



SCHOOL NEWS

Holy Rosary School Family Communication Newsletter

January 8, 2008

"The object of a New Year is not that we should have a new year. It is that we should have a New Soul." - G.K. Chesterton

Happy New Year! I hope that you enjoyed having a white Christmas in Seattle! On Monday one of the junior high students stopped in to say that on Sunday night he said to his parents, "Oh poor Ms. Brown, she's probably going to have to stay up all night wondering if school should close again." I told him that for awhile on Sunday I was questioning God's sense of humor! At this time we will not need to make up any of the missed days from December. The state requires no less than 175 days and a minimum of 1000 instructional hours. We are right at 175 days and we have 1020 instructional hours. Let's hope for no more missed school!

Catholic Schools Week is celebrated the last week of January throughout the United States. The National Catholic Education Association (NCEA) has designated this year's theme "Catholic Schools Celebrate Service", which closely matches our own theme this year of "Better Together". Our week here kicks off with the weekend Masses on January 24 & 25, and an Open House on Sunday, Jan. 25, from 10:00-1:00. If your child(ren) is interested in participating at one of the Masses, please complete the attached form and return to school as soon as possible. There is space for you to sign up to help with our annual Grandparents' Luncheon on Wednesday, Jan. 28 on this same form. Thank you in advance for volunteering. It has become a tradition at Holy Rosary to display Family Posters around the school during Catholic Schools Week. Our goal is to have every family represented. The theme for the family posters this year is "Better Together at Holy Rosary". Please design a family poster, any size is great, showing how your family is better because of our community. Completed posters need to be in the school office by Thursday, January 23. Thank you.

As we begin a new year, please take some time to review with your children the importance of being responsible for writing down homework assignments and bringing home the necessary materials so they can complete their homework and prepare well for tests. Teachers have also been reminding students about the importance of always being respectful, thoughtful and careful before emailing or texting others. It is important to remember that our written messages never go away! Please check on this link to read through our Schoolwide Learning Expectations (SLE's). They provide an excellent description of what we are striving to develop in our students.

The highlights of Catholic Schools Week are printed below. More details will be coming next week. Remember: Family Posters – Better Together at Holy Rosary – any size works – due in the school office on or before Thursday, January 23. It would be fabulous to have a banner for every family on display during our Catholic Schools Week.

Please make sure your children have their Advent Prayer Partner Christmas Cards tomorrow!

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK, JANUARY 25-30, 2009

Sunday Jan. 25: "We Celebrate our Faith and Community"

- ❖ Students wear uniforms to Mass
- ❖ Students serve as ushers, greeters, lectors, gift-bearers, and banner carriers at all masses
- ❖ Children's Choir sings at the 9:30 Mass
- ❖ Reception hosted by Parents' Club after all Sunday morning Masses
- ❖ Open House: 10:00-1:00pm with student led tours; all classrooms open
- ❖ Book Fair will be open in the library today and all week long

Monday, Jan. 26: "We Celebrate Students"

- ❖ Students dress according to class theme (themes announced next week)
- ❖ Individual awards for each student will be given out by classroom teachers
- ❖ Students receive Catholic Schools Week Button and a special treat
- ❖ No Homework Day for Students
- ❖ Extra Recess or Special Activity for each class

Tuesday, Jan. 27: "We Celebrate Academics"

- ❖ Perfect uniform day
- ❖ Grades 1-4 Spelling Bee followed by SLE Assembly, 8:30-9:15
- ❖ Grades 5-8 Spelling Bee followed by SLE Assembly, 9:30-10:15
- ❖ Grades 7 & 8 Science Fair and Grades 5 & 6 Invention Convention on display throughout the school
- ❖ Students & Staff "READ-IN", 2:30-2:55

Wednesday, Jan. 28: "We Celebrate Families and School Staff"

- ❖ Perfect uniform day
- ❖ Students bring in thank you card or letter for teachers(s) – NO GIFTS please
- ❖ PATS prepares & serves breakfast for the teachers, 7:30-8:15 (THANKS!)
- ❖ Grandparents' Luncheon; (Lunch times are as follows: 11:15-12:00 A-L and 12:30-1:15 M-Z. Times to take grandparents on tours of school and to visit Book Fair: A-L 10:30-11:15; M-Z 1:15 – 2:00. Students meet grandparents in the School Hall for both lunches)
- ❖ Students not attending the Luncheon will eat in their classrooms – no hot lunch

Thursday, Jan. 29: "We Celebrate Service"

