



SCHOOL NEWS

Holy Rosary School Family Communication Newsletter

April 23, 2009

PRINCIPAL SEARCH. The Search Committee met on Wed. 4/22 to begin the process of identifying our new principal; we were joined by Karen Tarabochia from the Archdiocese. As Fr. John noted in his email last week, the committee is comprised of Melissa Witsoe, Mary Rose Blatner, Mary Simpson, Javier Fosado, Fr. John and I. This note is intended to provide information regarding our process.

The process has already begun, with the position having been advertised through both the Archdiocesan website, and that of the National Catholic Education Association (NCEA) website (and thus, we are advertising nationally, and even in Canada).

As part of the process of finding the best possible candidate, we invite the school community (parents and faculty) as well as the broader parish community to provide us with information/suggestions/guidance in this process. To this end, in the next couple of days, a short survey will be available on both the school website and the parish website, through which, comments can be shared to help inform our selection process.

The search committee would encourage all interested members of our community to respond to the survey. We are lucky in that just recently the School Commission completed a detailed survey in support of the 5 Year Plan currently being drafted, so we are already in receipt of a great deal of data and comments from parents. However, that survey did not focus on the specific question of selecting the right person to become our new principal, so we believe it wise to give the community the opportunity to weigh in on this.

In the interim, please don't hesitate to contact me or any other committee members with specific comments or concerns.

Thank you,
Terry Scanlan

“Going once, going twice... SOLD!” -Jim Dever, 2009 HR Auctioneer

The decorations are completed, the drink of the evening has been tested and rumor has it that it is one of the best auction concoctions yet, the items are ready for display, the wait staff can hardly wait, your table awaits you...LET THE BIDDING BEGIN! The staff and I are looking forward to a fabulous evening on Saturday. Thank you to all who contributed your time, talent, and treasure and thank you in advance for your generous support of the school's largest fundraiser. **Let's Set Sail for the Tropics!**

Looking for a new way to become involved in the school? The School Commission has openings for two new members, each willing to serve a four year term. The School Commission is a consultative body, advisory to the pastor and principal in the formation of policy and the ongoing development of the school. The Commission contributes their expertise and experience and assists with long range planning, budget preparation, decision-making, policy formation and public relations. Members of the Commission participate with the pastor and the Catholic Schools Department in the selection of a new principal. The School Commission does NOT do the following: discipline, develop programs, approve materials, hire or evaluate staff, tell the principal how to do things, or act as a grievance committee. If you are interested in applying to serve on the Commission for the next four years, please complete the attached application and return it to the school office no later than Thursday, May 7. There are hard copies of this application available in the school office. It can also be downloaded online in the school website. Questions – contact Kris Brown or any current member of the School Commission – listed on page 7 in your school phone directory. Julie Campbell and Ann Martin are members of the Commission, but are not listed in the directory.

Yesterday at our weekly staff meeting we began the process of reviewing the data from the Discipline Section included in the recent Parent Survey. We appreciated the time parents took to share their perceptions of discipline in the school. Please be assured that all of your comments are taken seriously and will help us make any necessary adjustments or improvements to our discipline policy. Our work continues tomorrow afternoon at our staff inservice. We will keep you informed!

The April Parents' Club meeting will be next Wednesday, April 29. The School Commission will be presenting highlights from next year's budget, including the tuition rates for next year. I urge you all to attend this important meeting. Mark your calendars now – WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29 BEGINNING AT 6:30PM IN THE SCHOOL HALL. Please remember that in order to receive registration papers for next school year, all tuition, tithing, and parent commitment obligations must be current. Questions, please call Jennifer MacDonald at the rectory, 937-1488, ext. 211. Also, a reminder that in order to qualify for the in-parish tuition rate, families must have a new "Parish Stewardship of Treasure" card on file at the parish office. Cards are available in the school or rectory office. The minimum tithing expectation for in-parish families is \$840.00 yearly or \$70.00 monthly. Thank you so very much for your attention to these important matters.

