



SCHOOL NEWS

Holy Rosary School Family Communication Newsletter

March 5, 2009

"Love to pray—feel often during the day the need for prayer, and take trouble to pray. Prayer enlarges the heart until it is capable of containing God's gift of Himself. Ask and seek, and your heart will grow big enough to receive Him and keep Him as your own." -Teresa of Calcutta

It's hard to believe that the second trimester is almost completed. It officially ends on March 13, with report cards going home on March 27. As we head into the final trimester and towards spring with longer days, we appreciate you reminding your children to continue to make schoolwork a priority. Thank you, too, for making sure that your children are wearing the correct uniform. It truly does take a village, and I believe that because of Holy Rosary's "village" our students perform at a high level.

Thank you for supporting our Lenten activities. The extra items for Brown Bag Friday on March 6 are a toothbrush and toothpaste. If you send in a lunch, please do not put the items in the lunch sack. Thank you to Mary Rose Blatner for delivering to St. Martin de Porres this week. Classes attending the 8:00am Mass for the following week include: Friday, March 6 – 3A; Wednesday, March 11 – 3B; Thursday, March 12 – 4A, 4B, & 5B; and Friday, March 13, 2A & 2B. Tom Curran, a nationally known speaker, will present on "Encountering Jesus in the Mass" at Holy Rosary in the church from 7:00-8:30pm. Child care will be available in the school hall. There will be no prayer service this Friday due to the Kindergarten testing.

On Friday, March 6, students are invited to wear blue as a way of promoting screening for colon cancer. Students not choosing to wear blue, need to wear their uniforms. On Thursday, March 12, students are invited to "Set Sail for the Tropics by wearing nautical colors, Hawaiian shirts, or sailor stripes. We will allow flip flop shoes for this special day! Look for your auction invitations in your FCE on March 12. Thanks to Sarah McKay for her wonderful work chairing the auction this year, and to all of the auction committee chairs and volunteers. We are looking forward to a fabulous event!

It's still not too late to complete the Parent Survey. So far we have received 166 surveys. Thank you! We will be sharing the results with you at a later time.

There will be an open School Commission meeting tomorrow night beginning at 6:00pm. All parents are welcome. We will either meet in the staff room or in the school hall. Due to the Lenten Penance Service on March 26, the March Parents' Club meeting has been moved to Thursday, March 12. Mark your calendars. The agenda will be in next week's newsletter.

Remember to SPRING AHEAD on Sunday, March 8. Daylight savings time begins, which for sure means no more snow! Calendar reminders: March 11 is a full day of school. No school for the students on March 19 and March 20.

BROWN BAG FRIDAYS FOR ST. MARTIN de PORRES SHELTER DURING LENT Please remember to bring a brown bag lunch for the St. Martin de Porres Shelter tomorrow. You may also bring in a toothbrush and toothpaste with the lunch. If you are interested in delivering the lunches on one of the remaining Fridays, 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 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.

AUCTION NEWS. The boat is brimming with fantastic donations thanks to all of the Holy Rosary families and local businesses who have donated to the auction! Hotel stays, parties, a cruise, weekend getaways and unique teacher experiences such as a beach bonfire on Alki with guitar by the sandy shore. Donate a bottle of wine for the wine cellar. The Wine Cellar is a great auction item! You can bring it to the school office or to the night of the auction. Hello Crew Matey- For just \$10 more per person you can pick your table at the Auction! Gather a group of friends and pick your spot! Email Sharon Cavanagh at sjcavanagh@comcast.net or Janet Pedersen at janetpedersen@comcast.net. Tickets officially go on sale on March 13th. You will receive your invitation in the March 12th FCE. Spirit Day is Thursday, March 12th. Students will have a rally and can wear nautical clothes! Jump aboard for the 30th Annual HEART Auction, Set Sail for the Tropics. For questions please email Sarah at oceanskimmer@comcast.net. Thank you for your support, Sarah

MUSIC IN THE SCHOOLS MONTH. Across the United States, March is the official month when schools celebrate the gift of music! Here at Holy Rosary we welcome this as a new celebration. Please stop by the main hallway & join your child in playing along with the musical "smart board"~~~"Who Wants To Be A Musical Millionaire?"! (More fun activities are in store this month so stay tuned)... Thank you for your continued support of your child's musical education...sincerely, Janet Mudge, Music Specialist.

GREEN TIP. March is Yard Waste Month! Watch out for a mailing from the city about changes in the yard/food waste collection program. Among other things, yard waste will be picked up weekly beginning March 30, and all food scraps, including dairy, meats and fish will be permitted in your yard waste. Recycling will also be expanded. Collections days may be changed, so read your mailings closely! More information can be obtained at www.seattle.gov/util.

