



# SCHOOL NEWS

Holy Rosary School Family Communication Newsletter

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**“At times our own light goes out and is rekindled by a spark from another person. Each of us has cause to think with deep gratitude of those who have lighted a flame within us.”**

-Albert Schweitzer

It's hard to believe that there are just two more weeks of school. It has been an outstanding year! Thank you for your daily involvement in school activities and for your amazing generosity and support of the Annual Fund and all of the fundraisers. It is because of your involvement and support that Holy Rosary remains a school where Christian values, nourished by faith and character formation, take place in the context of a sound and solid academic program. We can all be proud of the learning and accomplishments of our students. From kindergarten to eighth grade you can see the many ways the students have grown. Congratulations to all on another successful year! It seems that we continue to keep the flame lit within each other – for that I will always be grateful.

Eighth graders will lead us in the year's final Friday morning Prayer Service tomorrow at 8:30am in the school hall. In next week's newsletter we will print the names of our 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduates and the high schools they will be attending. We will also print the names of our kindergarten graduates – they will be attending first grade at Holy Rosary - HOORAY! The eighth grade Mass is this Saturday at 5:00pm followed by an Awards Dinner. Thank you to the seventh grade parents and students for preparing and serving the dinner. Eighth grade graduation is Thursday, June 4, at 7:00pm in the church followed by a reception in Lanigan. Kindergarten graduates graduate on Friday, June 5, at 10:00am in the school hall. A reception for the kindergarten graduates and their families and friends will be right after the graduation in Lanigan gym.

**Julianne McClean, Katy Clarke, and Keely Markey** will be the principal and vice principals for the day tomorrow, Friday, May 29. They have announced that it is an **“80'S THEME DAY”** and have planned some extra fun during the day for the students and the teachers, and for the class who most looks like the 80's! On Tuesday, June 2, **Rilee Sanders, Alexei Oro, and Nick Salle** will be the principal and vice principals for the day. They have invited the students and teachers to come to school dressed in their **FAVORITE COLOR** and they also have a few surprises planned for both the teachers and the students. (Ms. Brown, Mr. Mohrbacher, and Mrs. McFaul will be enjoying a couple days on the golf course, the beach, or at one of malls - thank you very much!)

**SAVE THE DATE.** Save the Date – June 11, 2009 at 7pm – An evening celebration of Kris Brown in the School Hall for families, alumni and parishioners. Watch for more details coming soon including an invitation and RSVP information.

**ATTENTION 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE PARENTS!** There will be a special prayer time dedicated to your 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduates on Monday, June 1st from 8:30 – 9:00 a.m. in the Reservation Chapel in the back of the church. We invite all parents to join us as we pray for each of our special graduates. If

you are unable to come but have a prayer request for your graduate please email me ([kanes6@comcast.net](mailto:kanes6@comcast.net)) or phone me at 938-0673. Hope to see you there! Ginny Kane and Jillian Kane

**HOLY ROSARY STUDENTS VISIT WASHINGTON, D.C.** This past spring, five students from Holy Rosary were accepted into the People to People World Leadership Forum in Washington, D.C., to study leadership and explore some of the United States' most prominent monuments and institutions. The program was the vision of Dwight D. Eisenhower and founded in 1956 to foster world citizenship. The students nominated and accepted based on scholastic merit, civic involvement and leadership potential were 6th graders Siena Jeakle, Allison Raines, Cameron Wong and 8th graders Chris Dwyer and Mac Hubbard. Congratulations to these students for representing Holy Rosary at an international level.

**CONGRATULATIONS 6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE BASEBALL TEAM!** They will play in the Championship CYO game on Sunday, May 31, at 12:30pm at Highpoint, #2. We are proud of your excellent season and wish you good luck on Sunday!

**SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR.** Mark your calendars and prepare for what some students feel is the best activity of the entire school year. If you guessed the Scholastic "Buy 1 – Get 1 Free" Book Fair, you are correct. Stop by the Library between May 26 and June 1 to replenish your family's supply of summer reading materials.

**USED UNIFORMS.** Want some? Have some to donate? The Used Uniforms will be set out at Coffee and Donuts after 9:30 mass on Sunday, May 31st. Please stop by and take a look at what we have. You can also send any clean gently used uniforms in with your kids to school.

