



# SCHOOL NEWS

Holy Rosary School Family Communication Newsletter

January 29, 2009

Happy moments, PRAISE GOD.  
Difficult moments, SEEK GOD.  
Quiet moments, WORSHIP GOD.  
Painful moments, TRUST GOD.  
Every moment, THANK GOD.

One of the third grade students stopped me in the hall yesterday and said, “Ms. Brown, I love this week. It’s the very best week of the year.” It certainly is a FABULOUS week and one that would not be possible without the extra time and work from our teachers and staff, as well as the generous volunteering from our parents. Thank you to the parents who helped with the hospitality for the Open House, who helped with the Grandparents’ Luncheon, who drove the fourth graders to deliver certificates to the West Seattle businesses, and to those of you who are working at the Book Fair. Special thanks to Davi Sabotta and Devanni Spadoni for overseeing the decorations and food preparation for the Grandparents Luncheon and to Carol Ann Joyce and Roseann Campagnaro for helping with the photographs; to PATS for the delicious breakfast served to the teachers on Wednesday; and to Tim Law and Amanda Henry (HR graduate 2008) for their presentation to the students on our mission work in Uganda. We truly are BETTER TOGETHER! You are invited to join us tomorrow for the “Sports Center Spirit Assembly” planned by our Leadership Elective students beginning at 9:45 in the gym, and also the 8<sup>th</sup> grade vs. faculty volleyball game at 1:45. The 8<sup>th</sup> graders think they have the edge this year. Mr. Ritscher does not agree! Time will tell.

In the FCE you will find a little bag of confetti. Don’t be fooled – it’s not confetti to throw around; it’s actually flower seeds for 12 different flowers. Simply follow the directions on the packet. The little bags of flower confetti seeds are a small token of our appreciation to you for everything you do to make Holy Rosary the excellent school that it is. May these flowers bloom and grow and add beauty and color to your homes. Also, look in your FCE for a special thank you letter from your children.

Midtrimester reports will go home in the FCE’s on Thursday, Feb.12. This week has been a nice break from academics, but next week it’s BACK TO BASICS! Thank you for the encouragement you give to your children and for reminding them that learning is the top priority, which means homework and studying for tests come first – video games, texting, i-Pods, television, etc., come afterwards!

**SPELLING BEE CHAMPIONS.** Congratulations to the classroom spelling bee winners: 1A: Brian Hooks & Maia Schinkel; 1B: Zoe Fuentes & Victoria Lange; 2A: Catherine Evans & Gabriella Jeakle; 2B: Megan Acarregui & Jack Summers; 3A: Brendan Klem & Maya Fosado; 3B: Kaitlin Lindell & Kenny Olson; 4A: Rachel Schreck & Roman McCambridge; 4B: Eliot Evans & Zach Gerhardt; 5A: Mikaela Wingard &

Molly Ballanger; 5B: Thomas Lange & Danny O'Connor; 6A: Kelly Markey & Julia Dolejsi; 6B: Kyle McAfee & Mike Dennehy; 7A: Kiana Hammington & Daisy James; 7B: Austin Giftopoulos & Geoffrey Wukelic; 8A: Abbey Keyser & Joel Scanlan; and 8B: Nicole Southerland & Max Scherwin. And the champions are: Grades 1-4: 3<sup>rd</sup> – Kenny Olson; 2<sup>nd</sup> – Kaitlin Lindell; and 1<sup>st</sup> – Eliot Evans; Grades 5-8: 3<sup>rd</sup> – Kyle McAfee; 2<sup>nd</sup> – Michael Dennehy; and 1<sup>st</sup> – Julia Dolejsi. Julia will represent Holy Rosary at the regional bee in March. Good luck Julia! We are proud of all of our excellent spellers!

**SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR** will be open from 9am until 12:30pm on Sunday, Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>. You can pick up your sub sandwich and buy a book. One stop shopping at Holy Rosary!

**2009-2010 VICE PRESIDENT ROLE FOR PARENT'S CLUB.** Are you interested in playing a valuable role for the Parents of Holy Rosary? We would like to hear from any parents that would like to join the Parents Club team as the Vice President for the 2009-2010 school year. We are looking for a parent that would like to be more involved with helping plan and create a program that would meet the needs of our parents. If you are interested in being a part of this team please contact Melissa Witsoe at [m.witsoe@comcast.net](mailto:m.witsoe@comcast.net) or 206.234.2068 by Monday, February 9.

**CALLED TO PROTECT, SAFE ENVIRONMENT TRAINING** will present a workshop at Holy Rosary on Feb. 19 in the school hall beginning at 6:30 with Susie Stanley Jones. \*\*Parents will need to be asked to pre-register by going to the Archdiocesan Website Safe Environment link. Additionally, they will need to sign in at the door. **This workshop is required for all parents who volunteer in the school, which at Holy Rosary is nearly every parent.** If you have not yet attended this workshop, please plan to attend this one. Parents' Club will meet at 6:00pm prior to the workshop beginning.