- ❖ Jeans Day
- ❖ Special Surprise in the FCE for all families (from students and staff)
- ❖ 4th grade classes deliver thank you certificates to WS Businesses
- ❖ 5th grade classes deliver primroses to HR neighbors
- ❖ 8th grade pizza lunch day
- ❖ "Service Assembly" at 8:30am – Each class talks about the service projects they do throughout the year; Update on our adopted students from Uganda
- ❖ Annual primrose planting at 2:25 – students bring in small planting tools

Friday, Jan. 30: "We Celebrate School Spirit"

- ❖ "Sports Center at Holy Rosary" - details coming soon
- ❖ Spirit assembly and class cheers, 9:45-11:15 - gym
- ❖ 8th grade vs. staff volleyball game, 1:45–2:45 - gym

CALLING ALL MUSICAL TALENT! Does your student have a musical talent that they would like to share? We are looking for vocalists and pianists (or other instruments) to perform a

musical number that will be recorded on DVD. This will be shown at the Open House and at the Grandparents Luncheon during Catholic Schools Week. Please contact Ms. Mudge ASAP at jmudge@holynosaryws.org or stop by the music office.

AUCTION NEWS. Happy New Year from the Auction Committee! It's the start of a new year and the 2009 Heart Auction, Set Sail for the Tropics, is fast approaching. This means it is time to wrap up procurement. We are kindly requesting that donations be submitted. (Deadline is February 5th) You can enter your donation online via the HEART Auction web site from the comfort of your own home. It's simple, fast and available 24 hours a day! If your donation is entered online by January 18th, you will be entered into a drawing to win a 100.00 gift certificate to West Seattle's new restaurant - Cafe Revo! (link to HEART Auction website - donation submission page <http://auctions.readysetauction.com/holynosaryschool/home>)

AUCTION DECORATIONS. Cleaning out your closet or basement? Or do you have a business that could support the list below please contact Kathleen Stoll at kathleenstoll@comcast.net , Thanks Kathleen Decorations lists: Collect: Metal Clothes Hangers about 100 to 200 or straight wire 4' long, Carpet rolls or Pvc pipes, 7 - 10, 12', 10', or 8' tall x 12" to 16" wide Paint, or left over paint, tropical colors preferred, paint brushes...2", 4" or 6" hand brushes, Tropical silk plants or silk tropical flowers, and vines, Drop cloth, 12' x 15' natural fiber, 8' x 12' (HomeDepot.Lowe's), Bamboo - *need it harvest?* we could use it.

FUNDRAISING HOURS NEEDED? Strong and can lift a few heavy objects? I need 2- 4 strong people to move Auction props this Saturday. email Kathleen Stoll, Decoration Chair at kathleenstoll@comcast.net

PARENT COMMITMENT HOUR PROGRAM: Enclosed in this FCE are Parent Commitment Hour Quarterly Statements. Hours completed from 3/1/08-12/31/08 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 **\$75.00** 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.

LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEER HOURS? Kaiti Grassley and Heather Slee are looking for volunteers to help host Coffee & Donuts after mass on the following Sundays: January 11th, 18th, and 25th and February 1st, 8th, and 22nd. Shifts are 2 1/2 hours (starting at 8am and 10:30) and are a great way to get volunteer hours while socializing with other Holy Rosary families. All shifts have openings, please let us know if you can help continue this important social gathering. Contact us at sleeh@katwwdb.com or 206-938-5646.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR. The Scholastic Book Fair will return to Holy Rosary in two weeks. In this FCE, there is a purple flyer listing the days and times when volunteers are needed to serve as cashiers, to assist with set up or packing up. Thank you for your help during this Library fundraiser. Read next week's FCE to learn the planned special events during this Book Fair where "Reading Makes You a Star"!!!

TUITION ASSISTANCE FOR 2009-2010. The application for tuition assistance for the 2009-10 school year is now available on-line at http://www.fulcrumfoundation.org/TA_Form_Intro.php

