



SCHOOL NEWS

Holy Rosary School Family Communication Newsletter

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"It is not how much you do, but how much love you put into the doing and sharing with others that is important. Try not to judge people. If you judge others then you are not giving love." --Mother Teresa

The blue barrel in the main hallway was overflowing with Lunches of Love yesterday and again today! What an accurate reflection of our Holy Rosary school families! Thank you for caring and responding so quickly. You truly are the BEST! Please see the message in this newsletter from Nikki Page, Parents' Club President, regarding the parish food drive and an opportunity for service work for our students after the 5:30pm Mass on Nov. 23.

Parents' Club welcomes Detective Malinda Wilson as the speaker at the November 20 meeting. Detective Wilson speaks at schools around the greater Seattle area on Internet Safety. I heard her speak at Holy Rosary a couple of years ago and I highly recommend her presentation to all parents. Our Lady of Guadalupe parents have been invited to join us for this meeting. Remember, Parents' Club does not meet in December, so this is the last meeting until January 22. Hope to see you next Thursday, Nov. 20, at 6:30pm. Mr. & Mrs. Claus may make an early appearance at Holy Rosary with a special "surprise" for those in attendance. Used uniforms will be available and you can also donate your own used uniforms. Remember the Flu Vaccination Clinic is that evening as well.

The Leadership Elective students are sponsoring a Mix-It-Up Day on Friday, Nov. 21. Mix It Up Day is a national celebration that helps students appreciate and respect our community. Students are invited to wear free dress, but ONLY if they PLEDGE to Mix It Up – which means to think positively about themselves, build healthy friendships within a diverse group, and display empathy for those who are often judged too soon. Tomorrow morning's prayer service will introduce Mix It Up Day to the students. We hope everyone will join in the fun next Friday, Nov. 21, and help our community to truly experience BETTER TOGETHER.

Can you believe that in less than two weeks the first trimester ends (Wednesday, Nov. 26) and the Advent Season begins (Sunday, Nov. 30)? Our school community will gather for Mass on Wednesday, Nov. 26, at 8:45am to remember those in need and to thank God for the many blessings we have been given. Thank you to the third grade classes for planning the Mass. It's a perfect uniform day – thanks for your cooperation. School dismisses at noon on Nov. 26.

SERVING TOGETHER – PARISH FOOD DRIVE! ST VINCENT DE PAUL AND PARENTS' CLUB ARE WORKING TOGETHER THIS MONTH TO HELP HUNGRY FAMILIES. We have been inspired by your generous support of our parish's Lunches of Love Program – thank you so very much! We also want to offer our support to the St. Vincent de Paul Society of Holy Rosary. The St. Vincent de Paul Society gives food to families in need in our community. There are more families needing help at this time and the pantry is emptying too quickly. We are encouraging anyone who would like to help fill the pantry back up, to bring items to any Mass or to school and place it on the stage in the school hall. On Sunday, Nov. 23, after the 5:30pm Mass, students are invited to stay and help sort the food and restock the pantry. Parents' Club would like to thank all of the families who share so much with our many requests. Our parish is "Better" with our support, because we are "Better Together". Top Ten Pantry Items Needed are: Canned Meats: Tuna, Chicken, Turkey, Ham and Salmon Pasta and Pasta Sauce Oatmeal and Dry Cereal Canned Fruit Macaroni and Cheese Peanut Butter and Jelly Crackers Chili, Canned Ravioli and stews Top Ramen Portable Snack: We pray for all the children and families who need our help at this time

GREEN TIP NOVEMBER 13. November is Thanks and Care for Our Earth Month. We give thanks that we live in a country and a region where good food is plentiful. We give thanks that we are not hungry, and we help those who are. We give thanks that our earth provides for our physical sustenance, and we care for the earth in turn by supporting organic farmers, whose methods maintain the health of the soil, helping to ensure a safe and plentiful food supply in the long term. There are many and detailed definitions of organic, but the website of the Organic Trade Association tells us the following: "Organic production is based on a system of farming that maintains and replenishes soil fertility without the use of toxic and persistent pesticides and fertilizers. Organically produced foods also must be produced without the use of antibiotics, synthetic hormones, genetic engineering and other excluded practices, sewage sludge, or irradiation. Cloning animals or using their products would be considered inconsistent with organic practices. Organic foods are minimally processed without artificial ingredients, preservatives, or irradiation to maintain the integrity of the food." Several people have asked where they can get wax paper bags. They are available at the PCC.

