



SCHOOL NEWS

Holy Rosary School Family Communication Newsletter

February 19, 2009

"And there is no greatness where there is not simplicity, goodness, and truth."
-Leo Tolstoy

PARENTS' CLUB MEETS TONIGHT, THURSDAY, FEB. 19, BEGINNING AT 6:00PM, FOLLOWED BY THE *ARCHDIOCESAN CALLED TO PROTECT SAFE ENVIRONMENT TRAINING* BEGINNING AT 6:30. THIS TRAINING IS REQUIRED BY THE SEATTLE ARCHDIOCESE FOR ALL STAFF MEMBERS AND SCHOOL PARENTS WHO VOLUNTEER IN THE SCHOOL. AT HOLY ROSARY THIS MEANS MOST ALL OF OUR PARENTS. IF YOU HAVE NOT YET ATTENDED THIS TRAINING, PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND THIS EVENING. YOU ARE ASKED TO PREREGISTER BY GOING TO WWW.SEATTLE.SETANET.ORG/CLASSES.PHP. THE PRESENTER THIS EVENING IS SUSIE STANLEY JONES FROM GUADALUPE. OTHERS WHO HAVE ATTENDED HER CLASS RECOMMEND IT HIGHLY.

THE PARENT SURVEY THAT I MENTIONED IN LAST WEEK'S NEWSLETTER WILL BE ONLINE TOMORROW. PLEASE TAKE SOME TIME OVER THE WEEKEND TO COMPLETE THE SURVEY. YOUR INPUT IS INVALUABLE TO US AND WILL HELP GUIDE THE FUTURE FOR HOLY ROSARY. THANK YOU.

THE SEASON OF LENT BEGINS NEXT WEEK ON ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, WITH OUR SCHOOL MASS AT 8:45AM. STUDENTS MUST BE IN PERFECT UNIFORMS FOR THIS MASS. THE SIXTH GRADE CLASSES ARE PLANNING THIS MASS. OUR SCHOOL HAS CHOSEN "RETURN TO ME" AS OUR LENTEN THEME. STUDENTS WILL BE WRITING DOWN THEIR PERSONAL INTENTIONS ON A BOOMERANG AROUND THE THREE HALLMARKS OF LENT: PRAYER, FASTING, AND ALMSGIVING. PLEASE TAKE A MINUTE TO REFLECT WITH YOUR CHILDREN ON THEIR PERSONAL INTENTIONS. AS A SCHOOL, WE WILL BE OBSERVING LENT IN THE FOLLOWING WAYS: EACH CLASS WILL SIGN UP TO ATTEND THE 8:00AM MASS TOGETHER WITH THEIR TEACHER AT LEAST ONCE DURING LENT. PARENTS, OF COURSE, ARE INVITED TO ATTEND MASS WITH YOUR CHILD'S CLASS. ON THE WEDNESDAYS OF LENT WE ASK THE STUDENTS TO FAST FROM DESSERTS. ON FRIDAYS OF LENT FAMILIES ARE INVITED TO SEND IN ONE BROWN BAG LUNCH WITH AN EXTRA ITEM FOR THE MEN LIVING AT ST. MARTIN DE PORRES (SEE NOTICE IN THIS NEWSLETTER). AND ON MARCH 2 AND APRIL 1 WE ARE ENCOURAGING EACH CHILD TO CONTRIBUTE \$1.00 FOR THE UGANDAN CHILDREN THAT HOLY ROSARY SPONSORS.

ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11, TOM CURRAN, A WELL-KNOWN CATHOLIC SPEAKER, WILL BE HERE AT HOLY ROSARY SPEAKING ON THE MASS. PLEASE MARK YOUR

CALENDARS AND PLAN TO ATTEND. IT BEGINS AT 7:00PM AND WILL BE HELD IN THE CHURCH. CHECK THE PARISH BULLETIN FOR DETAILS.

ON FRIDAY, MARCH 6, THERE WILL BE NO SCHOOL FOR OUR KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS, DUE TO THE TESTING OF THE INCOMING KINDERGARTENERS. THANK YOU TO THE SECOND GRADE PARENTS FOR PROVIDING HOSPITALITY FOR THE NEW KINDERGARTEN FAMILIES ON MARCH 6. ALSO IN MARCH, PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE WILL BE NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS ON MARCH 19 AND MARCH 20, DUE TO PROFESSIONAL AND THEOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENT DAYS FOR THE TEACHERS. THE HOT LUNCH CALENDAR INADVERTENTLY OFFERED LUNCH ON MARCH 19TH - PLEASE DO NOT ORDER IT. BASE IS OPEN ON MARCH 19 & 20. THANK YOU FOR YOUR UNDERSTANDING.

