



SCHOOL NEWS

Holy Rosary School Family Communication Newsletter

September 23, 2010

"One of the main reasons for the frustrations, pains, and disappointments in adult life is rooted in the separation of professionalism and spirituality. If I cannot find God in the middle of my work--where my pains, worries, and joys are--it does not make sense to find Him in the hours set free at the periphery of my life. If my spiritual life cannot grow and deepen in the heart of day, how will it grow on the edges?"

--Henri Nouwen

Dear Holy Rosary School Community:

Our sincere gratitude goes out to the chairs, team leaders, and volunteers who worked so hard to make WestFest a great success this year, even in spite of the rain on Friday and Saturday evenings! Thanks, too, to all of the parents and students who showed up and contributed to the sense of community that this event helps us build. We would also like to express our appreciation to all of the families who attended the back-to-school blessing Masses, and to Janet Mudge and her team of musicians for bringing such wonderful, contemporary music to the newly-started Sunday evening Masses. We would truly like to see the numbers attending these Masses continue to grow, as they provide an excellent opportunity for those who have been involved with sports or other youth activities earlier in the day.

We would also like to strongly encourage those parents/community volunteers who need certification in the safe environment program to attend a workshop offered at Holy Rosary on Wednesday, September 29, at 6:30 p.m. If this training has been completed recently, ongoing certification must be maintained online (see information below in eFC). Although we know these requirements--along with process of submitting to a background check when working with our children--are demands on your already precious time, please understand that they are a necessary and important aspect of our parish and school's commitment to the safety of our young people.

The quote (above) that Fr. Ronald Nuzzi from Notre Dame shared at our professional development day last week got to the heart of why it is important for us to integrate our own faith lives into our work. Beyond the fact that we have a commitment to our children to encourage and model a spiritual discernment component to our work, the simple reality is that most roles now come with such inherent challenges that failing to find still, quiet moments of being present with God throughout the day (whether in meditation, prayer, or on a walk) can result in our becoming overwhelmed and burned out.

Fr. Nuzzi also spent time with the principals and pastors of the Archdiocese, outlining the findings of his study, "Faith, Finances, and the Future," which indicated that issues of faith development, Catholic identity, and financial management are consistently listed as the top challenges faced by Catholic schools. Clearly, these are responsibilities that are shared between the parish, school, and parent community. As I mentioned to parents at our Open House earlier this month:

"Simply put, the presence of youth at Masses not only instills our most important School-wide Learning Expectation--being a faith-filled Catholic/Christian--but is also a clear sign of vibrancy and health in a parish. [In addition], the spiritual, cultural, and fiscal health of our school and parish are truly interdependent. I've been around parishes without schools and haven't often felt the

same energy and involvement that we have here; likewise, I've been in schools without a close affiliation to their church and...they don't feel like places enriched by the incredible gift of being embraced by the faith life and support of a larger community."

Indeed, the centrality of church and faith in our accreditation process, our mission/vision, and SLE's, and in the core values of Catholic schools, makes it clear that this is an area in which we will continually look for ways to integrate and enhance. As a final plea for our collective participation in the life of the church, please keep in mind that everyone who accepts the in-parish status for school attendance, agrees to be stewards of the parish by: registering as a parishioner, participating in the church by attending Sunday Mass on a regular basis and committing one's time, talent, and treasure in a variety of ways.

The majority of our families carry out these responsibilities with remarkable, selfless regularity and quality; however, in order for our parish and school to continue to thrive and grow, we will need the active participation of all. I wish all of you blessings and a relaxing, contemplative autumn.

Dr. Randal Peters

Parent/ Student/ Teacher Conferences will be Oct. 19 – 21 Each family is required to fill out the form included in this weeks eFC and return it to the school office by Tuesday, Oct. 5th.

PowerSchool Parent Access - If you are a parent of a 5th grade student or have a child new to Holy Rosary in 5th-8th grade, please see the attachment to this eFC entitled: PowerSchool Parent Portal Access. Thank you.

Pizza Lunch

Please see the attached information regarding this year's 8th grade pizza lunch fundraiser. There are some exciting changes that you won't want to miss!

