



# SCHOOL NEWS

Holy Rosary School Family Communication Newsletter

November 20, 2008

**“It would be beneficial to start measuring wealth in terms of character, integrity and gratitude rather than only in commodities, possessions and investments. Thus the decline in America will stop if we redefine wealth as worthy citizenship.”** --Donald M. Mihaloew, Portland State University

As our staff continues to study Washington State's curriculum standards and grade level expectations for each subject area, we are learning that in most cases Holy Rosary not only adequately covers the required standards, but goes well above and beyond them. You may remember that this year we are engaged in the process of curriculum mapping, which has two specific outcomes: 1.) measurable improvement in student performance, and 2.) the institutionalization of mapping as a process for ongoing curriculum and assessment review. It is formal way for a school to develop an operational curriculum that represents what truly happens in the classroom. It is way to make certain that our students are accomplishing the required expectations and that they maintain the highest possible academic standards. I am proud of the work our teachers are doing in the area of curriculum and assessment planning, and I am proud of the dedication of our students. The first trimester ends next Wednesday, with report cards going home on Friday, December 12.

The third graders have created wonderful models of bees and plants that are now on display in the upstairs hallway near the third grade classrooms. This is a part of a unit from the new science kits. Check out the photos showing the 3<sup>rd</sup> graders using their models to perform a dramatization. You also may wish to check out the portrait paintings on display in our main hallway. These were created by the 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade art elective class, under the direction of our art teacher, Ms. Kelsey Boys. Unfortunately, these are not for sale!

Tomorrow the Leadership Elective students are sponsoring Mix It Up Day at Holy Rosary, which is a nation-wide campaign aimed at helping school environments to become more inclusive. Students are invited to enjoy free dress as a visible reminder to “mix it up” and to remember to reach out and make new friends and to be respectful to EVERYONE in their words and their actions.

Congratulations to Sarah Dahleen and our Grants Committee on their most recent successful grant – \$3000 awarded to Holy Rosary from the Tulalip Indian Tribe. The money is earmarked for SmartBoard technology. Great job, Sarah and committee! Thank you.

You still have time to donate canned food to the St. Vincent de Paul and Parents' Club Thanksgiving food drive. You can bring the food to any Mass over the weekend or drop off at the

school hall stage. Holy Rosary students will sort out the food and deliver to the St. Vincent de Paul pantry after the Sunday evening 5:30pm Mass. Thank you so much for your compassion and generosity.

There will be a Word and Communion Service at 8:45am on Wednesday, Nov. 26, led by Patrick Barredo. Thank you to the third graders for planning this service. All students must be in perfect uniform, which includes the correct sweater, sweatshirt and vest. I am hoping for a PERFECT perfect uniform day. School will dismiss at noon on the 26<sup>th</sup>, and remember the famous Holy Rosary Christmas Lot opens at 12:00 noon on Saturday, November 29. Thank you again, to Richard and Refawne Acarregui and the tree lot committee for all of your work. The committee is hosting a pancake breakfast this Sunday, Nov. 23, after the 8:00am and 9:30am Masses. The proceeds from this breakfast are given to 6<sup>th</sup> grade classes to help fund their spring sailing trip.

I hope to see you all this evening at the Parent's Club Meeting beginning at 6:30pm – see notice below from PC President, Nikki Page. Happy Thanksgiving! I consider it a privilege to be a part of this incredible community and am most grateful ... for our pastor, our parish, our school staff, and of course, our fantastic students and families. No newsletter next week, due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

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**PARENTS' CLUB** welcomes Detective Malinda Wilson as our speaker. Detective Wilson speaks at schools around the greater Seattle area on Internet Safety. Detective Wilson spoke at Holy Rosary a couple of years ago and many parents requested she come again. 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. Childcare will be available for \$1 a child in the library.

**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.

**HO, HO, HO.** The Tree Lot is just around the corner and we have just a few remaining shifts left to fill (thank you to all for your support!). The sign-ups are available online. The Lot Opens Saturday 11/29. Don't miss the Blessing of the Tree Lot by Father John on Saturday 11/29 at 2 p.m.! **New Tree Lot hours** this year: Monday - Friday: 3pm - 9pm, Saturday & Sunday: 9am - 9pm. 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!!!

