



SCHOOL NEWS

Holy Rosary School Family Communication Newsletter

January 28, 2010

As you know, we are currently in the Self-Study phase of the Accreditation process. A critical aspect of our study is input from all factions of our school community. In addition to the survey that parents were asked to fill out last spring, there will be some questions specific to the various committee work that we are doing as part of this process. Over the next several weeks, we will be sending out SHORT surveys pertaining to different aspects of our school program. We greatly appreciate your time in filling out and returning these surveys. YOUR INPUT IS EXTREMELY VALUABLE.

PARENTS' CLUB FEBRUARY 9 Dr. Tom Curran, the Director of Trinity Formation Resources, a non-profit organization dedicated to helping Catholics understand, explore and live out their faith more deeply, will be speaking at our Feb. 9 Parents' Club. Dr. Curran will be speaking on "The Mass: Four Encounters With Jesus That Will Change Your Life." Using stories and relatable examples, he will show us how the Mass is not only a ritual, but also an event where we meet the Living Lord in four, life changing ways. The talk, which is based on Dr. Curran's newly published book, will be highly insightful, entertaining, and appropriate for teenagers and adults. Come and find out why so many Catholics who have heard this presentation have seen their lives changed as they encounter Jesus in the Mass.

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!

ALL YOU CAN READ AT THE BOOK FAIR You are invited to our Scholastic Book Fair, an exciting, fun-filled event for students, families, grandparents and parishioners.

The Book Fair opens tomorrow and please stop by anytime between:

8:15 – 3:30 on January 29 and February 1 – 5

9:00 – 1:00 on Sunday, January 31

9:00 – 11:00 on Sunday, February 7

Be part of the fun in the Library. Share your joy of reading with your children; stock up on birthday gifts; or be prepared for Valentine's Day, view the Teachers' Wish Lists; or donate a Birthday Book. All the profits are used to purchase new books for our Library. While you are at the book fair, join the fun and participate in the daily contests.

STUDY HALL There is no Study Hall next week due to Catholic Schools Week. Look for February 9th and 11th sign ups next Thursday. Thank you.

TWO (\$2) ON TWO (FEBRUARY 2)! It's a catch up month for funding our All School Service projects. Students are encouraged to bring their dollars by **next Tuesday**, February 2 for Ground Hog's Day.

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.

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.

GREEN TIP ABOUT NON-TOXIC CLEANERS. We all want to combat germs, but we don't have to use toxics to get the job done. Check out Coolmom.org and scroll down to see links to green (and cheap!) cleaning tips, recipes and more. Lots of info also to be found on ewg.org, the Environmental Working Group site, which is dedicated to keeping children safe from today's toxins, pollutants and other nasty stuff. EWG has a schools link which includes a summary of a detailed study on the toxic and carcinogenic particles released with each spray of what we might think of as "safe" household cleansers.

A FEW FUN MARDI GRAS FACTS The traditional Mardi Gras colors of Gold, Green and Purple symbolize: Power, Faith, & Justice. This season marks the 173rd year of parading in New Orleans. There are 56 parades on the New Orleans schedule this year. If you submit your Mardi Gras Masquerade Soiree donation online by **Friday, January 29th** you will be entered in a drawing for **3 Free Dress Passes!!** Just click on the Mardi Gras Masquerade Soirée logo shown above! This donation just in ~ Be a Vintner for a Day Vino, Vino, Vino!! If you've ever dreamt of crushing grapes and bottling your own wine, this is your chance. On three separate visits join this local wine maker at the boutique Two Brothers Winery. Beginning in September or October you will crush the grapes from Red Mountain, followed two weeks later with pressing the grapes and barreling of the wine. After 18 months of fermentation you will then revisit the cellar to bottle your own personal vintage. If 18 months is too long to wait, you many choose to take 3 bottles of a current vintage to enjoy now and then return for 3 of your own bottles when they are ready. Each visit includes an Italian sampling plate and wine. Look for your Auction Catalog for more details. Thanks to Michael and Maria Taylor for this fine wine experience! Looking for Volunteer Fundraising hours? Become a member of the Mardi Gras "Krewe"! We're looking for someone who can place auction signs every Monday and Friday from now until the auction. They would coordinate a team to place signs to display curbside and in the round a bouts at the school, as well as accept curbside drop-off donations. The position is currently available and has a response deadline of Friday, February 5th. Please contact: Sarah McKay 206.234.6372, email at oceanskimmer@comcast.net.