JUNIOR HIGH RALLY. This coming March 14th marks the annual Jr. High Rally at Highline Community College. It is an all day event starting at 8:30am and ending at 9pm. The Archdiocese of Seattle puts on the event and welcomes an average of more than 800 middle school students. Holy Rosary would like to send as many of our own 6th, 7th and 8th grade students to represent our school and community. The Rally presents students with 2 workshops of their choice dealing with faith, personal growth, relationships and leadership. Archbishop Brunett will lead a Mass later that evening followed by a dance to end the night. The fee for the event is \$25.00, which includes a tee shirt, but does not include meals. For more information please email Kelsey Boys @kboys@holyroaryws.org *If you are a parent and would be willing to chaperone or help out please send an email to Kelsey Boys at the address above.

ATTENTION MIDDLE-SCHOOLERS! Join us for Youth in Action Event March 29 If you're in grades 6-9, please join us for a "Youth in Action" (YIA) event following the Youth Mass on Sunday, March 29. We'll have games, food, and talk about future events. We want to turn YIA into a great

place to build friendships, grow in the Holy Spirit, serve our community and have fun. We also need 8-10 parent volunteers to help us from 6:30 to 8 pm on Sunday, March 29. Please email Kelsey Boys at kboys@holyroaryws.org to join the email list for meeting announcements, or to volunteer as a parent for the March 29 event.

FATHER/DAUGHTER GLOW BOWL Dad's and daughters ... don't forget! Join us at West Seattle Bowl for the Father/Daughter Glow Bowl on Friday, March 27th, from 5:30pm-8:30pm. Please turn in your forms no later than Friday, March 20th. (Extra forms in school office)

SUMMER CAMP INFORMATION NIGHT. Our Lady of Guadalupe Parent Org is hosting a Camp Informational night on Thursday, March 5th in the Parish Hall from 7:00 - 8:30pm. Representatives from CYO (did you know they are offering Day Camp this year?), Skyhawks, Arena Sports, our local community centers, the Aerospace Camp Experience at the Museum of Flight are just some of the camps/programs that will be on hand to answer questions and have information available. Questions? Contact Michelle Turcinec 206-764-936. Parking is available in the North parking lot, OLG 3401 SW Myrtle Street Seattle, Wa 98126.

THE LEE'S MARTIAL ART SUMMER CAMP DATES are as follows: 1. July 13th-17th 2009 2. July 27th -31st 2009 Call to register. The camps fill up quickly! If you need additional information please contact Lisa Skvarla @ 206-938-3375 Thank you!

UPCOMING EVENTS AND IMPORTANT DATES:

- School Commission Meeting, Thursday, March 5, 6pm - Staff Room or School Hall
- 8:00am Mass, Grade 3A – Friday, March 6
- Colon Cancer Awareness Day, Dress in Blue - Friday, March 6
- Kindergarten Testing, NO SCHOOL FOR KA AND KB STUDENTS, Friday, March 6 – School Hall
- Youth Mass, Sunday, March 8, 5:30pm – Holy Rosary Church
- 8th Graders to Olympia, Monday, March 9
- Auction Committee Meeting, Tuesday, March 10, 6:30pm – Staff Room
- 8:00am Mass, Grade 3B – Wednesday, March 11
- Lenten Evening Talks: “Encountering Jesus in the Mass” with Dr. Tom Curran, Wednesday, March 11, 7pm – Holy Rosary Church
- 8:00am Mass, Grades 4A, 4B, & 5B – Thursday, March 12
- Auction Spirit Day, Dress in Theme of Auction “Nautical”, Thursday, March 12
- Parents’ Club Meeting, Thursday, March 12, 6:30pm – School Hall
- 8:00am Mass, Grades 2A & 2B – Friday, March 13
- Second Trimester Ends, Friday, March 13
- All School Sing-a-Long, Friday, March 13, 2pm – School Hall
- Irish Dinner and Dance, Saturday, March 14, 6:30pm – Lanigan
- Youth Mass, Sunday, March 15, 5:30pm – Holy Rosary Church
- St. Patrick’s Day Mass, Tuesday, March 17, 8:45am – Holy Rosary Church
Everyone dresses in Green – no face paint or hair dye
- Lenten Evening Talks “Jesus & Driving: Do They Go Together?” with Jan Alkire
Wednesday, March 18, 7pm – Holy Rosary Church

- NO SCHOOL for Students, Professional Development Day for Staff at SU, Thursday, March 19
- NO SCHOOL for Students, Theological Update Day for Staff at St. Francis, Friday, March 20