



SCHOOL NEWS

Holy Rosary School Family Communication Newsletter

September 3, 2009

The supreme end of education is expert discernment in all things—the power to tell the good from the bad, the genuine from the counterfeit, and to prefer the good and the genuine to the bad and the counterfeit. (Charles Grosvenor Osgood)

Welcome back to everyone! We look forward to another year of meaningful and productive partnership with our parents and parish community, as we work to assist students in their journey toward becoming faith-filled, respectful, responsible citizens who communicate effectively and are ready to learn for a lifetime.

In order to facilitate this, we will continue the important work of mapping our curriculum, instructional methods, and assessments to ensure their articulation and alignment with our professional standards and with the Schoolwide Learning Expectations (see previous paragraph). We will also continue our study of the *All Kinds of Minds* model, in order to better recognize and integrate opportunities that address the differentiated needs of many types of learners. Both of these will be instrumental in our accreditation process, which begins this month and which will culminate in our next site visit during the Spring of 2011.

At our staff retreat last week, we focused on a message of spiritual renewal and individual and community wellness. We were able to explore our communication styles and Bishop Tyson spoke to us about our educational roles as faith leaders and models for the students. We used the analogy of the four “rooms” (spiritual, physical, socio-emotional, and intellectual) that reside within each of us, and discussed the importance of regularly visiting and taking care of all four rooms. We welcome and look forward to collaborating with the parish and greater West Seattle communities to help bring this reality to fruition.

A SPECIAL WELCOME TO OUR NEW FAMILIES. We are especially happy to welcome the following new families and students in grades 1-8: Alex and Lori Draper, Emma (1A); Jeff and Angela Nichols, James (1A) and Taylor (4A); Lisa and Christian Richardson, Lucas (1B); Karen Wang and John Tschirhart, Forest (1A); Michael and Toni Nunes, Dylan (2B) and Isabelle (KA); Chris Cannon and Theresa Bujnoch, Eleanor (3A); Stephanie and Gregory Higgins, Brigitta (3B) and Carlotta (KA); Charles and Stacey Guzek, Sawyer (4A); Beatriz Lopez and Javier Reyes, Sara (4B); Daniel and Stephanie Welliver, Haley (4B); Thomas Gleason, Sydney (5A); Ana and Paul Moseley, Olivia (5B), Zachary (6A) and Raleigh (KA); Linda Thorson and Don Dodroe, Kirsten (6B); Paul and Beth Hamilton, Olivia (6A) and Lucas (KA); David and Tracy Wilson, Nicole (6B); Teri Salter-Lindstrom, Bailey (8B) and Kali (KA). **Welcome to returning students and their families:** Paul and Maureen Barton, Christine (4A); Mark and Michelle Buchanan, Max (5A); Steve and Jane Fredrickson, DeAnna (6A); Tim and Dianne Butler, Tim (8A), Greg and Lillian O'Donoghue-McDonald, Lillian (KA). **Welcome to new kindergarten families:** Lauren Adams, Zoey (KA); Keith and Erika Baier, Luke (KB); Christopher Berta and Kathryn Sweyer, Zachary

(KA); Emmett and Maureen Blake, Colleen (KB); Chad and Shelly Bundy, Evelyn (KB); Michael and Courtney Burke, Avery (KA); James and Sherry Bush, Rachael (KA); Li Wen Robert and Karen Chang, Hannah (KA); Julie and Alan Choi, Megan (KA); Laura Tsang and Jack Choi, Jacqueline (KB); Christopher and Gwendolyn Contreras, Josephine (KB); Bobby and Leslie Fischer, Mitchell (KA); Christopher and Maria Henggeller, James (KB); Christian and Nicole Herdener, Eva (KA); Greg and Dawn Holmes, Mason, (KB); Andrew Jozaitis and Maura McCann, Frederick (KB); Edward and Laura Kingston, Jack (KB); Ken and Nikki Kloeppel, Andrew (KA); John Laks, Jacob (KB); Stefan and Celine Leigland, Olin (KA); Douglas and Deborah Petrusa, Kyle (KA); Ann Marie and Erik Ricard, Gus (KA); Jay Sherwood and Mary McDonough, Lisette (KA); Matthew and Tammy Simmons, Jonathan (KB); Darren and Kimberly Tish, Anthony (KA); Robert and Teresa Whaley, Aidan (KB); and Fred and Laurel Zimmer, Karina (KB).

OPEN HOUSE All families are invited to Open House – Back to School Night for Parents/Guardians Thursday, September 10, beginning at 6:30pm in Lanigan Gym. We have a brief meeting followed by 20 minute sessions in the classrooms. Open House is the best opportunity for parents to learn about new programs and curriculum goals for the coming school year.