Playground News For the physical and mental health of our students and staff, we try to send the students outside for recess rain or shine. **Please send them with raincoats everyday.**

The Great Holy Rosary Magazine Round Up Ends Next Week! The final turn in day is next Tuesday. It will all come down to the Final Turn in Tuesday to see whether we rustled up enough orders – we need a HUGE turn in. We're at \$61,200 as we "take the reins" to reach our goal of \$125,000. Come on, Gators, we can do it! Thank you to all of our families who are putting in the extra effort to make us the #1 magazine selling school!

Those unstoppable 2nd graders led the stampede as the top turn in grade again this week! Way to round up those orders – this earned them another crazy hat and a free dress day tomorrow! Who is in the lead overall? The 2nd graders lead so far in roundin' up subscriptions. The 6th graders are in 2nd place and Kindergartners and 1st grader's are battling it out for 3rd place in a tie! It's still anyone's race. Sell! Sell! Sell!

How Final Turn in Tuesday will work – We will do a final cutoff on Tuesday (9/28) for the prize competition, but we will continue to take orders for the rest of the week. Results, top sellers and prizes will be announced at our Closing Assembly on Friday, October 8th at 2:15 p.m. All are welcome! We NEED 100% participation – big or small! If for some reason your family is unable to sell a magazine or you're one away from that awesome prize your student wants, email magazines@holyroaryws.org. No guarantees but we can certainly try and find an order for you! Don't want to bother with those paper orders? Online ordering is quick, safe and easy! Go to www.aphearst.com. Click on "Shop Now", enter our School Code WC2897, enter the students name and grade and start shopping!

Volunteers will be needed for prize distribution before our Closing Assembly. Please contact Sharlene McCambridge for more information at sharelene82@msn.com. Family Fun Center has been scheduled for Friday, October 15 – please mark your calendar. If your student sells 25 magazines or your family sells 40 magazines, they'll earn this reward. Permission slips will go home as soon as we get orders totaled. We will need chaperones from (11 a.m. – 3 p.m.) on 10/15. These are FUNdraising hours!

LIGHTS, CAMERA, AUCTION!! The cameras have begun rolling as the planning for the 32nd annual HEART Auction has begun. This year's winning theme is Lights, Camera, Auction, and we look forward to your participation in the event on Saturday, April 9th.

The procurement team has already started behind the scenes with preparations to gather donations from our local merchants.

If you plan to acquire a donation from a local business as the donation from your family, please contact the procurement team before Friday, October 15th. This will prevent our procurement team from contacting that business in addition. Please feel free to contact more than one place of business, but do let us know the business name(s). You may either email us at auctionprocuremnt@holyrosaryws.org. or call Angela Nichols, or Kamilla Kennedy.

In the meantime, save the date for this year's HEART Auction as the curtains open on Saturday, April 9th at 6:00pm.

Parent Club

Mark your calendars for the first Parents Club meeting of the year. Join us at 6:30pm on Thursday, October 14th for a few minutes of business, followed by our first speaker of the year. Sr. Miriam James Heidland from Society of Our Lady of the Most Holy Trinity (SOLT) will be speaking on "Healing the Family- the Transforming Power of Authentic Love."

Italian Dinner Volunteers: Thank you for volunteering to help at the Italian Dinner Saturday evening in Lanigan. Please arrive at 4:30 so that we can set the tables and get acquainted. Also, for added ambience, let's wear black pants/ skirts and white shirts. Questions: cclarke@holyrosaryws.org Grazie!

Attention 6B and 7B Parents: We are still looking for a room parent for both 6B and 7B. Room parent positions can be shared between two or even three people. If you are willing to be one of the room parents, or if you just have questions, contact Ann at jandasummers@msn.com.

An update on Karen Robel:

For those of you who don't know, Karen has been our Holy Rosary second grade teacher for 2A. She was diagnosed with breast cancer toward the end of the school year last year and is having to take this school year off to undergo treatment. A HUGE THANK YOU FROM KAREN for all of the support and prayers she has received from our school community.

We wanted to send out an update to let you know how she is doing. Karen has started her chemo treatments and is scheduled to continue them through the end of the year. After chemo she will go through radiation and reconstructive surgery. For more information you can visit Karen's Caring Bridge website by logging onto www.caringbridge.org/visit/karenobel.

