



SCHOOL NEWS

Holy Rosary School Family Communication Newsletter

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“The real winners in life look at every situation with an expectation that they can make it work or make it better.” -Barbara Pletchel

It's good to see a lot of our students riding their bikes to school during Bike Month. I had planned to ride my bike tomorrow, but I have decided to ride it instead on “bike helmet check” day, which is next Thursday, May 14. Please see the notice below from our great Green Team regarding this excellent opportunity to have you child's helmets checked or to purchase a new one at a great price. There will be a little reward for everyone who rides his/her bike on Thursday, May 14. I am hoping for sunshine on the 14th. I don't particularly like pedaling in puddles!

You are receiving registration papers for next year in today's FCE. Please read the information below regarding registration. If you attended last week's Parents' Club meeting you are aware that the tuition increase for next year is 3%. I am grateful to the School Commission for their consideration in keeping the tuition increase as low as possible.

I recently read an article entitled “*We Need Catholic Schools*”. The article made me once again feel so extraordinarily grateful for and proud of Holy Rosary School. The article was written by Cardinal Zenon Grocholewski, who recently received the Catholic School Leadership Award from Fordham University. In the article he states, “We need Catholic schools that turn globalization toward a spirit of solidarity, of real help for the needy, of respect toward every culture. Schools that teach solidarity, indeed love of neighbor, in our everyday lives. We need schools that concern themselves with forming humanly and spiritually mature persons – persons who critique and *who want and are able to use what they have learned only for good*. Yes, we need Catholic schools!” I hope this helps you to feel affirmed in your dedication to Catholic schools and confident that the sacrifices you are making to have your children attend Catholic schools are well worth it. Thank you for choosing Holy Rosary School!

Composting will officially begin at school tomorrow – thanks to the efforts and work of the Green Team. I think it is fabulous that Holy Rosary is one of the first schools to begin composting – as we know it will soon become a requirement in all schools. Thank you for encouraging your children to recycle, reuse, and COMPOST! Read the Green Tip later in this newsletter for further information on the school's composting plans.

I am looking forward to the opportunity to say thank you and farewell to the Holy Rosary community on Thursday, May 21, after the Parents' Club meeting. Thank you to those involved in planning the reception.

One final note: I sincerely do LOVE Pioneer coffee – try it – it's the BEST!

2009-2010 REGISTRATION PAPERS are enclosed in today's FCE. The student demographic form which is listed as part of the registration papers went out in the last FCE envelope and the Annual Fund form will be sent out in the May 21st FCE envelope. Please return all forms by Thursday, May 28th. If your registration papers are not enclosed in this FCE there is an obligation that you have agreed to that has not been met. Please call the school office for more information.

SAVE THE DATE: MAY 21, 2009. We will thank Kris Brown for all her service to Holy Rosary at the final Parents' Club meeting of the year, and then provide an opportunity for alumni, families and the parish community to join us in honoring Kris. Stay tuned for details.

ELEMENTARY BAND FESTIVAL CANCELLED. Unfortunately, due to the grave illness of Ms. McKamey's mother at this time, the annual Elementary Band Festival scheduled for May 13 at Kennedy High School is cancelled. We ask you to please keep Ms. McKamey, her mother, and her family in your prayers. Thank you.

UGANDA goal reached! Our total collection for Uganda last week brought our total to \$1492...we'll be adding in a few extra dollars to reach our goal of \$1500! Congratulations Holy Rosary community! Thanks to ALL the grades jumping in to make our all school international project so successful. We will start up again next fall so donate your budgeted June \$1 to support the health and fitness Diabetes Awareness!