Please note that Fulcrum will not be accepting handwritten applications this year. (If you would like to submit a handwritten application, please deliver the information to Jennifer in the school office.) Please follow these instructions and note that in addition to submitting an application on-line to Fulcrum, a paper copy of the completed application must be delivered to Jennifer at Holy Rosary School by February 13th: 1) Make a copy of your 2007 Federal Income Tax Form(s), IRS 1040, 1040A or 1040EZ, for the financially responsible parent(s) or guardian(s). Note: W-2 forms are not acceptable. Do not send originals. 2) Make a copy of any documents related to Non-Taxable income (Child Support, Welfare, Social Security) and any additional 2007 Federal Tax Schedules A-F and 1099, if applicable. 3) Enter online all the data requested in the application form. When completed, press Submit to send the data. 4) Print two copies of the completed form, this can be done immediately after submitting the form. 5) Sign the form in Part E. 6) Staple the signed application in front of copies of the financial documents from step 2 and 3. 7) Deliver or mail the complete application package to Jennifer at Holy Rosary by February 13th. Copies will not be returned. If you need a paper copy or have any questions, please contact Jennifer at (206) 937-1488, ext. 211 or jmacdonald@holyroaryseattle.org Thank you.

PARENTS' CLUB NEWS. We have been invited to join Our Lady of Guadalupe School's Parent Education-Nutrition Information Night at Guadalupe next Thursday, January 15th 6:30-8:00pm OLG Parish Hall. Patty McDonnell Registered Dietitian from the Seattle Cancer Care Alliance and OLG Parent will discuss nutrition for disease prevention, simple steps to meal planning, and tricks to getting your kids to eat healthier. Nikki Page

ATTENTION ALL PARENTS OF CYO PARTICIPANTS. The yearbook staff is looking for CYO pictures of Holy Rosary students playing any sports this year. We are specifically looking for kids "in action". Group photos are okay as well. These pictures will go in the 2008-2009 yearbook. Please make sure that the pictures are in focus. Please email your digital photos to Mrs. Smith at bsmith@holyroaryws.org. Thanks for your help! The Yearbook Staff

HONOR BAND 2009 AUDITIONS! All School Band members (gr. 6-8) have received information regarding the upcoming Honor Band auditions. The special auditions dates are as follows: Monday, January 12th/6-7:30pm for Clarinets/Saxophones/Oboes and Drums; and Wednesday, January 14th/5-7:15pm for Flutes/Bells/Trumpets and Trombones. All auditions are held at Kennedy High School at 140 South 140th Street in Burien.

STUDY HALL. Please remember to complete a study hall sign up sheet if your child would like to come to study hall. There is a sign up form included in this FCE or you can download one from the Holy Rosary website.

ARE YOU RECEIVING YOUR MAGAZINES? Your magazines and products should either have arrived or are on their way soon. If you have any problems or need to follow up with an order, go to the Holy Rosary website, click on Magazines and Customer Service. For your convenience, the instructions are below. Customers can check the status of their order by going online to www.aphearst.com and click on "Check Status of Order". You'll need to enter either the 8 digit ID number from the order form or their last name and zip code. You can also call customer service at 1-800-284-9711 or email customerservice@aphearst.com. If you are unable to resolve the problem through the company contact Youth Enrichment Services 425-483-6713 (toll free at 800-224-1809) or email service@yes-fundraising.com.

SAVE THE DATE for the FATHER/DAUGHTER GLOW BOWL. Friday, March 27th from 5:30 - 8:30 pm. Look for the flyer to come home in January's FCE. Questions? Call Meg Peterson.

BABYSITTING LIST. Do you need a date night after that extra long winter break? A new Holy Rosary babysitting list is available in the office. It is made up of 7th and 8th grade girls and boys who are eager to babysit. Give one of them a call and plan that long awaited night out.

BELLI CAPELLI SALON AND SPA SPECIAL OFFER for all Holy Rosary families. Haircuts children age 1-6 \$10.00, age 7-18 \$15.00, Women \$25.00, Men \$20.00. 20% off Foils, perms and updos with our stylists Kate or Sarah, \$15.00 off any skin care service and 20% off all products. Lots of stocking stuffers for under \$4.00. Free consultations with all the stylists. Good all of January 2009. Call to schedule an appointment (206) 932-6910. Belli Capellis Salon and Spa is located at 3902 California Ave SW.

EXCHANGE OPPORTUNITY WITH GERMANY IN 2009. My sister who lives in Germany informed me that their neighbor whom they have known many years is interested in sending their 17-year-old daughter to a family in Seattle or a nearby city for 5 to 6 weeks in the summer of 2009. They are offering the same opportunity to this family to welcome their daughter in their family near Bremen, Germany. The purpose of this exchange is for these young people to get to know the family and the culture of their countries and perhaps start a life-long friendship. I know this well since we have this wonderful experience with our family. Please call me for details. Judy Maginnis (206) 937 3816

FOUND at the mother/son Glow Bowl: Sweatshirt navy blue "Brewers Baseball". Contact Cheryl at 932-463to claim.

