



SCHOOL NEWS

Holy Rosary School Family Communication Newsletter

February 4, 2010

We will wrap up our Catholic Schools Week celebration tomorrow by celebrating our school community with a Spirit Assembly in the morning and our annual Faculty vs. 8th grade volleyball game at 1:45pm. Students are invited to dress in the following seasonal themes: K through 2 will dress in summer clothes, Grades 3 and 4 will dress like springtime, grades 5 and 6 will dress in fall clothes and grades 7 and 8 will dress like winter.

THANK YOU to all of the volunteers who helped with the fabulous Grandparent Luncheon. A special thanks to **Davi Sobotta, Devanni Spadoni, and Susan Strmich** for all of their hard work preparing lunch for 1000 guests! Thank you to **Carol Ann Joyce and Roseann Campagnaro** for their help with the photo shoot. Also we would like to thank **Carol Ann Joyce, Lisa Roach and Patricia McBrien** for the beautiful breakfast that greeted the staff on Wednesday morning. To all parent volunteers who worked in the classrooms and the Book Fair...**THANK YOU!!** It was a fabulous day for all.

CONGRATULATIONS to all of the students who participated in the spelling bee on Tuesday. The winner of the spelling bee for grades 1 through 4 was **Tanner Eldredge (3A)** and for grades 5 through 8 was **Thomas Lange (6A)**. Good Job!

BOOK FAIR The book fair will be open tomorrow and Sunday after the 8am and 9:30am Masses. Hope to see you there.

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. There is an order form in this FCE or one can be downloaded. Husky Deli helps the students prepare these delicious sandwiches. Thank you.

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION MARDI GRAS EVENT. Please join Fr. John and the Stewardship Commission for a volunteer appreciation event on Sunday, February 7 from 5 to 7:30pm in the School Hall. Please RSVP to (206) 935-8353 if you plan to attend. ALL VOLUNTEERS for the parish and school are welcome.

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. (link)

VALENTINES DAY will be celebrated in the classrooms next Thursday, February 11. This is a fun time for special treats and to also remember those in need of food. Families are invited to send in **a can of food** with your students **next Thursday**. The 3rd graders will collect the cans and help restock the bare St Vincent de Paul Food Room shelves. Thank you for supporting these All School service projects.

CALENDAR REMINDER. Please remember to check the calendar on-line for all February activities. Remember there will be no school on Friday, February 12, which is the day off for meeting our goal in the magazine sale. School will also be out on Monday, February 15th and Tuesday, February 16th for Winter Break.

HEART AUCTION. Donations and Volunteers? That's right!! Without your time and effort for donations and volunteer hours we could not pull this soirée off! So, a big Mardi Gras thank you in advance for your contribution in turning this event into an extravaganza! Every one of you is part of the Holy Rosary Krewe!! **Volunteer Shifts are up and running online.** Simply click on the Mardi Gras Masquerade Soirée logo above, or visit the auction website at <http://heart.holyrosaryws.org>. Click on the "volunteer" button to sign up for one of the many volunteer opportunities. Thank you. **The donation deadline is fast approaching.** There are merely 15 days left to get your item submitted online. Do you know a friend, neighbor, extended family member, or business owner that would like to contribute???? They are welcome to join the Krewe with their donations. Do you need some ideas? Simply follow the link to the "Donation Countdown" flier for some fun ideas and items "just in". (link to flier here) Every contribution counts and is appreciated.

GREEN TIP Special thanks to Holy Rosary mom, Green Team member and teacher extraordinaire Kim Wells for creating and teaching (8 times in two days!) a fantastic class on the Three Rs, "Reduce, Reuse, Recycle", to all K through 3 classes. Older students will also receive this specialized curriculum in the coming weeks. This educational piece is a requirement of the grant Holy Rosary received to begin our composting program, and two representatives from the grantor were on hand to observe. Reviews from the observers and the kids were uniformly great! Be sure to ask your child about the Three R's lesson.

HAPPY CHINESE NEW YEAR FROM THE HRS AFTER-SCHOOL MANDARIN CLASSES

Chinese New Year is February 14th and is the "Year of the Tiger." Chinese New Year is the longest and most important celebration in the Chinese calendar. The Chinese believe that those born in 'tiger years' tend to be brave, independent and gracious. In China, people may take weeks of holiday from work to prepare for and celebrate the New Year. The after-school Mandarin classes have been meeting since September and the children are language learning such topics as Mandarin greetings, manners, family members, days of the week, and transportation. Culturally speaking, they are learning songs, making rice and drinking tea properly! Xin Nian Kuai Le 新年快乐 Happy New Year!

