



SCHOOL NEWS

Holy Rosary School Family Communication Newsletter

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But Jesus summoned them and said, "You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and the great ones make their authority of them felt. But it shall not be so among you. Rather, whoever wishes to be great among you shall be your servant; whoever wishes to be first among you shall be your slave. Just so, the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as ransom for many.

(Matthew 20:25-28)

With WestFest coming this weekend and the preparations in full swing, it is an evident reminder of the strong and vibrant servant mentality and ethic that thrives in Holy Rosary Parish and School. As I mentioned at Open House last week, this community gives of its time and talent with a joy and cooperation that are, in my experience, rare and inspiring. As has been demonstrated again and again, the quality and compassion of a Catholic school's teachers and staff and the commitment of its volunteers are often the primary predictors of its success and ongoing health. Blessings to all of you who have helped, and continue to help, make this the place of work, worship, and learning that it is.

Speaking of WestFest, it's great to see the students arriving this morning in their WestFest and autumnal finery. It's clear that this event is a significant one to the sense of community in our parish and West Seattle, as well as a major source of support to our school. As such, I would love to see everyone coming out this weekend (Friday from 6-10 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m.-10 p.m.) to participate in the great tradition of this gathering.

Also this weekend, Father John has given me the opportunity to introduce myself and talk briefly about the school at this weekend's Masses, so it would be great to have a prayerful and enthusiastic show of support from our school families. If you can, please come out to WestFest for the fun and select a corresponding service to attend in order to give thanks for our community and the excellent start to our academic year.

Finally, I'd like to remind everyone that Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences will be held next month (October 20, 21, and 22) and that sign-up for this important component to our partnership as a learning community is taking place now. **We appreciate your working within this designated conference schedule.** Sign up forms are in this week's FCE. Please sign up as soon as possible, so we can begin our process of assigning conference times. One final request in this regard: If you are going to be around all week, please consider signing up for one of the later time slots. Thanks for your cooperation and participation!

WESTFEST. The event you've been waiting for all year is finally here! We are all geared up to make WestFest the most memorable ever! We Need just a few more people to run everything smoothly and safely so take the next few minutes to log onto <http://westfest.holyrosaryws.org> and fill up the last of the open shifts. We have a great entertainment line up (with a big surprise Saturday afternoon from 2-3) so you won't want to miss a minute of WestFest this year! You'll find your old favorites in new locations too, like Bingo, the Cake Walk, the Kids' Games and crafts...just to name a few, plus all the food you've come to crave. There is so much going on so be sure to check out the goldenrod informational flyer, featuring the new layout on the backside and let the excitement begin-think sun! (link)

GREEN TIP. WestFest is composting! ALL FOOD ITEMS (yes! even meat, fish and bones!) and ALL FOOD SOILED PAPER (paper napkins, paper plates, brown paper bags, etc.) can be composted. This means they can be collected for a fraction of the cost of garbage pick up, and turned into garden soil, exactly like our yard waste at home. Please look for the LARGE YELLOW BINS at WestFest and dump all compostable there. WestFest will continue recycling of all cans, bottles, plastic cups and plastic bottles. Look for the bins labeled RECYCLE next to the garbage cans. You can make a difference!

HOLY ROSARY SPORTS WEEKEND. This WESTFEST weekend, Fr. John, Dr. Peters and the CYO Board are asking all sports participants to attend Mass in their respective sport's uniforms. Saturday's Mass is at 5:00PM and Sunday's Masses are at 8:00AM, 9:30AM and 11:15AM. We are hoping to show the parish congregation just how many of our HRS students are participating in the ministry of CYO Athletics. Coaches, Cross Country Runners and Soccer players please wear your uniforms (minus the cleats) to this weekend's Mass that you will be attending with your families. For those of you who are CYO participants in other sports, please wear your Holy Rosary sweatshirts and show your GATOR PRIDE!