**ANNUAL FUND UPDATE** Thank you to all of our families that have filled out and returned their Holy Rosary School Annual fund form! We are already well on our way to making our goal of \$100,000 with \$15,675 in pledges and \$3,150 in matching donations from local corporations. Please help us achieve our goal of 100% participation from our school families. No gift is too small and every single gift brings us one step closer to our goal! Every dollar over our goal of \$100,000 will be used to provide furnishings in the 3 classrooms in the new Holy Rosary Parish Center.

**WESTFEST** Did you know that this year commemorates the 20th Anniversary of WestFest? Come help us celebrate this momentous occasion by participating in the West Seattle Grand Parade on Sat., July 18th! Meet us at the Admiral Safeway (along California Ave) at 11am to ride the float (or walk alongside it) and handout candy & flyers. Our new special edition t-shirts will be available for purchase that day, as well. Other WestFest news: Due to construction of the new Parish Center, we had to donate what was leftover from last year's Used Book Sale, so we are starting from scratch this year. Please bring any used books, music (CD's) or movies (VHS & DVD's) and drop them in the bin located in the back of the church. With much appreciation, Meg Peterson & Erin Podany (2009 WestFest Chairs)

**MAGAZINE DRIVE UPDATE!** Thanks to the "Sell 3 Plant a Tree" program, 795 trees will be planted in the name of Holy Rosary in Washington State. If you have any problems with your magazine orders visit the school website under customer service. Most importantly a huge thanks to Cindy Wingo, new kindergartner parent for volunteering to chair the magazine drive next fall! A volunteer is needed who is interested in assisting and eventually taking over the kickoff and closing assemblies email [magazines@holyroaryws.org](mailto:magazines@holyroaryws.org) if interested.

**GREEN**. Bike to School Month has been a terrific success! Thanks you to all who participated, and here's hoping the bike weather holds through the end of school! Good weather also means it is car wash season, and with that comes some choices. By one estimate, commercial car washes use less than half the water typically used at home to wash a car. Commercial car washes are required by law to divert their waste water into the city treatment systems, where it can be cleaned before it gets to our streams and then to our wildlife. When we wash a car at home, the waste water flows, untreated, into the local streams and other waters. If you wash your car at home, choose a biodegradable soap, without phosphates or petroleum products. Also, washing your car on your lawn, instead of the driveway, allows your yard to be a filter and catch some of the oil and other gunk your have just washed off your car before they reach the water system. More info can be obtained at [www.emagazine.com/earthtalk/thisweek/](http://www.emagazine.com/earthtalk/thisweek/). Thanks to all the green heroes who work every day to conserve and care for our earth. Thanks to Ms. Mudge, who always uses recycled paper. Thanks to Mrs. Judd, who used half sheets of recycled paper for her recent notice to new families. Thanks to that group of kindergarten moms who walked to school rain or shine all year. Thanks to David Tweedy, who leads a convoy of small bikers home each day. Thanks especially to Nancy Stillger, the leader and tireless worker of the Green Team, for her hundreds of hours in the service of God's earth and Holy Rosary school. Thanks to all who take a step to care for God's earth.

**BIKE TO SCHOOL MONTH** is almost over. It has been amazing to see so many bikes on the rack each morning. Awesome job, Holy Rosary! If your child participated, please have him or her turn in the passport calendar either Friday, May 29, or Monday, June 1. We will distribute the prizes before June 11. If your child rode between one and seven times and did not receive a slap bracelet, please indicate that. Please be sure to include name and class number on the passport. Let's see if we can end this great month with an overflowing rack on Friday! Contact Tauna Evans if you have any questions.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Holy Rosary Mom and Green Team member Maggie Lucas for being elected to PCC's Board of Directors! We look forward to hearing about her work and advocacy for our Earth. Check out their web site - particularly the sections on "issues and education". <http://www.pccnaturalmarkets.com/>

**ORDER YOUR COFFEE TODAY.** We have many folks already enjoying this great coffee. Please use the order form available on our school website, or directly through Pioneer Coffee at <http://www.pioneercoffeeco.com/Home.htm> (click on school fundraiser) to get started today. Also, this summer every time you purchase a pound of coffee at Pioneer's Alki Café, please let them know you are with Holy Rosary and they register the sale in a book we created. HRS will continue to receive the \$3.00 back for every pound!!!! Yes, you may tell all your friends and neighbors!!! Contact Michele Wallace with any questions.

