



# SCHOOL NEWS

Holy Rosary School Family Communication Newsletter

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Dear Holy Rosary School families,

We wish to offer all of our school families a heartfelt thank you for your generous support of the Holy Rosary School Annual Fund. Gifts came to us from so many within our community including Holy Rosary school families, Holy Rosary parishioners, Holy Rosary School alumni, Holy Rosary School grandparents and many corporations with gift matching programs. The generosity of our entire community is evident in the over \$100,000 in donations received this year. These donations ranged in size from \$5.00 to over \$3000.00 and each and every gift helped us to reach our goal.

These contributions help bridge the gap between tuition charged and the actual cost to educate each student. Since the addition of the Annual Fund three years ago, the school has been able to make improvements in every area of the curriculum, including purchasing new texts in math, science, and social studies. We have been able to keep annual tuition adjustments to modest levels and teacher pay has come closer in line with the pay scale of Washington State Public Schools. Without the Annual Fund and your support, these things would not have been possible.

Holy Rosary School has been providing high quality and affordable Catholic education to children in grades K-8 in the West Seattle area for over 95 years. We are proud of the many accomplishments of our students. We are proud of Holy Rosary's commitment to community service and of the many ways our students reach out to those in need. It is because of your support and the example you set through your generosity that our students see the true acts that lead to the development of a strong spirit of giving. As always, thank you for your ongoing generosity and your dedication to the continuous improvement of our school.

Warm Regards,

Kris Brown, Principal  
Sarah Dahleen, Development Director

**CONGRATULATIONS TO SARAH DAHLEEN AND THE GRANTS COMMITTEE** for writing another successful grant. Holy Rosary was awarded a \$3000 grant from the Puyallup Indian Tribe. This is the third grant we have received for SmartBoards and we now have enough to purchase one more permanent SmartBoard. Thank you, Sarah and Grants Committee.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO CONRAD NARK**, 8<sup>th</sup> grade student, for being selected to serve as a Senate Page in Olympia last week. Conrad reports that he enjoyed the experience a great deal and learned first hand how bills become laws. He received very high marks from the senators he assisted. We are proud of you, Conrad!

**HOLY WEEK** begins on Passion Sunday this weekend. **We would ask our students to be in perfect uniform all week as a way of keeping in mind the events that we will be remembering and celebrating.** On Thursday, April 9, at 1:45, students will gather in their Faith Families to celebrate a remembrance of the Last Supper. On Friday at 11:00am members of the 8<sup>th</sup> grade class, under the direction of Mrs. Harris, will present the Living Stations of the Cross. Students will be dismissed in silence from the church and from their classrooms at noon. We ask that parents leave the school grounds in silence on Good Friday. Thank you.

**PARENT SURVEYS.** About 200 families completed the Parent Survey. We thank you for your input. The School Commission and the staff are reviewing the results and reading the comments. Your feedback helps in the ongoing improvement of our school and it will be helpful for the completion of the next Five Year Plan. The teachers will use the information when reviewing discipline policies and other school programs. Thank you again for participating.

**\$1 FOR UGANDA?** Did you're students remember to bring in their \$1 yesterday (\$1 on the 1st of every month!) It's not too late...the 3rd graders will be collecting the jars on Friday for the 7th graders to count. Thanks to the 6th graders for putting up school signs and 4th graders for the all school announcements. Everyone is joining in to help our Uganda students!

**BROWN BAG FRIDAYS FOR ST. MARTIN de PORRES SHELTER DURING LENT.** The item for **April 3 is aftershave, shaving cream.** Thank you to Ann Conway, Joseph Conway, Anna Fellin and Joseph Dolejsi for delivering the lunches tomorrow. Thank you again for your almsgiving during this Lenten season.

