



SCHOOL NEWS

Holy Rosary School Family Communication Newsletter

October 7, 2010

Dear Holy Rosary Families,

While we've been blessed with some mild fall weather recently and many students/families have been walking to school, it sounds as though the weather pattern may be changing soon. This could contribute to an increase in vehicle traffic during drop-off and pick-up, so we would like to review a couple of safety requests for drivers. First, please **consider dropping off as soon as possible after the window for students arriving begins (8:05 a.m.)**; this lessens the "traffic jam" effect that often takes place, particularly during the last few minutes of morning drop off each day. Second, always **ensure that children are exiting vehicles on the curb side**, and when drop-off takes place in the surrounding blocks please **make sure children cross only at the approved crosswalks**.

On another very important note, please do not use the alley behind the church/parish offices as a drop off point! Since traffic goes both ways in the alley, we have had some close calls with children being dropped off and walking in front of other cars. In addition, it makes it difficult (as well as dangerous) for parish staff who are trying to get into their parking area in the morning and damages relationships with our neighbors who live adjacent to the alley and who have difficulty exiting their garages/driveways in the morning.

Next, so that communication with our parent community remains as effective as ever, please make sure to **read the entire eFC (and any updates on the school [website---www.holyrosaryws.org](http://www.holyrosaryws.org)) each week**. Since we are going to an entirely electronic communication format this year, it is critical that everyone take the initiative to stay informed. Of the many questions, requests for forms, calendar issues, etc. our office personnel field every week, the vast majority can be answered by reading the eFC and referencing the website.

Among our key objectives as a school are the **facilitation of the very best communication possible with our community** (while honoring our commitment to be a Washington Green School, by going paperless), completely **transparent policies and processes**, and regular **opportunities for parent feedback**. **In order to fully participate and be heard, please read all school communications, attend Parents Club meetings** (the first of the year will be at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, October 15), **attend School Commission meetings that are open** to the community (the next is on Thursday, November 4), and **read posted School Commission minutes**.

Finally, the most significant factor facing Catholic schools in the U.S. today (and the single most important criterion in our ability to remain accredited) is that of Catholic identity/faith life. Simply

put, **there is no more important contribution that Holy Rosary parishioners and school families can make than to regularly attend Mass as a family and participate fully in the Sacraments and ministries of the church.** Catholic schools in America are facing a crisis: In the mid-60's, there were 13,000 Catholic schools in the country with a total enrollment of 5.2 million students; there are now less than half as many schools (just over 7000) and only 2.1 million students enrolled. The vast majority of school closures reflected a decline in the health and strength of the parish church with which they were affiliated and/or a diminishing affiliation with the church in general. We at Holy Rosary can be an anomaly in this era of educational and spiritual challenges; a vibrant, faith-filled, fully integrated parish and school community.

Peace,

Dr. Randal Peters
Principal

Notes From The School Office Please Help us to ensure a safe and secure environment by signing into the school office and picking up a visitor badge each time you enter the school.

In order to decrease the number of interruptions to our classrooms we are no longer paging students to the office for lunches, books, instruments etc. If your child needs to pick something up from the office please instruct them to check at their break. Lunches will be sent to the classrooms in the milk containers.

Magazine Roundup Results? Did We Make Our Goal? We have continued to count all orders, but the results as they stand will be announced at tomorrow's Celebration Assembly at 2:15 p.m. in Lanigan Gym. Did we make our goal of \$125,000 to earn that half day off in February? It promises to be a loud and fun event so come join us for the big "Show Down". We announce the top sellers and grades, and new this year – we will be playing "Wheel or No Wheel"! Which top sellers will take a chance and spin the wheel for gift cards, more free dress passes, iPods and more OR pick from our fun prize boutique? Prizes will come home on Friday so please be sure to watch for the bags with free dress passes inside! We hope to see you there.

Family Fun Center – IMPORTANT Permission slips went home yesterday. These must be returned to the office by TOMORROW (October 8) so we can make arrangements for buses and chaperones. PLEASE DON'T DELAY! The Fun Center award is for individual students selling 25 or families selling 40 orders or more. If you did not receive a slip, we do not have you as going! Email Cindy at cflair@qwest.net right away if you think you should be going. The Fun Center field trip is scheduled for Friday, October 15, 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Please volunteer to chaperone this event for fundraising hours.

Prizes! As mentioned, prizes will be distributed on Friday. Please email sharelene82@msn.com with any prize related problems. She can fix anything so there's nothing to worry about!

Still selling? You can continue to make your sales online at www.aphearst.com and use our school code WC2897. No more paper orders can be accepted.

Thank you to everyone who has participated and sold those magazines and got those donations, and to all that have volunteered your time and talent. We appreciate it all!

Westfest Survey

Holy Rosary - We would love to hear from you! Please participate in a short survey to give us feedback on our WestFest event.

