



SCHOOL NEWS

Holy Rosary School Family Communication Newsletter

February 11, 2010

"If you are what you should be, you will set the whole world on fire. Let the truth be your delight ...proclaim it.... but with a certain congeniality."
-St. Catherine of Siena

The season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 17, with our school Mass at 8:45am. All students should come to school in perfect uniform. The sixth grade classes are planning this Mass. Our theme this year is "God says 'Return to me with all your heart!' In other words, 'Come in out of the cold and warm up!' ". Please take a few minutes to reflect with your children on the three hallmarks of Lent: **PRAYER, FASTING AND ALMSGIVING**, as well as their own personal intentions. Classes will be participating in individual class Masses during Lent. On Fridays of Lent families are invited to send in one brown bag lunch with an extra item for the men living at St. Martin de Porres (see notice in this newsletter). Watch for additional information on both school and Parish Lenten activities in future newsletters and the Parish bulletin.

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. Planning ahead, please note that in March there will be no school for kindergarten students due to prospective kindergarten student testing on March 5th. BASE is open that day for current Kindergartners, with a \$40 fee for the full day. There will be no school for on Friday March 19th due to a staff professional development meeting.

BROWN BAG FRIDAYS FOR ST. MARTIN de PORRES SHELTER DURING LENT will begin Friday, February 19. You are invited to include a pair of socks with the lunch on the 19th. If you are interested in driving a few students to deliver the lunches one Friday in Lent, please contact Peggy Cunningham in the school office. The children will be able to learn more about St. Martin de Porres on their delivery day.

The items to be included in the remaining Fridays of Lent include:

- **February 26** – disposable razors;
- **March 5** – shaving cream;
- **March 12** – travel size toothpaste and disposable toothbrush;
- **MARCH 19** - NO SCHOOL;
- **March 26** – aftershave.

Thank you for your almsgiving during this Lenten season. The extra items should not be put in the brown bag lunch-thank you. (Also, the shelter has intimated the need for men's bathrobes and although we will not make this one of our weekly items you are welcome to bring one in and we will deliver it.)

HOLY ROSARY CATHOLIC IDENTITY SURVEY - As part of the Accreditation process, we need parents to complete this short survey. It focuses on Holy Rosary's Catholic Identity and the statements are based on a set provided for schools seeking accreditation and information obtained from our previous self-study. Please reflect on each statement and mark whether you strongly disagree, disagree, agree or strongly agree. Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey. It takes between five and ten minutes. <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/catholic>. Please complete by Sunday, February 21.

HOT LUNCH MENU CHANGE. Please note that the hot lunches that are listed for Wednesday, February 17 and for Friday, February 19 were incorrect. The hot lunch for Wednesday, February 17 is Grilled Cheese Sandwich, potato chips, fruit and cookies and for Friday, February 19, Pasta Marinara, salad, bread and dessert. We apologize for the inconvenience.

AUCTION DONATION DEADLINE IS JUST 9 DAYS AWAY! THAT'S ONLY 216 HOURS! Do you still need donation ideas? How about something special for the kids? After all, isn't that what the HEART auction is all about... the kids? Try these ideas ~ Rainy Day Kit for Kids filled with a puzzle, riddle or word search book, craft items, Nerf toys, science kit, art supplies and perhaps a classic DVD for that very late part of the day. What about all the things to beat the heat with a Summer Survival Kit complete with 2 Super Soaker Water Blasters, a Slip 'n Slide, dive rings, beach towels, and sunscreen? Still need more? Annual memberships to the Pacific Science Center, the Zoo, or the Aquarium are always nice. What about a Children's Birthday Party at the Children's Museum, West Seattle Bowl, or Traxx Indoor Racing in Mukilteo...you provide the party package, the purchaser provides the kids. It's all for the kids!!! Remember by clicking on the Mardi Gras Masquerade Soirée logo above you can **donate and volunteer** for the auction all at one convenient location. **Just "click" and donate today!** The first curbside drop off is next Friday, February 19th. After your donation has been entered online, you can bring your donation to one of our Auction volunteers at morning drop off. Don't miss this great curbside service!