Included in this FCE:

- ⌚ Student Participation in Weekend Masses and Volunteer For Grandparents' Lunch Signup Form (yellow)
- ⌚ January Calendar (tangerine)
- ⌚ Set Sail for the Tropics Heart Auction Flyer (green)
- ⌚ Happy New Year from the Auction Committee Flyer (turquoise)
- ⌚ Yearbook Order Form (orange)
- ⌚ Study Hall Sign Up Form (blue)
- ⌚ February Hot Lunch Menu and Order Form
- ⌚ Scholastic Book Fair Information (purple)
- ⌚ Sub Sandwich Order Form
- ⌚ Pennies for Peace Service Project Flyer
- ⌚ John F. Kennedy Wine and Microbrew Tasting Flyer (red)
- ⌚ Stone Soup Theater Flyer (download only)
- ⌚ Bass and Guitar Lesson Flyer (black & white)
- ⌚ Beading Basics at Alki Community Center (pink)

UPCOMING EVENTS AND IMPORTANT DATES:

- ⌚ School Commission Meeting, Thursday, January 9, 6:00pm – Staff Room

- ⌚ Prayer Service by 4A, Friday, January 9, 8:30am Followed by Faith Families for students to exchange Christmas cards with their Advent Prayer Partners
- ⌚ PATS “Epiphany Party” for School Staff at the Dahleen home, 3:30-6:00
- ⌚ Alumni Committee Meeting, Monday, January 12, 6:30pm – Uptown Espresso
- ⌚ Auction Committee Meeting, Tuesday, January 13, 6:30pm – Staff Room
- ⌚ Holy Rosary Parents invited to Our Lady of Guadalupe Parent Education Night – Presentation on Proper Nutrition – at Guadalupe, 6:30-8:00
- ⌚ Prayer Service by 2B, Friday, January 16, 8:30am – School Hall
- ⌚ NO SCHOOL, Martin Luther King Day, Monday, January 19
- ⌚ School Commission Budget Committee Meeting, Tuesday, January 20, 6:00pm – Staff Room
- ⌚ Grants Committee Meeting, Wednesday, January 21, 6:00pm – Staff Room
- ⌚ Parents’ Club Meeting, Thursday, January 22, 6:30pm – School Hall
- ⌚ “Better Together at Holy Rosary” Family Posters Due – Thursday, January 22
- ⌚ Prayer Service by KA & KB, Friday, January 23, 8:30am – School Hall
- ⌚ CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK, JANUARY 25-30

STUDENT PARTICIPATION IN THE WEEKEND MASSES – JAN. 24-25

As we begin Catholic Schools Week, students from Holy Rosary School are invited to serve as greeters, ushers, lectors, gift bearers, and banner carriers at all of the weekend Masses. Students are asked to wear perfect uniforms to Mass on this weekend. If your child(ren) would like to participate, please complete the form below and return to school ASAP. A list of participants and their particular task will be published in the Jan. 22 newsletter.

Family Name _____

Mass attending (circle one): 5:00pm (Sat.) 8:00am 9:30am 11:15am 5:30pm (Sun.)

Child(ren)'s Name(s) and Preferred Tasks (write task beside child's name - greeter, usher, lector, gift bearer, banner carrier or "any task"):

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VOLUNTEER FOR GRANDPARENTS' LUNCHEON ON JAN. 28

We will need many volunteers for our annual Grandparents' Luncheon. Help is needed for set up, serving, clean up, and in the classrooms. Please remember, the lunch is for our students and their grandparents or "grand-friends" only, not for parents! Thank you so much in advance for your help. Thank you to Davi Sabotta for coordinating set up & clean up and to Devanni Spadoni for preparing the food.

Wednesday, January 28 – Help for Grandparents' Luncheon - put an X to indicate when you can help:

_____ 8:30-10:30	Set up tables, chairs and decorations
_____ 11:00-12:30	Serve first lunch, clean up and set up for second lunch
_____ 11:30-12:30	Help in a classroom
_____ 12:30-1:30	Serve second lunch
_____ 12:30-1:30	Help in a classroom
_____ 1:30-3:00	Clean up and take down tables & chairs

Name _____ Phone # _____

Email _____

If you will be helping in a classroom, indicate preferred grade _____

You will receive a call or an email confirming your time(s) to help. THANK YOU!

