



SCHOOL NEWS

Holy Rosary School Family Communication Newsletter

June 3, 2010

FCE Update: This will be the final hard copy version of the FCE. Beginning next week and continuing into the fall, we will begin sending only a paperless version. This is in keeping with our status and philosophy as a Washington Green School, as well as our commitment to being good stewards of our fiscal resources.

We realize that it will necessitate some adjustments on the part of families as we make this transition, but we would ask that everyone understand that we hope for this to facilitate, rather than inhibit, our communication. As such, we would ask that parents who have not already done so take time this summer to familiarize themselves with the school website (www.holyrosaryws.org) and perhaps even make it their home page or default website.

Finally, we would like to offer our sincere appreciation to the many hard working volunteers, both this year and in years past, who have come in to the school to pack the FCE envelopes. Their dedication, patience, and presence have been a welcome addition to our school atmosphere and a great help to our staff over time.

Dear Holy Rosary School families,

We wish to offer our school families and community a genuine thank you for your overwhelming support of the Holy Rosary School Annual Fund. Once again, support was received from so many within our community including school families, parishioners, alumni and grandparents. With this support, \$105,000 will be contributed to the operating budget from the Annual Fund.

This year, support that was received over our goal of \$100,000 will be used to provide much needed maintenance support for the new Parish Center. The contributions that helped us reach our goal will again be used to help bridge the gap between tuition charged and the actual cost to educate each student. This year, the funds will be used to help bring teacher pay more in line with the pay scale of the Washington State Public Schools. Teacher pay was frozen last year at the request of the archdiocese. This year, your contributions will help bring teacher salaries back to 97% of the state scale. Without your annual fund support, this would not have been possible.

We are all part of a community of families, staff, pastors and many others who have given so much of their time, talent and treasure over the last century to build the solid foundation upon which we now stand. With this support, Holy Rosary will continue to offer and deliver the outstanding Catholic education that we have become known for.

Thank you for your support!

Dr. Randal Peters, Principal

Sarah Dahleen, Development Director

PARENTS' CLUB We are pleased to announce the 2010-2011 Parents' Club Executive Board: President: Meg Peterson, Vice President: Currie Baker, Treasurer: Marti McGaughey and Secretary: Amy Thorsen. Once again, we would like to thank Melissa Witsoe for her past 2 years of service and talent on the Parents' Club Executive Board. She will be greatly missed.

PARENTS IN TOUCH PRAYS FOR 8TH GRADE SPECIAL INTENTIONS - Please join us this Friday, June 4 after drop off (8:30am) in the Reservation Chapel (in the main church) to pray the special intentions of the 8th graders. Please enter the church by the side door on 42nd Street. Any questions please contact Ginny Kane or Jillian Kane.

YEARBOOKS AVAILABLE - The yearbooks are in! 8th grade will receive them tomorrow, 7th grade on Monday, and K-6 on Thursday, June 10th. If you did not order a yearbook, we have a few extras that will be available for \$25 next Friday, June 11th beginning at noon. Please bring check or cash (made out to Holy Rosary) to the Computer Lab to get your copy. They are SUPERiffic!

8th GRADE PIZZA LUNCH QUESTIONNAIRE - The Pizza lunch organizers needs your opinion. Next year we are considering allowing people to sign up for pizza lunch at the beginning of the year, similar to how you sign up for milk service. A calendar will be available at the beginning of the year with all the scheduled pizza lunch days. Please visit: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/pizzalunchquestions> to share your opinion. It will only take 1-2 minutes. Thank you!

END OF THE SCHOOL YEAR REMINDER Please remember that in order for your student to receive their report card, you must be current with all tuition, stewardship (tithing), band and all other parent commitment obligations, as well as having returned all library books to the school library. If you have any questions please call Jennifer MacDonald at the rectory office at 937-1488 ext. 211 or Peggy Cunningham at the school office at 937-7255.