BROWN BAG FRIDAYS FOR ST. MARTIN de PORRES SHELTER DURING LENT

will begin Friday, February 27. You are invited to include a pair of men's socks with the lunch on the 27th. If you are interested in delivering the lunches one Friday, please contact Peggy Cunningham in the school office. The children who will be taking them to the shelter will be able to learn more about St. Martin de Porres. The items to be included in the remaining Fridays of Lent include: March 6 – toothbrush and toothpaste; March 13 – bar of soap; **March 20 NO SCHOOL**; March 27 - deodorant; April 3 – aftershave, shaving cream. Thank you for your almsgiving during this Lenten season. The extra items should not be put in the brown bag lunch – thank you.

DISPLAY HALLWAY HELP. Are you creative and would like to help set up service displays in the hallway? This would be during the next few weeks for lent and then could be an ongoing project during the school year as well. These would be for general volunteer hours. Contact Jody at shields.jody@comcast.net.

PICTURES NEEDED. We're looking for digital pictures of your children in the act of service or service projects for hallway displays. These include serving coffee and donuts, making sub sandwiches, their classroom projects, or getting their required service hours or 7th grade service project. Email to shields.jody@comcast.net.

FAMILY PROMISE: Over 12 churches in our area take turns hosting newly homeless families while they search for new jobs and housing. On the evenings of March 2-6 and March 9-13, several families (up to 14 people) will be staying in the Parish Center. We need your help! Please consider volunteering in one of these ways: 1. Prepare dinners and bag lunches 2. Serve as hosts from 5pm-8pm 3. Stay overnight from 8pm to 7:00am. This is a great opportunity for you and your children to participate together in service to members of our community! Contact Patrick Barredo in the rectory (206.937.1488 x212) to get involved!

GATOR GEAR INFORMATION. Thanks for your patience with the Gator Gear orders. If you ordered, look for your child's sweatshirt this week. They will be sent to the oldest child's homeroom. To speed the ordering process, the Gator orders will now be sent directly to us, instead of the CYO office. Orders will be processed every other month. Order forms are available in the office. Thank you!!! GO GATORS!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

THE 7TH GRADE DRAMA ELECTIVE NEEDS YOUR HELP. We will be performing *Through the Looking Glass* on May 27th and 28th and are in desperate need of costume

assistance. Unlike last year's *The Shoemaker and the Elves*, *Through the Looking Glass* includes a number of characters (about 20) with relatively elaborate costumes (White and Red Queens, Humpty Dumpty, Tweedle Dum and Dee, 3 flowers, White and Red Knights, etc.). If you possess some talent in the art of costume design (or know someone who does) and would like to: 1. Earn enough service hours to last you a lifetime (or at least 9 years of education) and 2. Earn the undying love and respect of 19 budding actors and one overwhelmed director, then please contact Miss McLaughlin at dmclaughlin@holyroaryws.org. Also, if you have any connections to theaters and/or drama programs in the area, that would also suffice. The sooner the better! Thank you.



HOLY ROSARY CENTENNIAL 2009. Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 24, 7-8.30pm, Parish Center Dining Room Our Centennial Committee is hard at work compiling the 100-year history of our parish. Another working group is considering a new parish directory, an appreciation event for priests, nuns and parishioners, and many outdoor activities. Come on Tuesday to make this year a time of celebration! **Parents, this is a great way to earn volunteer hours.** Volunteers are needed; please contact Patrick Barredo at the Rectory or the Centennial Chair, Steve Antush at centennial@holyroaryseattle.org. There is a new web site that list the various activities:

<http://www.holyroaryseattle.org/centennial.htm> This site can be found by going to the Parish website and clicking on Centennial Celebration.

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

UPCOMING EVENTS AND IMPORTANT DATES:

- 🕒 **Parents' Club Meeting, Thursday, Feb. 19, 6:00pm – School Hall; Called to Protect Safe Environment (Required for all Parent Volunteers)**
- 🕒 Prayer Service by 1A, Friday, Feb. 20, 8:30am – School Hall
- 🕒 Third Grade Classes to the Burke Museum – Friday, Feb. 20
- 🕒 Alumni Committee Meeting, Monday, Feb. 23
- 🕒 Sixth Grade Parent Meeting to discuss the Sailing Trip, Monday, Feb. 23, 6:00pm – Library
- 🕒 Tuesday, Feb. 24 – HAPPY MARDI GRAS DAY!
- 🕒 Holy Rosary Parish Centennial Committee Meeting, Tuesday, Feb. 24, 7:00-8:30 – Parish Center Dining Room - new members welcome
- 🕒 ASH Wednesday Mass (Perfect Uniforms), Wednesday, Feb. 25, 8:45am – Holy Rosary Church
- 🕒 Fast from Desserts on Wednesday, Feb. 25
- 🕒 Brown Bag Lunch and A Pair of Men's Socks for St. Martin de Porres – Friday, Feb. 27 – Thank You!

🕒 8th Grade Pizza Lunch, Thursday, Feb. 26

🕒 Prayer Service by 2A, Friday, Feb. 27, 8:30am – School Hall