MAGAZINE MANIA CONTINUES. After our 2nd Turn in Tuesday we are at \$31,200 in sales, which is about \$6,700 below last year at this same time. Although we are not quite where we have been before, our current sales are a testament to the dedication of our Holy Rosary School community. Keep those orders coming in! **We have just 2 more Turn in Tuesday's left!** Thank you to everyone for all the hard work that you are putting in to maintain your family's sales levels – we understand how hard it is during even the best of times. Thank you parents for following up on all of the orders --We appreciate everything that you are doing! The top turn in grade for Turn in Tuesday #2, were the **5th graders!** This earned them silly haired light up pens! Can anyone take a guess as to who is in 1st place after 2 weeks of selling? If you guessed those adorable Kindergarteners, you were right! Nipping at their heels are the awesome 5th graders and the outrageous 8TH graders. Remember that you can check your Internet Sales by going to school website and clicking on Magazines. The report is updated a few times a week. You can be extra “green” by **ordering online** – go to www.aphearst.com and enter school code **wc2897**. No need to register the student, just include their name and grade. **Don't need a magazine?** Make a cash donation and your student gets credit!

CALLING ALL 3RD GRADE STUDENTS AND PARENTS. This weekend, we ask you to assist with any parish sales by distributing catalogs and answering questions after mass. For whatever mass you attend, please ask your student to quietly dismiss themselves after communion and meet outside the front entrance. Catalogs and order forms are on the tables just inside the

entrance doors and extra supplies are in the small closet directly across the hall. Thank you for your support on this!

GOLF TOURNEY FUN FOR EVERYONE. The Holy Rosary Fall Classic is next Saturday the 26th and it is filling fast. This event is a scramble format, so it is fun for all ability levels. The 8th graders will be caddying once again this year, and we need volunteers to help during the event. Thus, there is no reason to miss this great event, and you can make it an even better day by finishing at the Italian Dinner that night. To sign up, go to <http://golf.holyrosaryws.org/>

THE ANNUAL HOLY ANNUAL HOLY ROSARY ITALIAN DINNER is next Saturday, **September 26th** at 6:00 pm (immediately following the 5:00 mass) in Lanigan Gym. If you haven't made your reservation yet, it's not too late! We still have room. Plan a table with your favorite friends! You can turn in the red flyer in with your check to the school office by Monday. We hope to see you there.

ITALIAN DINNER VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED. This event is a fun, easy way to earn fundraising hours. Please contact Christina Clarke at 425-641-4144 or cclarke@holynosaryws.org if you are able to help. Thank you.

CROSS COUNTRY UPDATE – LAST CHANCE. 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 turn in your registration by September 18th. We practice every Tuesday and Thursday at 4:00 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 commitment 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.

THE HOLY ROSARY PARISH PICTORIAL DIRECTORY is nearing its final stages before completion. As we await the Centennial Mass on October 11th, we would like to obtain pictures to create pages within the Pictorial Directory celebrating Holy Rosary's groups and events. If you have pictures from any of the events over the past year that you would like to be considered for the Directory please email them in electronic format to Chad Bundy at bundycr@gmail.com. Please include a short description along with the pictures detailing what event the picture was taken at. We are especially interested in obtaining pictures from the Heart Auction, the Christmas tree lot, the Hi-Yu parade, the Irish dinner, any church missions, etc. Also, keep us in mind over the next few weeks as you are taking pictures at West Fest, the Golf Tournament, and the Italian dinner. Thank you in advance for any pictures you may submit and for helping make the Centennial directory a success. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Chad Bundy at 206-200-7131 or by email at bundycr@gmail.com.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR BEGINS PRACTICE SEPTEMBER 22-COME AND SING! Come and sing with us! The Holy Rosary Children's Choir begins the 2009-10 year with their first practice on Tuesday, September 22. Practices are after school from 3-4pm. The choir is open to all parish children in grades 3-6. We sing at Sunday 9:30am mass about once a month, including Christmas

Eve and Easter. Boys are invited to be part of our special "BOYS SECTION" in the choir. Schedule and registration forms are available to download from the school website. Paul Dolejsi, Choir Director.

