



# SCHOOL NEWS

Holy Rosary School Family Communication Newsletter

December 17, 2009

Loving Father, Help us remember the birth of Jesus,  
that we may share in the song of the angels,  
the gladness of the shepherds,  
and worship of the wise men.

Robert Louis Stevenson

Dear Holy Rosary Families:

May all of you, during this holy season of our Lord's birth, experience the joy and happiness that surpasses all understanding. May countless blessings come to you, in the form of good health and abundant happiness, in the coming year. And finally, thank you for all you do to make this a true community of faith, learning, prayer, and stewardship. May the peace of Christ be with you always.

Dr. Peters

Congratulations to Ms. Mudge on a magnificent Christmas Program. The best ever! Congratulations to Ms. McKamey on the excellent performance by our school band. Thank you to **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) for the wonderful accompaniment. And, finally a standing ovation for all of our students! We are so proud of you. We hope you all enjoyed the evening and left with the Christmas spirit in you hearts.

**GREEN TIP.** Time to wrap! Remember there are so many ways to give gifts that do not require the use of lots of the earth's resources. Sometimes just a bow is enough. Reusable bags, boxes, bowls and wraps give an extra gift. Fabric is beautiful and gives a traditional flair. Paper bags can be decorated, kid art recycled, even the funny papers given a second use! Pick up plates and dishes at rummage sales to give with your homemade treats. Be creative! When it's all done, give the earth a gift and sort! All food and food soiled paper can go in yard waste, as can the tree and the greens from your wreathes and garlands (be sure to separate out the wires!). Loads to recycle! But before you throw everything in one bin or another, see if there are boxes, bags, bows etc. that can be saved for next year!

**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**.

**JANUARY HOT LUNCH MENU AND ORDER FORM.** The January hot lunch menu and order form was sent out in the Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> FCE. If you have not completed your hot lunch order form please do so as soon as possible. There are forms available in the school office or you can download the order form and the menu from the school website. Thank you.

**B.A.S.E. UPDATES:** In order to adjust to rises in operating costs and increased numbers of students attending the program, B.A.S.E. will enact some rate increases and minor policy changes, beginning in January. (Please refer to the BASE attachment for the new rates.) In particular, two areas of concern that are being addressed are the consistent collection of fees in order to maintain the viability of the program and the ability of the B.A.S.E. leadership to project student numbers so that adequate staffing can be provided. In particular, children who are not picked up in a timely fashion after school (and are consequently sent to B.A.S.E. as outlined in the Holy Rosary handbook) occasionally place an undue burden on the staff, as it is difficult for them to maintain the ratio of staff to students that is required by law. While it is understandable that unexpected circumstances will occasionally make this necessary, we are asking parents to help ensure that it is the exception rather than the rule. In general, the more families that are able to commit to an attendance plan or contract for B.A.S.E., the more effectively the program will be able to plan its activities and supervision. We understand that this is an important service for many families at Holy Rosary; please help us to make it the very best it can be!

**CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK GRANDPARENT LUNCHEON.** We are in the process of preparing the invitations to our Grandparents for the Grandparent lunch that will take place on February 3<sup>rd</sup> during Catholic Schools Week. All kindergarten students and new students have a form in their FCE asking for their Grandparent information. If you have any additions, corrections or changes to your grandparent information or if you have not provided us with your Grandparent address.

**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

**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](mailto:jmacdonald@holynosaryseattle.org).

**HONOR BAND AUDITIONS.** Honor band auditions are open to all current school band members in grades 6-8. Auditions for Clarinets/Saxophones/Oboe and Drums will take place on Monday, Jan. 11<sup>th</sup> from 6 to 7:30pm, and on January 12<sup>th</sup> from 5 to 7:15pm for Flutes/Bells/All Brasses. All auditions are on a first come basis at Kennedy High School Band room located at the front entrance of the school (140<sup>th</sup> so in Burien).