Holy Rosary will not be giving the WASL test this year, due to the fact that this is the last year for the WASL test. However, students in grades K, 1, 2, 3, 5, & 6 will take the full battery of the Iowa Test of Basic Skills, which compares the student's and the school's performance to other students and schools nationwide. Results of the tests provide us with a deeper understanding of individual student strengths and weaknesses, as well as our school's strengths and weaknesses. Students in grades 4 & 7 will take the Iowa Cognitive Ability Test, which measures a student's developing IQ. Testing will take place April 27-May 8. Please check class newsletters/websites for specific testing days and times. Research shows that students who are well rested and well nourished perform better on standardized tests!

Thank you all for your continued support as we wind down this school year. We appreciate you making sure that your children come to school with their homework completed and wearing the correct uniform. We want all of our students to finish the year feeling proud of their successes and accomplishments and of all that they have learned.

FRIDAY, APRIL 24 will be a noon dismissal day due to the Auction. Students may enjoy free dress on the 24th as a reward from Rocco Buty and Riley Duffy. The students exceeded the goal the boys had established for their "Pennies for Peace" service project, which resulted in new books for girls in Pakistan. Thank you Riley and Rocco!

B.A.S.E. is closed tomorrow and school is out at noon.

AUCTION NEWS. The auction is sold out! **FINAL RAFFLE NEWS** If you purchased raffle tickets during the "pre-sale" period and are either not attending or are working the auction, your ticket stubs will be in the FCE this week along with your drink ticket if you earned that as well. If you are attending, your ticket stubs will be in your bidder packet at check-in. If you still want to purchase tickets they will be for sale during the silent auction. Look for our "pier" outside of check-in. We will also be mingling through the crowds as well. The night of the auction you can pay with cash, check or add your raffle tickets to your bidder number. Worried about accessorizing for the auction? Don't panic, we've got you covered. Purchase \$100 of Best of Live tickets and get a beautiful blinky ring (while supplies last). If you purchased your tickets during pre-sale, your ring will be in your bidder packet at check-in. Remember: You have to enter to win. Best of Live winner gets to choose anything from the live auction except the class projects and the Tuition Raffle winner gets one year of in-parish tuition for one child (that is a \$4,200 value)! Who would not want a shot at either of these prizes? Tickets are \$25 each or 5 for \$100. Questions: contact Laura Douglas 206-932-5921 or mrspazzo@comcast.net

MORE AUCTION NEWS Set Sail for the Tropics with a beautiful, fresh **Orchid Lei**. At \$12 each, these leis are a huge bargain. Get yours as soon as you arrive on Saturday evening...we have a limited amount!! Perfect way to complete your tropical ensemble.

MATH-A-THON Nearly 100 students registered to participate in the Math-a-thon that benefits the children at St. Jude Hospital. Now, we are near the final deadline for forwarding our donations to St. Jude. Please help your child collect the contributions from their sponsors and bring them into school. Every dollar raised has an impact. Thank you.

2009-2010 REGISTRATION PAPERS will be going out in the May 7th FCE. However, today's FCE contains the **Student Demographic Information Form** which needs to be completed and returned to the school office as soon as possible.

LOOKING FOR A GREAT WAY TO EARN HOURS FROM HOME? I am looking for someone to take over the 1% Receipt Program. This is an easy way to earn fundraising hours from home. Start earning your hours now! Please contact Tara Turpen 206 935-0552 taraturpen@msn.com if you are interested.

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.

GREEN TIP Calling all gardeners! Check out *Lettuce Pray*, a great program to feed the hungry with excess home garden produce, at www.gleanit.org. If you love to garden but can't possibly eat all those beans and zucchini, contact Patrick Barredo at the rectory. *Lettuce Pray* will pick up extra produce at Holy Rosary and deliver it to food banks. If you'd like to coordinate a regular

Holy Rosary pick up, Patrick would especially love to hear from you! Pick ups occur in August and September. Calling all PCC members! Your PCC Board of Directors ballots will be in your mailboxes next week, as an insert in the Sound Consumer newsletter. Please consider voting for Holy Rosary mom and Green Team member Maggie Lucas (Hooks). The three candidates with the most votes will be elected to the Board. More info is available on the PCC website. Thank you for your support! Calling all bicyclists! May will be Bike to School Month. Time to dust off the bikes and pump up the tires! Next week you will receive information about this program, along with a calendar to keep track of your biking. If you can't bike to school, maybe you can bike to another destination or just for fun!

