



SCHOOL NEWS

Holy Rosary School Family Communication Newsletter

December 10, 2009

FIRST TRIMESTER REPORT CARDS Report Cards will be handed out tomorrow. When looking over the report cards, the care and time that the teachers spend completing them becomes evident. It is also easy to see how dedicated the students are to their learning. Thank you to our teachers for their continued excellent work and congratulations to our students on their accomplishments this first trimester. Please review your child's report card, sign the report card envelope, and return the signed envelope to school before Christmas vacation. You may keep the report card. If you have questions regarding your child's progress, please contact the appropriate teacher. Thank you.

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES for students in grades 3-8 are scheduled for next week; grades 3-5 on Wednesday, December 16 at 10am; and grades 6-8 on Thursday, December 17 at 10am. Students need to be in perfect uniform on the day of their service. Parents are welcome to attend either of these services. The Parish Advent Reconciliation Services are Thursday, December 17 at 7pm and Saturday December 19 at 9:30am.

SHHHH - IT'S A SURPRISE. We would like to present our hard working maintenance crew (Scott, Hao, & Phuc) with a Christmas bonus to show them how much we all appreciate everything that they do for everyone. If you would like to contribute, please send in \$1.00 per family. Put in an envelope and mark on the outside "M. Crew". Thank you!

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! The Faculty and Staff were treated to a fabulous Christmas party at the Gary home, hosted by PATS. The beautiful decor, delicious food and warm hospitality made for a wonderful celebration. The PATS group works behind the scenes throughout the year to provide much-appreciated treats and special events for the school staff. Thank you to Mark and Diane Gary for opening up their beautiful home, and to Carol Ann and Kevin Joyce, Davi Sobotta, Lisa Roach, Mary Jo Werlech, Laura Miller and Patricia McBrien for their hard work and hospitality. Also, a heartfelt thank you to all who generously supplied homemade treats. The dessert table was absolutely beautiful, thanks to you!

OUR NEW PARISH CENTER The Parish Center is nearly ready! An Open House and Tour of the new facility is planned for January 10...watch the bulletin for more info! In the meantime, you can help to furnish our beautiful new space by accessing our online Registry. Just visit our website at www.holyrosaryseattle.org and click on "Furnish the New Center." Enjoy the slide show of the Center's progress and purchase a Christmas gift for the Parish! More items will be added as needed. If you have any questions, please contact Sarah Dahleen at sdahleen@holynosaryws.org

or Sherry Smith at sherry@holyroaryseattle.org. The link for the registry is: <http://www.myregistry.com/public/Holy-Rosary-Parish>.

A LITTLE MUSICAL APPRECIATION! Hats off to the following parents who will be making musical spirits glow brightly this year at the annual *K - 8 Christmas Program*: **Donn Bennett** (father of Michael in 1B), **Bear (Tom) Hubbard** (father of Skylar in 7A), and **Brian McGaughey** (father to William in 3B and Patrick in 2A). Our students will be accompanied in high style as the audience enjoys the fantastic musical delights of this Jingle Bell Band! Ms. Mudge is *sincerely* grateful for all the hard work including the cool solos and rockin' drum rolls --- done all for the kids so that they can shine! Thanks, guys... You are simply the best!!

WHAT WAS THAT? DID SOMEONE SAY CHRISTMAS PROGRAM??? That's right... right here at HRS on **Tuesday, December 15**. The fun begins promptly at **7:00 PM** - with the HRS School Band starting things off followed by Grades K - 8. Students are to arrive at **6:30 PM** (*no earlier, please*) and report to their classrooms unless otherwise instructed by Ms. Mudge or Ms. McKamey. The Church doors will not open until 6:00pm. The first several pews are reserved for Kindergarten families and the Hinthorn and Hasselbalch families, who purchased priority seating at last year's auction. (*Please note: This is a graded performance for all students both for Music and Band.*) Dress for the program is "Sunday Best" following the **Free Dress** guidelines in the Student Handbook. Kindergarteners will be wearing the traditional "Friendly Beasts" costumes and 8th Graders are invited to really dress it up, --- girls: dresses, and boys: suit jackets and ties. Please no "Santa" or other hats. *Questions?* Please contact Ms. Mudge at imudge@holyroaryws.org ~~~Thank you and see you all on the **15th**.

CATCH THE HOLY ROSARY SCHOOL BAND at the Christmas Program on Tuesday, Dec. 15th at 7pm. Band members in grades 6-8 are asked to arrive at 6:40pm. This is a graded performance/ attendance is required. Thank you! We look forward to sharing the sounds of this special season with you. Ms. McKamey

STUDY HALL SCHEDULE CHANGES Beginning the first week in January, Study Hall will meet in the Library on **Tuesdays and Thursdays** from **3:00-3:45 pm**.