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.

USED UNIFORMS will be available at the next Parents' Club Meeting, Thursday, November 20. They will also be accepting any uniforms anyone would like to donate. Thank you.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM. Christmas Program for grades K - 8 and school band on Wed., Dec 10 begins at 7 PM - mark you calendars now!!!!!!!!!! check the HR Music webpage for more details (how's that??)

HO, HO, HO. The Tree Lot is just around the corner and we have 75% of the shifts filled but are still looking for volunteers. The sign-ups are available online. The Lot Opens Saturday 11/29. New Tree Lot hours this year: Monday - Friday: 3:00 pm - 9 p.m. Saturday & Sunday: 9 a.m. - 9

p.m. Sign up now to get the shift(s) of your choice. Please note: Wednesday, 12/10 is the Children's Christmas program. You will receive double hours for any shifts on this day!!!

SAVE THE DATE! Holy Rosary is sponsoring the Community Dinner, December 14th from 1-3PM at Our Lady of Guadalupe. We are looking for volunteers to help with cooking, set-up and decorations, serving and clean-up. In addition we will need desserts to serve. Cookies, cakes, and pies are all appreciated. Please drop off desserts at the OLG school hall on December 14th by noon. Contact Patrick Barredo to sign-up.

THANK YOU FOR SHARING YOUR HALLOWEEN CANDY! Wow! The students were very generous with their stash of Halloween candy. 367 pounds of candy will be delivered to the men at St. Martin de Porres compliments of the children and families of Holy Rosary School. Many thanks to everyone who participated. The winning classes by department were K - 2: 1A with 33 pounds of candy, Grades 3 - 5: 4A with 54 pounds, and from grades 6 - 8: 7B with 23 pounds of candy. The teachers in these classes will determine when the class will use their free dress. Thanks for taking the challenge to share your extra sweets with others. The Health & Nutrition Committee

HEALTHROOM NEWS. I would like to remind you of the up coming Flu Vaccination Clinic to be held at Holy Rosary School during our next Parents' Club Meeting on November 20th. Please refer to last week's FCE for details. Below you will find consent forms for adults and for children. These forms can download and complete prior to your attendance at the vaccination clinic. I have also included a HIPAA notice for your review. Contact me at: mulkey.family@comcast.net with any general questions you may have. Thank you, Patricia McBrien, RN

Available for Dowload:

- Adult Consent Form For Flu Shot
- Child Consent Form For Flu Shot
- Notice of Privacy Practices for Flu/Wellness Program

UPCOMING EVENTS AND IMPORTANT DATES:

- Prayer Service by the Leadership Elective students – Friday, November 14, 8:30am
- Food Drive – Bring Food Items to Mass – Sundays, Nov. 16 and Nov. 23
- Health Committee Meeting – Monday, November 17, 6:00pm – Staff Room
- Grade 4A Field Trip to the Pike Place Market, Tuesday, November 18
- Auction Committee Meeting – Tuesday, November 18, 6:30pm – Staff Room
- Seattle City Light Assembly on Climate Change for Gr. 3-5 – Wednesday, Nov. 19 – 8:30-9:15am – School Hall
- Grade 4B Field Trip to the Pike Place Market, Thursday, November 20; Detective Malinda Wilson speaking on Internet Safety
- Prayer Service by 6B, Friday, November 21, 8:30am – School Hall
- “Mix-It-Up” Free Dress Day, Friday, November 21 for Students Taking the Pledge
- 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