



# SCHOOL NEWS

Holy Rosary School Family Communication Newsletter

October 29, 2009

Holy Rosary School is once again at the beginning of its cycle of self-reflection as a learning community and accreditation through the Western Catholic Education Association. The process, which begins every six years, lasts for 18 months and focuses upon assessment of student success in meeting School-wide Learning Expectations (SLEs) and Archdiocesan curriculum standards. The basic questions addressed are:

- To what extent are our faith standards integrated into the school program?
- To what extent are students achieving School-wide Learning Expectations?
- To what extent are students mastering the academic content standards?
- To what extent is there evidence of ongoing academic growth for students?
- To what extent does the school support high achievement for all its students?
- To what extent is data being collected, disaggregated and analyzed?
- To what extent are student learning decisions being made based on the analysis of the assessment data? (WCEA, 2009)

Among the key outcomes expected of the study are the engagement of the school staff and other community members (stakeholders) in the examination of the school's program. (Stakeholders will be representatives of all school and parish committees and commissions). Through this process the school will affirm its evident strengths and identify areas for ongoing improvement.

It will also clarify its mission, philosophy and learning expectations for students. The process will result in the development of an Action Plan that sets goals to enhance student learning and the implementation of an accountability system for monitoring progress. Finally, the completed Self Study component of the accreditation is presented to a Visiting Committee, which comes to the school for an extensive site visit at the end of the process to verify the school's findings.

The kick-off to Holy Rosary's 2009-2011 accreditation cycle will be a stakeholders' meeting on Monday, November 16, at 6:30 p.m. in the School Hall. While available space is initially held for faculty, staff, and representatives from each of the respective parent, school, and parish committees, it is possible that additional room may become available in the event that some of these representatives are unable to attend. In this case, we will invite additional interested community members on a first-come, first-served basis.

After the stakeholders meeting (which will specifically examine the School's Mission, Philosophy, and School-wide Learning Expectations) and throughout the process, we will provide ongoing updates on the progress of our self-study. In addition, we will also encourage additional community participation through such means as focus groups, committee meetings, and electronic feedback through surveys, email, and the website. We welcome your input and look forward to partnering with our community to ensure the continued excellence of students' learning experiences at Holy Rosary School.

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY** We are in need of a volunteer to distribute milk from 11:15 to 12:45 on Tuesdays. If you would like more information about this opportunity please call the school office (206) 937-7255.

**ALL SCHOOL SERVICE** Halloween parties are tomorrow! Parties are always fun to celebrate with snacks and treats and also great time to remind us all of those in our community in need of basic food items. Let's start a Holy Rosary School tradition and bring a canned food donation to our celebration parties (Halloween, Valentine's Day and Year End) In addition, it is November 1<sup>st</sup> this weekend! \$1 on ONE! Remind your children to bring in their \$1 with their canned food item this Friday. Last month we collected \$348, a great start to support our Ugandan students and other organizations this year.

**MOTHER SON GLOW BOWL FRIDAY NOVEMBER 13<sup>TH</sup> 5- 8PM** at the West Seattle Bowling Alley. Print out your flyer, and return it to the office by Friday October 30th. If you have any questions, or would like to volunteer to help, please contact Alex Gardner.

**POINSETTIA SALE**, Happy Halloween! AND now it's time to get ready for Christmas! Poinsettias are a lovely way to decorate for Christmas, and to give as gifts. Please see the flyer in the FCE to order your poinsettias. If you wish to order poinsettias for your office or business, please download the business order form from the Holy Rosary web link. We are also looking for volunteers to help unload, hand out and deliver poinsettias. The dates to help are after the Sunday masses on November 29th and December 6th" and help deliver poinsettias to businesses on Monday November 30th and December 7th. Please contact Bethany Larsen ([pbandjonw@msn.com](mailto:pbandjonw@msn.com)) or Melissa Ardales ([mardales@yahoo.com](mailto:mardales@yahoo.com)) to volunteer or call Melissa @ 619-0686.

