



# SCHOOL NEWS

Holy Rosary School Family Communication Newsletter

December 3, 2009

*Make known to me your ways, Lord; teach me your paths. Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my savior. For you I wait all the long day, because of your goodness, Lord. Remember your compassion and love, O Lord; for they are ages old. Remember no more the sins of my youth; remember me only in light of your love.*

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**Psalm 25: 4-7**

As we enter the season of Advent, with its message of prayerful reflection and readiness for the coming of our Lord, we are often more likely to encounter stress and anxiety from the myriad tasks—gift shopping, class parties, Christmas cards, and other holiday distractions—we face. We might benefit by occasionally centering ourselves, and considering these words of wisdom from Edward Hays:

“Advent is the perfect time to clear and prepare the Way; it is a winter training camp for those who desire peace. By reflection and prayer, by reading and meditation, we can make our hearts a place where a blessing of peace would desire to abide and where the birth of the Prince of Peace might take place. Daily we can make an Advent examination:

- Is there a lingering resentment, an unforgiven injury living in our hearts?
- Are we generous with the gifts that have been given to us, seeing ourselves as their stewards and not their owners?

We should, however, take a broad view of how best to use these gifts at a time of year when it may be tempting to limit ourselves to simply dropping a few coins in a kettle. While such giving is without question important, it rarely addresses the root causes of our societal and world problems.

Fr. Brian Cavanaugh points out that, "Works of justice, on the other hand, follow *the road less traveled* of Advent's hope to pursue solutions for difficult problems. Hope comes through works of justice rather than simply performing works of charity." With that in mind, it may be helpful to think about ways we can put into practice the following tenets of social justice teaching, which we will re-visit in greater depth after the New Year:

**Human Dignity  
Rights and Responsibilities  
Participation  
Stewardship of Creation  
Role of Government**

**Community and the Common Good  
Option for the Poor and Vulnerable  
Dignity of Work and Rights of Workers  
Solidarity  
Promotion of Peace**

These, we can be assured, are truly the gifts of the season “that will keep on giving.”

**TUITION ASSISTANCE FOR 2010-2011:** The application for tuition assistance for the 2010-11 school year is now available on-line at <http://fulcrumfoundation.org/tuition> (A link to the application is also on the school website under 'School Forms & Other Downloads'.)

Please follow these instructions and note that in addition to submitting an application on-line to Fulcrum, paper copies of the completed application must be delivered to Jennifer at Holy Rosary School by **February 5th**:

1. Make 2 copies of your 2008 Federal Income Tax Form(s), IRS 1040, 1040A or 1040EZ, or E-file printout for the financially responsible parent(s) or guardian(s). Note: W-2 forms are not acceptable. Do not send originals.
2. Make 2 copies of any documents related to Non-Taxable income (Part C-3) such as 1099, federal or state aid, alimony or child support.
3. Submit your application form \*online at <http://fulcrumfoundation.org/tuition> *At the end of the submission process a printout will be produced. If you have made a mistake, submit a new application and destroy the incorrect printout. When entering names, please do not use ALL CAPS.*
4. Print 2 copies of the completed form. *This can be done immediately after submitting the form.*
5. Sign the forms in Part E.
6. Staple the signed application in front of copies of the financial documents from steps 1 and 2.
7. Deliver or mail the complete application package to Jennifer at Holy Rosary by February 5th. Copies will not be returned.

