



SCHOOL NEWS

Holy Rosary School Family Communication Newsletter

October 14, 2010

Dear Holy Rosary Families,

Tonight (Thursday, October 14) is the first Parent Club meeting of the year and it presents our community with a very special opportunity. After a short recap of Parent Club business, **Sr. Miriam James Heidland** will give a talk entitled, "**Healing the Family: The Transformative Power of Authentic Love.**" Sr. Miriam James comes highly recommended from other schools and has a fascinating, inspiring story: an accomplished volleyball player at the University of Nevada-Reno who was living the classic college student-athlete existence, she increasingly began to question her purpose and mission in life and was ultimately led to a path of religious contemplation and service. She has coached volleyball at Archbishop Murphy HS, works from St. Alphonsus Parish, and clearly connects with young adults through, among other things, a love of music, sports, and faith life. You can read more of her story in Seattle Times and Catholic NW Progress articles and by reading her excellent blog, NunEssential, at soltsisters.blogspot.com. **The program begins at 6:30 p.m. We would really like to increase our attendance and involvement at Parents Club meetings this year.** In order to encourage this, we have slightly decreased the number of meetings, added a Parent Education component to most events, and are **requesting that at least one parent from each family make it to the meetings, if possible.**

Parent-teacher-student conferences, an important event in our partnership with the community, **come up next week.** This is an excellent opportunity to find out how your child is adjusting to the new school year and to get to know his/her teachers better. According to the Family Education website, some ideas for having a successful conference experience include:

- Jot down the things that you would like to talk about at the conference.
- Arrive promptly or a few minutes early.
- Avoid lengthy discussions of topics that are not related to the purpose of the conference.
- Be open-minded to suggestions from the teacher.
- Keep your emotions under control.
- Take notes about what has been discussed.
- Express appreciation for the conference.
- Do not stay beyond your allotted time.

Although students and teachers have planned to share specific information, if you are unsure of what to ask, the ERIC Digest offers the following suggestions:

1. What does my child do that surprises you? Sometimes a child will behave quite differently at school than at home, so the parent may be surprised, as well.
2. What is my child reluctant to do? This may reveal more about a child's interests/dislikes and may encourage discussion about the child's academic and social preferences.

3. What is a goal you would like to see my child achieve? This can serve as a springboard for parents and teachers to develop a plan to work together to help a child set and reach a specific outcome. All children benefit from setting goals in areas that need improvement or in which they might excel.
4. What can I do at home to support what is being done at school? This question is always appreciated and helps to create a team feeling.

Effective parent-teacher conferences take place in an atmosphere of trust, where confidentiality is ensured and parents and teachers treat each other with respect. When children have learning or behavioral challenges, it may be helpful to examine the context in which they occur and then to formulate a plan of action. Sometimes it is helpful to include the child in setting goals and reviewing the effectiveness of plans. Children are more likely to succeed in school if they can view their parents and teachers working together cooperatively.

Thanks; enjoy the weekend!

Dr. Randal Peters
Principal

Join Us For Tomorrow's Prayer Service in the Church at 8:45. We will be having the Living Rosary. Please remember this is a "perfect uniform" day for all students with the exception of those attending the Family Fun Center field trip.

Hot Lunch Forms

Hot lunch forms for November are available and ready for download on our website. Please complete your orders and turn them in to the office by Monday, October 25th.

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.**

The Great Holy Rosary Magazine Round Up Has Come to an End!

We've rounded up all the orders and have surpassed our goal to earn a whopping \$127,500! What a fantastic job everyone did. We can't thank you enough. Our final Show Down last Friday was great fun. Our top-selling students and our top selling grades were announced. Bridget Haney (6) lassoed the Top Seller award with Cameron Wong (8) and Jacob Laks (1) taking 2nd and 3rd. The top selling grades were 6th Grade earning 1st Place and that Bowling Party; 2nd Grade taking 2nd Place and a Pizza Party and 8th Grade rounding out the wagon train in 3rd Place to win that Husky Deli Trip. The big excitement was the wheel spinning and the drawing at the end for 3 different iPods! Congratulations to all of our winners!