**AUCTION NEWS: FAMILY PROCUREMENT DEADLINE FEBRUARY 5TH!** We have some winners! Thanks to all who have entered their donations. Here are the winners from our second procurement incentive drawing: The Bentler Family, The DuPuy Family, The McIntyre Family, the Neske Family, and the Kipp Family. You will all be receiving a 25.00 Starbuck's Gift Card!

### **Hi Friends! No Worries**

For February 5<sup>th</sup> we just need your commitment of your item. The actual item doesn't need to come in until February 27<sup>th</sup>!

### **Curbside Drop-Off's**

February 13, 2009

February 20, 2009

February 27, 2009 (Last day!)

\*We Come to Your Car and Take Your Donation

### **NEED LAST MINUTE DONATION IDEAS? HAVE QUESTIONS?**

Float them by Katie Cunningham at [Katie\\_Madrid@hotmail.com](mailto:Katie_Madrid@hotmail.com). Or, consider combining your item with another family's donation to make a great package. If you just don't have time to figure out a donation? Then donate a check for \$100 and your all set!

### **PLASTIC BOTTLES NEEDED**

Please donate your plastic bottles to us! There is a bin near the front entrance of the school.

**SACRIFICIAL GIVING CARD ON FILE.** According to our records, we have not received a Sacrificial Giving Commitment Card from all of our school families for 2009. We realize that there is often confusion on the part of school families since the cards are renewed on a calendar year rather than a school year. Although you may be contributing to the parish on a regular basis, either with envelopes or through automatic payments, the updated commitment card is one of the requirements for in-parish tuition rates.

**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.

**GREEN TIP FOR JAN. 29.** January is Reduce, Reuse, Recycle month! A reminder that many people taking action can make a difference to our world. If we choose not to buy items that are over-packaged, manufacturers will react by reducing packaging. Use your "vote" as a shopper to support vendors who use less packaging, and don't hesitate to speak out to store managers and vendors about your choices. Reuse what you can; plastic lunch bags can be washed and reused many times. Plastic produce and bread bags can be reused next time you shop. Be creative: one student used plastic yogurt cups to build a golf course in his backyard! (Beware the holes this leaves when the "course" is abandoned!) And, of course, when an item has been really used up, recycle! Good news! Green Team leader Nancy Stillger has obtained for Holy Rosary a grant to fund the start-up expenses of yard/food waste collection! All the food scraps and associated paper at lunchtime and at events will be picked up and composted instead of going to the landfill! Anyone interested in helping implement this exciting project can call Nancy Stillger at 937-1947.

**SCHOOL CALENDAR UPDATE.** There will be no school on Monday, February 16 and Tuesday, February 17 (Winter Break), but school is in session on Friday, February 13. In addition, there is no school for the students on Thursday, March 19, due to Professional Development Day for the staff, and on Friday, March 20, which is an Archdiocesan Theological Workshop for the staff.

**THANK YOU** (to the Tune of "Let it Snow, Let it Snow, Let it Snow") "Oh the weather outside was frightful, but the volunteers were so delightful, In case you didn't know: it snowed, it snowed, it snowed! The economy was not inviting, but our friends were still buying. We had competition down the road, and it snowed, it snowed, it snowed!" It was a challenging year for the Tree Lot with the short selling season, economic slump, competition in the Huling Brothers Lot and of course - the snow! All in all, we had a successful fundraiser with \$35,000 going to the School and \$6,000 going to Charity. A BIG THANK YOU to all of the committee members, volunteers and patrons who supported the Tree Lot with their time, talent and purchases - we couldn't have done it without you! Rick & Refawne Acarregui (And a HUGE THANK YOU to Rick and Refawne for the excellent job you did chairing!)

**A FOND FAREWELL AND PART TIME JOB OPENING:** For almost 35 years, Virginia Giorgetti, a charming little Italian lady with a wonderfully cheerful disposition, has served the parish as rectory housekeeper—cleaning the offices, taking care of Fr. John's living quarters, and doing what she reverently called "the Jesus laundry," the church linens. Virginia has finally decided it is time to retire. She will be dearly missed. Her retirement leaves us with an important position to fill. This is a part-time (12-15 hours per week) position with a modest wage. Check the parish website or call the rectory for more information or an application packet.

**FEBRUARY 8<sup>TH</sup> IS SCOUT SUNDAY.** Please join the Holy Rosary Cub Scouts from Pack 793 as they celebrate Scout Sunday during 9:30am Mass on Sunday, February 8th. Scout Sunday is celebrated around Scouting's anniversary (February 8th) and it gives our Scouts an opportunity to be reverent and do their duty to God. By participating in Mass at our Parish and getting involved in service to our community, our boys also get the chance to show the good things they are doing. The Scouts will perform as ushers, greeters, lectors, gift bearers, and altar servers during Mass. We will also be having a ceremony during Mass where some Scouts will be presented with the Parvuli Dei religious award by Fr. John. Scouts and their families will also be hosting Coffee & Donuts after all three Masses, as well as helping with beautifying the grounds at the church and school."