**POINSETTIAS SALE.** Thanks to all that ordered poinsettias this year! Please note that personal/residential orders will be available for PICK UP only after each mass on Sunday, November 30th or Sunday, December 7th - depending on which day you indicated on your order

form. Only business orders will be DELIVERED on Monday, December 1st or Monday, December 8th. We are still looking for volunteers to sort poinsettias on the Sundays (7:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.), and drivers to help deliver poinsettias on the designated Mondays (8:30 - 1 p.m.). Please contact Bethany Larsen at 206-933-7357, email pbandjonw@msn.com or Melissa Ardales at 206-405-3312, email mardales1@yahoo.com if you have any questions. Thank you! Beth

**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.

**GREEN TIP FOR NOV. 20, 2008.** November is Thanks and Care for Our Earth Month. As we prepare for our Thanksgiving feasts this year, we show our gratitude for the earth by treading lightly upon it. By buying local produce and other food products, we support local farmers and their families, we save the fuel and energy costs incurred to process, warehouse and transport foods from far away, and we get fresher food in the bargain! The West Seattle Farmer's Market is one great source of fresh local food. You can see what's available there each week on their website, [www.seattlefarmersmarkets.org/markets/westseattle](http://www.seattlefarmersmarkets.org/markets/westseattle). We can choose the local option at our grocery stores, and we can ask our store managers to stock more local products. Happy Thanksgiving!

**AUCTION NEWS.** Your voice is needed: Follow-up calls need to be made to businesses that have received a letter regarding our upcoming Heart Auction. If you love to explain why our school is so wonderful, or why we are 'Better Together', or just need fundraising hours that you could do in your own home or office; please contact Michele Wallace at 206-914-1248 or smr3wallace@gmail.com to help.

**AUCTION PROCUREMENT.** It's wet and very dark outside. All you want to do is stay inside with your family and play a great board game!!! Come to a Game Night at the school hall on Friday, December 5th from 7PM – 9PM. You will be able to see and play games, and then the best part..... purchase great Christmas presents for your children, family or anyone on your list! The games are all from a company called Simply Fun located here in Bellevue, and are not available in stores. The games are very different, fun and educational! Please feel free to look, or order on-line at <http://simplyfun.purpletrail.com/e/6499>. This is a no-kids event, please (so that we don't ruin the Christmas surprises!). Disclaimer: As a member of the Heart Auction procurement team, I wanted to lead by example and show how to get your creative juices flowing for your idea or donation for this year's 'Set Sail for the Tropics' event! This is not a school fundraiser, but my procurement item. A percent of the sales from Simply Fun will go to the school as well as all money raised by beverages sold that evening. Any questions please contact Michele Wallace at 206-914-1248.

**GATOR GEAR ORDERING INFORMATION.** The process for ordering Gator Gear sweatshirts and/or sweatpants has been confusing for some people. If you order, fill out a form in the school office. It then gets processed via the CYO coordinator and director. After the checks are gathered, the orders are then sent to Norwest Graphics, owned by the Padon family. The orders are processed every couple of months because it is not cost effective to order a few at a time. Thanks for your patience and understanding!! When the orders are finished, they will be delivered to the oldest child's homeroom teacher. Gator gear can be worn on Fridays, but remember, the sweatshirts worn to school must not have nicknames on them, only first, last names, or initials. Go Gators!!

**ACTIVE HEAD LICE HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED WITHIN THE HOLY ROSARY STUDENT POPULATION. ALL STUDENTS SHOULD BE CHECKED.**

The parents of all students are being notified via this letter. *This is not cause for panic.* It is cause for action to be taken to prevent the transmission of head lice. It is extremely important for you to check your child's head TODAY. Keep checking every other day until there are no head lice found for ten consecutive days. Refer to the Detection combing/Scalp checking information sheet located in the Family Handbook. **The best way to prevent transmission:** Teach children not to share combs, brushes, hair ornaments, hats, caps, scarves, headsets, or any other personal headgear. Do not try on other people's hats (even in department stores). Teach children to hang coats separately - placing hats and scarves inside coat/jacket sleeves. Clean or disinfect shared headgear (i.e., helmets) with Lysol® or rubbing alcohol before being used by others. Conduct regular head checks of your child. Refer to information in school handbook regarding the procedure for "Detection Combing". Long hair should be tied back in ponytail. **If head lice are found on your child:** Please notify the school office as soon as possible. This information will be handled in a confidential manner. Check others in the household for signs of head lice or nits. If live lice are found, complete remaining steps on all infested individuals. Use an effective head lice treatment. Remove nits from the head by "wet combing" with some type of "nit comb" (available at most pharmacies). This is the most important lice control measure. Refer to the "Wet Combing" information sheet located in the Family Handbook. Complete nit removal is time-consuming but is critical for successful treatment. There is no need to spray pesticides at home. Perform daily head checks and remove nits for three weeks until head lice are gone. Continue to check your child weekly to detect reinfestation (see "Detection Combing" sheet in Family Handbook). Please notify the school office as soon as possible. This information will be handled in a confidential manner. **If nits found on child:** *Do not use any form of chemical treatment unless live lice are seen on the scalp.* A child found to have nits only (no live lice) may remain in school. Most nits are empty shell cases. The nits may remain on the hair for several months before falling off. The school recommends that the nits be removed by the use of one of the two combing methods described in the family handbook. Removing as many of the nits as possible will allow the family an easier examination of the hair for living lice. The following sources may provide additional information:  
<http://www.hsph.harvard.edu/headlice.html>  
<http://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/headlice.html>,  
<http://www.cdc.gov/lice/>  
<http://www.visualdxhealth.com/child/pediculosisCapitisHeadLice.htm>

