



# SCHOOL NEWS

Holy Rosary School Family Communication Newsletter

October 1, 2009

***"Emotional Intelligence is a way of recognizing, understanding and choosing how we think, feel and act. It shapes our interactions with others and our understanding of ourselves. It defines how and what we learn; it allows us to set priorities; it determines the majority of our daily actions. Research suggests it is responsible for as much as 80% of the 'success' in our lives."*** (Handle With Care: Emotional Intelligence Activity Book)

Our *All Kinds of Minds* emphasis for the month of October is "Social Cognition." This includes such important components as communication, social information processing, conflict resolution, and collaboration. Anything we as adults can do to model and teach these skills to our children will be of tremendous benefit to them; as indicated in the above quote, emotional intelligence (including social competence) can be a significant factor in future success.

A related topic is that of effective communication between parents and school personnel. To facilitate this, we need to remember that we are all working together in one of the most important partnerships in our society: that of preparing our young people to be faith-filled, respectful, responsible, lifelong learners who can communicate effectively in the world they will enter as adults. To this end, it is helpful to keep in mind that both roles—parents, as primary advocates and caregivers; and educators, who are faced with meeting the needs of a wide variety of learners within their classrooms—face major challenges and benefit greatly from respectful cooperation.

An important step in this process requires that issues or concerns be presented to the individual(s) who are in the best position to address or respond to them. In other words, I would expect a parent with a question about a program or academic issue to contact the teacher/staff member responsible for that area first. This accomplishes at least three important objectives:

1. It ensures that parents receive a more complete understanding of the circumstance than they might have from only hearing the student's or another parent's perspective.
2. It promotes a more collaborative, problem-solving approach that is more likely to result in a positive resolution. (Talking to an administrator first is less likely to achieve this outcome and more likely to be seen by staff as usurping their right to address a concern or issue.)
3. It provides additional data points for program (and self) evaluation; a single concern based on hearsay might be easily explained; whereas a number of similar concerns with accompanying data might be more likely to cause some justifiable re-evaluation of the effectiveness of a program area.

Finally, if either the teacher or the parent feels like this initial attempt to resolve the issue has been unsuccessful, a second meeting facilitated by one of the administrators would be warranted. I hope that we can all commit to this model, and I would emphasize that respect and management of emotions are important considerations to its success. Ultimately, we as a school community believe it is always beneficial to listen genuinely and with an open mind to concerns voiced by parents, peers, and community members, since they can provide valuable sources of feedback.

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY: DOUBLE HOURS!!** Daily morning supervision needed between 8:00-8:25 in the playground/drop-off areas. Please contact Maggie Judd if you are interested. This position can be shared.

**NOTE FROM PARENTS' CLUB.** Please mark your calendars for **Tuesday, October 13 at 6:30pm**, our first **Parents Club Meeting** of the year. Dr. Randy Peters will be speaking on **School and Community Wellness**. Parents Club would like to extend a special invite to the eighth grade parents to the meeting, we want to say thank you for your 8+ years of service to Holy Rosary and all the volunteer hours you have given to Parents Club. It will start with a social, followed by a brief amount of business and then our speaker. Please join us!! *Childcare will be available.*

**MAGAZINE DRIVE RESULTS? DID WE MAKE OUR GOAL?** We continue to count all orders, but the results as they stand will be announced at tomorrow's Celebration Assembly at 2:15 p.m. in Lanigan Gym. Did we make our goal of \$125,000 to earn that day off in February? It promises to be a loud and fun event, so come join us. "Final Jeopardy" will be played to see who the winner is. We announce the top sellers and grades. If that isn't enough fun, we are sending the kids home with their prizes! Please be sure to watch for the bags with free dress passes inside! For those students qualifying for chances to spin our new prize wheel, there will be golden tickets included with their prizes – each one will be worth a spin! We hope to see you there.

**FAMILY FUN CENTER – IMPORTANT.** Permission slips are included in this FCE. These **must** be returned to the office by **Monday** (October 5) so we can make arrangements for buses and chaperones. The Fun Center award is for individual students selling 25 or families selling 40 orders or more. If you **did not** receive a slip, we **do not** have you as going! Email [magazines@holynosaryws.org](mailto:magazines@holynosaryws.org) or [cflair@qwest.net](mailto:cflair@qwest.net) right away if you think you should be going. The Fun Center field trip is scheduled for Friday, October 16, 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. **Please volunteer to chaperone this event for fundraising hours.**

**MAGAZINE PRIZES.** As mentioned, prizes will be distributed on Friday. Please email [sharelene82@msn.com](mailto:sharelene82@msn.com) with any prize related problems. She can fix anything so there's nothing to worry about!

**FINAL MAGAZINE SALES PROCESSING.** We will continue to process paper orders through next week. Turn them into the office. After that you can continue to make your sales online at [www.aphearst.com](http://www.aphearst.com) and use our school code WC2897. Email questions to [magazines@holynosarywe.org](mailto:magazines@holynosarywe.org). **If you haven't sold an order, it's not too late! PLEASE try to participate. Large or small, we need everyone.** Thank you to everyone who has participated and sold those magazines as well as those who have volunteered their time and talent. We appreciate it all!