RAINY DAY RECESS It has been brought to our attention that our classrooms are running very low on "rainy day recess" games for the students (especially for the upper grades). Considering the reputation Seattle holds with regard to rain, our kids are often indoors for recess. Please consider helping out by donating new or gently used games to the school. There have been special requests for Connect Four, Battleship and UNO. However, anything would be greatly appreciated. Games can be donated directly to the classrooms. Thanks for your help. Parents' Club Officers

ROOM PARENT FUNDS The 2009-2010 registration fee included a \$20 fee per child to cover class parties, auction projects and teacher gifts. Room parents are not collecting additional fees. A family may volunteer to give additional funds or gifts but there will not be any additional asks of you for these events. Thank you.

CHRISTMAS TREE GREEN TIP Considering an artificial Christmas tree so that you aren't responsible for cutting down a natural resource? Think again! Real trees are actually the "greener" choice! And they smell better too. Artificial trees are made from PVC plastic (neither renewable nor biodegradable), and contain other yucky compounds that are bad for humans. Making and incinerating such things releases even worse carcinogenic stuff. Real trees are

renewable, produce oxygen, biodegrade, hold carbon dioxide, provide a home for wildlife, and smell better! So, if you have an artificial tree, use it as long as you can and enjoy! If you're choosing a tree this year, choose a real one, and consider going without the plastic net bag to take it home. And, while it is lovely to visit the country and cut your own tree, if that's not an excursion that's high on your list, save the fuel and buy local.

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@holynosaryseattle.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 recurring 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.

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 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 rarnfamily@comcast.net or Patrick Barredo at pbarredo@holyroaryseattle.org.

HOLY ROSARY TIGER CUBS RAISE MONEY FOR LAKEWOOD POLICE OFFICERS FAMILIES The Tiger Cubs of scout pack 793 (based out of Holy Rosary) will be holding a fundraiser this Saturday December 12th from 9am to 5pm adjacent to the Holy Rosary Christmas Tree Lot. They will be raising money for the families of the fallen Lakewood Police Officers who gave the ultimate sacrifice. The Tiger Scouts will have hot cocoa for you and would appreciate any and all monetary donations. All money will be donated to the Lakewood Police Officers Fund established at Bank of America. There will also be a hand made banner and all are welcome to sign it. The banner will be taken down to the Lakewood Police Department. Should you have any questions, please contact Stan Debiec at stand@partnerscrackers.com or on his cell phone at 206-724-1009.

BISHOP BLANCHET HIGH SCHOOL is pleased to announce the production of A CHRISTMAS CAROL, The Musical, on December 19 and 20th at 2pm and 7pm at the Moore Theatre. For ticket information please call (206) 527-7746.

HOLY NAMES ACADEMY is pleased to invite all 6th, 7th and 8th grade girls to their Winter Open House, "Cougar Night" on Tuesday, January 5, 2010 from 6:30-8:30pm. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet teachers, students and parents.

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.

PARENTS NIGHT OUT @ LEE'S MARTIAL ARTS. Cost is \$25/child, \$40 for 2 siblings) 6-10 PM Take advantage of this time to go shopping or to go on a date! We have pizza, games, popcorn, TKD, and movies for the kids! . All donations are welcome!! The proceeds go towards our Tuition Assistance program, which is very important. Especially this year!! This is open to the public so please let others know. RSVP to Lisa Skvarla. (938-3375) Space is limited. Thank you in advance for your support!

LEE'S MARTIAL ARTS GIFT CERTIFICATES ARE AVAILABLE. Give the gift of health, well being and confidence. These are just a few of the benefits that Lee's Martial Arts has to

offer. Other benefits include stress reduction, weight loss, mental focus, flexibility, and a positive attitude. Besides Tae Kwon Do classes for adults and kids, we offer Women's Self Defense classes, Family classes (where kids and adults work out together) and Aerobic Kickboxing, the single most high calorie burning activity around!! Use your gift certificate for any of these classes. We are taking orders now! (938-3375) Thank you for supporting local business!

ATTACHED TO THIS FCE: (white unless specified otherwise)

- Auction Information

UPCOMING EVENTS AND IMPORTANT DATES:

- + 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
- + 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
- + 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

**We are excited to announce the theme for the
2010 HEART auction!**



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SNEAK PEEK

This year's auction is sure to be a Mardi Gras extravaganza with authentic New Orleans style cuisine to spice up your life, Hurricane's to light your way, music

to get the party going and, of course, those amazing auction items! All of this supports your Holy Rosary School.

WATCH FOR THE CUP

Did you know that in Mardi Gras parades not only are beads traditionally thrown from floats, but you might also find a Mardi Gras “go-cup” thrown your way? Watch for your Holy Rosary “go-cup” coming home today!

SAVE THE DATE

**Plans are already underway for a fabulous auction to be held on
April 24, 2010.** Mark your calendar for this Masquerade Soiree!

DONATE NOW

Be sure to check out the link to the Heart Auction on the school website.
Donations of cash or merchandise can be entered online beginning today!
www.holyrosaryws.org.