



SCHOOL NEWS

Holy Rosary School Family Communication Newsletter

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Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be satisfied.

Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Matthew 5:3-10

While studying the Beatitudes recently in one of our religion classes, we discussed how these blessings were likely designed to shock the listeners at the time because they were an inversion of common thinking. Unfortunately, the 20th Century—one of the most destructive in terms of the deprivations humans wrought upon themselves—demonstrated that many of the misplaced thoughts and behaviors that our Lord was trying to turn upside down are, sadly, still in place.

In the destruction unleashed by last week's earthquake in Haiti, we are painfully confronted by an all-too-real and widespread example of the type of suffering referred to by Jesus in His Sermon on the Mount. In its devastating aftermath of hunger, illness, injury, and profound sorrow and loss, we are inescapably presented with an opportunity to give comfort, show mercy, and provide for others in their greatest hour of need.

A significant component of our school accreditation process is the examination of our Catholic identity and willingness to live out our faith. While we will rightly assess our religion standards and curricula, our knowledge and practice of the sacraments, and the physical reflection of our classrooms as places of worship and devotion, perhaps our most meaningful test as a community of Christ will be how willing we are to serve our less fortunate brothers and sisters as Jesus' hands and feet upon the earth.

SACRIFICIAL GIVING CARD ON FILE. According to our records, we have not received a Sacrificial Giving Commitment Card from all of our school families for 2010. We realize that there is often confusion on the part of school families since the cards are renewed on a calendar year rather than a school year. Although you may be contributing to the parish on a regular basis, either with envelopes or through automatic payments, the updated commitment card is one of the requirements for in-parish rates.

GRANDPARENT LUNCHEON VOLUNTEERS NEEDED. We are still in need of volunteers to help with the **Grandparent** luncheon that takes place Wednesday, Feb. 3rd during Catholic Schools Week. If you are able to help please contact Davi Sobotta at dsobotta@thekenney.org.

YEARBOOK ORDERS. It's time to order your 2009- 2010 Superhero Yearbook. Please look for the order form in this week's FCE envelope. Prices are \$16 for K - 7th graders, and \$20 for 8th graders. Orders with payment are due next Friday, Jan. 29 to the office.

CALLING ALL SUPERHEROES. To help remind students to order their Superhero Yearbook on Friday, the Yearbook staff is hosting a Superhero Spirit Day next Friday, Jan. 29. Come dressed as your favorite superhero. We are looking for superheroes of all kinds: real or fictitious, alive or passed away, relatives or famous people. Students could come dressed as a traditional superhero like Spiderman or as an inspirational hero like Martin Luther King, Jr. Be creative! Who is your favorite superhero? Be on the lookout for Yearbook staff members and get your picture taken next Friday!

6TH GRADE SUB SANDWICH. It is time to purchase a sub sandwich from the sixth graders for Super Bowl Sunday. Funds from this sale help support the sixth grade three-day sailing adventure on Puget Sound in the Spring. The order form can be downloaded. Husky Deli helps the students prepare these delicious sandwiches. Thank you.

DISCOVERING CHESS. The school's chess class will start meeting twice a week starting in February. We'll meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays starting February 2nd. For more information contact Mr. Ritscher, 7A.

CONGRATULATIONS HONOR BAND STUDENTS The following students were selected to represent our school in the 2010 Honor Band: Grace P. and Chloe M., flute; John R., clarinet; Katie R., alto sax; Rocco B., trumpet; Stephen F., trumpet; Kirsten D., trombone; Daniel S., percussion; and Anthony S., percussion. Good Job to one and all!

AFTER SCHOOL STUDY HALL FOR GRADES 4-8 TUESDAY and THURSDAY 3:00-3:45pm. Study Hall sign up is now online. This is a free service and requires a minimal amount of time for sign-up.

1. Please enter <http://hrstudyhall2.eventbrite.com> in your browser. The password is "gators" (all lowercase).
2. You will create a username and password the first time you register on EventBrite for Study Hall.
3. Select the quantity of "tickets" you need per date. (one per attending child).
4. Select the date your child/ren will attend. Tickets are available seven days before the event and end three hours before the event. Tickets are limited to 30 due to space in the library. Each date requires a separate transaction and ticket. If the maximum amount of students

has been reached, or if tickets are requested more than seven days before the event, a message will read "The quantity of tickets you have requested is not available."

5. You will receive a confirmation email with a ticket/s. You WILL NOT have to print the ticket. A master list is created and attendance will be taken at study hall. We are not able to accommodate students who are not scheduled in advance for study hall.

Thank you for your cooperation and for making Study Hall a valuable time for both students and teachers. Please email Jon Barker at jbarker@holynosaryws.org with questions and/or technical problems.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR. The Scholastic Book Fair Diner opens next Friday with a menu of new books, fun and excitement for all. A "blue plate special" has been created for discerning taste of the readers of this FCE. Use your sense of humor, words and puns to create a jingle, a tag line, slogan or a poem that builds on the "Diner" theme to help advertise our book fair. There will be prizes! Email your entries to Mrs. Harris or drop them off in the library before January 29. Have fun and be sure to put the Book Fair Diner on your list of Drive Ins, Diners and Dives to visit during Catholic School Week.

AUCTION NEWS. Top 10 Donation Ideas for the Mardi Gras Masquerade Soiree. Need some donation ideas? Here is a Top Ten list of ideas to get you started, but if you need more ideas click on the link to our Top 100 Mardi Gras donation Ideas Flier (link).

