



SCHOOL NEWS

Holy Rosary School Family Communication Newsletter

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“What is required of us now is a new era of responsibility—a recognition, on the part of every American, that we have duties to ourselves, our nation, and the world, duties that we do not grudgingly accept but rather seize gladly, firm in the knowledge that there is nothing so satisfying to the spirit, so defining of our character, than giving our all to a difficult task. This is the source of our confidence—the knowledge that God calls on us to shape an uncertain destiny.”

-President Barack Obama in his Inaugural Speech, Jan. 20, 2009

Solving the puzzle of providing the best education for our children has always been a challenge. Solid academics and a supportive learning environment are important basics, but what other elements are needed to prepare our children for the future? A Catholic education is based on four key principles, that when united, solve the puzzle of helping students become well-rounded and successful contributors and leaders in our society. First, **SERVICE** – helping our children experience the value of giving to others in service. Second, **FAITH** – providing opportunities for our children to connect to the divine that resides in each of us. Third, **KNOWLEDGE** – helping our children better understand the world in which we live and helping them understand the responsibility they have in helping to create a *better* world. And finally, **VALUES** – helping our children develop character, a strong work ethic, and a positive sense of self. Thank you for choosing a Catholic education for your children. Thank you for choosing Holy Rosary School. We are excited to celebrate our wonderful school with you next week. Please review the schedule for Catholic Schools Week that is printed at the end of this newsletter. The week begins with our students participating in all of the weekend Masses. Please make sure your children wear their uniforms to Mass this weekend– this is one way we can show the parishioners our gratitude for their support and generosity to the school. And remember, Open House is this Sunday, 1/25, from 10:00-1:00. We look forward to greeting familiar faces and meeting new ones! The “Better Together” family posters are wonderful! Thank you. You can still turn yours in – we’d love to have a poster from each of our families.

Will it be Arizona or Pittsburgh? It’s not too late to purchase a sub sandwich from the sixth graders for Super Bowl Sunday, 2/1. Funds from this sale help support the sixth grade three day sailing adventure on Puget Sound in April. The order form can be downloaded. Husky deli helps the students prepare these delicious sandwiches. Thank you.

I look forward to seeing you this evening at Parents' Club. Some of our junior high students are eager to present their science projects. Remember babysitting is provided and the refreshments are always delicious. Please come!

PARENTS' CLUB invites you to our January meeting tonight 6:30pm in the school hall. Our special guests will be 7th & 8th graders sharing some of their science projects for the upcoming science fair. We will also be available to help anyone looking for those last few commitment hours. We look forward to seeing you!

AUCTION NEWS. Don't miss the Boat – Just a few days left to complete family procurement! Deadline: February 5th. We are kindly requesting that donations be submitted as soon as possible. Donations can be made online just click on this link: <http://heart.holyrosaryws.org/donate.html>. Chance to win \$25 Starbucks Card. Enter your donation this week to be eligible to win \$25 gift card to Starbucks and enjoy some tasty caffeinated beverages on us! (5 winners) To ensure your donation is represented in this year's catalog, it MUST be entered on-line through the Heart Auction Website by February 5th, 2009. WE HAVE A WINNER! We are happy to announce that Tim and Kris Whitters are the winners of the \$100 certificate to Café Fevo. Buon Appetito! WONDERFUL AUCTION ITEMS ARE COMING IN. One of a kind teacher/student experiences, fabulous dinner parties, girls' weekends, and vacation stays! Thanks to all who have donated so far! WE WOULD STILL LOVE THE FOLLOWING Weekend Getaways: Cave B Inn, Suncadia, San Juans, Vancouver, Sun Mountain Lodge and Tofino will do! Gift certificates, event tickets and one of a kind experiences too! The possibilities are endless. If you need more ideas, please feel free to contact Katie Cunningham or Michele Wallace.

PATS (Parents Appreciate Teachers & Staff) Committee helped the teachers celebrate Christmas this year with an Epiphany party this year due to the snow. Carol Ann Joyce and Davi Sobotta organized the festivities at the Dahleen household. Much support from Lisa Roach, Terri Rambosek, Patricia McBrien, Nancy Dennehy, Andrea Duffy, Mary Rose Blatner, Shelia Orsen and Roxanne Gerhardt, made the event a success. Please let us know if you would be interested in helping out with our future events. (The teachers and staff wish to thank PATS for a wonderful Epiphany party and for the many ways they provide a PAT on the back! Thank you so much.)