MAGAZINE MANIA KICKS OFF! Don't miss the opening assembly for our school year tomorrow in the gym at 11:15. Everyone is welcome for this fun annual event! Every family should have received a magazine packet with last year's orders. We hope everyone is excited and ready to surpass our sales goals! We have new fun prizes and other surprises this year! One awesome new prize is our "Wheel of Fortune" where our top sellers can spin the wheel and win exciting gift cards and other fabulous prizes! Look for more details to come on this exciting "green" prize option! You have all received the details, but here are some highlights to note for this year's Drive. Online ordering is available **TODAY** by going to www.aphearst.com and entering school code **wc2897**. No need to register your student and no need to submit any paperwork for online sales. We have it all counted! **Tuesday Turn in Days** start **next Tuesday (9/8)** and continue through September 29. **Discount coupons** should be attached to the paper order form (cannot be used for online ordering at this time). **Cash Donations** are accepted and used to purchase magazines for various nonprofit organizations. Your student gets all the credit! **Extra Catalogs and Turn in Envelopes** are available in the office. **Parent Volunteers** are needed to process orders on Tuesdays at 8:30. Meet in front of the school and bring your calculator or 10-key if you have one! Please visit the school website for all Magazine Drive information. ****Please Note:** Unfortunately, People magazine is NOT available this year through the publisher. Entertainment Weekly (#24606) or US Weekly (#00221) are great alternatives to suggest to your family and friends that previously purchased People.

5th Grade Students and Parents: Each week we are asking a different grade to assist in after mass catalog distribution. This weekend is 5th Grade's turn! For whatever mass you attend, please ask your student to quietly dismiss themselves after communion and meet outside the front entrance to help out. We are just asking them to be available to distribute catalogs and answer questions. We like to have a low key presence, so no hard selling is required! Thank you for your support on Parish sales! **Next week it's the 4th Graders.**

FCE REMINDERS The Family Communication **Envelope** (FCE) will be distributed on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month and will contain current informational flyers, sign ups, registration forms, etc. A copy of the newsletter will be posted on our website at www.holyrosaryws.org every week. If you need to have a hard copy of the family communication letter because you have no internet access please let the school office know. If you have information that you would like

placed in the FCE, it must be in the school office no later than the end of the school day Wednesday. Any information received Thursday morning will be put in the following week's FCE. When sending information to all Holy Rosary school families, please be sure to make 350 copies. If you only have information going out to specific individuals, remember to have the FCE carrier's last name and class number visibly placed on the information. The FCE is a communication vehicle for school, church, and community/local merchant information. It should not be used for personal mailings. If you have any questions please contact Peggy Cunningham in the school office or Janet Pedersen at 935-5032. For administrative purposes, the FCE carrier for your family will be the oldest child in your family who attends Holy Rosary School. Please do not change your family's carrier.

SUMMER READING CHALLENGE Did your child/children complete the Summer Reading Challenge by reading 15 minutes each day of summer vacation? If so, please return the calendars to Mrs. Harris so she will know who to invite to the pancake breakfast. Thank you. Sue Harris

SCHOOL HEALTH NEWS All families whose children will require administration of medication on a regular basis need to complete a **Permission to Administer Medication** form and submit it to the school office, along with the respective medication. A copy of this form is on the school website. Additional forms are available in the school office.

ONE ON ONE –ALL SCHOOL SERVICE! Mark your calendars now for the year for **One on One** days. The 1st of every month each student brings in \$1 to promote our **All School Service Program** which includes sponsoring 4 students in Uganda. We'll continue this year to integrate active student participation with our projects to inspire us all to serve one another! Make sure you visit the new updates to the website under "*Student Life- Service*" to learn about all our school and classroom projects.

GREEN TEAM. Join The Green Team! Anyone interested in helping Holy Rosary become more earth-friendly, please contact Nancy Stillger at nstillger@gmail.com or Maggie Lucas at spike1175@comcast.net. We have tasks of all sizes and shapes! Meeting attendance is not required and general parent hours are approved.

COFFEE FUNDRAISER is back for the year! Thank you to all who purchased this summer at Pioneer's Alki Café! Holy Rosary will receive \$3.00 for every pound of coffee purchased by you, your office, your family or your neighbors! Please use the order form available in the FCE, or in the school office, or you can always go on-line directly to Pioneer's website! <http://www.pioneercoffeeco.com/Home.htm> (click on the school fundraiser link) Coffee orders received by each Monday will be delivered to the school on Thursday and sent home with your child. Their backpack will smell great! 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. Order your coffee today! Questions about this fundraiser please contact Michele Wallace at 206-914-1248. Thanks.

LOST AND FOUND is now in the Patrol Room. All items in the lost and found will be sent to Goodwill on the 1st and 15th of every month. Please remind your student to check the lost and found frequently for lost items. Thank you.

THANK YOU A special thank you to **John and Ali Campagnaro** for fixing the gate on our playground and to **Dave Bauman** for helping clean-up the playground and get it ready for a new school year. We are so lucky to have help making this area safe and fun for everyone to enjoy!

CENTENNIAL COMMEMORATIVE pavers are now being sold for a minimum donation of \$100. The pavers will be permanently placed at the entrance in the new Parish Center. Orders placed by Monday, September 7th will be included in the first group of pavers. Order forms can be downloaded from the school web site.