**VOLLEYBALL SIGNUPS:** Basketball is well underway and volleyball is just around the corner. Volleyball is available for students in grades 5 - 8. Enclosed in this FCE are registration forms that are due back in the school by **January 13, 2009**. Forms are also available online. If you are interesting in coaching, please let me know ASAP. Once registration forms are in we'll know how many teams there will per grade. Coaches meetings are on February 9 or 17th. *You must attend one of those meetings.* Just a reminder, all coaches must complete the SAFE environment training (if you took the class last year you must complete the online update). Practices begin February 8th and games start on February 20th. Any questions, please contact Mary Campagnaro at [jmiacampagnaro@msn.com](mailto:jmiacampagnaro@msn.com) or 937-0621.

**CARTER HALPIN AND JOHN ROACH 7<sup>th</sup> GRADE SERVICE PROJECT – THANK YOU!** John Roach and Carter Halpin would like to thank everyone for the incredible response to their request for donations for their 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Service Project. With the help of your generous donations, the boys are continuing to prepare for their service project. Carter and John are looking forward to a wonderful and special evening with the senior residents that is planned for December 23. The boys will be excited to share their experience with you when school resumes after the Christmas break! Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

**LOST.** A significant amount of money was lost in Lanigan Gym on Monday evening during CYO practice. If anyone found it please turn it in to the school office. It was last seen sitting on the table on a yellow jacket under the trophy case. Thank you.

**LEE'S MARTIAL ARTS NEWS!** Congratulations to Holy Rosary student **Alex Kane** who tested and received his Black Belt in Tae Kwon Do this past weekend!!!! His dedication, hard work and follow through paid off in a big way. Also congratulations to Instructor **Lisa Skvarla** who tested and was promoted to 3rd Dan Black Belt! Both Alex and Lisa were honored at the belt ceremony held at Carco Theatre this past weekend in Renton WA. with over 150 people in attendance. It was a special evening for all involved. Lee's Martial Arts is very proud of their students and teachers!!! Way to go!!!

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

**HOLY NAMES ACADEMY** is pleased to invite all 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> 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.














**HUSKY DELI ANNOUNCEMENT.** Holiday bone-in hams from Boars Head available for a special price for Holy Rosary Families. Whole (aprox 15#) or 1/2(6-9#) \$ 3.99 a pound. See Jack and mention Holy Rosary and get 10% off. Husky Deli has been a West Seattle tradition for more than 50 yrs!

**ATTACHED TO THIS FCE: (white unless specified otherwise)**

**Christmas Card from the Staff**

- January Calendar (on-line only)
- Grandparent Questionnaire (Kindergarten and New Students Only)
- Study Hall Enrollment Form \*\*\*\*NOTE CHANGE OF DAYS\*\*\* (blue or white) (GR. 4-8)
- January Hot Lunch Menu and Order Form (on-line only)
- B.A.S.E. RATES (on-line only)
- CYO Volleyball Registration Form (Gr. 5-8 only)
- The Kenney Christmas Wish List
- Spring Break Offer
- Malinda's Massage Card (green)

**UPCOMING EVENTS AND IMPORTANT DATES:**

-  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
-  School Commission Meeting, Thursday, January 7, 6pm – Staff Room
-  Parents' Club Meeting, Tuesday, January 12, 6:30pm – School Hall
-  Grants Committee Meeting, Wednesday, January 13, 6pm – Staff Room
-  Prayer Service by 2B, Friday, January 15, 8:35am – School Hall
-  Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, NO SCHOOL, MONDAY, January 18
-  School Mass for Christian Unity, PERFECT UNIFORMS, Wednesday, January 20, 8:45am – HR Church
-  Mid-Trimester Report Cards, Thursday, January 21
-  8<sup>th</sup> Grade Pizza Lunch, Thursday, January 21
-  Prayer Service by 3B, Friday, January 22, 8:35am – School Hall