GREEN TIP- COMPOSTING IS HERE! Starting tomorrow, May 8, Holy Rosary students, staff and visitors will begin diverting food waste and food soiled paper from the landfill and into the compost where it can do some good! Bright yellow compostables bins will appear in the school hall, hallways, and gym. Some teachers will have small containers in the classroom. Everyone will have this easy chance to help the earth and save Holy Rosary money on its garbage pick up bill. Tomorrow, let's see how little garbage we can have. With reusable lunch containers and compost collection, this could be amazing! Thank you also to our dedicated Plant Manager Scott Stoefer and his hard-working crew. Scott has spent many hours researching, planning and implementing the composting program. This could not have happened without you; thank you so much. Thank you to Molly Vernon, who made the auction greener by composting, even before we had a dumpster for compostables. Great effort! **To help celebrate Bike Month, we will be hosting a bicycle helmet check and sale on Thursday, May 14.** Thanks to Cascade Bicycle Club we will have an expert on site through the lunch periods to check the size and fit of any student's helmet. New helmets will be available for sale for just \$10, and will be sized to the purchaser. If you'd like to participate, send a check made payable to Cascade Bicycle Club for \$10 for each student who wants to purchase a helmet. (The sales will occur during each class' lunch recess, so separate checks will have to be used for each student; sorry.) Or, have your child bring his/her own helmet to have it checked and sized. Remember to put names in helmets!!! We hope to see your child by the bike racks next Thursday during lunch recess.

TALENT SHOW NEXT FRIDAY! The HarrRS Pirates set sail for the Windward Islands! The Holy Talent Show is Friday, May 15th. Will the pirates find their missing treasure? Will they find the high seas and islands quite changed? Come and find out! **Any peaceful pirate would wear stripped shirts, short pants, bandanas, Jolly Rogers, eye patches, parrots, and/or any other pirate paraphernalia!** Please don't use any guns, hooks, bucklers, swords, etc. for your costume – there will be no swashbuckling! **Act I will start at 9:30 a.m. and feature K – 3 acts as well as mixed grade acts. Act II will start at 1:30 p.m. and showcase 4 – 8 acts.** Thank you to all who are participating this year and we cannot wait to see everyone there!

TALENT SHOW PERFORMERS! There are dress rehearsals next week for individual acts. Please bring your costume and any props – if you have not yet given leadership your music, please bring that too. Dress rehearsals will be from 11:20 to 1:00 on Tuesday, May 12th (K – 3 and mixed grade acts) and Wednesday, May 13th (4 – 8 acts including bands). You will receive a notice today or Friday informing you of the date of your dress rehearsal. Thank you all so much for making our Talent Show excellent!

AUCTION NEWS. Thank you for a terrific auction. Tomorrow, there will be a link to a survey about the Auction. We hope you will take a moment to fill it out. Your feedback is important and valued! Auction Committee Openings- Decorations Chair-Do you love to decorate? Consider becoming the next Decorations Chair. The position involves directing a team of creative volunteers to transform the gym and the school hall for the auction (theme will be decided on in the fall). It's a fantastic creative outlet plus you get all of your hours covered. Please email Sarah Mackay with any questions oceanskimmer@comcast.net. Reservations Co-Chairs-We are looking for two chairs to oversee the reservations for the auction. The position involves entering reservations into the Auction software, turning-in all reservation payments and working with the Auction Chairs to determine where guests will sit. This year's Reservation Chair will be on hand to answer questions. Check-out the photos on the school web site!! It was a fun event. Thank you!!

AMBASSADOR FAMILIES NEEDED. We're looking for volunteers to act as an Ambassador to our new families joining Holy Rosary School for the 2009/10 school year. We currently have 38 new Kindergarten families joining us in the fall as well as new families with children in the upper grades. The role of an Ambassador Family is a short and easy commitment of helping another family make the transition into our school a little smoother. If you are interested please download the form from the school website and return it to the school office.

THE 8TH GRADE PIZZA LUNCH will take place on Thursday, May 21st. Please make sure that you have completed a form for your child and turned it in to the school office if you wish them to get pizza that day. We are not able to accommodate students who have not paid for the pizza in **advance**. Thank you for your attention to this matter. Also, 8th grade pizza lunch needs a coordinator for next year. If you are a 7th grade parent please consider this opportunity and call the school office if you are interested. Thank you.

