



SCHOOL NEWS

Holy Rosary School Family Communication Newsletter

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“May The Lord bless you and keep you.

May the Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you.

May the Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace.”

–Numbers 6:24

Happy New Year to all the members of our Holy Rosary family! We begin 2010 with a sense of renewal and excitement over the many good things happening at Holy Rosary School and Parish. We welcome the wonderful opportunity afforded to us by the community to move some of our classroom, meeting, office, and worship spaces into the new parish hall building next door. This will clearly address needs that have become increasingly prominent with the ongoing growth of the school, and in a beautiful, newly renovated environment!

In addition, our faculty and staff will be dedicated over the next few months to the valuable self-reflection and program assessment that come with the school accreditation process. While we will be devoting time to every area of our academic programs and Catholic teachings, our focus will be on examining our practices and measuring the success of our mathematics and faith development efforts. As always, we welcome the input of our parents and other parish members as additional sources of data—both during the accreditation and in the ongoing discernment of our effectiveness as a learning community.

Finally, our resolutions as an administrative team are to continue improving and facilitating communication among our various stakeholders (particularly through the use of our technological infrastructure), to address our ongoing program needs and processes in a comprehensive, systemic manner, to create the best environment possible for our learners—both children and adults—and to do so within a model of transparency and accountability. Most importantly, we humbly and prayerfully accept these responsibilities as a given aspect of our Christian mission as a Catholic parish school with a long, distinguished history of educating young people for a life of faith, service, and leadership.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK is celebrated the week of January 31st throughout the United States. Our week here kicks off with the weekend Masses on January 30 & 31st and an Open House Sunday, January 31, from 10:00-1:00. If your child(ren) is/are interested in participating at one of the Masses, please complete the respective form and return to school as soon as possible. There is also a form included in the FCE for you to sign up to help with our annual Grandparents' Luncheon on Wednesday, February 3rd. Thank you in advance for volunteering. The highlights of Catholic Schools Week are printed below. More details will be coming in the next couple of weeks.

Catholic Schools Week: Jan. 31-Feb. 5

Sunday, January 31 - Celebrate Renewal in our Faith Community

- Students wear uniforms to Mass.
- Children's Choir sings at 9:30am Mass
- Holy Rosary School Open House and Reception 10:00-1:00
- Book Fair in the school library open all week

Monday, February 1 - Celebrate our Catholic School

- Perfect Uniform day
- Special activities planned within classrooms

Tuesday, February 2 - Celebrate Lifelong Learning

- Perfect uniform day
- 8th Grade Pizza Lunch
- Grade 1-4 Spelling Bee 8:30-9:15
- Grades 5-8 spelling bee 9:30-10:15
- Grade 7-8 Science Fair, Gr.5-6 Invention Convention, 4th gr. projects on display
- Students and Staff Read-In (2:20-2:50)

Wednesday, February 3 - Celebrate Families

- Perfect uniform day
- No Homework to Celebrate Families
- Grandparents Luncheon
- All Day Book Fair in Library

Thursday, February 4 - Celebrate Service

- Jeans Day
- 4th grade classes deliver thank you certificates to West Seattle businesses
- 5th grade classes deliver primroses to Holy Rosary neighbors
- 2:00-2:45 - Faith Family meeting to celebrate Service, followed by annual primroses planting

Friday, February 5 - Celebrate our School Community

- Students dress in Seasonal Theme: K-2 – Summer, 3-4 – Spring, 5-6 – Fall, 7-8 - Winter
- Spirit Assembly and class cheers 9:30–11:00
- 8th grade vs. Holy Rosary Staff volleyball game – 1:45

DEAR SANTA Thank you for all of the wonderful 'Rainy Day Recess' games you left in each of our classrooms this year. How did you know that it would be pouring rain the whole first day that we returned after Christmas vacation? There are so many fun games for us to play!! It was very special to come back to school to some wrapped gifts for our classrooms. Thanks, Santa! Happy New Year from your Holy Rosary friends!

PARENTS' CLUB. Please mark your calendars and join us on Tuesday, January 12 for our monthly Parents Club meeting in the Holy Rosary Hall at 6:30pm. We will have childcare on site. We look forward to seeing you.

PARENT COMMITMENT HOUR PROGRAM: Enclosed in this FCE are Parent Commitment Hour Quarterly Statements. Hours completed from 3/1/09-12/31/10 are included in this statement. Any hours recently turned in will be included on your next statement. 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. Please remember only adult (over 18) family members may contribute to a family's hours. Please take a moment to look at the Family Handbook for more information on the Parent Commitment Hour Program.

WATER BOTTLE GREEN TIP Looking for a good New Year's resolution that will help you, your wallet and the earth? Resolve to stop buying plastic water bottles! Plastic bottles contain toxic chemicals like BPA that leach into the water; no one wants to drink that! On average, bottled water is 1900 times more expensive than tap water. The average US citizen spends \$400 per year on water, much of which is ordinary tap water! Seattle has one of the safest tap water systems in the country. If you need another safety level, buying a filter for use at home will still save you money. In 2004, consumers used 28 billion plastic water bottles, 86% of which ended up in a landfill. Those water bottles were manufactured by producing 2,500,000 tons of carbon dioxide and 17 million barrels of oil, enough oil to fuel about 100,000 cars for a year. You get the picture. Give it a try! No plastic water bottles in 2010!