Please keep in mind that whenever searching the Internet for information, many sources of information may be linked to a product and, therefore, may be biased. Please refer to the Head Lice Policy located in the school handbook if live lice are found. If you have difficulties treating the head lice on your child, or in the selection of a lice treatment, please contact your child's physician.

**CROSS COUNTRY UPDATE:** The Cross Country season has come to a close, the mighty Gators placed sixth this year out of 35 teams – way to go! Congratulations to all of the kids, from the smallest kindergartener to the most seasoned eighth graders – they all did awesome. Max Debiec, JJ Hartog, Ryan Klem, Patrick Smucker, Natalia Swegle, Lilly Fitzharris, Grace Ginther, Ethan Grassley, Dori Hasselbach, Victoria Lange, Lizzie Lovell, Anna Porth, Maia Schinkel, Alena Slee, Mario Vuletic, Cassidy Wells, Jarek Woodward, Will Douglass, Catherine Evans, Lauren Canto, Ben Douglas, Maya Fosado, Lilly Grassley, Brendon Klem, Mathew Lange, Bradley Peer, Fiona Scanlon, Reece Schulz, Luke Slee, Grace Tevesue, Richie Wallace, Jaxon Woodward, Corey Zarkowski, Martha Blatner, Joey Donohue, Olivia Dupuy, Elliot Evans, Alex Fosado, Jack Heflin, Kyle Joyce, Marla Mann, Genevieve Pritchard, Veronica Pritchard, Emily Schuster, Joe Auter, Ross Bajocich, Aine Dempsey-Horstman, D! aniel De vine, Veronica Gubelman, Thomas

Lange, Zachary Moseley, Cole Nofsinger, Willem Scherwin, JT Schulz, Anthony Sutherland, Claire Tevesue, Miguel Villarra, Aaron Whitters, Jalen Woodward, Thomas Bowers, Colleen Donohue, Savohn Farstad, Henry Leming, Joe Padon, Grace Peer, Sylvia Pritchard, Jack Auter, Michael Blatner, Elliot Buttersworth, Carrie Diedrich, Sam Gubelman, Celeste Miles, Nick Salle, Spencer Schulz, Miranda Whitters, Anna Lewis, Michaela Carew, Maddie Cavanagh, Tiana Clement, Colleen Devine, Emily Diedrich, Samantha Murphy, Conrad Nark, Cozette Padon, Joel Scanlon, Emily Suhaldonik We'll be doing some heavy recruiting for next year to get Holy Rosary in the top 3!

**BROWNIE TROOP 42880** would like to thank all of Holy Rosary School for helping contribute to the Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF campaign. With your help, we donated a total of **\$670** to **UNICEF**. That's nearly 4 times more than last year's donation! Way to go Gators!

**LEE'S MARTIAL ARTS PARENTS NIGHT OUT! (THIS FRIDAY NOV. 21ST FROM 6-10 PM)** (Ages 5 & Up) Please join us for a night of fun, food, games, movies, and more! Leave your children with us for the night! And feel free to enjoy a date, shopping, nap, or whatever you want! \$25/child \$40/ 2 kids Please Call Lisa Skvarla to make your reservation. 206-938-3375 \*\*\* All proceeds go toward financial scholarships.

**LEE'S MARTIAL ARTS TURKEY DAY WORKOUT! NOV 27TH (8:30 AM-10 AM)**. Come join us as Instructor Lisa & special guest instructors get you prepared to face the rest of the day's festivities and meals by having an incredibly energizing holiday workout!!! This is our 3rd annual and each year it keeps getting better and better. Guaranteed to put a smile on your face and to burn lots of calories! This event is FREE with a donated food item. Or you can give a monetary donation at the door. We hope to see you. Thank you! \*\*\* All food items will be given to the West Seattle Food Bank.