**HO, HO, HO TREE LOT SIGN UPS ARE NOW AVAILABLE!** Log on to the website: <http://treelot.holyrosaryws.org/> Click on the Volunteer tab to get started. New changes for the 2009 season: 1. "Re-Stocking Team" shifts added Monday - Thursday (3-6PM). These shifts are designed for, but not limited to high school kids looking for volunteer hours. These shifts are a "behind the scenes" shift devoted to re-stocking the lot from existing inventory, sweeping, cleaning up etc. Please only sign up for these shifts if you are able/prepared to do the work described above. 2. "Lot Squad" shifts have been added on Tree Delivery days. If you sign up for these shifts, you will be expected to help prepare to receive the next delivery of trees by making room in the inventory area, re-stocking the lot, etc. Thank you for your time and support! Refawne & Rick Acarregui

**DESTINATION BOOK FAIR UPDATE** On behalf of all the students and staff at HRS, I would like to thank everyone for supporting the Library program during the recent book fair. With the profits, the first purchases will be new nonfiction books updating the pet care and sports categories as well as other areas in the 600s and 700s (if you remember the Dewey Decimal Classification System). Following the theme "Destination Book Fair" the students were asked to record their dream destinations. Traveling to Italy received the most votes, followed by France, Hawaii, Greece, Egypt, Canada, Spain, Mexico, Japan and Brazil. Watch for some happy smiles on the faces of the winners of the contests: Aaron, Meg, Elise, Laurel, Mikaela, and Lucy. Finally, we can all smile because of the work contributed by these volunteers: Jack Heidal, Lucy Johnson, Debbie Petrusa, Tammy Simmons, Julie Choi, Megan, Alan Choi, Beatriz Reyes, Sara, Maggie Judd, Kelly Madsen, Kathleen Everett, Sr. Juanita, Juli Rangel, Lucinda Cicero, Mary Corrigan, Sue Southerland, and Pedro Millan.

**HEART AUCTION HOURS AVAILABLE** The Heart Auction Procurement Team has already started preparing for the 2010 auction, but you can earn 2009 fundraising hours now! Would you like to help contact area businesses for donations, do you like to brainstorm for fun items for fun times? Do you have time to make a few phone calls, or are you dialed in to what's happening in Seattle and you know who to call? If this is you, or you know the perfect person for the job, just email Angel Sorenson or Tiffany Fuentes for an opportunity to fit your needs.

**EXCITING NEWS FROM THE GRANTS COMMITTEE** We wish to offer our deepest and heartfelt thanks to the Employees Community Fund of Boeing Puget Sound who have recently provided Holy Rosary with a grant of \$26,600 to help us purchase a new vehicle for transporting guests to and from our campus shelter. The Employees Community Fund of Boeing Puget Sound (ECF) is an employee-owned nonprofit charitable foundation. The ECF trustees make grants to local 501(c) 3 nonprofit Health and Human service agencies in 11 Puget Sound counties where Boeing employees live and work. Since its inception in 1951, this fund has contributed over \$500,000,000(half-a-billion!) dollars to support local non-profit work. This year alone, they will give 10.5 million dollars to local United Ways and Health and Human service agencies in the Puget Sound area. Boeing employees do amazing and generous things. Whether it's participating in the Employees Community Fund, company-sponsored volunteer events, serving on the governance board of a local community organization or using their professional skills and talents to build stronger and more vibrant communities - Boeing employees are driving positive change in communities worldwide. We are truly grateful for their spirit of stewardship! As you all know, our current bus was on its very last legs, and this gift will allow us to continue our mission of serving those in need for many years to come. Thank you Boeing employees! A special thank you to the team at Holy Rosary that helped to make this grant possible: Patrick Barredo, Mary Simpson, Dave Mann, Nancy Stillger, and Father John! Also, we would like to express special thanks to the trustees that came to visit Holy Rosary and became the champions of our cause: Lynne Eskil and Norman De Asis. Thank you so much for your gracious support!

**ALTAR SERVER TRAINING** One of the best ways to pray at Mass is to take part in it! Anyone who is in at least Fifth Grade has the opportunity to become an altar server. We have started to train new servers, but it's not too late to sign up! If you'd like to serve, please contact Patrick!