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 3rd during Catholic Schools Week. All kindergarten students and new students had 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.

CALLING ALL TALENT! Does your child play the piano? Sing? Dance? The 7th Grade, under the direction of Ms. Mudge, cordially invites your child to STAR! in the upcoming DVD production for the Catholic Schools Week Open House and the GRANDPARENTS DAY luncheon! It's very easy for them to be involved and here's how: pick up a "talent" form in the school office, fill it out and return it back to the office during the week of **Monday January 11**. Your child will be summoned to record their "talent" and then the recordings will be compiled into a fabulous dvd! Any questions? Please contact Ms. Mudge jmudge@holyrosaryws.org

SAFE ENVIRONMENT TRAINING AT HOLY ROSARY SCHOOL. There will be a Safe Environment Training Class in the School Hall on Wednesday, January 27 from 6pm to 9pm. This

is a mandatory requirement for all Parish and School volunteers. If you have not yet taken the class you can sign up by going to the Seattle Archdiocesan website www.seattlearch.org and click on Safe Environment Training. If you have any questions you can call Sandy Rottler at (206) 856-0090. Thank you.

AUCTION NEWS. Throw Me Something Mister! With the Epiphany here and gone, the carnival season has officially begun and the Holy Rosary Mardi Gras Masquerade Soirée is fast approaching! It is time to start **throwing those donations!** Donations are due on-line by **Friday, February 19th**. Enter to win a \$25 Starbucks coffee card by entering your donation on-line no later than **Friday, January 15th**! Visit the Heart Auction website ([link to auction donation site](#)) to enter your donation today, or look for the **Donations 1-2-3.... 4-5-6** flier ([link to flier](#)) in today's FCE envelope to help you ease through the on-line donation process! Need help? Your Auction Chairs and Procurement Team are happy to answer any questions you might have about auction items or fun donation ideas. Contacts: Tiffany Fuentes 206.650.5152 tcfuentes@comcast.net and Angel Sorensen 206.999.4287 angel_sorensen@hotmail.com. **"Laissez Les Bon Temps Roulez"..... Let the Good Times Roll!**

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!

PARENTS IN TOUCH HIGHLIGHTS 3RD GRADERS! Parents in Touch, Holy Rosary's weekly prayer group, will be focusing their prayer intentions on the 3rd graders during the month of January. Parents of 3rd 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. (Hint, hint - we'd love to have some new faces!) Please contact Ginny Kane or Jillian Kane for questions.

A SEVENTH GRADE SERVICE PROJECT Michael D., Danny S., Kevin S. and Cameron W. are collecting gently used and new Bibles to be distributed at the Holy Rosary weekend women's shelter. Receptacles can be found in the main hallway. Thanks for your support!

CARTER H. AND JOHN R. 7th GRADE SERVICE PROJECT UPDATE Once again, we would like to thank all of those who donated an item or money for our Seventh Grade Service Project. Because of everyone's generosity, we were able to provide some extra cheer to many senior residents during this Christmas season. We spent a very special evening with many seniors while we assisted at a special Christmas Bingo event. We would like you to know that the Christmas gifts we brought the residents from your donations put a smile on many faces. Thanks again for helping to make our service project so successful. Happy New Year! John Roach and Carter Halpin

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.

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. 11th from 6 to 7:30pm, and on January 12th from 5 to 7:15pm for Flutes/Bells/Trumpets and Trombones. All auditions are on a first come basis at Kennedy High School Band room located at the front entrance of the school (140th 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 interested in coaching, please let me know ASAP. Once registration forms are in we'll know how many teams there will be 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 or 937-0621.

BOYS LACROSSE CLINIC-HOSTED BY SEATTLE PREP All boys, new and experienced players age 7 to 14, are invited to get a head start on their LAX season with this clinic on Saturday, Feb. 20 from 8 to 11 am at the Queen Anne Bowl. Cost is \$35 and includes instruction from Seattle Prep coaches and varsity players, a t-shirt and snack. This clinic filled up last year, so register by Feb. 1 to guarantee your spot. Email karenbryan@earthlink.net to receive a registration form.

ATTACHED TO THIS FCE: (white unless specified otherwise)

- Catholic Schools Week Student Participation Sign Up Form for Weekend Masses (yellow)
- Catholic Schools Week Grandparents' Luncheon Volunteer Form (cherry)
- February Hot Lunch Menu and Order Form
- 8th Grade Pizza Lunch Sign Up Form (golden)
- Auction News Donating is As Easy as 1-2-3 (goldenrod)
- 2010 Heart Auction FAQ's (green)
- Auction Did You Know? (purple)

UPCOMING EVENTS AND IMPORTANT DATES:

-  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
-  8th Grade Pizza Lunch, Thursday, January 21
-  Prayer Service by 3B, Friday, January 22, 8:35am – School Hall