**GREEN TIP.** Most of us go through a loaf of bread or more a week. Save all those bread bags, roll them up, stuff 'em in a sack in you car and you will almost never need to use a plastic produce bag again. They are a good size and tend to be see through so you can easily see whatever vegetables or bulk item you put in them. They tend to be stronger than the bags in the produce isle as well so you can use them multiple times.

**BOOK FAIR NEWS.** Reading can take you anywhere and we are set for a great journey during Conference Week. The destination will be the Library and the Scholastic Book Fair. Plan to stop by and enjoy the metamorphosis from Library to bookstore. Volunteers are needed to help with set

up on Thursday, October 15 at 3:00 and for pack up on Sunday, October 25 after the 9:30 Mass. If you can help, please email Mrs. Harris - [sharris@holyroaryws.org](mailto:sharris@holyroaryws.org). Thank you.

**SALLY FOSTER GIFT WRAP SALES EVENT.** The sale starts on Thursday, Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> and ends on Thursday, Oct. 15<sup>th</sup>. There are lovely choices from Christmas wrapping papers, yummy sweets for Holidays and nice little gifts for someone special!! Like every year, 50% of all proceeds go to Holy Rosary School! The sales will support the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade's Graduation ceremony and reception, the 6<sup>th</sup> Grade's Field Trip and the 5<sup>th</sup> Grade's Camping Trip. If there are any questions, please contact Irene Merz at 206-933-0742 or Yoshimi Lorbiecki at 206-937-7528. Please help support our school.

**ITALIAN DINNER VOLUNTEERS.** Thank you so much for all of your hard work. The dinner was a huge success, and we could not have done it without you!

**ATTENTION 6th & 7th GRADE PARENTS.** The presence of your child is requested at the 11:30 AM Mass for Holy Rosary's Centennial celebration on **Sunday, October 11**. They are invited to be part of the singing for the Entrance Processional. Archbishop Alex J. Brunett will be presiding at the liturgy and it is our hope that we have a good number of students in attendance. Students are learning a special arrangement of "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee" during their Music classes for the processional. Students will join their families after the processional for the rest of the Mass. This is a terrific musical opportunity for our students~~~we hope they can join in this once-in-a-lifetime happening at Holy Rosary. A permission slip is in your FCE envelope TODAY. Please have your child return the bottom half of this slip to the **SCHOOL OFFICE**, no later than **THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8**. Thank you very much for your kind consideration and prompt response. We are looking forward to a wonderful event! Questions? Please contact Ms. Mudge [jmudge@holyroaryws.org](mailto:jmudge@holyroaryws.org).

**SCHOOL COMMISSION MEETING.** The October 8<sup>th</sup> School Commission Meeting will be open to anyone who would like to attend. The meeting will take place in the staff room at 6pm. Hope to see you there.

**CYO BASKETBALL.** Are you ready for CYO Basketball? It is that time of the year again. That is right – we are again this year. Last year CYO has basketball games starting before Thanksgiving. Holy Rosary Parish's Basketball program is open to all school and parish young people in grades 4-12. It is important to note that this program is designed to include players of all skill levels with an overall goal of developing self-confidence and team work through athletic competition. Forms are included in this weeks FCE. **NEW THIS YEAR** – Every player must return the attached head trauma information form, signed by the parent and athlete before the athlete participates in practice. **Players will not be allowed to practice without the signed head trauma information sheet being on file** – please return this with your registration. Registration and head trauma information forms available on the school website. **ALL REGISTRATIONS ARE DUE BY OCTOBER 9TH.** Please return the completed forms with the registration fee in the FCE. For information please contact Rick Diedrich 937-4473 [rdiedrich@msn.com](mailto:rdiedrich@msn.com).

**CYO BASKETBALL COACHES.** As always we are looking for coaches, this is a great way to give back to our community in a fun and positive environment. We can really use your help, please contact Rick Diedrich for information.

**GO GATORS.** The Cross Country team was an "Orange Wave" at the Cross Country meet last Sunday – besides an amazing turnout by the K-3<sup>rd</sup> graders we had some stellar performances by

the 4<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> graders. Here are the results for 4<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>: Fourth Grade Girls: 1<sup>st</sup> Lilly Grassley, 3<sup>rd</sup> Zoe Martin, 24<sup>th</sup> Veronica Ahearn; Fourth Grade Boys: 1<sup>st</sup> Jaxon Woodward, 3<sup>rd</sup> Brian Doherty, 6<sup>th</sup> Matthew Lange, 7<sup>th</sup> Philip Doherty, 12<sup>th</sup> Cameron Paskett, 38<sup>th</sup> Mike Heidal, 41<sup>st</sup> Brendon Klem, 45<sup>th</sup> Luke Slee Fifth Grade Girls: 8<sup>th</sup> Olivia Dupuy, 11<sup>th</sup> Marla Mann, 14<sup>th</sup> Rachel Schreck, 19<sup>th</sup> Genevieve Pritchard, 22<sup>nd</sup> Veronica Pritchard, 29<sup>th</sup> Martha Blatner, 32<sup>nd</sup> Helen Kuhar Fifth Grade Boys: 3<sup>rd</sup> Kyle Joyce, 7<sup>th</sup> Joey Donahue, 26<sup>th</sup> Samuel Palermo-Wylde Sixth Grade Boys: 2<sup>nd</sup> Joe Auter, 4<sup>th</sup> Cole Nofsigner, 10<sup>th</sup> Aaron Whitters, 14<sup>th</sup> Will Scherwin, 16<sup>th</sup> Zach Martin, 18<sup>th</sup> Thomas Lange, 24<sup>th</sup> Adam Chase, 35<sup>th</sup> Nate Small, 36<sup>th</sup> Tony Miller Seventh Grade Boys: 27<sup>th</sup> Thomas Bowers Eight Grade Girls: 2<sup>nd</sup> Miranda Whitters