TREE LOT A huge thank you to all who devoted their time and bought their Christmas tree at the Tree Lot this year! We had a very successful event this year and raised a net total of \$42,000 for the school! In addition, over \$6,000 will be donated to the 3 charities - The Salvation Army

Hickman House, West Seattle Helpline and West Seattle Food Bank. We truly appreciate everyone's time and support - we could not have done this without all of you! ~ Rick & Refawne Acarregui

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.

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://hrstudyhall3.eventbrite.com> or <http://hrstudyhall4.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@holyrosws.org with questions and/or technical problems.

HOLY ROSARY SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY UPCOMING EVENTS (Open to all youth 6th -8th Grades)

1. Saturday, February 6th - Youth group night cancelled.
2. Monday, February 15th – Youth Ministry goes to see the Seattle Thunderbirds Hockey! We'll be meeting at the church at 3:30pm to make the 5:05pm start time. Tickets are just \$7.50 per person, plus \$1 hot dogs and ice cream all night! However, you must reserve your spot by turning in forms by Thursday, February 11th. Forms are available at entrances of the church and the Parish and School Offices, and will be made available to all 6th, 7th and 8th grade classes.
3. Sunday, February 21st – Snow Tubing at Snoqualmie Pass! We'll be leaving after the 11:30am Mass to attend the 1:30-3:30pm tubing session at The Summit. Passes are \$20 for those 13 and older, and \$18 for all those younger. Forms are available at entrances of the School and Parish Offices, and will be available to all 6th, 7th and 8th grade classes. Forms must be returned to the Parish Office by Sunday, February 14th, at 1:00pm.
4. Saturday, March 6th – Archdiocese of Seattle Junior High Youth Rally – cost will be \$50-55 per person. This is an all day event! Keep your eyes peeled for more information coming soon!

*Volunteer drivers and chaperones are needed for all events!

For questions, forms, to reserve your spot or to volunteer as a driver or chaperone, please contact Michael at (206) 937-1488 ext. 2020, or on his cell at (360) 761-9139 or email him at mdion@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.).

SCOUTING TURNS 100. Scout Sunday is February 7th and will be celebrated at the 9:30 Mass. Scouting Turns 100 years old in February. All Scouts, boys and girls and their leaders, are invited to wear their uniforms and participate in the procession at the begin of Mass and at the end of Mass. Please plan on being in the church by 9:15. For the procession at the beginning of Mass, all Scouts are invited to meet in the back of the church and line up behind the altar servers. Scouts will follow the altar servers and once they walk past the first pew in the front of the church, they should file off to the sides, and go back to their pews via the side aisles. For questions please contact Don Stoll, Pack 793 Cubmaster Donald.JStoll@Boeing.Com








EDUCATIONAL CAMP AT UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON. This summer send your child to iD Tech Camps. During this weeklong, day and overnight program kids create robots, iPhone and Facebook apps, websites with Flash, video games, digital movies and more. Visit www.internalDrive.com or call 1-999-709-TECH for details. Please see the brochure in this week's FCE.

WEST SEATTLE GIRLS SOFTBALL The West Seattle Girls Softball team is open to girls between the ages of 7 and 14. You can register now for the West Seattle Girls softball team by going online to www.westseattlegirlssoftball.com.

ATTACHED TO THIS FCE:

- 6th Grade Sub Sandwich Order Form (download and hard copy)
- March Hot Lunch Menu and Order Form (download and hard copy)
- Auction Mardi Gras Donation Countdown Flyer (purple) (download and hard copy)
- Baked for the Quake 7th Gr. Service Project Announcement (hard copy only)
- Lee's Martial Arts Parents Night Out Information (hard copy only)
- Technology Camp Brochure (hard copy only)
- West Seattle PeeWee Baseball Flyer (gr. 1-4) (hard copy only)

UPCOMING EVENTS AND IMPORTANT DATES:

-  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
-  ASH WEDNESDAY MASS, February 17, 8:45am – Holy Rosary Church
-  8th Grade Field Trip to St. James Cathedral, Monday, February 22