EVERYDAY IS EARTH DAY AT HOLY ROSARY SCHOOL! According to current statistics **95%** of printer cartridges are simply discarded and end up in landfill sites. It takes 2 ½ ounces of oil to make a new inkjet cartridge. A medium-sized business can use over 1,500 ink cartridges per year, or even more. Since December 2004 Holy Rosary families and businesses have been recycling their inkjet/toner cartridges and cell phones. Together we have saved thousands of items from reaching our landfills. The recycling Program not only supports our environment but helps us raise funds for our school. **Here's how it works:** **1. Save your used inkjet/toner cartridges and cell phones** Put the inkjet and toner cartridges in the original packaging or individually in a ziplock bag or baggie. Place cell phones in a ziplock bag. This keeps them from getting damaged in transit. **2. Drop them off** Bring all cartridges and cell phones to Holy Rosary School and place in the collection boxes in the main office. **3. Ask others to help** Ask friends, relatives and employers to help support our recycling efforts. If you have questions Please contact Kristen or Tim Hinthorn at 433-2748 or email us at tkhinthorn1@comcast.net

DRAMA ELECTIVE NEEDS YOUR HELP I am fortunate enough to have found 4 very willing and able costume designers but now find myself in need of some set assistance! If you have access to large sheets of cardboard (i.e. for moving large pieces of furniture) please donate to our drama cause. I would love to get a group working on sets this weekend so the sooner the better. Also, we need paints for the cardboard. Please contact Darcy McLaughlin at dmclaughlin@holynosaryws.org if you are able to donate either of these items. It would be very much appreciated! Thank you.

PARISH CENTENNIAL. Joyce Ways is chairing an event for the Parish Centennial on Sunday, June 7. It is a luncheon after the 11:15 mass to welcome back previous and current liturgical staff from parish and school. She is looking for volunteers to help. Set-up 8am-10am, Luncheon (servers needed) 1030 am -1:30 pm and Clean-up 1:30 pm – 3pm. Joyce will need 6-8 people for each time slot. She can be reached at jojoways@comcast.net.

VOLUNTEER BAKER AND SERVERS NEEDED. Holy Rosary is sponsoring the Community Meal at Our Lady of Guadalupe. The meal is served from 1 - 3 PM on April 26th in the Parish Hall at Our Lady of Guadalupe. The meal serves seniors and low income people, but all are welcome. We are in need of desserts for the dinner, as well as volunteers to set up, serve and clean-up. Extra Easter candy would also be welcome! Please deliver desserts to the OLG School Hall on Sunday morning after 9 AM. Sign-up to serve with Patrick Barredo at pbarredo@holynosaryseattle.org. Thanks!

CUB SCOUT PACK 793 invites all Holy Rosary Parish boys in Kindergarten to attend our New Tiger Scout Meeting in the Holy Rosary School Hall at 6:00pm on Wednesday, May 6th. This is a great time to join Cub Scouts. We'll have entertainment and activities for the boys. Come see

what the Cub Scouts program is all about and join in the fun! Please contact David Wickler at 206-935-6661 for more information or visit the Pack Web site at www.pack793ws.org.