**LOCAL STUDENTS ENCOURAGED TO APPLY FOR THE SENATE PAGE PROGRAM.** Are you a 14-16 year old student who is interested in a week-long field-trip to see how your state government works? If so, then the Senate Page Program is perfect for you! The Washington State Legislature has one of the finest page programs in the country and provides an opportunity for hundreds of students from throughout Washington State to take part in the legislative process and observe the Legislature in action. This year, Sen. Joe McDermott, D-West Seattle, is inviting local middle and high school students to apply for one-week, paid Senate page positions available through his office between now and Apr. 26, 2009. There is nothing more important than connecting our student's education with the real world, McDermott said. My hope is many students apply for this amazing opportunity to do just that. During their assigned week, pages attend classes in the page school designed to teach students about state government and the legislative process. They also listen to guest speakers, tour the buildings on the Capitol Campus and learn how to draft bills. Pages also provide invaluable services to legislators and staff by relaying documents across the Capitol Campus, responding to requests from senators at work in the Senate chamber and presenting the flag during floor sessions. If accepted, students attend a two-hour orientation the Sunday afternoon before their assigned week. Pages work Monday through Friday, beginning at 7:45 a.m. and usually ending at 5 p.m. (Pages work Saturday or Sunday only if the Senate decides to hold session those days.) The Senate also offers students assistance in finding host homes. Pages are paid \$35 for each day worked. To serve as a page, a student must: be at least 14 years old but not older than 16; have a grade point average of a C+ or better; receive parent and school permission; and have a Social Security number. The application can be found at <http://www1.leg.wa.gov/Senate/Administration/PageProgram/> and once completed sent to Sen. McDermott at [mcdermott.joe@leg.wa.gov](mailto:mcdermott.joe@leg.wa.gov) or P.O. ox 40434, Olympia, WA 98504. Questions can be directed to Sen. McDermott's office at 360-786-7667. For more information: Anne Burkland, 360-786-7078; Sen. McDermott 360-786-7667

**FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITY WITH HELP FROM H&R BLOCK.** Holy Rosary can earn \$25 for each new client referred to H&R Block. To receive the program reward, new clients must mention Holy Rosary to the H&R Block preparer at the time of service. Call 206-935-2163 today to make your appointment at 3717 California Ave SW. Thanks, Beth Clifton

**ONE BALL ONE SMILE.** Only a couple of days left to bring in a new or gently used soccer ball to bring a smile to less fortunate kids in Venezuela. The deadline is this Friday the 30th. Remember, the class with the most balls collected will receive a surprise. Thank you for helping this great cause! Vinnie Sposari and Imari Calkins

**'09 REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN FOR WEST SEATTLE PEE WEE BASEBALL.** Go to [www.westseattlepee wee.com](http://www.westseattlepee wee.com). The West Seattle Association of Pee Wee Baseball is a non-profit, all-volunteer operated organization that services the greater West Seattle Region, providing

baseball for children between the ages of 5 and 10 through our Shetland, Pinto and Mustang Divisions. Our goal is to provide a comprehensive baseball program that is noted for: appealing to kids of all levels of enthusiasm and ability, treating its players and their families in a fair and caring fashion, and rewarding effort and improvement over winning. We take pride in our outstanding coaching, instruction and player development. Most of all, we strive to make this a fun and enjoyable program that our players, their families and their coaches want to participate in again next year. On behalf of the Executive Board, see you on the diamonds, Eric Olson 2009 WSAPWB President, Coach & Holy Rosary Dad

**Included in this FCE:**

- Confetti Flower Seeds
- February Calendar (pink)
- Auction Flyer (yellow)
- Blue Willow Catering and Luncheonette Coupon Card
- Stone Soup Theater (download only)

**UPCOMING EVENTS AND IMPORTANT DATES:**

<b>Friday, Jan. 30: "We Celebrate School Spirit"</b>
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ "Sports Center at Holy Rosary"</li> <li>❖ Students wear sports uniforms or favorite team shirts; no cleats allowed</li> <li>❖ Spirit assembly and class cheers, 9:45-11:15 – gym</li> <li>❖ 8<sup>th</sup> grade vs. staff volleyball game</li> </ul> |
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- Sixth Grade Sub Sandwiches, Sunday, Feb. 1
- Development Committee Meeting, Monday, Feb. 2, 6pm – Staff Room
- School Commission Meeting, Thursday, Feb. 5, 6:00pm – Staff Room; the March School Commission meeting will be an open meeting on Thursday, March 5.
- 4A/4B Magazine Reward Bowling Party, Thursday, Feb. 5, 12:15pm – West Seattle Bowl
- Prayer Service by 5B, Friday, Feb. 6, 8:30am – School Hall
- 8A/8B Tour of St. James Cathedral, Monday, Feb. 9, 9:20 – St. James Cathedral
- Midtrimester Reports for All Students, Thursday, Feb. 12 – home in the FCE
- **SCHOOL IS IN SESSION ON FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13<sup>TH</sup>!**
- Presidents' Day/Winter Break, Monday, Feb. 16 & Tuesday, Feb. 17 – NO SCHOOL