Thank you!

Lights, Camera, Auction!

Supporting Actors please apply!

The Procurement Team is looking for some supporting actors and actresses to fill roles in some of the behind the scenes activities that help make the HEART Auction Procurement Team a success. Please contact the Procurement Team for more information and to get your casting call-back at:

auction-procurement@holyroaryws.org. We promise the script is an easy one!

Get your name in the credits!

If you plan to acquire a donation from a local business please contact the Procurement Team before Friday, October 15th. This will prevent our procurement team from duplicating your efforts, or worse yet, stealing your families auction donation! You may email Angela Nichols or Kamila Kennedy at auction-procurement@holyroaryws.org to let them know the business name(s) that you will be contacting, that will ensure that your name will be in the credits! Thank you.

Renew Your Safeway Club Card Before Oct. 15th

See me at the Parent's Club Meeting to renew or visit www.escrip.com

We need everyone's help to keep the money rolling in. If you signed up before June 2009, you must renew your commitment or we will lose your contributions. I know most phone numbers and e-mail addresses are not working. You can use your Club Card number or get your supporter ID number from me. Please e-mail me at tjs3660@netzero.net

Target RED card

Sign up for a Target Debit or Credit RED card. Once you get the card register for Take Charge of Education. The school gets 1% back, you get 5% off every time you shop.

35 supporters earned \$1000 dollars last year for our school.

Pick up an application at the Parent's Club Meeting.

Parent/ Student/ Teacher Conferences will be Oct. 19 – 21 Your scheduled conference time should come home with your child today. There will be no school Friday Oct. 22.

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.

ITBS Testing Dates

The testing is scheduled for April 4 – 12. Please avoid scheduling appointments or trips during those two weeks. Thank you.

CYO Basketball

Gators, It's time to register for Holy Rosary/CYO Basketball. This is open to Holy Rosary Students and Parishioners in the 4th through 8th grades, both boys and girls. Our registration deadline is Tuesday, October 12th. **This will be a firm and true deadline.** Please fill out and return all forms to the school office promptly, so you can join in on all the fun. If there are any questions, please contact your HRS Athletic Director at thetepners@comcast.net

2010-2011 Parents Club Speakers:

HEALING THE FAMILY- THE TRANSFORMING POWER OF AUTHENTIC LOVE
Thursday, Oct. 14th at 6:30pm - Sr. Miriam James Heidland (SOLT)

Sr. Miriam James was raised in Woodland, WA and is a graduate of the University of Nevada-Reno where she played volleyball on a scholarship and majored in Communications. Upon graduation, she joined the Society of Our Lady of the Most Holy Trinity (SOLT), a missionary community that serves global areas of deepest apostolic need. Sr. Miriam has served in New Mexico, Rome, and North Dakota and is presently at St. Alphonsus Parish in Seattle where she serves as the Director of Novices. She also co-hosts the show "Sisters in Christ" which can be heard on Sacred Heart Radio, 1050 AM and is a former volleyball coach at Archbishop Murphy High School. Sr. Miriam James came highly recommended to us after she spoke at Our Lady of Guadalupe last year.

GIRL BULLYING

Thursday, Dec. 9th at 6:30pm - Rosetta Eun Ryong Lee (Faculty and Professional Outreach Specialist - Seattle Girls' School)

Examine the cross-section of socio-emotional development, gender bias, and adolescence in the emergence of the "Mean Girl" phenomenon. What can we do as parents, educators, and supporters to promote healthy relationship among girls? (see attached flyer)

INTERNET CRIMES AGAINST CHILDREN (*back by popular demand*)

Thursday, Feb. 10th at 6:30pm - Stefanie Thomas (Victim Advocate with the Seattle Police Department Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force)

To educate parents about the internet and potential dangers facing their children. Learn up-to-date safety tips to protect your children from dangers online.(see attached flyer)

All Kinds Of Minds: During the month of October we are focusing on the construct Temporal-Sequential Ordering which means organizing information by putting things in order and understanding time. For Preschool, Kindergarten and Grade One this could mean the assimilation of basic time and seriation concepts or learning musical rhythms. For grades 1-3 it's a need for phonemic segmentation and resynthesis or a demand for mastery of math algorithms. For grades 4-8 it is the use of extended causal/temporal/procedural chains and an appreciation of temporal relationships for content-area subjects like social studies. Please come check out our new AKOM bulletin board outside the faculty lounge and ask your children about AKOM lessons taught in the classroom this month.

Pizza Lunch





"Thank you to all who have already ordered pizza lunch for the entire trimester. If you haven't, it isn't too late. You may order October (28th) and November (18th) lunches now. If you need to change your previous order, you may, but please indicate replacement in the comment section and be sure to adjust your payment if more is owed (we cannot offer refunds). A confirmation of all orders received by 10/18 will be distributed on 10/19. A final confirmation will be distributed on 10/25. You have until 10/21 to place your order for 10/28. **Please do not forget to press submit or we will not receive your order.**

Here's to our heroes – Reading saves the day!