FIRST SATURDAY YOUR MASS BEGINS OCTOBER 3 @ 5PM. Good news! The Youth Mass is not gone! It is moving to the FIRST SATURDAY of each month, beginning Saturday, October 3rd at the 5pm mass! Music will be led by our junior and senior high teens, with all the great songs we love to sing! 7th and 8th graders are invited to our first practice on Thursday, October 1st from 3-4pm in the church. TEXTING ALL TEENS: Come and sing! See the school web page for schedule information. Paul Dolejsi, Music Director

PARENTS IN TOUCH. You are welcome and invited to pray with other parents for the intentions of our school and parish community. We meet from 8:30am (after drop off) until around 9am in the Reservation Chapel (enter through the main doors on Genesee in case Mass is still going on) 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 are "highlighting" a grade each month and would like to especially invite parents of children in that grade to attend (though ALL are welcome!) We are praying in September for 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.

LOST AND FOUND. There is now a separate Lost and Found area for lost and found items in Lanigan gym. Items left in the gym will be placed in that Lost and Found. All items in both the Lost and Found area in the gym and the Lost and Found area in the school, which resides in the Patrol Room, will be sent to Goodwill on the 1st and 15th of every month. Please remind your student(s) to check the lost and found frequently for lost items. Thank you.

ST. VINCENT de PAUL WALK FOR THE POOR. Please join us for our Walk For The Poor. It is sponsored by Saint Vincent de Paul at Kennedy High School athletic field Sat September 26th from 9am---12am. More than 80 cities nationwide are participating to honor the feast day of St.Vincent. There are 3 ways you can choose to support our only annual fundraiser 1. Be a walker 2. Collect pledges from friends and neighbors or 3. Give a donation to help us to bring hands on face-to-face emergency help to the poor of all ages in our neighborhoods, regardless of faith, race or nationality. You can put your faith in action right now by joining caring people all around the country by making a statement to be a friend of the poor. Your active compassion has never been more urgently needed. We are able to touch so many desperate lives because you care. Please sign up today and spread the word as God told us, "Whatever you do to the least of my people that you do unto me." Thank you and God Bless You. Edward T. Becker, Holy Rosary Conference President, St. Vincent de Paul. Please email edwardbecker@gmail.com for further information.

GIRL SCOUTS. Girl Scouts is for all girls ages 5 to 17. Girls may join volunteer-led troops in school, neighborhoods or participate as individual members. There are three Girl Scout informational meetings in the West Seattle area this month for your convenience. For more information you can pick up a flyer in the school office or call (206) 826-2174.

VENDORS WANTED! JFK Arts & Crafts Fair. Sat., December 5th 9am - 4pm Call Julie (206) 431-6662

Included in this FCE:

- **Parent/Student/Teacher Conference Form Sign Up (green)**
- **Study Hall Enrollment Form (blue)**
- **WestFest Flyer (goldenrod)**
- **WestFest Raffle Ticket Form (neon green)**
- **Golf Tournament Registration Form**
- **Italian Dinner Sign Up (red)**
- **Discovering Chess Letter**
- **Southwest Music Studio Flyer**

UPCOMING EVENTS AND IMPORTANT DATES:

- ✚ **7th Grade Pilgrimage, Wednesday, Sept. 16 – Thursday, Sept. 17**
- ✚ **NO SCHOOL for students, Friday, Sept. 18**
- ✚ **Archdiocesan Teacher In- Service, Friday, Sept. 18 – University of Washington**
- ✚ **WestFest, Friday, Sept. 18, 6pm-10pm**
- ✚ **WestFest, Saturday, Sept. 19, 10am-10pm**
- ✚ **3rd Magazine Turn-In Day, Tuesday, Sept. 22**
- ✚ **Archdiocesan Principals Retreat, Thursday, Sept. 24 – Friday, Sept. 25**
- ✚ **Prayer Service by 7B, Friday, Sept. 25, 8:30am – School Hall**
- ✚ **Holy Rosary Golf Tournament, Saturday, Sept. 26 – West Seattle Golf Course**
- ✚ **Italian Dinner, Saturday, Sept. 26, 6pm – Lanigan Gym**
- ✚ **8th Grade Ropes Retreat, Monday, Sept. 28 – Wednesday, Sept. 30**
- ✚ **LAST Magazine Turn-in Day, Tuesday, Sept. 29**
- ✚ **Health Committee Meeting, Tuesday, Sept. 29, 6pm – Staff Room**
- ✚ **Grants Committee Meeting, Wednesday, September 30, 6pm – Staff Room**