DREAMING OF BEING A ROOM PARENT? If you have any interest in being a room parent next year, we'd like to hear from you. Room parents cannot be assigned until the class lists are made, but we're compiling a list of who is interested right now. An indication of interest at this time is not a commitment. We will be contacting people at the end of the summer to find who is still interested. If you'd like to be included in the list, or have any questions, please email Ann at jandasummers@msn.com or Tiffany at tcfuentes@comcast.net.

NEED VOLUNTEER HOURS? This summer there will be a variety of projects at Holy Rosary. Please email Scott Stoefen at sstoefen@holyroaryws.org with your information. Specify your abilities, whether you have a truck for hauling, and generally when you would be available. No one under 18 years of age please. Thank you, Scott.

NI HAO HOLY ROSARY! ABOUT SPONGE MANDARIN CLASSES:

Sponge Mandarin classes are designed to instill a love of language and culture in children. Dynamic, native-speaking teachers lead small classes (maximum of 12 children) with a focus on communicating in Mandarin. Through games and activities, music, movement and art, we learn practical, every-day language and communication skills. All classes are taught entirely in Mandarin and accommodate a range of levels. For more information on Sponge please visit www.spongeschool.com

Benefits of Early Language Learning:

Research shows that a child's brain is primed for acquiring language. Children master the sounds and syntax of a language in a way that's more difficult later on. And, there are cognitive benefits,

too. Children who know more than one language understand that language is, in effect, symbolic. And, this understanding leads to strong verbal and analytical skills that result in higher test scores for math, social studies and even on their SATs. Finally, there's the openness that comes with knowing that you can communicate with someone in another language. It's another step toward being culturally sensitive global citizens!

The Details:

Wednesdays 2:25-3:20pm Section I: K-2nd grade Section II: 3-5th grade 30 classes (fall 2010 – spring 2011) 4 payments of \$125. **Registration is online and begins June 1. To register please visit www.spongeschool.com. For questions call (206) 227-7138.**

FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITIES Safeway will have a promotion running August 11- September 14, called **10% Goes Back To School**. Please look for the School Bus Tags and use your Club Card to buy participating items. If you have registered your Safeway Club Card you will contribute automatically. If you have not registered yet, you can by using the form located in the back of the church or from the school's website under passive fundraisers. Safeway has been a generous supporter, please use your Safeway Club Card. **Safeway** will also be running a **Double Box Tops for Education** at the same time starting August 11th. Please watch for those specially marked boxes and save them. **Escrip Online Mall** has over 1000 online merchants; the school can earn money from. It's easy. Enroll at www.escrip.com, click on the Online Mall, and shop. You can even download AutoEARN which will tell you when your on participating websites without having to go through escrip. You can also register you debit/credit card to also contribute automatically when you use them at participating businesses. **Target Take Charge of Education Program** will contribute 1% of all your Target purchases to the school when you use their Red Card. There are three different options to meet your needs. There is the in store credit card, Visa credit card that can be used anywhere Visa is taken, and a debit card that will deduct your Target purchases from your checking account. You can apply in store or print and mail your application from Target.com. Once you have your card you can enroll in the Take Charge of Education Program that will send us a check every year. All these programs help in the overall budget, keeping your costs down, without selling any additional products. Please support the companies that give back to education.

SCHOOL NURSE NOTES Please remember to pick up any remaining medication. The school cannot send medications home with students. Please note that any medications left at school will be disposed of on June 23rd.

Now is a good time to schedule summer doctor appointments of sport physicals, immunizations, and medication orders. If your child has special health care needs, please remember to update the health office at the start of the school year.

Immunization update: All children entering 6th grade are required to have a booster dose of Tdap if at least 5 years have passed since their last dose of a tetanus containing vaccine. Most of your children have their last tetanus shot before entering kindergarten. This vaccine may be listed as DTP, DTaP, DT, or Td.

Varicella vaccination. Patient reported history of the disease: ONLY acceptable for students in 3rd, 4th, and 6th grades. Blood test (titer) showing immunity to varicella and/or health provider diagnosis or verification of varicella disease is acceptable. For children in 5th grade varicella vaccine is recommended, not required. Please contact your health care provider with any questions regarding your child's vaccination history.