FALL CLASSIC GOLF TOURNEY Saturday September 26th at WSGC <http://golf.holyrosaryws.org/> Few things in life are as fun as golf.....come be part of putting this great event together. Our first meeting will be at the WSGC clubhouse on 35th Ave SW on Thursday the 30th at 6:30pm. We would love to see some new faces, so come and get involved. The hours you spend on this event will be filled with laughs, and can also work towards your fund raising commitment hours! See you there, Chris Clarke Clarkeski6@msn.com

B.A.S.E. SUMMER CAMP. Are you looking for a summer camp where your child(ren) will feel comfortable and safe, yet have fun? Then BASE is the place to be. BASE is expanding its summer program and is looking for children to fill it. BASE has openings for full-time and part-time children. Additionally, we will accept a certain number of daily drop-ins if you become in need of child care. We have created weekly themes focused on aspects of the Puget Sound, such as Beach Life, Rock'n Science, and Wild, Wild Animals. Field trips, art projects and activities will be part of our summer curriculum. BASE Summer Camp will operate from June 15-August 31st. Daily operation will be from 6:45am to 6:00pm. Cost of the camp will be \$175.00 weekly for full-time and \$35.00 a day for part-time. A \$100 deposit is required to save your child's space. The deposit will be used for a City Pass, a t-shirt and a towel for your child. If you want your child to attend BASE Summer Camp please contact Donna Jerge-Nass, at 937-1488 ext 228.

THE NORTHWEST BOYCHOIR will be holding auditions for new members on Saturday, May 16 for fall enrollment. Our auditions are geared for young boys, ages 6-9 or entering grades 1 through 4 in the fall. Historically, we have had great success in recruiting new members through their elementary schools. We hope we can count on your support in distributing our materials to your eligible students. There are flyers available in the school office if you would like more information.

LOOKING FOR A SUMMER NANNY? Holy Rosary/Holy Names Academy Alum Graduating from Santa Clara University in early June · Over 10 years experience as a babysitter and nanny · CPR/First Aid Certified, for Infants and Children· Enjoys outdoor activities, reading, and craft projects· Licensed driver with personal transportation Flexible hours, pay negotiable, and references upon request Please contact Lesli Redenbaugh if interested: 206-491-9796 or lesli.redenbaugh@gmail.com

LEE'S MARTIAL ARTS SUMMER CAMPS Registration is now open for the Lee's Martial Arts Summer Camps! The Summer Camp dates are: July 13th- July 17TH, July 27th -July 31st, August 10th August 14th. The camp is for 5-12 year olds. The cost is \$200. (Financial Scholarships are available) If you need additional information please contact; Lisa Skvarla @ 206-938-3375 Thank you!

Included in this FCE: (white unless otherwise stated)

- ⌚ May Calendar (lilac)
- ⌚ Sixth Grade Bingo Flier (BIG BINGO NIGHT – FUN FOR ALL – SAT. MAY 9)
- ⌚ Study Hall Enrollment Form (pink)
- ⌚ Student Demographic Information Form
- ⌚ St. George School Summer Skills Camp Flyer
- ⌚ Science Adventure Summer Camps Flyer
- ⌚ Stone Soup Theatre's Youth Conservatory Auditions for ages 8-20 (download only)

UPCOMING EVENTS AND IMPORTANT DATES:

- 🕒 6th Grade Sailing Trip, Wednesday-Friday, April 22-24
- 🕒 Last Mathathon Turn-in Day, Friday, April 24
- 🕒 Friday, April 24 Free Dress from Pennies for Peace
- 🕒 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!**
- 🕒 6th 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
- 🕒 8th Grade Pizza Lunch, Thursday, April 30
- 🕒 Grade 5 Outdoor Education at Camp Seymour, Monday May 4 through Wednesday, May 6
- 🕒 Jog-a-thon for Juvenile Diabetes in Health and Fitness, Monday May 4 through Friday, May 8
- 🕒 BINGO night – Saturday, May 9, beginning at 6:30pm (see attached flier)
- 🕒 Honor Band Tour, Tuesday, May 5
- 🕒 Talent Show Auditions, Tuesday, May 5 and Wednesday, May 6 – Lunch Times
- 🕒 Grade 2 to Pioneer Farm, Tuesday, May 5
- 🕒 Grants Committee Meeting, Wednesday, May 6, 6pm – Staff Room
- 🕒 Living Rosary and Liturgical Dance – Thursday, May 7, 2:15pm
- 🕒 Grade 4 to Log House Museum, Friday, May 8