HAITI RELIEF COLLECTION The Leadership Elective is excited to announce the grand total of the school wide Haiti Relief Collection. Our school community generously donated an incredible \$2,276.56! Wow! Holy Rosary School is filled with so many giving and caring people. Thank you everyone!

GRANDPARENT LUNCH GREEN TIP Cheers for Davi Sobotta and her team who put on the Grandparent Lunch last week. By not wrapping the primroses given to guests (which were lovely on their own) they saved over 400 paper bags and countless yards of ribbon. Most service items were recyclable or compostable. From the items served, there were two bags of garbage thrown away, one bag recycled, and 17 bags of compostable materials! Cheers also to the 8th grade pizza lunch team, who is careful to compost their food-soiled pizza boxes. Our students are excellent stewards of God's earth.

HOLY ROSARY PRESCHOOL. Holy Rosary School is currently in the early stages of developing a pre-school program for the 2010-2011 school year. We would like to hear from you if you are interested in learning more about it. The program would be directed at children ages 3-5 years. If

you have children currently in this age group and would consider enrolling in a pre-school at Holy Rosary, please use the following link so that we have your contact information. This needs to be done before Sunday, February 28, 2010. Further detailed information about enrollment and curriculum will be available in early March. <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/hrsps>

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.

OUR ANNUAL IRISH DINNER IS COMING! Sunday, March 14th - 4pm in Lanigan Gym. Registration forms will be coming in next week's FCE to reserve your spot. If you would like to volunteer – WE NEED YOU (YES, this counts towards your non-fundraising hours and towards Student Service Hours!). Volunteer shifts will include: Saturday afternoon (3/13/10) – supply hauling and set up Sunday morning (3/14/10) – set up Sunday evening ((3/14/10 – Event) servers, clean-up for volunteer information contact Jodi Foisy or Christy Tobin-Presser at holyrosaryirishdinner@gmail.com or 206) 791-1951(Jodi

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

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

1. 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.

2. 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.
3. 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.

SEVENTH GRADE SERVICE PROJECT PARENT'S NIGHT OUT. Lee's Martial Art's is doing a Parents Night out, Saturday Feb.13th!! 6-10 PM. The cost is: \$25/ child, \$40/ 2 siblings. All donations welcome. The evening will include: *Dinner (pepperoni and cheese pizza) *A movie and popcorn *And tons of fun and games! The proceeds will go to the Holy Rosary Women's Shelter. This is Stephen Skvarla's 7th grade community service project. I hope you all can make it. Please RSVP so we know how much pizza to order. Please tell your friends too. It is sure to be a great evening!

EMERALD CITY BASKETBALL SPRING AND SUMMER TRYOUTS. Emerald City Basketball will hold tryouts beginning in March at ECBA 1550 W. Armory Way in Seattle. For more information please access the Emerald City Basketball website at ecbahoops.net or email them at baskettecbateams@yahoo.com. Flyers with tryout times are in the school office.

UPCOMING EVENTS AND IMPORTANT DATES:

-  Valentine's Spirit Day, Thursday, February 11 – Wear Pink, Red & White
-  NO SCHOOL, Magazine Reward Day, Friday, February 12
-  NO SCHOOL, Winter Break, Monday and Tuesday, February 15 and 16
-  ASH WEDNESDAY MASS, Perfect Uniforms, February 17, 8:45am – Holy Rosary Church
-  Brown Bag Lunch and Disposable Razors for St. Martin de Porres – Friday, Feb. 19 – Thank You!
-  8th Grade Field Trip to St. James Cathedral, Monday, February 22
-  2nd Trimester Ends, Friday, February 26
-  Prayer Service by 4A, Friday, February 26, 8:35am – School Hall
-  Auction Committee Meeting, Tuesday, March 2, 6:30pm – Staff Room
-  8th Grade Pizza Lunch, Thursday, March 4
-  Kindergarten Testing for Incoming Students, Friday, March 5
- CURRENT KINDERGARTENERS HAVE NO SCHOOL, Friday, March 5**