\*Fulcrum will **not** be accepting handwritten applications. If you would like to submit a handwritten application, please ask Jennifer MacDonald to assist you. She may be contacted at (206) 937-1488, ext. 211 or email: [jmacdonald@holyroaryseattle.org](mailto:jmacdonald@holyroaryseattle.org)

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING BASE PAYMENTS:** We are now offering automatic withdrawal (Electronic Funds Transfer) for BASE payments. If you would like to sign up, please complete the new Holy Rosary BASE Payment Authorization form available in the school office or on the school website. If you have any questions, please contact Jennifer at (206) 937-1488, ext. 211 or email: [jmacdonald@holyroaryseattle.org](mailto:jmacdonald@holyroaryseattle.org)

**HAVE YOU ORDERED YOUR COFFEE LATELY?** Please continue to use the form on our school website ([link](#)) or direct at Pioneer at <https://www.pioneercoffeeco.com/fundraiser.html> , to order your coffee. Better yet, just setup a re-occurring order and we'll take care of the rest! For every pound of coffee purchased, the school receives \$3.00. Coffee also makes a great holiday gift! The FCE will have a special gift order form for a travel mug and 1lb of coffee wrapped and ready to go. A special thanks to Pioneer Coffee for all the free coffee they have made available to us at school events and parent club meetings this past year. They are a wonderful supporter of our school. Any questions, please contact Michele Wallace at 206-914-1248.

**HEART AUCTION PROCUREMENT TEAM STILL NEEDS ELVES!** Want to earn Fundraising Hours while Christmas Shopping? Have time to make phone calls while your Holiday Cookies are in the oven? Do you have the Gift of gab? If the answer is yes to any of the above, then the

Auction Procurement Team can use you! Please call or email Tiffany Fuentes [tcfuentes@comcast.net](mailto:tcfuentes@comcast.net) 206.650.5152 OR Angel Sorensen [angel\\_sorensen@hotmail.com](mailto:angel_sorensen@hotmail.com) 206.999.4287.

**GREEN TIP** Here are some more ideas for waste free gifts: a charitable donation or a donation of your time to a charity given in the name of your gift recipient; an animal given through Heifer International to a family in another country (kids love this; they get to buy a goat and you don't have to own one!); homemade consumables, like cookies, breads or jam; craft kits made for kids (these can use up bits and pieces of your old craft materials and give the gift of occupied children to your friend). Chores done, babysitting, dinners cooked or an evening "off" to go out with friends are always welcome! Between friends, agree to an evening out as your gift to each other instead of stuff. You get the idea! Celebrate the season and each other, and celebrate our planet at the same time!

**SEVENTH GRADE SERVICE PROJECTS** In the seventh grade, the religion curriculum requires students to complete a service project as part of learning the importance of service in the life of a disciple of Jesus. Sometimes, students are motivated to organize a collection of needed items for nursing home residents, underprivileged children, or foreign missions. Although our students solicit help from the school community, we do not want any families to feel pressured or overburdened by these requests. If you feel led to give in this way, that is wonderful; if not, we understand perfectly. Many thanks, Mrs. Whetham.

**THE CARMELITE COLLECTION: A SEVENTH GRADE SERVICE PROJECT** Two of our seventh graders, Jack and Savohn, are collecting toiletries and school supplies to support the ministry of the Carmelite Sisters of Our Lady in the Philippines. Toiletries: soap, shampoos, toothpaste, toothbrushes School Supplies: crayons, pens/pencils, glue, scissors, copy paper. These items are VERY expensive in the Philippines. If you would like to help, please drop items in the box labeled "Carmelite Collection" in the main school hallway, Dec. 7-18 – or you can bring them to 7B classroom any day of the school year. Used scissors, crayons etc. are also welcome. The Carmelites are one of our two parish missions, and Sr. Juanita teaches in our school. God reward you!