THROUGH THE LOOKING GLASS. All are invited to attend Holy Rosary Drama Elective's rendition of *Through The Looking Glass*. Performances are on Wednesday May 27th at 7 pm and Thursday May 28th at 7 pm. The performances are for ALL Holy Rosary families and friends...from Kinder to 8th grade. We look forward to seeing you then! Miss McLaughlin and the HR Drama Elective

COFFEE FUNDRAISER. Have you ordered your coffee today? Kris Brown loves this coffee and so will you! Holy Rosary will receive \$3.00 for every pound of coffee purchased by you, your office, your family or your neighbors! Please use order forms available at the school or parish office, or directly at Pioneer's website. (use the school fundraiser link to order) <http://www.pioneercoffeeco.com/Home.htm> Coffee orders received by each Monday, will be delivered to the school on Thursday and sent home with your child. During the summer months coffee can be picked up at the Alki Café. Pioneer Coffee is not mass produced, for only \$10.95 a pound you are receiving coffee at its flavor peak! This coffee is available in whole bean, or will be ground to your preference. Here are blend information choices: Pioneer Coffee Roasting Company Gourmet Coffee & Signature Blends Pioneer Espresso Blend – Used in our own espresso bars. Combines the best quality Arabica Beans from around the world. Produces a

caramel crema that creates the ultimate latte. Bravisimo (Swiss Water) Decaf - In Italian it's literally "The Best". Medium bodied, balanced acidity, sweet rounded flavor. Great for after dinner. Snoqualmie Breakfast Blend - A medium bodied blend of South American coffee. Sweet with a smooth exotic noteworthy taste. Caffè Vivante - A dark roast exhibiting a full rich flavor. The ebony blend is intense with rich smoky overtones. A great way to start the day. Town Central Blend - A complete blend of East African and Central American coffees. Superbly aromatic, well balanced with medium body, overtones of spice and chocolate. Pioneer House Blend - A masterful blend of coffees possessing an intoxicating aroma and wonderful smoothness. Deeply satisfying with a lingering aftertaste. La Mattina Sumatra - A favorite varietal of superior quality. A rich earthy aroma, very concentrated flavor, sweet with herbal nuances. Feather Organic - Chosen seasonally to offer a roasting selection. Certified organic and always an estate coffee. Questions about this fundraiser please contact Michele Wallace at 206-914-1248. Thanks! ORDER YOUR COFFEE TODAY!

WESTFEST is coming up September 18 and 19! Mark your calendars so you don't miss out on the fun! Our first BIG West Fest planning meeting of the year will be May 26 from 6:30-7:30! We are going to do our best to keep the meetings short, informative and fun! We would like all chairs to be there as we have some logistical changes in the works that you will need to be aware of and plan around. Of course, anyone is welcome. We have some fun positions available to help with those volunteer hours! So, if you would like to learn more about how you can help with one of West Seattle's best community events, please join us! Available Positions: Safety and Security Chair, West Fest Co-Chair in training, Sponsorship Chair, T-shirt Chair, Hi-Yu Holy Rosary Parade Float Chair, Food Booth Chair, Neighborhood Relations Chair, Raffle Chair, Face Painting and Tattoo Booth Chair, Help with Live Entertainment. Meg Peterson and Erin Podany, West Fest Chairs

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 Clarakeski6@msn.com

LOST AND FOUND. On Friday, May 15 all items in the lost and found will be going to Goodwill. Please have your child check the lost and found and take any items that belong to them before next Friday. Thank you.

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.

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.

ANNOUNCING: THE HOLY ROSARY CENTENNIAL BIRTHDAY BLOCK PARTY: **When:** Sunday, August 9th from 1-4 pm. **Where:** on the street between the church and the school. We will close 42nd and picnic in the street, on the lawns and under the shade of the trees. **What:** A block party picnic with hot dogs, birthday cake, ice cream, lemonade, iced tea. Make it a real picnic and bring your own picnic favorites to share with family and friends. Bring a blanket to spread on the lawn at the rectory or the church, or park yourself at one of the tables we will set up on the street. **Who:** Everyone in the parish. We will have activities for kids and the playground will be open. The history minded will love the vintage cars with drivers in period costumes evoking the earliest days of Holy Rosary Parish. The boards showing the history of the church will be on display. We will have music and entertainment and a grand good time. **How:** The Centennial Planning Committee is sponsoring this event as part of our year long celebration of Holy Rosary's first hundred years in West Seattle. Volunteers are needed to help with set up, food preparation, clean up and recycling. The GOOD NEWS is that hours spent volunteering at the block party count as non-fund raising service hours. Get your service in early while having fun at the party. **Why:** Why not? We own the block!. Let's come home to 42nd street to celebrate One Hundred Years of Holy Rosary during Seattle's glorious summer weather. **Everyone:** save the date and contact Kathy Schwartz for information or to help volunteer. towheeacres@hotmail.com (206) 935 8629.