**HOLY ROSARY'S PICTORIAL DIRECTORY IS UNDERWAY.** Sign-ups are available after all weekend services at the back of the church. Sign-ups are also available online. Simply go to the church website, [holyrosaryseattle.org](http://holyrosaryseattle.org), and click on the "Pictorial Directory Online Scheduling" button. Sign-up today to ensure that you are part of this year's Directory. Every family that sits for a Pictorial photo will receive a FREE 8x10 and a FREE Directory book. There is no obligation to buy. Photograph dates currently available for sign-up are: June 24 - July 2<sup>nd</sup>; July 7<sup>th</sup> - July 11<sup>th</sup>. Additional photograph dates in July and August will be available if there is enough demand in the earlier scheduled dates. For those families with members serving in the armed forces who wish to be included within the Directory, have them send a military photograph to the church rectory c/o

Chad Bundy. We are still in need of volunteers to serve as greeters/hosts during our photography sessions. If you are interested contact Chad Bundy at 206-200-7131 or call the church office

**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](mailto: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](mailto:towheeacres@hotmail.com) (206) 935 8629.

**KINDERGARTEN PARENTS.** As your child's first year at Holy Rosary School comes to an end and you look forward to Summer Vacation, it's time to start planning for CYO Soccer next fall. Yes, it seems so far away but soon the season will be upon us and we need to start organizing for all the new players. CYO soccer is the first opportunity for your child to participate in a CYO sport with their classmates and represent their school. First grade soccer incorporates micro rules and the teams are co-ed. Micro soccer is the "norm" throughout the State of Washington for this age group and helps to build better skill, ball handling and good fundamentals at an early age. Because of the popularity of this program (200 strong in our parish alone) we really need to get a jump on the season and must have all players registered by the end of July. In years past we have had a large number of fall sign-ups for first grade teams. **Due to a change in the team registration deadlines we can not add teams in the fall. Therefore, late registrations can only be accepted if there is room for additional players and even then the expectation should be that there will be very limited additional room.** We really want your player to have the opportunity to play on one of the Gator teams so please sign up now and avoid the Hassle. Coaches typically like to begin practices in late August because the first game is the second week of school. There is usually a large turn out for first grade soccer and **we will be looking for volunteers to coach three to four teams.** This is a great way to participate in the development of your child and check off some volunteer hours to boot. If you have any questions I can be reached at 253-238-7770 in the evenings or preferably by email at [brownie1152@comcast.net](mailto:brownie1152@comcast.net). We look forward to seeing you and your child on the soccer field this fall!! Scott Brown  
Holy Rosary / CYO Soccer

**KENNEDY ELEMENTARY SUMMER BAND CAMP INFO. IS OUT.** All band members have received information about this exciting week of musical enrichment! The date is set for July 20 - 24<sup>th</sup>/ 12:15 – 2pm in the Kennedy High School Band Room. Deadline to register is June 12<sup>th</sup>. The time is NOW.

**THE KENNEDY USED BOOK SALE** will be held on June 13th from 9 AM to 11 AM. This is a great opportunity for graduating 8th graders/incoming Kennedy High School freshmen to purchase their textbooks at a discounted price. The Sale will be held in the basement of C-Wing of the Kennedy building with plenty of signs and friendly volunteers to direct them there. We also encourage graduates to volunteer at the Buy Backs and the Sale! Those who volunteer for a minimum of 3 hours will have the chance to purchase their books before the general public! Below are the dates and times for volunteers: June 5th (Friday) SENIOR BUY BACK 12:00 PM - 3:30 PM (Greatest need!) June 12th (Friday) UNDERCLASS BUY BACK 9:00 AM - 3:30 PM June 13th (Saturday) SALE DAY 7:00 AM - 11:30 AM. If graduates are interested in volunteering, please have them contact Didi Cowan: ddtouring@hotmail.com. Thank you very much!

**TEAM KATY 2009** Thank you to everyone who donated and/or participated! We made almost \$6000 and I had a lot of fun! Thanks again, Katy Clarke

**7th ANNUAL ONE BALL ONE SMILE SOCCER SUMMER CAMP 2009** by Pedro Millan. Pedro Millan and his squad of young active coaches-players are conducting their annual Youth Soccer Camp. This is an opportunity for your child to experience the excitement of learning new soccer skills with these experienced players. Through encouragement, motivation and a positive fun environment, your child will receive a valuable camp experience. Skills, exercises, games and scrimmages will be used to teach passing, dribbling, shooting, offensive and defensive techniques for your young player.