**EX OFFICIO SAMPLE APPAREL SALE**. Nov. 20-22. Thurs. & Fri. 11am - 7pm. Sat 10am-7pm. CASH ONLY-CASH ONLY-CASH ONLY Great clothing at amazing prices from \$1- \$30 (for items that normally retail from \$15- to over \$200): Tops, Bottoms, Outerwear, Accessories mostly for adults with a few kids' items. Just in time for Christmas shopping! Bring a REUSABLE shopping bag (BYOB) and you can enter a drawing for a \$100 gift certificate for one of the Ex Officio Retail stores. Bring a non-perishable food donation for Northwest Harvest and receive \$5 off of your final purchase. CASH payment only! No checks, debit or credit. 3315 South 116th Street, Tukwila, WA 98168 (Gateway North Corporate Park, 3rd bldg. on the right-hand side.) Any questions? feel free to contact Carrie Bendzak- [carriebendzak@comcast.net](mailto:carriebendzak@comcast.net) or 206-579-9019.

**COPY FOR LACROSSE INSERT FOR FCE ON 11/20/08** Available for download with this week's FCE is a flyer from The Central Seattle Lacrosse Club, providing registration for the upcoming Spring season. We are in our 3<sup>rd</sup> year of offering Lacrosse for boys in grades 5 through 8. This year we are adding the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Grade as well! For more information and registration, see the flyer or check our website at: <http://cswolves.dyndns.org>

**ST. FRANCIS ARTS & CRAFT BAZAAR** will take place on Saturday, November 22 at the Unity Place (lower level of the Church) & McClean Family Center (Gym) 15236 21<sup>st</sup> Ave SW Seattle.

**INCLUDED IN THIS FCE:**

- 🕒 Parents' Club Flyer (red)
- 🕒 December Calendar (goldenrod)
- 🕒 Study Hall Enrollment Form Gr. 4-8 (pink)

- 🕒 Pancake Breakfast Flyer (green)
- 🕒 Auction Checklist (teal)
- 🕒 Set Sail for the Tropics Auction flyer
- 🕒 Simply Fun Flyer (green)
- 🕒 Wyatt's Jewelers Holiday Flyer (yellow)
- 🕒 West Seattle and South Park Brochure
- 🕒 Central Seattle Lacrosse Club Flyer (download only)
- 🕒 Coat and Blanket Drive Service Project Flyer

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

- 🕒 Parents' Club Meeting, Thursday, November 20; Detective Malinda Wilson speaking on Internet Safety; Vaccination Clinic; Used Uniforms
- 🕒 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 – School Hall
- 🕒 Youth and Family Mass, Sunday, November 23 – 5:30pm, Holy Rosary Church; Students invited to sort out the food from the food drive right after this Mass.
- 🕒 Development Committee Meeting, Monday, November 24, 6pm – Staff Room
- 🕒 Thanksgiving Word and Communion Service by 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade, PERFECT UNIFORMS, Wednesday, November 26, 8:45am – HR Church
- 🕒 NOON Dismissal Wednesday, November 26, Thanksgiving Holiday Begins
- 🕒 NO SCHOOL Thanksgiving Holiday, Thursday, November 27– Friday, November 28
- 🕒 Christmas Tree Lot Opens, Saturday, November 29, 12noon – Admiral Safeway
- 🕒 Youth and Family Mass, Sunday, November 30, 5:30pm - Holy Rosary Church
- 🕒 Auction Committee Meeting, Tuesday, December 2, 6:30pm – Staff Room
- 🕒 Gr. 7 & 8 to The Christmas Carol, Thursday, December 4, 12:30pm – ACT Theater
- 🕒 School Commission Meeting, Thursday, December 4, 6pm – Scanlan Home
- 🕒 Prayer Service by 5A, Advent Wreath Blessing, Friday, December 5, 8:30am – School Hall
- 🕒 Gr. 2A First Reconciliation, Saturday, December 6, 10am – Holy Rosary Church
- 🕒 Youth and Family Mass, Sunday, December 7, 5:30pm – Our Lady of Guadalupe
- 🕒 Immaculate Conception Mass by 1<sup>st</sup> Grade, PERFECT UNIFORMS, Monday, December 8, 8:45am – HR Church
- 🕒 Christmas Program, Grades K-8 and Band, Wednesday, December 10, 7pm – HR Church
- 🕒 Prayer Service by 6B, Friday, December 12, 8:30am – School Hall
- 🕒 First Trimester Report Cards Go Home, Friday, December 12
- 🕒 Gr. 2B First Reconciliation, Saturday, December 13, 10am – Holy Rosary Church