A fund was started in May to cover once weekly house cleaning and twice weekly laundry service. This has been very appreciated by Karen and her family and we'd love to be able to support that through at least the end of the year during her chemo treatments. Currently, there is enough in the fund to cover those services through the 2nd week in October. The cost of a week of cleaning and laundry is approx. \$150 (depending on the laundry load).

If you would like to donate to this fund you can:

A. Drop off cash or checks (made out to Virginia McIntyre) to the school office ATTN: Virginia McIntyre.

-OR-

B. Mail them directly to: Virginia McIntyre, 8640 46th Ave. SW, Seattle, WA 98136

If you have any questions do not hesitate to call Virginia McIntyre @ 206- 938-6318 or Carrie Bendzak @ 206-579-9019

Thank you!

Christian Initiation Information Night Have you thought about joining the Catholic Church or do you know someone who is? Our RCIA Team will be offering a “no strings attached” information evening on the Catholic Church’s process for bringing in new members Thursday evening, Sept. 30th from 7—9 pm in the School Hall. We will be giving an overview of the process plus an opportunity for attendees to have their questions answered. If you would like to know more about this process ahead of time, you can go to the Holy Rosary Parish web page and click on “Faith Formation and Youth Ministry” and then click on “RCIA” at the top of the screen. Should you have any questions before hand, don’t hesitate to give me a call.

JoAnn Tobin, M.Div.

PA for Adult Faith Formation

206-937-1488, Ext. **203**

Safe Environment Training

“Called to Protect for Ministries” This class is now scheduled for Wednesday, Sept. 29th at 6:30 pm in the School Hall. As a reminder, all adults who volunteer in the school in any capacity, including field trip drivers, need to have a background check and the Archdiocesan sponsored Safe Environment Training for Ministries completed. The form to request a background check can be downloaded from the Holy Rosary School website. Training sessions for the Safe Environment training are listed on the Archdiocesan website: www.seattlearch.org Go to the ‘Safe Environment’ link and then ‘Register for Classes’ to find a convenient date and location.

Christmas Tree Lot HO HO HO... It’s that time of year to start planning for our Christmas Tree Lot. We are looking for some new committee members to join our group. Please come if you can. Email Rick or Refawne Acarregui if you have any questions. Meeting Date: Thursday, 9/23 at 7 p.m. in the School Hall.

Safeway eScrip Renewal PLEASE RENEW BY OCT. 15th or we will lose your support!! New this year, you are required to renew your commitment to support Holy Rosary through eScrip. You do not need to completely re-register, just renew. Visit www.escrip.com, find the check mark on the left side, click renew and enter ONE of the following: supporter ID, Club Card number, phone number, or e-mail address and then press enter. Because this is the first year you need to renew, not all phone numbers or e-mail addresses are in the our eScrip system. If you need help or have questions e-mail me at tjs3660@netzero.net I can give you your supporter ID#. I encourage everyone to visit the website to update their information and check out other ways you can earn more money for the school. If you have friends or family who need to renew let me know, with their permission I can do it for them. In the future, if you have an e-mail address on file, you will get an e-mail to renew, just click yes and you will be done. Thanks for your support. Other ways to help through eScrip: Register your debit and credit cards Shop the online mall Sign up for autoEARN

Target Take Charge of Education Starting Oct. 17th you will get 5% off everyday when you use your REDcard Sign up for a Target REDcard (debit or credit) online at www.target.com/redcard or in the store Once you have the card, designate our school at www.target.com/tcoe Our school ID: 16816 Use your REDcard when you shop at Target and 1% of your purchases are donated to the school, and you get 5% off everyday. It's easy, automatic fundraising!!! We made \$1000. From 35 supporters last year.

Seattle Schools Certify as Washington Green Schools.*

Congratulations to Bertschi, Garfield High, Holy Rosary, John Stanford International, Lawton Elementary, and Montlake Elementary for achieving Level 1 certification in the new Washington Green Schools program. Congratulations to Maple Elementary for achieving Levels 1 and 2 – one of only two schools in the state to reach level two! This year, 105 schools across the state are recycling, composting, reducing waste, and protecting water and air to achieve points to certify. Go to www.wagreenschools.org for information. (*Reprinted from Seattle Public Utilities' CurbWaste & Conserve Newsletter, Fall 2010.)