Included in this FCE: (white unless otherwise stated)

- 🕒 2009-2010 Registration Papers
 - Annual Fund Letter from the Development Office
 - 2009-2010 Parent Commitment Hour Program Information (pink)
 - Class Picture Order Form
 - Auction Survey (download)
 - Drama Elective "Through the Looking Glass" Flyer (purple or gold)
 - Ambassador Family Opportunity Flyer
 - After School Study Hall Flyer – last one of the school year! (green)
 - 8th Grade Pizza Lunch Sign Up Form (goldenrod)
 - Pioneer coffee Roasting company Fundraiser Order Form
 - Archdiocese Summer Leadership Camp Registration Form for 7th and 8th Graders (download only)
 - Bracepoint Carpentry Flyer
 - Bishop Blanchet High School Summer Camps 2009 (download only)
 - Seattle Prep Boys' Hoop Camp Flyer
 - Roxbury Lanes Kids Bowl Free Card

UPCOMING EVENTS AND IMPORTANT DATES:

- 🕒 School Commission Meeting, Thursday, May 7, 6:00pm – Staff Room
- 🕒 Composting Begins at Holy Rosary – Friday, May 8

- 🕒 Grade 8 to Lincoln Park, Friday, May 8
- 🕒 Grade 4 to Log House Museum, Friday, May 8
- 🕒 Jog-a-thon for Juvenile Diabetes in Health and Fitness, Monday May 4 through Friday, May 8
- 🕒 BINGO night – Saturday, May 9, **CANCELLED**
- 🕒 8th Grade Graduation Pictures, Monday, May 11
- 🕒 Confirmation, Monday, May 11, 7pm – Holy Rosary Church
- 🕒 Gr. 7 to Benaroya Hall for Lecture on Borneo, Tuesday, May 12
- 🕒 Auction Committee Meeting, Tuesday, May 12, 6:30pm – Staff Room
- 🕒 Talent Show Dress Rehearsal (Act I), Wednesday, May 13 – Lunch Recess
- 🕒 Kennedy Band Festival, Wednesday, May 13, 7pm – **CANCELLED**
- 🕒 Talent Show Dress Rehearsal (Act II), Thursday, May 14 – Lunch Recess
- 🕒 New Parent Orientation, Thursday, May 14, 6:30pm – School Hall
- 🕒 Bike Helmet Check Day – BIKE TO SCHOOL – GET A PRIZE – May 14
- 🕒 Talent Show, DRESS LIKE PEACEFUL PIRATES, Friday, May 15, Act I 9:30am; Act II :1:30pm – Lanigan
- 🕒 Grade 2, Solemn First Communion, Saturday, May 16, 10am – HR Church
- 🕒 Class Pictures, Monday, May 18
- 🕒 Living Rosary and Liturgical Dance by the 7th & 8th Graders – Tuesday, May 19 at 2:15 in the church; Perfect Uniform Day
- 🕒 Seattle Public Library Presentation, Tuesday, May 19
- 🕒 Eighth Grade Retreat at St. Stephens in Renton – Wednesday, May 20
- 🕒 Band Recruiting Concert for Grade 4, Wednesday, May 20, 1:45pm – School Hall
- 🕒 Feast of the Ascension School Mass, Perfect Uniform Day, Thursday, May 21, 8:45am- HR Church
- 🕒 8th Grade Pizza Lunch, Thursday, May 21
- 🕒 Parents' Club Meeting, Thursday, May 21, 6:30pm – School Hall
- 🕒 Field Day, NOON DISMISSAL, Friday, May 22
- 🕒 Memorial Day, NO SCHOOL, Monday, May 25