**JOHN R. AND CARTER H. SEVENTH GRADE SERVICE PROJECT** We are working on our 7<sup>th</sup> grade service project. As part of our project, we would like to provide Christmas gifts for seniors living at an assisted living facility in West Seattle. We are hoping to collect donations such as Christmas candy, pre-packaged cookies, winter gloves and scarves or even just a dollar to go towards gifts that we will purchase for senior residents. If you would like to help with our service project, please see the enclosed flyer for more details. Please know that there is no obligation to donate but any help would be greatly appreciated. Thank you for your help! C. Halpin and J. Roach

**SEVENTH GRADE SERVICE PROJECT THANK YOU** The 7th graders; Corey J, Joey P, Emmett & Kevin would like to thank the Holy Rosary community for their part in The BIG Give clothing drive. HR was one of the biggest contributors to the drive. In total, we donated 33 **large** industrial bags that break down as follows: To Seattle's Union Gospel Mission we gave 24 bags: 6 bags of blankets and sleeping bags, 5 bags of men's clothing, shoes and jackets, 5 bags of women's clothing, shoes and jackets, 1 bag of adult unisex clothing and jackets, 3 bags of youth boys clothing, shoes and jackets, 3 bags of youth girls clothing, shoes and jackets, 1 bag of youth unisex clothing and jackets. To YouthCare we gave 7 bags: 2 bags of teen boys clothing, shoes and jackets, 3 bags of teen girls clothing, shoes and jackets, 2 bags of teen unisex clothing and

jackets, To Starfire Sports we gave 2 bags: 2 bags of youth, teen and adult soccer gear (headed for overseas). Your efforts have made a homeless person's life a little better. Thanks, Lucy Johnson

**CONGRATULATIONS TO 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADER KERRI GARDNER** who took 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the Catholic Schools Chess Tournament, hosted by David Elliner at Seattle Prep on Saturday, Nov. 21<sup>st</sup>. There were 60+ participants in grades 6-12. Way to go Kerri!

**YOUTH GROUP FOR 6th, 7th and 8th GRADERS.** Youth in 6th, 7th and 8th grade are invited to join the Holy Rosary Youth Group on December 5th before the Youth Mass. We will start at 3:30pm in the school hall by decorating Christmas cookies for the Women's Shelter. We will also get a chance to meet each other and burn off some energy with games and activities, as well as learn something new about Catholic Advent songs and traditions. Hot chocolate and hot apple cider will be provided. Please come! Also, information about our inner-tubing trip to "The Summit" at Snoqualmie Pass will be coming soon.

**PARENTS IN TOUCH HIGHLIGHTS 2<sup>ND</sup> GRADERS.** Parents in Touch, Holy Rosary's weekly prayer group, will be focusing their prayer intentions on the 2nd graders during the month of December. Parents of 2nd 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.

**SIMBANG GABI** On Saturday, December 12 at the 5pm Mass, Holy Rosary will celebrate one of the most popular traditions in the Philippines. After the mass, there will be a potluck reception in the School Hall! In the Philippines, the Simbang Gabi novena intensifies the spiritual preparation for Christmas, the birth of Jesus Christ. At Holy Rosary, we celebrate one Mass to share the religious tradition of the Philippines!

**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 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> and December 12<sup>th</sup>/13<sup>th</sup>.** Or contact Nancy Stillger at [nstillger@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:rharnfamily@comcast.net) or Patrick Barredo at [pbarredo@holyroaryseattle.org](mailto:pbarredo@holyroaryseattle.org).

**COFFEE AND DONUTS NEED YOUR HELP.** We are looking for individuals or groups to host coffee and donuts on one Sunday in January or February. If you are still looking for general hours this will count! Please contact Maureen Blake at [mblake@marykay.com](mailto:mblake@marykay.com) or call (206) 937-3236.

**A MESSAGE FROM THE JOYCE FAMILY.** We would like to thank all of you for the kindness, compassion and support you have shown our family through the recent turn of events. The house

has burned but can be rebuilt but our friends our forever. We were steadied by your support. It continues to help us immeasurably as we move through this. **"One can pay back the loan of gold, but one dies forever in debt to those who are kind."**

**HOMETOWN HOLIDAYS TREE LIGHTING.** December 5<sup>TH</sup>, 5 - 6PM The Junction presents our 6th Annual Tree Lighting Event. Join us for music, entertainment, revelry, prizes, and much more. It's a community event for family, friends and neighbors. First of three raffle drawings and everyone enters to win tickets to Stevens Pass Ski Resort. Where: Farmers Marking Parking Lot at 44th and Alaska Ave SW. For a full list of activities including our \$6500 Drawing, Santa Photos and Mule Drawn Carriage rides, please visit [www.wsjunction.org](http://www.wsjunction.org). Happy Holidays! Shop Local +Eat Local + Live Local. West Seattle Junction Association.