**AUCTION NEWS!** Questions? email Sarah at [oceanskimmer@comcast.net](mailto:oceanskimmer@comcast.net) Bid on Great Items... MSILVADESIGN, LLC is an award winning design firm specializing in Residential and Commercial Interior Design, Retail Fixtures, Exhibit Design and various services to aid in the development of design/build projects. 4 hours are being donated towards the project. Check out [www.msilvadesign.com](http://www.msilvadesign.com) Buy Your Tickets... The most excellent crew invites you to Set Sail For the Tropics on April 25th! Gilligan and Skipper (aka Jim Dever, Auctioneer and Bill Reid, MC) Hope you will come aboard Don't Delay Buy Your Tickets Today All Aboard!

**AUCTION RAFFLE NEWS!** After Spring Break is too late! That's right, buy you raffle tickets before Aril 10th and receive a free drink coupon for every \$100 of the same ticket that you purchase. \$100 buys you 5 chances to win in-parish tuition for one child for the 2009-2010 school year for the winner of the Tuition Raffle. \$100 could also buy you a cruise for two to Mexico or 4 tickets to a Men's Hockey game during the 2010 Winter Olympics in Vancouver, BC or a Chocolate Lab Puppy...what a deal! Check out the catalog online and see what else you could choose if you win the Best of Live Raffle. This year the **ONLY EXCEPTIONS ARE CLASS PROJECTS!** Pre-sale fliers went home in the envelope last week but they are also available in the office or online in this FCE or from the auction website. All raffle tickets are \$25 each or 5 for \$100. Questions? Contact Laura Douglas 206-932-5921 or [mrspazzo@comcast.net](mailto:mrspazzo@comcast.net) Retraction- Their was an error in Tuesday's Auction Action regarding the Arbor Heights Swim Party. It is available to all grades. Please disregard the restriction that excluded Kindergarten and 1st grade-it was a mistake. Thank you for your patience!

**DESSERT AUCTION** Dreaming of someplace warm? Why not turn on that oven and bake a yummy dessert for Holy Rosary's Dessert Auction. Help us serve a slice of the tropics on April 25th with your donation...it's just a short sail away. Please see attached flyer with this FCE. For questions, email Suzanne Nevan-Casey at [s\\_nevan@yahoo.com](mailto:s_nevan@yahoo.com) or Deyette Swegle at [deyette1@comcast.net](mailto:deyette1@comcast.net)

**GREEN TIP.** April is Gardening Month! It is the season of renewal and life and....recycling! While those plastic spinach boxes from the grocery store can now be recycled, here's a way to give them a new life before they hit the recycling bin. Put a few inches of moist soil in the box, plant some seeds, put the lid on and set it in the window. It can act as a little greenhouse and should create condensation. When the plant starts are up, take off the lid; plant starts as directed on the seed packet. It may also create a little moisture under the box, so protect your counters. Growing your own food is fun and saves grocery dollars. It also saves the energy that would have been spent to transport that food to your table. Plus, fresh picked produce just tastes better, and you know exactly what sprays have or have not been used on your food. Remember that many people have a new garbage pick up day starting this week, and that many more items can be put in the yard waste and the recycling!

**CALLING ALL PIRATES!** This year's talent show theme is H-arr-S Pirates Set Sail! The **talent show will be on Friday, May 15.** Permission slips are currently available in the office and one will go out in next week's FCE. The boat is setting sail soon, so turn your permission slips into Mrs. Kirmeyer or to Ms. Johnson in the office by **Wednesday, April 29<sup>th</sup>**. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Kirmeyer at [jkirmeyer@holyroaryws.org](mailto:jkirmeyer@holyroaryws.org). Hope to see you there!

**NEED MILK ATTENDANT.** If you are interested in getting your general commitment hours set for next year please consider being our milk attendant on Tuesdays and Thursdays. We are looking for someone to set milk out for each grade from 11:00am to 1pm two days a week. A big thank you to Ginny Glidden who has been faithfully doing this job for the last few years! If you are interested in making this commitment for next year please contact the school office.

**SPINAL SCREENINGS** will take place the week of April 6<sup>th</sup> for grades 6 through 8. If we do not have a signed permission slip from you for your child we are enclosing one in this FCE. The child will not be screened unless they have a signed permission slip on file. Girls need to be wearing bathing suit tops or sports bras in order to be screened.