PARENTS IN TOUCH You are welcome and invited to pray with other parents for the intentions of our school and parish community beginning Monday, Sept. 14. We meet from 8:30am (after drop off) until around 9am in the Reservation Chapel (at the back of the church) to pray the rosary each Monday morning of the school year. It is a wonderful way to begin the week, remembering those who need our prayers, as well as giving thanks for the wonderful community that is Holy Rosary School. This year we will be "highlighting" a grade each month and would like to especially invite parents of children in that grade to attend (though ALL are welcome!) We will begin in September with the 8th graders. Whether you are new to the school or someone who has always "meant to" join us, please do! We look forward to seeing you there! Any questions, please call Ginny Kane at 938-0673 or Jillian Kane at 937-3585.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD (CLOW)- Leaders and Assistants Needed! During the 9:30am Sunday Mass (September through May), elementary school age children are dismissed after the opening prayer to celebrate their own Liturgy of the Word appropriate for their age level and return to the Mass following the Homily. Children are divided into three groups according to their school grade and each group is assigned a leader: Group 1- Kindergarten & 1st Grade; Group 2- 2nd & 3rd Grade; Group 3- 4th & 5th Grade. No liturgical experience or training is necessary, only a commitment to serve as a CLOW leader or assistant at the 9:30 Mass once or twice a month. The format for CLOW is in place and leaders and assistants use prepared material for each Sunday's readings and guided discussion. Please consider becoming a CLOW leader or assistant (especially if your child attends CLOW) as this program cannot continue without volunteers -or in other words, while the harvest is truly great, the laborers are few. For more information, contact: Patrick Dowd 933-8411 dalydowd@msn.com

CROSS COUNTRY. Please consider having your child run on the Holy Rosary Cross Country Team! Cross Country is the only CYO sport open to K-8th grade – plus if your child is already signed up for soccer cross country is free. Please have your registration turned in by September 18th. We start practices on Tuesday the 8th at 4:00 and will meet every Tuesday and Thursday at the middle parking lot at Lincoln Park and gather in the North corner. Practice ends promptly at 5:00. If your child can't make it to practice due to other sports commitments they are still welcome to run at the meets. The race distances are ½ mile for K-3; 1 mile for 4th and 5th graders; 1 ½ miles for 6th and 7th graders and 2 miles for 8th graders. The meets are on Sundays; prelims on September 27th and October 4th, the K-3 Championship on October 11th and 4-8 Championships on October 18th. As always we need parent volunteers to help coach and run with us. This is a great opportunity to do a sport with your kids and earn volunteer hours while getting in a work out! If you have any question please contact Heather Slee, Head Coach – 206-938-5646 or sleeh@katewwdb.com!












CUB SCOUTS PACK 793 invites all Holy Rosary Parish boys in 1st through 5th grade to attend our Pack Kickoff Meeting at Lincoln Park Shelter #1 at 6:30pm on Friday, September 11, 2009. This is the best time of year to join the Cub Scouts and we'll have games, snacks, hot cocoa, and a hot fire going, so come see what the Cub Scouts program is all about and join in the fun! Please contact Don Stoll at 206-852-3920 for more information or visit the Pack Web site at www.pack793ws.org."

KENNEDY CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL invites you to their 2nd Annual Wine and Microbrew Tasting, Saturday September 19 from 7 to 10pm. Tickets are \$25 per person and must be presold by Friday, September 11. You must be 21 years or older to attend. Go to kennedyhs.org for the order form.

Included in this FCE:

- *September Calendar**
- *Study Hall Sign Up Sheet - (cherry)**
- *Westfest Wristband Information and Order Form (blue)**
- *Westfest Informational Flyer (goldenrod)**
- *Westfest T shirt Order Form - (red)**
- *Sept/October Hot Lunch Menu and Order Form**
- *Band Program Information (Grades 5-8) - (yellow)**
- *Pioneer Coffee Fundraiser Order Form**
- *Stone Soup Theatre Flyer**

UPCOMING EVENTS AND IMPORTANT DATES:

-  **Band Recruiting Concert for Grade 5, Thursday, Sept. 3, 10am – School Hall**
- School Commission Meeting, Thursday, Sept. 3, 6pm – Staff Room**
-  **Magazine Sale Assembly, Friday, Sept 4, 11am – Lanigan**
-  **Noon Dismissal, Friday, Sept. 4**
-  **Labor Day, NO SCHOOL, Monday, Sept. 7**
-  **First Magazine Turn-In Day, Tuesday, Sept. 8 – 8:30am**
-  **Opening of School Mass, Perfect Uniform, Wednesday, Sept. 9, 8:45am – Holy Rosary Church**
-  **First Day of Band, Wednesday, Sept. 9, 1:45-2:30pm – Art Room and Reading Room**
-  **Westfest Meeting, Wednesday, Sept. 9, 6:30pm – Staff Room**
-  **OPEN HOUSE, Thursday, Sept. 10, 6:30pm- Begins in Lanigan**
-  **Band Instrument Rental Meeting, Saturday, Sept. 12 – Our Lady of Guadalupe**
-  **Development Meeting, Monday, Sept. 14 – Staff Room**