The Scholastic Book Fair returns to Holy Rosary School during conferences, opening Tuesday, October 19 and running through Monday, October 25. Historically, the book fair is held at this time because: it provides an opportunity for parents and children to share the joy of reading; school age siblings can safely stay in the library while the parents attend the conference of another child; this fair raises necessary funds for the library program. Enjoy the fun and plan to participate. The next eFC will contain information about some of the activities and contests. Plan on stopping by the Library while you are at school during conferences and "Be a reading hero!"

BASE: Thank you to all families who have been submitting BASE calendars by the 25th of the prior month. In order to adequately plan for staff, it is very important for BASE to have calendars on time. Therefore beginning in December, a \$25 late fee will be assessed for all calendars turned in after the 25th of the prior month.

GREEN TIP Facts about Recycling cell phones and printer cartridges

-  According to statistics, **95%** of printer cartridges are simply discarded and end up in landfill sites. Plastics used in these cartridges take over 1000 years to decompose.
-  It takes 2 ½ ounces of oil to make a new inkjet cartridge and up to 3 quarts to produce a toner cartridge.
-  Over 40,000,000 pounds of unnecessary waste is added to landfills by cartridges a year.
-  There are over 260 million cell phone subscribers in the US today. On average, cell phone users replace old units every 18 months – over 100 million units are discarded every year. About 20 % of these old phones are recycled or sent back to manufacturers for proper disposal.

- 🌐 Once in the landfill, poisonous chemicals from mobile phones such as lead, cadmium, and mercury can potentially contaminate nearby water sources and surrounding soil.
- 🌐 Recycling or reusing cell phones conserves materials, prevents air and water pollution, and reduces greenhouse gas emissions that occur during manufacturing and processing.

Since December 2004, Holy Rosary families and businesses have been recycling their inkjet/toner cartridges and cell phones. Together we have saved thousands of items from reaching our landfills. The Recycling Program not only supports our environment but helps us raise funds for our school. The best part is that there is nothing to buy and no cost to Holy Rosary! **Here's how it works:**

1. Save your used inkjet/toner cartridges and cell phones

Put the inkjet and toner cartridges in the original packaging or individually in a ziplock bag or baggie. Place cell phones in a ziplock bag. This keeps them from getting damaged in transit.

2. Drop them off

Bring your used cartridges and cell phones to Holy Rosary School and place them in the collection boxes in the main office.

3. Ask others to help

Ask friends, relatives and employers to help support our recycling efforts.

If you have questions, please contact Kristen or Tim Hinthorn at 433-2748 or email us at tkhinthorn1@comcast.net

Community Postings

Holy Names Academy is hosting an Open House Sunday, October 24 from 12:00 pm to 3:00pm. Questions? (206) 720-7805 or admission@holynames-sea.org

Open House For Seattle Lutheran High School

The staff and faculty of Seattle Lutheran invite you to join us for an Open House on Thursday, October 21, 2010 from 6:30- 8:00. At Seattle Lutheran High School high academic standards and competitive sports programs are balanced with character education and spiritual growth. In a day and age where schools measure their success by standardized measures on tests, we define success through confidence, hope, integrity, and passion. These are the cornerstones of a Seattle Lutheran High School education. For more information call Rachel Bigliardi, Admission Director at 206-937-7722 Ext. 18.

Girl Scouts is for all Girls in Grades K- 12

Come learn about Girl Scouting and how you and the girl(s) in your life can have your very own Girl Scout Experience.

Monday, October 18th – Southwest Public Library

Wednesday, October 20th – West Seattle Library

Monday, October 25th – Delridge Public Library

Included in this eFC

-  **Power School Parent Access Form**
-  **Girl Bullying Flyer**
-  **Internet Crimes Against Children Flyer**
-  **Holy Names “Just For Dads Breakfast” Flyer**
-  **Emerald City Football Flyer**

Upcoming Events And Important Dates:

-  **Magazine Prize Assembly Friday, October 8**
-  **Parents’ Club Meeting Thursday, October 14- 6:30pm**
-  **Prayer Service in Church- Living Rosary Friday, October 15- 8:45am**
-  **Family Fun Center Reward for Magazine Sales, Friday, October 15- 10:45 -2:30**
-  **Momster – Son Glow Bowl Saturday, Oct. 16**
-  **Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences Tuesday, Oct. 19 – 21**
-  **No school Friday, October 22**
-  **Individual Picture Retakes Wednesday, October 27**
-  **Scholastic Book Fair, Tuesday, October 19 through Monday, October 25**