Other Summertime Reminders: Please remember to check your family for *ticks*, especially after being in tall grasses and wooded areas. Remove the ticks right away, by pulling as close to the attachment as possible, and then cleansing the area with soap and water or alcohol based hand sanitizer. Be sure to remove the entire tick. Call you doctor, if a rash or flu-like symptoms develop within a few days to a few weeks following a tick bite. Mark the calendar when one is removed.

During the summer, continue to check for *head lice*. Refer to the family handbook for instructions on detection combing.

Don't forget a little first aid kit for those family outings. A zip-lock bag with a few assorted bandages, some alcohol-based hand sanitizer, and a few paper towels is a good start, and could come in handy.

Thank you. I would like to take time to thank several people who have been so very helpful in performing school health activities this past year at Holy Rosary. Thanks to Carol Ann Joyce for all the help she provided throughout the year. Thank you to Roxanne Gerhard, RN, and Mrs. Joyce for offering their talent and time during the school health screenings. Thank you to Ms Southerland for allowing us to use her class time to perform the health screenings. And a special thanks to Bruno for allowing us to use his office during the screenings.

Have a great, safe, and healthy summer! Patricia McBrien RN School Nurse

ATTENTION HOLY ROSARY SOCCER AND CROSS COUNTRY FANS. It is now time to register for next fall's sports. We have made July 16th the final day to have your **Fall Sports Registration** paperwork turned in. We are looking for as many Soccer players and runners as possible and also volunteer coaches to help guide and teach our young athletes. Please join in and make it another great Gator sports year! The CYO Board has changed the way that we will accept registrations. In the past it has been possible to turn in your forms much later than the stated deadline, that is no longer the case. The deadline is exactly that...a deadline. Please help our sports coordinators by turning in your forms on time. The forms are linked to this FCE. Thanks for your understanding and support, Chris Teppner HRS Athletic Director

HOLY ROSARY 2nd ANNUAL BLOCK PARTY PICNIC. Save the date for the 2nd Holy Rosary Block Party Picnic. Last year's inaugural event was a big success and a wonderful day for over 300 Holy Rosary parishioners and school family members. We dined in style on the street between the school and the church. Families brought blankets and enjoyed a picnic on the lawn. We had puppets and face painting for kids. Sunday, August 8th from 1-4pm on 42nd. Volunteers needed and volunteering counts towards service hours. See enclosed flyer for more information.

DENNIS UNIFORM EARLY BIRD SAVINGS. Avoid the back to school rush. Dennis Uniform is having a 10% savings on all purchases and orders....phone, mail, internet and in-store from June 10 to July 10, 2010. Excludes marked down items. Dennis Uniform is at 12608 Interurban Ave. S. in Tukwila, phone (206) 431-2000 or visit them on the web at www.dennisuniform.com.

HOLY ROSARY SWEATSHIRTS ON SALE AT LANDS' END. Holy Rosary Parents Club has selected Lands' End School to be the NEW and ONLY provider of our uniform sweatshirts. Holy Rosary School will receive 1% - 3% back of every dollar we spend through the Land's End School website, catalog or Lands' End Sears store kiosks. The more money we spend at Lands' End School, the more money we earn back! IF YOU REGISTER YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS THROUGH THE LANDS' END UNIFORM WEBSITE YOU WILL RECEIVE NUMEROUS PROMOTIONS FROM THEM THROUGHOUT THE YEAR. SWEATSHIRTS ARE ALSO AVAILABLE FROM SEARS LANDS' END RETAIL.

1) Enter the Lands' End School Uniform website at <http://www.landsend.com/ix/school-uniforms/index.html?seq=1&visible=1&store=le&tab=13>.