COMING ATTRACTIONS The Scholastic Book Fair will return to HRS during Conferences in October. If you would like to volunteer during set up on Monday, October 18 at 3:00 or help with packing up on Monday, October 25 at 3:00, email Mrs. Harris at sharris@holynosaryws.org Thanks. Watch this eFC during the next few weeks for updates, notification of contests and other activities meant to highlight the fun of reading.

BASE School Store Opens The BASE school store is now open for business every Thursday from 3:00 to 3:20. All proceeds go to our Ugandan Student Rose. With our help Rose is able to attend school. Our support also provides her with a place to live and food to eat. Thank you for your continued support.

BASE Donations Needed

If you have any extra art supplies BASE would love to have them! (yarn, material, crochet needles, paper)

The 2010-11 CTY Talent Search sponsored by Johns Hopkins University Center for Talented Youth is underway. The purpose of the Talent Search is to identify, assess and recognize the academic abilities of highly capable students. To qualify, a student must score in the 95th percentile or higher on a subtest of a nationally-normed test, such as ITBS. Qualified students are offered the opportunity to register for the SCAT test (grades 2-6) or for the SAT or

ACT (grades 7-8). A variety of services and opportunities are offered to students after they test. If you are interested in pursuing this opportunity for your child, more information can be found by visiting the website: www.cty.jhu.edu. You may determine your child's eligibility based upon last year's ITBS scores. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact either Dr. Peters or Mrs. McFaul. Application forms may be obtained in the school office or on-line at the CTY website. There is a cost of \$37 payable to CTY/JHU to register for the optional testing.

Discovering Chess 09-10

Starting on October 7th I am pleased to offer an after school Chess class on Thursdays from 3-3:45 in my room (7A). Chess is a game with hundreds of years of history. Originally from India, it has taught skills such as concentration, planning ahead, spatial coordination, following rules and creativity to millions. Studies have been done about the beneficial effects that chess has on the brain as well. Until March, I will have class only once a week. After that we will meet twice a week on Tuesdays and Thursdays. I am open to taking all ages from K-8, but I want to make sure that the younger kids can sit for the 45 minute class after a long day of school. The cost is \$10 per student for the month. Feel free to email with any questions,

Thanks, Mike Ritscher

mrtscher@holyrosaryws.org

High School Regional Information Nights All regional nights events begin at 7:00pm. Families from All middle schools are welcome to attend whichever evening is most convenient.

Date

Monday, October 4
Tuesday, October 5
Thursday, October 7
Monday, October 11
Wednesday, October 13

Location

St. Mark School (Seattle)
Sacred Heart School (Bellevue)
St. Joseph School (Seattle)
St. Paul School (South Seattle)
Holy Rosary School (West Sea)

Community Postings

DAISY GIRL SCOUTS (1ST GRADE)

Is your daughter interested in joining Girl Scouts? Daisies is a great way to begin a lifetime of scouting and making friends!

Troop #43034 is hosting a parent meeting for prospective and returning parents. Girls encouraged to come and siblings are welcome!

Meeting information: October 11, 2010 from 6:00-8:00pm at Holy Rosary Parish Reception Center, located on the corner of 42nd and Genessee.

Please contact Danielle Otey, Troop Leader, with questions: (206) 850-1791 or skittleskandi.girlscouts@gmail.com

Lost and Found Kali Lindstrom in 1A is missing her Holy Rosary cardigan sweater. Her name is on the tag inside. If found please call Teri (206) 914-0241.

Included in this FCE:

- **October Calendar**
- **Parent/Student/Teacher Conference Form *Mandatory***
- **Pizza Lunch**
- **Italian Dinner Sign Up**
- **Momster – Son Glow Bowl**

UPCOMING EVENTS AND IMPORTANT DATES:

- ✚ **Italian Dinner- Saturday, Sept. 25, 6pm – Lanigan Gym**
- ✚ **8th Grade Pizza Lunch - Tuesday, Sept. 28**
- ✚ **Last Magazine Turn in Day Tuesday, Sept. 29**
- ✚ **8th Grade Ropes Retreat Wednesday, Sept. 29 – Oct. 1**
- ✚ **School Mass Thursday, Oct.7 - 8:45 am**
- ✚ **Parent Club Meeting- Thursday, October 14th- 6:30pm**
- ✚ **Momster – Son Glow Bowl Saturday, Oct. 16th**
- ✚ **Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences Tuesday, Oct.19 - 21**