**PARENTS IN TOUCH HIGHLIGHTS KINDERGARTNERS.** Parents in Touch, Holy Rosary's weekly prayer group, will be focusing their prayer intentions on the kindergartners during the month of October. Parents of kindergartners (and all other grades!) are invited to join us on Monday mornings after drop off (8:30 am) in the Reservation Chapel in the church. Please contact Ginny Kane or Jillian Kane for questions.

**THE NURSERY IS OPEN.** During 9:30 Sunday mass there will be childcare at the School Gym. The nursery is for children 9 months to 4 years old, while their parents are in church. Any questions please contact: Kamila Kennedy (206) [938-7796kennedykamila@yahoo.com](mailto:938-7796kennedykamila@yahoo.com) or Heather Newman (206) 932-6800 [hnewman00@gmail.com](mailto:hnewman00@gmail.com).

**MOTHER SON GLOW BOWL.** Save the date! Please mark your calendars for the 2009 Mother Son Glow Bowl. Friday November 13th, from 5 - 8 pm, three hours of freaky Friday fun! A flyer with all of the details will be in the next FCE, if you have questions, or would like to help, please contact Alex Gardner.

**CHRISTMAS TREE LOT.** HO HO HO... It's that time of year to start planning for our Christmas Tree Lot. Look forward to seeing you at the upcoming meeting. TREE LOT MEETING- Wednesday October 7th at 7pm in the School Hall.

**NEED CHAIR FOR PANCAKE BREAKFAST TO BENEFIT 6<sup>th</sup> GRADE EVENT.** Any 6th Grade Parents who would like to Chair THE PANCAKE BREAKFAST to help subsidize the 6th Grade Event, please contact Rick or Refawne Acarregui: [racarregui@comcast.net](mailto:racarregui@comcast.net) or call 206-933-7502.

**HOLY NAMES ACADEMY** is pleased to invite 4<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls to their Fall Open House. "One of a Kind....Just Like You!" This is a wonderful opportunity to learn more about HNA. This open house takes place Sunday, October 25<sup>th</sup>, noon to 3pm. School tours will take place all afternoon. For more information call Michelle Basilio, Director of Admissions and Marketing at (206) 720-7805.

**SEATTLE LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL** will have an OPEN HOUSE Thursday, October 22 from 6:30-8pm. Seattle Lutheran is a leader in holistic education where high academic standards and competitive sports programs are balanced with character education and spiritual growth. For more Rachel Bigliardi at (206) 937-7722 X 18.

**Included in this FCE:**

- Parent/Teacher/Student Conference Time Confirmation Form
- Study Hall Sign Up Sheet (PINK)

- CYO Basketball Registration Form
- Sally Foster Brochure
- Kenney Bazaar Announcement (yellow)
- Art Wizards Flyer

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

- ✚ \$1 on 1 Day, Bring \$1 for Uganda, Thursday, October 1
- ✚ Prayer Service by 7A, Friday, October 2, 8:30am – School Hall
- ✚ Closing Magazine Sale Assembly, Friday, October 2, 2:15pm – Lanigan
- ✚ Auction Committee Meeting, Tuesday, October 6, 6:30pm – Staff Room
- ✚ Our Lady of the Rosary Mass, Wednesday, October 7, 8:45am – HR Church
- ✚ Tree Lot Meeting, Wednesday, October 7, 7pm – School Hall
- ✚ School Commission Open Meeting, Thursday, October 8, 6pm – Staff Room
- ✚ NO SCHOOL for Students, Friday, October 9
- ✚ Archdiocesan Theological Update for Teachers, Friday, October 9
- ✚ Centennial Mass, Sunday, October 11, 9:30am and 11:30am – HR Church
- ✚ Development Committee Meeting, Monday, October 12, 6pm – School Hall
- ✚ 2B Field Trip to the Arboretum, Tuesday, October 13, – U of W
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- ✚ 2A Field Trip to the Arboretum, Thursday, October 15 – U of W
- ✚ Family Fun Center Reward for Magazine Sales, Friday, October 16
- ✚ Scholastic Book Fair, Friday October 16 through Thursday, October 22
- ✚ School Dismisses at 2:15 Tuesday, October 20 – Conferences Begin
- ✚ NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS, Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences, Tuesday, Oct. 20 through Friday October 23<sup>rd</sup>.