**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.

**LIMBER YOGA FOR KIDS.** Limber yoga is offering kids yoga classes for ages 5 through 12. These fun and engaging classes will teach kids yoga postures, breathing and relaxation exercises and encourage self expression, body awareness, concentration and confidence. For more information please go to [www.limberyoga.com](http://www.limberyoga.com) or call 935-4531.

**WEST SEATTLE CONVENIENT CARE.** Dr. Terrill Harrington has just started keeping his office open until 9pm weeknights on a walk-in basis to accommodate working parents. It is located at 3632 SW Alaska. You can call the clinic at 362-8671 for more information.

**PARENT'S NIGHT OUT.** Lee's Martial Arts is offering parent's night out on Saturday, December 12th (6:00 to 10:00 PM) @ Lee's Martial Arts. Take advantage of this time to go on a date or to go Christmas shopping!!!! We have pizza, games, popcorn, TKD, and movies for the kids! Cost is \$25/child, \$40 for 2 siblings. Additional donations are welcome. This is a fundraiser! All proceeds go towards the LMA Tuition Assistance program. Call Lisa Skvarla @ 206-938-3375 to make your reservation. Space is limited. Thank you in advance for your support!

**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY** Hello Family & Friends, The manager of Platt Electric Supply in Bellevue, John Brown, is looking to hire a couple of entry level people for driver and warehouse positions. The pay would be \$12-\$15/hr full time with benefits. We are looking for long term people looking to grow within Platt. The best candidates will be over 21, so they can drive Platt vehicles. If you know of any interested people please send them to our web site at [www.platt.com](http://www.platt.com) to apply. Chris Clarke

**HIGHLINE PREMIER FOOTBALL CLUB.** 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual EB Foote Wine Tasting Fundraiser. - U14 Boys December 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. 127 B SW 153<sup>rd</sup> Street - Burien WA \$25 per person donation Please contact S. Gubelman - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade (206) 935-7986.

**INCLUDED IN THIS FCE: (white unless specified otherwise)**

- December Calendar (on-line only)
- After School Study Hall Enrollment Form (cherry)

- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Pizza Lunch Sign Up Form
- January Hot Lunch Menu and Order Form
- John and Carter's Service Project Flyer (green)
- PATS Committee Ask (blue)
- Pioneer Coffee Holiday Gift Order Form
- Art Wizards Flyer
- Give the Gift of Music Flyer
- Hometown Holiday Card

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

- ✚ Prayer Service by 5A, Friday, December 4, 8:35am – School Hall
- ✚ First Reconciliation Service for Grade 2B, Saturday, December 5, 10am –HR Church
- ✚ Immaculate Conception School Mass, PERFECT UNIFORMS, Tuesday, December 8, 8:45am – HR Church
- ✚ PATS Christmas Party for Staff, Wednesday, December 9, 3pm – Private Home
- ✚ First Trimester Report Cards Go Home, Friday, December 11
- ✚ Prayer Service by 8B, Friday, December 11, 8:45am – School Hall
- ✚ First Reconciliation Service for Grade 2A, Saturday, December 12, 10am –HR Church
- ✚ 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
- ✚ 8<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup>
- ✚ Auction Committee Meeting, Tuesday, January 5, 6:30pm – Staff Room
- ✚ Grants Committee Meeting, Wednesday, January 13, 6pm – Staff Room
- ✚ Prayer Service by 2B, Friday, January 15, 8:35am – School Hall