FREE**FREE**Used Uniforms**FREE**FREE* The used uniforms will be set out at the Parents Club Meeting tonight. Please come by our tables and see if we have what you need. We will also be accepting clean gently used uniforms. If you have any questions, please contact Kristin Bentler 932-2609.

PLASTIC BOTTLES: Please help the Auction team by bringing in your used plastic bottles beginning Friday, January 16th. Grades K-3 will be working on a great auction craft beginning February 18th. Just look for big bin with a sign that says "plastic bottles" near the front entrance of the school. Thank you – as always!

CURRENT WITH TITHING? Thank you for your continued generosity to the parish. As you know, the parish provides a generous subsidy to the school, which helps us to keep tuition more affordable for everyone. We ask that all of our families who pay the in-parish tuition rate to please keep up with their tithing commitment. Also, please remember that in order to qualify for the in-parish rate, you must have a Sacrificial Giving Card on file at the parish office. Most importantly, it is expected that you are regular in your weekly Mass attendance. Thank you again, for the sacrifices you make in order for your children to attend Holy Rosary School. We are so grateful.

2009-2010 SCHOOL YEAR. If you are not planning to return to Holy Rosary School for the 2009-2010 school year please contact the school office as soon as possible.

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.

TUITION ASSISTANCE APPLICATIONS FOR 2009-2010 SCHOOL YEAR: Thank you to all of you who have submitted your Fulcrum applications on-line. Please note that this is the first step in applying for tuition assistance. After the Fulcrum Foundation has made its awards, the Holy Rosary Tuition Assistance Committee will meet to review applications and award from the Holy Rosary Scholarship Fund. Please remember that two copies of your signed application along with the required documentation are due to Jennifer (Holy Rosary School) by February 13th. We encourage you not to wait until the last minute but to submit applications at your earliest convenience. Thank you.

VOLLEYBALL COACHES NEEDED. Our 5th, 6th and 7th grade girls' volleyball teams are in need of volleyball coaches. Do you know someone, perhaps a high school or college volleyball player that may be interested in working with our girls for a couple months? We have plenty of girls signed up ready to play – at this point we have too many teams without coaches. We need help getting this off the ground this year. Please contact Pete Hisken with any ideas or interest.

BASKETBALL AND SOCCER UNIFORMS. Basketball season is approaching the end for all of our teams not heading to the playoffs next week. Soccer season is long completed. Please make clean any uniforms that you may have – the blue and white basketball shirts and shorts or the white soccer shirts and blue shorts – please wash them and return them to the coach, team parent or Bruno in the next two weeks. Look through your closets and drawers – we know there are out there – please help keep the costs down by returning them. The orange track shirts and the blue and white reversible basketball jerseys are yours please do not return these. Any questions, please contact Rick Diedrich.

CONGRATULATIONS HOLY ROSARY BOY SCOUTS – NEWS FROM DAVID WICKLER. I want to pass on some great news of accomplishment! Our Holy Rosary 4th and 5th grade Cub Scouts of Pack 793 and the older HRS Boy Scouts from Troop 282 recently

participated in a great Scouting event called the Klondike Derby. The Derby is held in the snow at a Ranch near Cle Elem. The competition consists six skill' events plus one final all out sled race called "The Great Klondike Race". The six events include a figure eight sled race, first aid, fire building and cooking, snow shoe relay, tree measuring, and a timed two person cross cut saw race. The boys prepared for several months to get ready for the event. Preparation included building a Dog Sled style sled powered by Cub Scouts and practicing the six skill events. During this time we were fortunate to have a little snow to practice with the sled and snow shoes in Lincoln Park. The Cub Scouts were equally fortunate to have the Troop 282 Boy Scouts offer to help by providing a series of three training classe, each focusing on different aspects of the derby. The preparation paid off. The boys competed against nine other teams from all over West Seattle, Burien and Des Moines. Our 4th and 5th graders took 1st place in five of the six events and **had** several second place finishes as well. The 4th graders took home the First Place Over-All trophy for the derby. On top of that the 5th grade team took first place in the all out sled dash "The Great Klondike Race" and won a really cool trophy for their efforts. This all wouldn't have been possible without the efforts of our 6th, 7th, and 8th grade boys of Troop 282 taking the time to pass on the knowledge and experience they gained from past races. The 4th grade boys who participated, "The Green Team", are: **Joey Donahue, Zack Gerhardt, Kyle Joyce, John Meer, Pete Neal, Alex Parker, Timmy Roach, and Adam Wickler.** The 5th grade boys, "Team Tidal Wave", are: **Ross Bajocich, Jack Heidal, Danny O'Connor, and JT Schulz.** The Holy Rosary boys from Troop 282 are: **Rocco Buty, Kyle Fehlen, Andrew Grueter, Alex Kane, Alex McIntyre, Dylan Moorleghen, John Roach, Nolan Robel, and Spencer Schulz.** We can keep our trophies until next year's Derby, so they will soon be on display in the school trophy case. We are all very proud of our scouts and we were so glad to see their dedication to preparation. They gave 100% and it paid off! For more information about Pack 793, joining Scouts, and to view pictures from the Klondike Derby please go to the Pack 793 website at: <http://pack793ws.org/> Thank you, David Wickler