REGISTRATION FOR 2010-2011. Registration for next year's school year will begin soon. Please remember that in order to receive registration papers, you must be current with all tuition, tithing, band and other parent commitment obligations. Also, if you are a member of the parish you must have a "2010 Parish Stewardship....time, talent, treasure" card completed and on file at the parish office. These cards are available in the school or parish office. Questions, please call Jennifer MacDonald at the rectory office at 937-1488, ex. 211, or Peggy Cunningham at the school office at 927-7255.

PARENTS IN TOUCH HIGHLIGHTS 4TH GRADERS. Parents in Touch, Holy Rosary's weekly rosary prayer group, will be focusing their prayer intentions on the 4th graders during the month of February. Parents of 4th 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 enter the church through the side door.) Please contact Ginny Kane or Jillian Kane for questions.

SEVENTH GRADE SERVICE PROJECT FOR HAITI. Hi this is Keely, Tori and Addie and for our seventh grade service project we are having a bake sale, Sunday, February 7th 2010 after the 9:30am Mass to benefit Haiti. We will be in the school hall. If you are not interested in buying goodies, donations and checks are greatly appreciated and welcome. Profits of the bake sale go to Catholic Relief Fund. Thanks for your support.

GARAGE SALE SEVENTH GRADE SERVICE PROJECT. Michael Sasonoff and Parker Diller are having a garage sale this **Saturday 1/30 at the Diller's Residence at 1930 47th Ave SW** to help raise money for the American Red Cross and the Catholic Relief Fund. The sale will include many furniture pieces like lamps, end tables, coffee tables, and much, much more. There will be a lot of items to buy and all the proceeds will go to both organizations to help the people of Haiti. So come by and help Michael and Parker raise money for the American Red Cross and The Catholic Relief Fund.

SOPHIA'S HEART FOUNDATION SEVENTH GRADE SERVICE PROJECT Hello parents and students! This is Maddy Winter, Teresa Ritscher and Regina Spadoni here to tell you about our 7th grade service project. We would like to ask you for your donations to Sophia's Heart Foundation starting the week of February 1st and ending on Friday February 12th. WHAT? This foundation was made to "help mend and heal the hearts of children and families who have been touched by poverty, sickness, disease, broken homes and broken dreams." WHO? Sophia's Heart Foundations was founded by Daniel Jay Gokey. He started it in honor of his wife Sophia after she passed. Sophia loved to help children and families in need. WHEN? We will start taking donations next week on Monday February 12th and end Friday February 12th. Every bit counts and we would please ask you to make a donation to help people around the world. You can make your checks payable to Sophia's Heart Foundation. Please turn your donations into your homeroom or into the office by February 12. We thank you for your generosity and so do children and families everywhere. For more information about Sophia's Heart go to www.sophiasheart.org. One Heart Touching Many. Thank you again!

THANK YOU FROM THE TREEHOUSE SEVENTH GRADE SERVICE PROJECT. Thank you for your generous donations to Treehouse, a local organization that helps foster children. Everything in the Treehouse store is donated used or new. Their donations have been down lately so your help was really appreciated. Thanks again to everyone who brought in donations. For more information about Treehouse, please visit <http://www.treehouse4kids.org> Levi and Henry

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@holyroaryws.org with questions and/or technical problems.

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.

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.).

ATTACHED TO THIS FCE:

- **Garage Sale Service Project Flyer**

UPCOMING EVENTS AND IMPORTANT DATES: .

- ✚ **Mid-Trimester Report Cards, Friday, January 29**
- ✚ **Prayer Service by KA/KB, January 29, 8:35am – School Hall**
- ✚ **Catholic Schools Week-----**
- ✚ **Prayer Service by 5B, Friday, February 5, 8:35am – School Hall**
- ✚ **Sailing Trip Parent Meeting, Monday, February 8, 6pm – School Library**
- ✚ **Parents' Club Meeting, Tuesday, February 9, 6:30pm – School Hall**
- ✚ **Grants Committee Meeting, Wednesday, February 3, 6pm – Staff Room**
- ✚ **NO SCHOOL, Magazine Reward Day, Friday, February 12**
- ✚ **NO SCHOOL, Winter Break, Monday and Tuesday, February 15 and 16**

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

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