**HOLY ROSARY TO SHOWCASE KID ART AT THE KENNEY FOR THE WEST SEATTLE ART WALK** The Kenney participates in the West Seattle ArtWalk on a monthly basis, rotating work from West Seattle artists as well as Kenney resident artists. The Art Walk is a self guided tour involving multiple West Seattle businesses spanning the neighborhood from Alki to The Kenney. Art work is prominently displayed and labeled with each artist's information. There are always adult and kid friendly food and beverages that mirror whatever theme The Kenney has for that particular month. April's Kid Art theme will include an Easter Egg hunt (bring your egg gathering baskets!) and will also include goodies such as PB&J sandwiches, macaroni and cheese and chocolate milk. All children, parents, and grandparents are welcome and encouraged to attend The Kenney's monthly ArtWalk events, especially on April 9<sup>th</sup>. We hope to see you there! (The Kenney is located at 7125 Fauntleroy Way SW. Feel free to call them with any questions at 206-937-2800)

## Included in this FCE: (white unless otherwise stated)

- 🕒 Dessert Auction Flyer

## UPCOMING EVENTS AND IMPORTANT DATES:

- 🕒 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Sailing Trip, Wednesday-Friday, April 1-3
- 🕒 School Commission Meeting, Thursday, April 2, 6pm Staff Room
- 🕒 Prayer Service by 6A & 6B – Friday, April 3, 8:30am – School Hall
- 🕒 JFK Excalibur Choir and Kennedy Jazz Ensemble Assembly, Friday, April 3, 1pm in the gym
- 🕒 7<sup>th</sup> Gr. SAFE Training, Friday, April 3, 1:45pm – School Hall
- 🕒 Holy Rosary Parish Penance Service – 9:00am Church, Sat. April 4
- 🕒 Stations of the Cross led by the Teen Group from St. Stephen the Martyr (Fr. John's former parish) – Sat. April 4, 8:00pm – 9:00pm - Church
- 🕒 Palm Sunday, Sunday, April 5: Masses at 5:00pm Sat., 7:30, 9:30 and 11:30am on Sunday and 5:30pm Sunday
- 🕒 7<sup>th</sup> Gr. Retreat Lakeview Christian Center, Monday, April 6 (7<sup>th</sup> graders may have free dress for their retreat)
- 🕒 Holy Thursday, Faith Families Last Supper Remembrance, Thursday, April 9, 2:15pm
- 🕒 Good Friday, Living Stations of the Cross, Friday, April 10, 11am- Holy Rosary Church
- 🕒 SILENT DISMISSAL AT NOON, Friday, April 10
- 🕒 Easter Sunday, Sunday, April 12
- 🕒 EASTER VACATION, Monday April 13 – Friday, April 17 NO SCHOOL
- 🕒 Auction Committee Meeting, Tuesday, April 14, 6:30pm – School Hall
- 🕒 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Sailing Trip, Wednesday-Friday, April 22-24
- 🕒 Last Mathathon Turn-in Day, Friday, April 24
- 🕒 Friday, April 24 – Noon Dismissal – Teacher Inservice - Auction Set-Up
- 🕒 **SATURDAY, APRIL 25 – “SET SAIL FOR THE TROPICS” BEGINNING AT 5:00PM IN THE SCHOOL HALL - DINNER AUCTION IN LANIGAN AT 7:00PM – DON’T MISS OUT ON THE BIGGEST PARTY OF THE YEAR!**
- 🕒 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Sailing Trip, Monday-Wednesday, April 27-29
- 🕒 ITBS Testing Grade K-7, Monday April 27 through May 8 – No WASL test this year at Holy Rosary
- 🕒 Special Parents’ Club Meeting – School Budget Presentation – Wednesday, April 29 – School Hall at 6:30pm
- 🕒 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Pizza Lunch, Thursday, April 30