



SCHOOL NEWS

Holy Rosary School Family Communication Newsletter

February 18, 2010

A Lenten Reflection

Give up complaining——focus on gratitude.
Give up pessimism——become an optimist.
Give up harsh judgments——think kindly thoughts.
Give up worry——trust Divine Providence.
Give up discouragement——be full of hope.
Give up bitterness——turn to forgiveness.
Give up hatred——return good for evil.
Give up negativism——be positive.
Give up anger——be more patient.
Give up pettiness——become mature.
Give up gloom——enjoy the beauty that is all around you.
Give up jealousy——pray for trust.
Give up gossiping——control your tongue
Give up sin——turn to virtue.
Give up giving up——hang in there!

-Anonymous

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.)

PARENT COMMITMENT HOUR PROGRAM: Enclosed in this FCE are Parent Commitment Hour Quarterly Statements. Hours completed from 3/1/09-2/1/10 are included in this statement. THE PARENT COMMITMENT HOUR year for 2009 — 2010 will end on February 28, 2010. **All hours worked must be documented and received in the school no later than March 15, 2010.** All hours not completed by February 28th 2010 will be invoiced to you at the rate of **\$75.00** per hour. If your hours are in arrears please plan accordingly. Invoices will be included in the FCE on March 18, 2010. Families must pay for the uncompleted hours by March 31, 2010 to receive registration papers for 2010 - 2011 school year.

2010 GATOR OLYMPICS. We are celebrating the winter Olympics at Holy Rosary the week of Feb. 14. During this week students will be participating in a variety of winter Olympic activities in health and fitness class. Each class chose a country they to represent. Tomorrow, Friday, Feb. 19 students will show their Olympic spirit with a free dress day wearing the colors of the country their classes chose. No face paint or hair coloring. Please refer to the list below for each class's country. KA-England, KB-Philippines, 1A-Germany, 1B-Venezuela, 2A-Mexico, 2B-Japan, 3A-France, 3B-Canada, 4A-Spain, 4B-Brazil, 5A-China, 5B-Egypt, 6A-Australia, 6B-USA, 7A-Italy, 7B-Greece, 8A-Jamaica, 8B-North Korea.

8th GRADE PIZZA LUNCHES: There will be two 8th Grade pizza lunches during the month of March. The first lunch is March 4th and the order forms are in today's FCE. The second lunch will be on March 25th and the order forms will be in the March 4th FCE.

TRAFFIC SAFETY – VOLUNTEERS SOUGHT: Lisa Roach and Carol Ann Joyce have helped to significantly improve student safety during our hectic traffic in the mornings. We would like to expand this effort by establishing a pool of parent volunteers from which to draw in the mornings (approx. 8:00-8:30) and afternoons (approx. 2:55-3:20, 2:10-2:35 on Wednesdays). Generally, the volunteers will be responsible to help direct traffic flow and student pedestrians at key points around the school. Instruction and expectations will be provided in advance and a coordinated schedule established. The hope is to get enough volunteers to spread the work around so that it is not overly burdensome. If interested in improving our school's safety, please send your name, phone number and e-mail address to Steve Lewis (slewis@landsenergy.com or 206-726-3695 (w), 206-935-7652(h)).

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 21st. Thank you.

AUCTION ACTION We need a full Krewe of 350 Holy Rosary families to make our HEART Auction a success. To date there are only 95 families who have entered their donation online. It's time for the rest of us to join this parade! Midwinter break is over, Fat Tuesday is merely a memory, and our Auction Donation Deadline is here! Take a break from those Winter Olympics to enter your item online. There are no more excuses... or, if you have a good one, call your Auction Chair Sarah Mackay to let her know, or at least to ask for help. Sarah Mackay ph.206.234.6372, email oceanskimmer@comcast.net. Please watch for the Mardi Gras Masquerade Soirée flier in today's FCE for details on making cash donations to meet your HEART Auction commitment. Or, click on this link to read it online. (link to flier) All of your donations are needed to make the HEART Auction a heartfelt success!

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/hrsp>

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

SEVENTH GRADE SERVICE PROJECT THANK YOU Addie Medica, Tori Butterworth and Keely Markey would like to thank all of you who attended the bake sale after Mass. They raised \$1,041.00 for Catholic Relief Services responding to the earthquake in Haiti.

THE USED UNIFORMS ARE MOVING. Need more uniforms? Have uniforms to donate? The Used Uniforms will be set out in the School Hall during Coffee and Donuts after 9:30 mass. Come see what we have! The uniforms will be moving to the basement of the Parish Center on Monday. Email Kristin Bentler with questions gkbentler@comcast.net.

CYO UNIFORMS. Far too many are missing at this point. Please return your CYO uniforms for basketball or soccer tomorrow. At this point we are short multiple dozens of soccer uniforms and over 50% of the basketball uniforms. The replacement cost of the missing uniforms is over \$6,000. If these are not returned, replacing these missing uniforms up will raise prices by \$20 per player per sport next year. Bruno is in the CYO office after school during volleyball season. To keep the program running strong it is really important that these be returned at the end of the sport.