B.A.S.E. Due to security reasons we will be closing the front school hall door at 4pm. After 4pm please park cars in the teacher parking lot and come in and sign your child out. Please be very careful of children present at all times. All CYO parents please stay on the lower parking lot to pick up your CYO student. Please remember B.A.S.E. children are outside until dark.

HOLY ROSARY CLOTHESLINE. Thank you for your many years of generous support! In preparation for the Parish Center's renovation, the Clothesline will be suspending operations. We will not be accepting donations until the re-opening. Please contact the Society of St. Vincent De Paul for donations: 206-767-3835. Thank you.

ONE BALL ONE SMILE. Please help us bring a smile to the faces of underprivileged children in Venezuela by donating a new or gently used soccer ball to the One Ball One Smile nonprofit organization. Mr. Pedro Millan will be delivering these balls this summer when he visits the island of Margarita in Venezuela to run soccer camps for children of very low income families. As part of our 7th grade service project we will be collecting the soccer balls from the marked boxes in each classroom from January 20th until Friday the 30th. A surprise will be given out on Monday February 2nd to the class that collects the most! Thank you, Vinnie Sposari and Imari Calkins.

Included in this FCE:

- 🕒 **Set Sail for the Tropics Auction Flyer (green)**
- 🕒 **Corporate Sponsorship Program-Auction Flyer**
- 🕒 **Family Procurement Curbside Drop-off Information (bright green)**
- 🕒 **Study Hall Sign Up Form (pink)**

- 🕒 Pennies for Peace Service Project Flyer (light green)
- 🕒 One Ball One Smile Service Project Information (bright colors)
- 🕒 West Seattle Bowl Information (blue)
- 🕒 Stone Soup Theatre's Summer Camp Information (download only)

UPCOMING EVENTS AND IMPORTANT DATES:

- 🕒 “Better Together at Holy Rosary” Family Posters Due TOMORROW, 1/23!
- 🕒 Prayer Service by KA & KB, Friday, January 23, 8:30am – School Hall
- 🕒 CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK, JANUARY 25-30
- 🕒 Sixth Grade Sub Sandwiches, Sunday, Feb. 1
- 🕒 Midtrimester Reports for All Students, Thursday, Feb. 12

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
- ❖ Scholastic Book Fair will be open in the library today and all week long

Monday, Jan. 26: “We Celebrate Students”

- ❖ Class Theme Days:
- ❖ KA/B – Pajama Day; 1A/B – Twin Day; 2A – Secret Agent Day; 2B – Disco Day; 3A- Crazy, Weird, & Wild Dress Day; 3B – P.J./Cozy Day; 4A – 60’s, 70’s, Groovy Day; 4B – Twin, Triplet, Quadruplet Day; 5A PJ Day - ; 5B – Red and Black Day; 6A – Red Carpet Day; 6B – Goofy Dress Day; 7A/B – P.J./Cozy Day; 8A – Superhero Day; and 8B – Cozy, Comfy Day.
- ❖ 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
- ❖ Students write thank you letter to their parents (included in Thursday FCE)
- ❖ 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 and mission in 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"
- ❖ Students wear sports uniforms or favorite team shirts; no cleats allowed
- ❖ Spirit assembly and class cheers, 9:45-11:15 – gym
- ❖ 8th grade vs. staff volleyball game

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