



SCHOOL NEWS

Holy Rosary School Family Communication Newsletter

November 19, 2009

What good is it if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? If a brother or sister has nothing to wear and has no food for the day, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, keep warm, and eat well," but you do not give them the necessities of the body, what good is it? So also faith of itself, if it does not have works, is dead. (James 2: 14-17)

A Thanksgiving Prayer (by Samuel F. Pugh)

O God, when I have food, help me to remember the hungry; When I have work, help me to remember the jobless; When I have a home, help me to remember those who have no home at all; When I am without pain, help me to remember those who suffer, And remembering, help me to destroy my complacency; bestir my compassion, and be concerned enough to help, by word and deed, those who cry out for what we take for granted. Amen.

PARENT COMMITMENT HOUR PROGRAM. Please remember to turn in your completed parent commitment forms to the office in a timely matter. Hours should be reported within 90 days after they have been completed. Parent commitment hour forms are available in the school office. The Parent Commitment year runs from March 1, 2009 – February 28, 2010. Any uncompleted hours will be invoiced to you at a rate of \$75.00 per hour. Quarterly statements will be sent home in the FCE at the first of the New Year. If you are short fundraising hours please remember that the Christmas tree lot will be one of your last opportunities for this year to earn these hours. Please remember only adult (over 18) family members may contribute to a families hours. For more information on the Parent Commitment Program see the Family Handbook.

PARENT COMMITMENT HOUR PROGRAM: Additional guidelines have been provided by School Commission regarding the refreshments donated as part of the Parent Commitment Hour program as follows: A family may submit up to 1 hour for each baked item (i.e., a cake, or a plate of cupcakes, etc.) and families may not claim more than 4 such hours in total for each reporting year.

GREEN TIP. Happy Thanksgiving to all! With the holiday next week, this will be the last green tip before what for some is a big shopping weekend. As we think about Christmas and gifts, consider some ideas to make your holiday a bit greener. Give a gift of an experience instead of an item; sports events, plays, movies, manicures, house cleaning etc. are all good choices. Use conscientious wrapping choices, like reusable boxes or stockings, fabric or kids' art, even inside out decorated grocery bags! If you purchase wrapping paper or cards, look for those using

recycled paper. If you receive catalogues you don't want, call the vendor and get taken off that list. Avoid purchasing items with lots of packaging; if we favor low-packaging items, vendors will follow suit.

HOT LUNCH MENU AND ORDER FORM. The December hot lunch menu and order forms are available for download on the Holy Rosary website. If you have not completed your December hot lunch order form and wish your student(s) to have hot lunch please complete an order form and sent it into the school office. Thank you.

SAFETY ON THE PLAYGROUND. Please take the string out of your child's sweatshirt if they wear it to school. The strings are unsafe when the children are playing on playground apparatus. Thank you.

SALLY FOSTER GIFT WRAP The students should have brought home their Sally Foster items yesterday. We apologize to those who ordered Snowman Decoration Kit and Keychain With Flashlight that were out of stock. There should be a voucher in your package with an explanation. You can call their customer care and see if you can find anything to substitute the sold out items or you may request a refund. Sally Foster also informed us that they were unable to provide the participating students with the Level C Prize, Light-Up Air Blaster. Instead, an alternate prize of equal value, the Light-Up Super Horn together with a bonus prize, has replaced it. We caught some of the Internet orders were without seller names. We requested credits to those students and the prizes will get here in a couple of weeks. Those students are: Alexandra Rottler, Corey Johnson, Corey Wukelic, Thomas Lange, Jack Summers, Grace Connell and Evangeline Byers. Thanks for your patience. If you have any questions regarding your items or prizes received, please contact Irene Merz at 206-933-0742 or irenemerz@msn.com.

FAMILY PROMISE. Last month the parish ministry Family Promise was highlighted at school and mass. If this sounds like an organization you'd like to be involved with, now is your chance! Holy Rosary is hosting the families the week of November 29- December 6. As our parish center isn't quite ready, the families will be located at Tukwila at Riverton Methodist Church. If you are interested in volunteering by either providing lunches, dinners or staying the night with the families please contact Patrick Barredo at pbarredo@holyroaryseattle.org for more information. Also, thank you to all those donating funds to this organization; they received a great Holy Rosary response!

LOST AND FOUND. The lost and found is overflowing. Please have your student check the lost and found before the Thanksgiving break. Thank you.

GIFT CARDS FOR A CAUSE: GIVE A GIFT THAT CHANGES LIVES. Volunteers from the Holy Rosary Women's Shelter will be selling Holiday Cards to support Noel House Programs, our partner at the shelter. Noel House gift cards offer a simple and beautiful way to support homeless women in our community. Each \$10 gift card represents one night of secure shelter and a hot, nutritious meal for someone in need. Through safe, women-only shelter, Noel House helps women regain stability and move away from homelessness, permanently. There is no better gift than transforming a life. **We will be selling cards after Masses the weekends of December 5th/6th and December 12th/13th.** Or contact Nancy Stillger at nstillger@gmail.com or 937-1947.