1. Air Travel Certificates
2. Weekend Getaways in the NW
3. Themed Dinner Parties
4. Choice tickets to Mariner Games
5. Choice tickets to Souther Games
6. Limousine Ride
7. Children's Birthday Party packages (venue and party supplies)
8. Golfing Items – bag, club(s), hat, gloves, balls
9. Restaurant Gift Certificates
10. Movie Gift Certificates

With your donation we can fill the auction cache full for the Mardi Gras Masquerade Soiree! Online Donation Deadline is Friday, February 19! Don't miss the parade!

STILL NEED AUCTION HELP? Don't worry; 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.

HAVE YOU ORDERED COFFEE TODAY? Please remember to order your coffee. (link please). \$3.00 goes back to the school for each pound ordered. A recurring order is the best way to setup your account; coffee will be delivered to you every other week, or as often as you need it. You can also shop at Pioneer Coffee on Alki Beach, and buy your coffee there. Please make sure they give you the discounted price, and put your order on the HRS list so we receive the credit.

Stopping at the shop would allow you to taste the different flavors, or ask any questions. This is a great local business supporting our school! Contact Michele Wallace with any questions.

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.

B.A.S.E. Calendars will now be posted on the school website. Many thanks to Sherri Chun for all her work on this calendar! In our continuing efforts to maintain the viability of the program, B.A.S.E. is making the following policy changes: a) B.A.S.E. is now requiring all calendars to be turned in by the 25th of the previous month (i.e. February calendars would need to be turned in by January 25th), and b) B.A.S.E. is requiring all families to sign up for Electronic Funds Transfer or Credit Card Payments. Payment Authorization Forms are available on the school website or in the school office. Thank you for helping us to ensure the viability of B.A.S.E.

SCHOOL HEALTH NEWS. Here are some updates that you and your families may find helpful as we get through the second half of this winter season.

Flu update Influenza virus continues to circulate in Washington State in low levels according to the figures released last week by Washington State Department of Public Health. All influenza A viruses reported to the CDC from our region during the past six weeks of 2009 were H1N1 viruses. The flu season can begin as early as October and last clear into May. The CDC recommends that anyone who has not received the Flu and the H1N1 vaccines consider doing so now. There is now plenty of vaccine available to everyone now. You can check with your physician or the CDC site: Flu.gov for vaccine disruption sites in your area.

Please note the following steps we can all practice the well help protect our health:

1. Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. Throw the tissue in the trash after you use it.
2. Wash you hands often with soap and water, especially after you cough or sneeze. Alcohol based hand cleaners are also effective.
3. Avoid touching the "T Zone" (eyes, nose or mouth). These are the main entry sites for most respiratory and gastrointestinal viruses.
4. Try to avoid close contact with sick people.
5. Stay home if you are sick until at least 24 hours after you no longer have a fever (100F) or signs of a fever (without the use of fever reducing medications).

Bicycle helmet safety Now that we are getting to the point where we may have some dry days here and there (let's hope so anyway) we might start pulling our bicycles out of storage for some rides. Children's Hospital has asked me to remind you that you should check the fit of your child's helmet before the bicycle riding season gets in full swing.

Children's Hospital has put together an illustrated information sheet regarding how to check the fit of your child's helmet. Here is the link: www.seattlechildrens.org/pdf/CE222.pdf

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.

FREE THROW COMPETITION. Show off your basketball skills. The Our Lady of Guadalupe Council 12175 and the Holy Rosary Round Table Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a Free Throw Competition for all boys and girls age 10 to 14. It will be held Saturday, February 6th at 6:00 PM for all boys and girls 10 to 14 years of age. The competition will be held at the Holy Rosary School Gym, (behind the school-- parking lot entrance off of 41st Ave SW) 4142--42nd Ave. SW, Seattle. Each boy and girl age group champion will be eligible to advance to the District Competition to be held the end of February. You must provide proof of age (birth certificate, etc.).

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.

NORTHWEST BOYCHOIR will be holding auditions for new members on Saturday, February 6th by appointment for spring enrollment. Boys ages 6 to 9, grades 1 through 4, are eligible to audition. No previous music training is necessary. Auditions are casual and fun. There are flyers available in the school office with more information or you can go to www.nwchoirs.org.





15th ANNUAL SUMMER OPPORTUNITY SHOWCASE. The Summer Opportunity Showcase is a one-stop resource for parents and students to learn about summer programs. Hosted as a community service by the Bush School, the "camp fair" is free and open to the public. It will take place on Thursday, February 4, 2010 from 5:00 to 8:00 pm in the school's new gymnasium at 3400 E. Harrison St. in Seattle. Featured camps and programs are for students' ages 7 to 19; several exhibitors also offer family and adult experiences. Representatives will be on hand to answer your questions and provide information and registration materials. More than 75 day and overnight programs will be showcased on such topics as language immersion, SAT tutoring, robotics, drama, dance, sailing, rock climbing, web design, music and adventure travel and much

more. Many exhibitors also have volunteer or summer jobs available for qualified teens and adults. For more information, visit www.bush.edu/sos or email us at showcase@bush.edu or call 206-515-2353 x 7888.

ATTACHED TO THIS FCE:

- Yearbook Order Form (yellow)
- 8th Grade Pizza Lunch Order Form for Catholic Schools Week
- 100 Mardi Gras Masquerade Soiree Donation Ideas (goldenrod)
- West Seattle Bowl Junior League Information (orange)
- Hiawatha Soccer Flyer (gray)

UPCOMING EVENTS AND IMPORTANT DATES:

-  Prayer Service by 3B, Friday, January 22, 8:35am – School Hall
-  Mid-Trimester Report Cards, Friday, January 29
-  Prayer Service by KA/KB, January 29, 8:35am – School Hall
-  Catholic Schools Week-----

Catholic Schools Week: Jan. 31-Feb. 5

Saturday, January 30 and 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