2) In the left hand column under CATEGORIES choose either GIRLS or BOYS

3) In the left hand column choose ACTIVEWEAR

- 4) Scroll until you find the SCHOOL UNIFORM CREW SWEATSHIRT and select that item
- 5) Choose BIG KID or LITTLE KID
- 6) Choose RED
- 7) Choose SIZE (size chart available)
- 8) Enter PREFERRED SCHOOL CODE: 900135310
- 9) Under LOGO PREFERENCE choose SCHOOL NAME W/ BUILDING AND KIDS / \$5.50 ***
- 10) Select QUANTITY & SHIP TO ADDRESS
- 11) Click on ADD TO BAG
- 12) Continue shopping or check out

***IT IS THE SOLE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE PERSON ORDERING THE LANDS' END UNIFORM ITEMS TO ABIDE BY THE HOLY ROSARY SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY. YOU ARE STILL ABLE TO ORDER CLOTHING ITEMS NOT APPROVED UNDER OUR SCHOOL POLICY, THEREFORE PLEASE BE SURE THAT THE SCHOOL LOGO IS ONLY ADDED TO THE UNIFORM SWEATSHIRT. THE LOGO IS NOT APPROVED FOR ANY OTHER ITEM.

CATHOLIC LIFE MINISTRIES (CLM) of Yakima invites you to Catholic Family Camp, June 18-20, a wonderful vacation week filled with music, learning about the Catholic faith, swimming, zip-lines, family time, Mass, camp fires, canoes, new friends, and FUN! Lori and Robert Fontana, the CLM directors, have been leading Catholic family camps since 1991. The camp is held at the beautiful Cascades at Ghormley Meadows Camp and conference Center off Hwy 12 near White Pass. Families from throughout the Northwest have attended and rave about the experience. There is something for all ages to help them grow in their faith and have a great time doing it. You can learn more about CLM Family Camp by logging on to www.clmnorthwest.org/retreat.php or calling the Fontanas at (509) 731-6012, or Bob and Ginny Kane who have been going to Family Camp for 15 years @ (206) 938-0673.

PARENTS OF CUB SCOUTS OR WANTABES. Cub Scout Summer Day Camp is July 20-23. Register for Summer Day Camp for Graduating 1st - 4th grade Scouts - \$80 see details at the link <http://www.suddentechnology.com/daycamp/details.html> register at this link <http://www.suddentechnology.com/daycamp/register.html>.

SUMMER WORKSHOPS LYRIC OPERA NORTHWEST Lyric Opera Northwest (LONW), in partnership with Seattle Theatre Group (STG) which manages the Paramount and Moore Theaters, is offering a pair of intensive 2 week long Summer Workshops. Learn more at: www.lonw.org/summer2010 or call (206) 938-7820. But act now – deadline is June 30, 2010.

LOST AT TALENT SHOW A snare drum in a black drum case was left in Lanigan the day of the talent show and is now missing. We are thinking someone picked up the wrong drum. Please look at your drum at home and make sure you have the correct one. Please contact the school office if you have any information.

Attached to this FCE:

- 2010-2011 School Calendar (Revised)
- Dennis Uniform Pamphlet
- Elementary School Band Registration Form for gr. 4, 5, 6, 7 (bright pink)
- Escript Flyer (green)
- 9th Annual Golf Tournament Flyer
- Kennedy Catholic Summer Color Guard Sign Up for gr. 6, 7, 8
- Awareness about Karen Robel
- St. George School Spring Carnival Announcement
- Southwest Music Studio Flyer

UPCOMING EVENTS AND IMPORTANT DATES

(Please access the school calendar from the link below for the latest information)

<http://ical.me.com/holyrosaryschool/Holy%20Rosary%20School%20Calendar>

- Prayer Service by 1B, Friday, June 4, 8:30am – School Hall
- 8th Grade Baccalaureate Mass and Awards, June 5, 5pm – Church and School Hall
- 1st Grade Reading Surprise, Monday, June 7, 1A 9am & 1B 1:45pm - School Hall
- 8th Graders Fun Day to Coulon Beach, Wednesday, June 9
- 8th Grade Graduation, Thursday, June 10, 7pm – Holy Rosary Church
- Kindergarten Graduation, Friday, June 11, 10am – School Hall
- NOON DISMISSAL, Tuesday, June 15
- Last Day of School Mass (FREE DRESS, NO JEANS) Wednesday, June 16, 8:30am – Holy Rosary Church
- Last DAY of School, Wednesday, June 16 – Dismissal after Mass (approximately 10am)