PIONEER COFFEE. Pioneer Coffee will be the coffee used at coffee and donuts after each of the Sunday Masses this coming Sunday. Come try the many flavors that Pioneer has to offer. You will also be able to ask any questions, fill out an order form, or purchase a pound of coffee right then and there! This incredible local company is supporting our school by offering \$3.00 to HRS for every pound of coffee anyone in our community purchases. Questions, please access the order form and information through our school website or contact Michele Wallace. See you Sunday!

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

HOLY ROSARY SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY UPCOMING EVENTS (Open to all youth 6th -8th Grades) Forms are now available for the Archdiocese of Seattle 2010 Junior High Rally, taking place on March 6th at Highline Community college, and Holy Rosary Youth Ministry will be taking part. The Rally will be an all-day event featuring dynamic speakers, fun workshops, Mass, and even games and a dance! Registrations are to be returned to the parish office. Cost is \$50 for all registrations received before Monday, February 22nd, \$55 for registrations received between then and March 5th, and \$60 at the door. If cost is an issue, Holy Rosary will help pay for part of the fee. All participants will be asked to bring a sack lunch, but dinner will be paid for by Holy Rosary Parish. We will be leaving from the church at 8:15am, and returning at approximately 9:45pm. Transportation will be provided. Come and experience your Faith with the rest of the Catholic youth of Western Washington! Drivers and chaperones are needed for this event. If you have questions or would like to volunteer, contact Michael at mdion@holyroswaryseattle.org, or call him at (206) 937-1488, ext. 202.

NOT TOO LATE FOR SNOW TUBING WITH THE YOUTH GROUP Holy Rosary Youth Ministry is going snow tubing Sunday, February 21st and Michael has found a way to add more people to the group! If you want to go, grab a form from the office and turn it in before the weekend. Call Michael at (206) 937-1488.

HEALTH NEWS Local public health officials have learned of a confirmed case of measles in a King County child who was exposed while outside the United States. The child developed a measles rash on Monday, February 15 after arriving in King County on February 12. The child was hospitalized during the illness and is recovering.

Because most people in our area are vaccinated against measles, the risk to the general population is low. Persons who are unvaccinated, pregnant women, infants less than six months of age and persons with weakened immune systems are at higher if exposed to measles and should contact their health care providers promptly if they develop an illness with fever or an unexplained rash illness.

The period of time when members of the public could have been exposed is February 12 through February 15. If they become ill with measles, they would be expected to develop rash onset between February 19 and March 8.

Persons who were at the following West Seattle sites between February 13 and February 14 (times noted) were possibly exposed to measles.

February 13, 2010

Target-Westwood Village 9:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

OFC-Westwood Village 10:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

February 14, 2010

PCC-West Seattle 11:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Target-Westwood Village 11:45 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Persons with possible measles should call their health care providers before coming in to be seen to avoid exposing other vulnerable patients.

For more information about measles, a fact sheet is available from the health department:

www.kingcounty.gov/healthservices/health/communicable/diseases/measles

COLON CANCER AWARENESS EVENTS 1. MARCH 2 SU vs. PORTLAND STATE Please join SU and Washington Colon Cancer STARS for the March 2nd basketball game against Portland State. This event is to help kick off colon cancer awareness month and bring attention to this preventable disease. We would like you come to the game dressed in BLUE to help support awareness. (Blue is the national symbol for colon cancer.) Free tickets will be available in the school office while supplies last. We will have a pregame function with music, and the mascot will be posing for pictures. Donations are welcome and appreciated. We are a 501c3 non- profit with an all volunteer staff. Our web address is www.colonstars.org. Come out and enjoy the last game of the season, and thank you for supporting March colon cancer awareness month. **2. HALF MARATHON FOR COLOR CANCER PREVENTION** Alex Mitchell would like to invite you to walk, run or jog in the half marathon for Colon Cancer Prevention, March 21st. Please refer to the pamphlet enclosed is this FCE and consider joining Alex's Stars Team. For more information you can visit www.mercerislandhalf.com.








LEE'S MARTIAL ARTS/HOLY ROSARY SPECIAL For the month of February only, LMA is offering \$25 off your enrollment fee!! It's Lee's Martial Art's way of thanking the Holy Rosary community for their ongoing support and referrals. LMA is a proud sponsor of Holy Rosary School. Thank you again for supporting local business! Lisa and Joe Skvarla, Lee's Martial Arts (206) 938-3375, lmawestseattle.com.

INCLUDED IN THIS FCE

- 8th Grade Pizza Lunch Sign Up Form
- Annual Irish Dinner Registration Form (green)

- Auction Mardi Gras Word of the Day (goldenrod)
- Colon Cancer Prevention Half Marathon Pamphlet (hard copy only)
- Bella Nouveau European Day Spa Grand Opening (hard copy only)

UPCOMING EVENTS AND IMPORTANT DATES:

-  **Brown Bag Lunch and socks 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**