**SUMMER DANCE CAMP AT HOLY ROSARY!** Join us for Jazz, Hip Hop, Friendship, and Fun! All kids age 4-14 join us in the Holy Rosary Gym Monday, Wednesday, and Fridays from 9AM-12NOON all summer long! Each session is one week, with a student performance each Friday at 11:30. Snack and juice will be provided. For more information and to register email Dawn Holmes and Angel Sorensen at sundance.camps@hotmail.com also check out our new websight @ <http://www.sundancerswestseattle.com/>

**COMING SUNDAY: FIRST EVER WEST SEATTLE 5K!** Next Sunday, West Seattle's major waterfront boulevard closes to traffic from Alki/63rd to Harbor/California Way, 9 am-5 pm for "Celebrate Seattle Summer Streets" — the sequel to last September's Car-Free Day —and it will literally get off to a running start with the first-ever West Seattle 5K Run/Walk. In case you missed prior announcements regarding this new event, here's what it's all about: The West Seattle High School PTSA is proud to present the West Seattle 5K Run/Walk on Sunday May 31, 2009. The race starts at 9:30 AM. Gather together your family or a group of friends for a 3.1-mile run or walk along West Seattle's own Alki Beach. When you're done, enjoy a car-free day on Alki courtesy of the City of Seattle and Celebrate Seattle Summer Streets. Register online or by mail. For more information, visit [westseattle5k.com/registration](http://westseattle5k.com/registration). Registration fees are \$35 for Adults, \$25 for Students, and 6 and under are free. Online, the deadline is 6 pm Friday - after that, you can register in person on Saturday or Sunday. The registration page explains how, where and when - as well as, for those who've already registered, how to pick up your bib, shirt and timing pin on Saturday. See you at the West Seattle 5K!



**WESTSIDE VOLLEYBALL CAMP.** with Idaho Vandals Coach Steve Whitaker. The West Seattle HS Volleyball team is sponsoring a Volleyball Camp for HS and Middle School age players. The camp will run Monday - Thursday July 6th-9th, 1:00-5:30 at West Seattle High School. The camp features Coach Whitaker and the WS Volleyball coaches in four days of skills instruction, games and fun! The fee for the Camp is \$120. (Scholarships and waivers are available.) Contact WS HS Head Coach Gail Mowrer to register. Phone 206.935.3231 or 206.293.5063 Email: mowrerpowers@comcast.net

### Included in this FCE:

- 🕒 **Volleyball Camp Flyer (download only)**

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

- 🕒 *Through the Looking Glass* -Play for Gr. 5-8, Thursday, May 28, 7:00pm
- 🕒 Prayer Service by 8A/8B, Friday, May 29, 8:30am - School Hall
- 🕒 80's Theme Day - Friday, May 29
- 🕒 Baccalaureate Mass Followed by Awards Dinner, Saturday, May 30, 5:00pm - HR Church followed by dinner in the School Hall
- 🕒 Gr. 2 Poetry Café, Mon., June 1 - 9:00, 2A; 1:00pm -2B - School Hall
- 🕒 Development Committee Meeting, Monday, June , 6:00pm - Staff Room
- 🕒 Dress in your Favorite Color Day - Tuesday, June 2
- 🕒 Grade 1 Field Trip to the Woodland Park Zoo, Wednesday, June 3
- 🕒 Grade 8 Fun Day to Coulon Beach, Wednesday, June 3
- 🕒 Grade 6 Patrol Pizza and Bowling Party, Wednesday, June 3, 12noon-1:30pm - WS Bowl
- 🕒 School Commission Meeting, Wed., June 3, 6:00pm - Staff Room
- 🕒 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation, Thursday, June 4, 7pm - Holy Rosary Church
- 🕒 Kindergarten Graduation, Friday, June 5, 10am - School Hall
- 🕒 Parish Centennial Mass and Lunch, Sunday, June 7, 11:15am Mass - Holy Rosary Church and then Lunch in the School Hall
- 🕒 Grade1 Reading Surprise, Monday, June 8 - School Hall
- 🕒 Grants' Committee - Tuesday, June 9, 6:00pm - Staff Room
- 🕒 School Commission End of Year Gathering - 6:00pm - Scanlan Home
- 🕒 Grade 4 Underground Tour, Smith Tower & Alki - Wed., June 10
- 🕒 NOON DISMISSAL, Thursday, June 11
- 🕒 Parish Celebration for Kris Brown, Thursday, June 11, 7:00pm - School Hall
- 🕒 Last Day of School Mass, Friday, June 12, 8:45am - HR Church  
Dismissal from Classrooms Immediately after Mass