**WOMEN'S SHELTER NEEDS VOLUNTEERS!** Did you know that on Saturday and Sunday nights, Holy Rosary is able to provide a safe and warm place to sleep for 10 homeless women? With the poor economy, the number of people on the streets has drastically risen. By offering shelter, Holy Rosary is doing its part to help those who are most vulnerable. We need your help to continue our ministry to the homeless. Please consider volunteering one night a month to provide transportation (using our shuttle bus) or staying overnight. All of our volunteers receive training, and the overnights always work in pairs. To get involved, please contact Patrick Barredo at the Parish Office (937.1488 x212 or [pbarredo@holynosaryseattle.org](mailto:pbarredo@holynosaryseattle.org)).

**7TH GRADERS SERVICE PROJECT** Help Corey J., Joey P.; Kevin St. & Emmett collect NEW or gentle USED clothing or blankets for homeless families & teens of Seattle. The boys are collecting donations with the Highline Premier Football Club and the Starfire complex (where the Sounders practice) called THE BIG GIVE. There will be a bin at the entrance of the school hall to drop off your donations. We will then take the donations to Starfire at the end of the week. Youth Care tells us that many teens are forgotten and need new socks, clothes etc. So start cleaning out your closets!

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL PANTRY** The 3<sup>rd</sup> grade class at Holy Rosary School together with St.

Vincent de Paul invite everyone to help fill our pantry! Please bring in nonperishable food items to the school hall or to Mass during the month of November.

**PARENTS IN TOUCH HIGHLIGHTS 1<sup>ST</sup> GRADERS!** Parents in Touch, Holy Rosary's weekly prayer group, will be focussing their prayer intentions on the 1st graders during the month of November. Parents of 1st graders (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.

**KENNEDY CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE** is scheduled for Tuesday, November 3 from 6:30pm to 8:30pm. You are invited to listen to presentations from Academic Departments, Campus Ministries, Athletics and Extracurricular Activities. For more information please call Jim Mesick, Advancement Director at (206) 246-0500 ext. 306.

**SEATTLE PREPARATORY SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE** is scheduled for Wednesday, November 4 from 5:30 to 8pm. Open House provides an opportunity for parents and students to get a close look at facilities and programs. Seattle Prep is a Catholic Jesuit High School located on North Capitol Hill. Any questions please call the Seattle Prep Admissions office at (206) 577-2146.

**ST. BRENDAN PARISH SCHOOL** is pleased to announce its 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Holiday Craft Fair on Saturday and Sunday, November 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>. Featuring over 100 returning and new craft vendors, a holiday gift raffle, kids craft room, refreshments, baked goods and homemade soups. Free admission. St. Brendan's is located at 10049 NE 195<sup>th</sup> Bothell, WA 98011.

**Attached to this FCE**

- Poinsettia Order Form
- The Big Give Service Project Flyer

**UPCOMING EVENTS AND IMPORTANT DATES:**

- ✚ All Saints Day Mass, Thursday, October 29, 8:45am – Holy Rosary Church
- ✚ SPIRIT DAY, Wear orange and black, Friday, October 30
- ✚ Auction Committee Meeting, Monday, November 2, 6:30pm – Staff Room
- ✚ School Commission Meeting, Thursday, November 5, 6pm – Staff Room
- ✚ Prayer Service by 5B, Friday, November 6, 8:35am – School Hall
- ✚ Youth Mass, Saturday, November 7, 5pm – Holy Rosary Church
- ✚ City Light Climate Change Assembly, Monday, November 9, 8:30am – School Hall
- ✚ Development Committee Meeting, Monday November 9, 6pm – Staff Room
- ✚ Parents' Club Meeting, Tuesday, November 10, 6:30pm – School Hall
- ✚ NO SCHOOL, VETERANS DAY, Wednesday, November 11<sup>th</sup>
- ✚ Prayer Service by 2A, Friday, November 13, 8:35am – School Hall