SAVE THE DAY. Holy Rosary is sponsoring the December 13th Community Dinner. The dinner is from 1-3PM and we need volunteers to set-up, serve, and clean-up afterwards. In addition, we

need desserts to serve at the dinner. (Cookies, cakes, pies etc). Please drop desserts off at OLG on Sunday between 9AM and 12:30PM. If you can volunteer please e-mail Renee Harn at rharnfamily@comcast.net or Patrick Barredo at pbarredo@holyroaryseattle.org

WEST SEATTLE HI YU HOLIDAY ORNAMENT SALE. Holy Rosary students Isabella Carufel (4!) and Kaitlin Morgan (5B) are selling beautiful hand blown glass holiday ornaments for West Seattle Hi Yu. Isabella and Kaitlin are current 2009-2010 Hi Yu Jr. Court Princesses. This years ornaments were designed and hand blown especially for Hi Yu by Christopher Sternberg-Powidzki of Glasshouse Studio in Pioneer Square. They will make great gifts for your family, friends, teachers, clients, co-worker, employees and yourself! Proceeds of the sale will go directly to the Miss West Seattle scholarship program, building a float that represents the West Seattle Community in parades throughout Puget Sound and various community events. We are offering 4 choices of ornaments. 3 made by Glasshouse Studio in Pioneer Square and back by popular demand the red raindrop ornament from Glasseye Studio. To order please call Isabella at 935-6517 or Kaitlin at 937-0263. You can also email danettecarufel@hotmail.com. Each ornament cost \$20.00. Thank you for your support!

BISHOP BLANCHET HIGH SCHOOL open house is today, Thursday, Nov. 19 from 5:30-8pm. It will be free flowing format. All interested families are invited to attend and tour the school. This is a great opportunity to interact with teachers and students, learn more about the curriculum and co-curricular programs, and see all the great NEW facilities. Bishop Blanchet is located at 8200 Wallingford Ave. N. For more information call (206) 527-7711 or visit www.bishopblanchet.org.









BELLI CAPELLI SALON OFFERS DISCOUNT FOR HOLY ROSARY SCHOOL. Sarah at Belli Capelli is offering savings on haircuts for Holy Rosary families: K-1 \$10, 2-4 \$15, 5-7 \$20, 8 \$25. Boys buzz cuts only \$10. Also, first time Holy Rosary clients can get a complimentary haircut with a color, foil or perm service. You can also receive 20% off on all products. This offer expires 12/31/09. Belli Capelli is located at 3902 California Ave and can be reached at (206) 932-6910.

INCLUDED IN THIS FCE:

- Study Hall Enrollment Form (goldenrod)

UPCOMING EVENTS AND IMPORTANT DATES:

- ✚ 4B Field Trip to Pike Place Market, Thursday, November 19
- ✚ Prayer Service by 6A, Friday, November 20, 8:35am – School Hall
- ✚ Thanksgiving School Prayer Service, PERFECT UNIFORMS, Wednesday, November 25, 11:00am – HR Church
- ✚ First Trimester Ends, Wednesday, November 25
- ✚ NOON DISMISSAL, Wednesday, November 25, THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY BEGINS
- ✚ Thanksgiving Parish Mass, Thursday, November 26, 9:30am – HR Church
- ✚ THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY, Thursday, November 26-Friday, November 27, NO SCHOOL
- ✚ Christmas Tree Lot Opens, Saturday, November 28, 12 noon – Admiral Safeway
- ✚ Health and Wellness Committee Meeting, Monday, November 30, 6pm – Staff Room
- ✚ Auction Committee Meeting, Tuesday, December 1, 6:30pm – Staff Room
- ✚ Kindergarten Field Trip to Seattle Children's Theater, Wednesday, December 2
- ✚ Prayer Service by 5A, Friday, December 4, 8:35am – School Hall
- ✚ Immaculate Conception School Mass, PERFECT UNIFORMS, Tuesday, December 8, 8:45am – HR Church
- ✚ First Trimester Report Cards Go Home, Friday, December 11

-  **Prayer Service by 8B, Friday, December 11, 8:45am – School Hall**
-  **Holy Rosary School Christmas Program, Tuesday, December 15, 7pm – HR Church**
-  **Reconciliation Service for Gr. 3-5, Wednesday, December 16, 10am – HR Church**
-  **Reconciliation Service for Gr. 6-8, Thursday, December 17, 10am – HR Church**
-  **8th Gr. Pizza Lunch, Thursday, December 17**
-  **Prayer Service by 8A, Friday, December 18, 8:35am – School Hall**
-  **Christmas Vacation, Monday, December 21 through Friday, January 1**
-  **School Resumes Monday, January 4th**