



# SCHOOL NEWS

Holy Rosary School Family Communication Newsletter

March 12, 2009

*Lord, your commandment of love is so simple and so challenging. Help me to let go of my pride, to be humble in my penance. I want only to live the way you ask me to love, to love the way you ask me to live. Please help me to be faithful to my Lenten promises of prayer, almsgiving, and fasting. We ask this through your son, Jesus, who stands at my side today and always. Amen.*

The excitement is building as Holy Rosary gets ready to **"Set Sail for the Tropics"!** And isn't it fabulous that today, on our Auction Spirit Day, the sun is shining and the temperatures are rising! Auction invitations are included in your FCE. Return yours ASAP to the school office. Once again, thank you to all of our parents who are working so hard to bring you this year's auction. The school staff is looking forward to enjoying a wonderful evening with you all.

The second trimester ends tomorrow, Friday, March 13, with report cards going home with the students on Friday, March 27. This marks a good time to visit with your children about the importance of finishing this school year with a positive attitude and a renewed commitment to do their best work. The teachers appreciate all that our families do to encourage our students to reach out to all of their classmates in kindness, to be inclusive – especially on the playground, and to remember that we cannot take back hurtful words or actions. I am saddened each time a child comes to my office to express frustration and embarrassment over being ridiculed or excluded. As a Catholic school, I believe we need to work extra hard to encourage our students to treat others as they like to be treated and as Jesus expects. As always, thank you for everything you do to support our school and unite our community. **BETTER TOGETHER!**

Next Tuesday, March 17, is St. Patrick's Day. Students may wear green – no dyed hair, face paint, or tattoos. We will begin the day celebrating Mass at 8:45am with our Irish pastor! Thank you to Ms. Semandiris and Mr. Schreck and the 5<sup>th</sup> grade classes for planning this Mass. Families are invited to join us on this special occasion as we remember St. Patrick and honor Fr. John Madigan! We hope you can join us – 8:45am, Tuesday, March 17.

Remember: NO SCHOOL FOR THE STUDENTS ON THURSDAY, MARCH 19, AND ON FRIDAY, MARCH 20. The teachers aren't quite so lucky! No days off for them – they will be attending a Professional Development Day at Seattle University on Thursday and a Theological Update Day with Archbishop Brunett at St. Francis School in Burien on Friday. Thank you for your understanding. BASE will be open on March 19 & 20. We apologize for any inconvenience these days off may cause your family. Continuing education for our teachers is vital in order for our school to remain excellent and for your children to continue to receive the very best Catholic education.

This evening at Parents' Club I will be share PowerPoint presentation of the results of the Parent Survey. We are thrilled that nearly 200 people have completed surveys. Thank you. Please see memo below from Nikki Page, Parents' Club President, about the meeting tonight. It would be great to see you there tonight – 6:30pm in the school hall.

Brown Bag Friday is tomorrow, March 13 – the item is a bar of soap – please don't put the soap inside the lunch bag. Thank you to Kay Neal, Erin Neal, Pete Neal, Beau Gants and Adele Orsen for taking the lunches to the shelter tomorrow. Thanks for supporting our Lenten almsgiving. Classes attending the 8:00am morning Mass the coming week are: Wednesday, March 18 – 1A & 6B; and Wednesday, March 25 - 1B & 3B.

**PARENTS' CLUB MEETING TONIGHT.** Please join us tonight at the Parents Club meeting, 6:30pm in the school hall. Childcare will be available. Tonight we are proud to have students share some of the ways Holy Rosary School celebrates service throughout the year. Kris Brown will include results from the online survey in her report.

**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](mailto:sjcavanagh@comcast.net) or Janet Pedersen at [janetpedersen@comcast.net](mailto:janetpedersen@comcast.net). Tickets officially go on sale on March 13th. You will receive your invitation in this 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](mailto:oceanskimmer@comcast.net). Thank you for your support, Sarah

**DESSERT AUCTION** Love to bake or know someone who does? Need fundraising hours? We would appreciate your dessert donation for our Set Sail For the Tropics Auction. Please contact Suzanne Nevan-Casey at 525-9480 or Deyette Swegle at 937-5456 for more information.

**REGISTRATION FOR 2009-2010** Please make sure your stewardship commitment card and your tithing are up to date as registration papers will only be given to families in good standing.

**BROWN BAG FRIDAYS FOR ST. MARTIN de PORRES SHELTER DURING LENT.** Thank you for supporting our Brown Bag Fridays. If you would like to deliver the lunches with your children and one or two of their friends 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 20 NO SCHOOL**; **March 27 - deodorant**; and **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.

**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. THIS week we enjoy an "ALL SCHOOL SING" in the school hall on Friday at 2 PM. Also, during the announcements each day this week - we've been hearing about some famous musicians & the origins of Rock & Roll! (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.

**BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR MATH-A-THONERS!!** Students at HRS are participating in a Math-a-thon raising money for the children at St. Jude Children's' Research Hospital. St. Jude Children's' Research Hospital is recognized for its pioneering work in finding cures and saving children with cancer and other catastrophic diseases. Founded by late entertainer Danny Thomas and based in Memphis, Tennessee, St. Jude freely shares its discoveries with scientific and medical communities around the world. No family ever pays for treatments not covered by insurance and families without insurance are never asked to pay. With their parents' permission, students complete the Funbook either online or in the paper version. Both formats contain more than 200 grade appropriate math problems. Students obtain sponsors willing to support them and St. Jude's Hospital. All donations are collected, returned to HRS and then forwarded to St. Jude's. Additional information is contained in the large envelope your child brought home this week. Visit the Library web page for more information and instructions for those who want to complete the online Funbook. All the Math-a-thon fun begins by returning the permission/consent form. Do that today. Thanks.

**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.

**ATTENTION TRACK RUNNERS AND FIELDERS,** ages 4th-8th grade. Holy Rosary/Guadalupe begin their first track workouts on Tuesday March 31. Practices will all be held at Hiawatha Park Track every Tuesday and Thursday from 4:45-6:00. Just show up and I will register you or down load a form on the HR school web page. You will need a \$25.00 check written to Holy Rosary CYO Sports. 4 Meets are in held in May at Highline Stadium. \*\*\*\*\*Also a shoe clinic to purchase marked down Brooks Shoes/Spikes will be held at West Seattle Stadium at 8:30 AM on March 21st. All members of Holy Rosary or Guadalupe are invited (adults included) who love to run and get a great discount on shoes! Contact Shelley Neal, Head Track Coach at mishel90@hotmail.com for more information or call 206-941-1399. See you at the Track!

**GREEN TIP FOR MARCH 12.** March is Yard Waste Month! Virtually all food and food-soiled paper can be going in your yard waste beginning March 30. The list of items that can go in recycling is also expanding. This means we will all have much less "garbage," as that term

continues to evolve. Costs for garbage pick up are increasing effective March 30, but you may be able to avoid a cost increase by reducing the size of your garbage can, made easier by the expanded list of what can go in the other bins. Check the Seattle Public Utilities website for specific rates.

**FREE\*FREE\*USED UNIFORMS\*FREE\*FREE** Are your kids growing out of their uniforms? Find just what they need to finish out the school year. I will have the used uniforms set out in the school hall during the Parents Club meeting on Thursday. Bring clean gently used uniforms in for others to use. Call Kristin Bentler with any questions.

**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)

**STONE SOUP THEATRE**--- Upcoming auditions and spring break programs and summer camps: Check on-line at [www.stonesouptheatre.com](http://www.stonesouptheatre.com). Youth spring musical auditions for The Swashbuckle Sisters in APRIL, 2009, AGES 8-20. BY APPOINTMENT ONLY CALL 206-633-1883.

**SUMMER HELP NEEDED.** Our family is looking for a person who would like to be our children's nanny for the summer (age 14, 12 and 10). About 30 hours per week. If interested please send an email to [jeanfefellin@comcast.net](mailto:jeanfefellin@comcast.net).

**TWO FEMALE GUINEA PIGS** Free to a good home. Cage, food and all other essentials included. Contact Becky Smith @ [bsmith@holyroaryws.org](mailto:bsmith@holyroaryws.org) for more information.

### **Included in this FCE:**

- 🕒 **SET SAIL FOR THE TROPICS AUCTION INVITATION**
- 🕒 **Auction Fund - An Item Flyer (turquoise)**
- 🕒 **Auction Procurement Flyer**
- 🕒 **Study Hall Sign Up Sheet (green)**
- 🕒 **Hot Lunch Menu and Payment Form for March 30-May 1**
- 🕒 **8<sup>th</sup> Grade Pizza Lunch Form (salmon or goldenrod)**
- 🕒 **CYO Track Registration Form and Letter**
- 🕒 **CYO Summer Camp Brochure**
- 🕒 **Highline Medical Group Flyer Announcing Walk-in Clinic**
- 🕒 **Highline Medical Group Flyer Announcing New Nurse Practitioner**
- 🕒 **WSU Summer Reading Skills Programs Flyer**
- 🕒 **Symptoms of Colorectal Cancer Card (blue)**

### **UPCOMING EVENTS AND IMPORTANT DATES:**

- 🕒 **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**
- 🕒 **Junior High Youth Rally at Highline Community College - 8:30am-9:00pm**
- 🕒 **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
- 🕒 8:00am Mass, Wednesday, March 18 – Grades 1A & 6B
- 🕒 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 Seattle University, Thursday, March 19 (BASE OPEN)
- 🕒 NO SCHOOL for Students, Theological Update Day for Staff at St. Francis, Friday, March 20 (BASE OPEN)
- 🕒 Youth Mass, Sunday, March 22, 5:30pm – Holy Rosary Church
- 🕒 Endowment Board Meeting, Monday, March 23 – 6:00pm – Staff Room
- 🕒 Auction Committee Meeting, Tuesday, March 24, 6:30pm – Staff Room
- 🕒 8:00am Mass, Wednesday, March 25 – Grades 1B & 3B
- 🕒 Lenten Evening Talks "The Surprising Sacrament of Matrimony" with Fr. Vandenberg Wednesday, March 25, 7pm – Holy Rosary Church
- 🕒 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Pizza Lunch, Thursday, March 26
- 🕒 Communal Penance Service, Thursday, March 26, 7pm – Holy Rosary Church
- 🕒 Second Trimester Report Cards Go Home, Friday, March 27