary School and The Visiting Nurse Services of the Northwest (VNSNW) will be hosting a Flu Vaccination clinic during the November 20th Parent's Club meeting. The clinic hours will be 6:30PM-8:30PM. The VNSNW will be offering the following vaccines: Inactivated Influenza Vaccine \$30.00, Thimersol free Influenza Vaccine \$40.00, Pneumococcal Vaccine \$40.00, Cash or check payments will be accepted at time of service. The VNSNW will provide participants with the paper work required by insurance companies for reimbursement. Below are some links that will provide you with

information on the above-mentioned vaccines: [Inactivated FLU PPV23](#) [CDC - Influenza \(Flu\) I Q & A: Thimerosal-Containing Influenza Vaccine](#) Consent forms for children and adults will be coming soon. Please email mulkey.family@comcast.net with any questions. Patricia McBrien RN

BAND NEWS. Band is off to a great start! We have a strong returning group and a VERY excited class of new beginners in 5th grade! Thank you to our students and parents for your participation in the band program! Is “homework” practicing? CERTAINLY! As in all academic courses, teachers expect students to practice the material learned in class. This is true for band as well! Each week band members are EXPECTED to earn a check (1 or 2 days for at least 15 minutes). Ask your child about earning a sharp or star-status! The secret formula to being a great musician? Practice frequently throughout the week....and the longer the better!!!! AND, over at Kennedy Catholic High School: INCREDIBLE!!! The JFK Band boasts of over 140 students this year!

LOST AND FOUND. An Obermeyer jacket, possibly left over from the Villa Academy/Holy Rosary semifinal game was found at St. Bernadette's field on Thursday, October 30th. If anyone thinks it may be their child's, please have them email me with a description at amartis28@hotmail.com. And congratulations to the Sixth Grade Boys' team.

Included in this FCE:

- 🕒 **Mother/Son Glow Bowl (cherry)**
- 🕒 **Heart Auction and You Flyer (yellow)**
- 🕒 **Grandparent Questionnaire**
- 🕒 **After School Study Hall Sign Up Sheet (blue)**
- 🕒 **Hot Lunch Menu and Order form for December**
- 🕒 **Poinsettia Order Form**
- 🕒 **Sparks Chiropractic Health Center Flyer (fall colors)**

UPCOMING EVENTS AND IMPORTANT DATES:

- 🕒 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
- 🕒 Faith Families Decorating Bags for “Lunches of Love” Program – Monday, Nov. 10
- 🕒 Veterans’ Day, Tuesday, November 11 – **NO SCHOOL**
- 🕒 8th Grade Pizza Lunch, Thursday, November 13 – LUNCH TIMES
- 🕒 Prayer Service by Leadership Elective Students, Friday, November 14, 8:30am – School Hall
- 🕒 Youth and Family Mass, Sunday, November 16 – 5:30pm, Holy Rosary Church
- 🕒 Grade 4A Field Trip to the Pike Place Market, Tuesday, November 18
- 🕒 Grade 4B Field Trip to the Pike Place Market, Thursday, November 20
- 🕒 Parents’ Club Meeting, Thursday, November 20, 6:30pm – School Hall
- 🕒 Prayer Service by 6B, Friday, November 21, 8:30am – School Hall
- 🕒 “Mix-It-Up” Free Dress Day, Friday, November 21 – Details Coming
- 🕒 Tree Lot Pancake Breakfast after the 8:00am & 9:30am Masses, Sunday, Nov. 23
- 🕒 Youth and Family Mass, Sunday, November 23 – 5:30pm, Holy Rosary Church
- 🕒 Development Committee Meeting, Monday, November 24, 6pm – Staff Room