Family Fun Center is tomorrow from 11:10 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. for those students earning that reward. Pizza lunch will be served at the Fun Center. If you volunteered to chaperone, please meet in front of the school by 11:10 a.m. sharp!

Thank you again to EVERYONE that participated and volunteered his or her time and talent to make this important fundraiser such a success.

Parent Club Meeting Tonight Daycare will be available for tonight's Parents Club meeting. Also **free dress passes** will be given to all students whose parents attend.

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)

Book Fair

The whole school is excited about our upcoming Book Fair. Mark your calendars and plan on stopping by the Library either before or after your conference. Use the time to browse, shop, and join in activities while sharing your joy of reading with your family.

Do you know that:

Everyone is tracking his or her reading as we try to read 100,000 minutes during the book fair?

During conferences, there are some special contests and all you need to do is stop by?

The profits from the book fairs provide the budget to purchase new books for our Library?

You can select and purchase a book to donate to a class library?

Siblings are welcomed to stay at the Book Fair while you attend another conference?

Mrs. Harris probably has a radio on if you want to check the baseball scores?

The more you read, the more you know?

Lights, Camera, Auction!

Friday, October 15th - Last call to get your name in the credits!

Tomorrow is the last day to email the Auction Procurement Team if you plan to approach an area business for a 2011 HEART Auction donation. Please email Angela Nichols or Kamila Kennedy at auction-procurement@holynosaryws.org with the business name(s) that you will be contacting so that the procurement team does not also knock on their door! Thank you.

What really goes on behind the scenes?

The 2011 HEART Auction Procurement Team has a variety of volunteer opportunities from behind the scenes jobs like stuffing envelopes, making phone calls, and sign making, to advertising opportunities like creatively packaging and promoting auction items, and meeting with local businesses to solicit donations. Please contact the Procurement Team for more information and to get your casting call-back at: auction-procurement@holynosaryws.org . We promise the script is an easy one!

Cross Country Update - We had an amazing showing of running Gators at the K-3 championships this past Sunday at Lower Woodland Park. We fielded the largest K-3 team ever in the history of Holy Rosary, scoring 58 points for the overall team! Please wish the 4th - 8th grade runners good luck this week as they prepare for their championship this Sunday. Which class will win a team championship and get donuts next week? Stay tuned! Go Gators!

Momster Son Glow Bowl reminder:

Momster Son Glow Bowl is this Saturday Oct 16th from 5 to 8 pm. You won't want to miss this night out with your son(s), it is sure to be lots of fun! If you have any questions, please feel free to give Alex Gardner a call.

Preschool Special Request

As Halloween approaches and passes us by, the preschool is looking for gently used costumes and accessories for their Dramatic Play area. Please drop any donations in the main school office.

Thank you.

Notes From The School Office Thank you for remembering to stop by the office and pick up your visitor badge before entering the classrooms.

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!

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.

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 was sent home last week. School will dismiss at 2:15 on Tuesday, October 19 to begin conferences. There will be no school Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

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.

Green Tip

Check out <http://www.footprintnetwork.org/en/index.php/GFN/page/calculators/> to calculate your ecological footprint, learn more about the resources you use and how you can "tread more lightly upon the earth."

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

Seattle Preparatory School Open House is scheduled for Tuesday, November 2nd from 5:30 to 8pm. Open House provides an opportunity for parents and students to get a close look at facilities and programs. Seattle Prep is a Catholic Jesuit High School located on North Capitol Hill. Any questions please call the Seattle Prep Admissions office at (206) 577-2146.

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**
-  **November Hot Lunch Menu and Order Form**
-  **November Calendar**

Upcoming Events And Important Dates:

-  **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**
-  **School Dismisses at 2:15 Tuesday, October 19- Conferences begin**
-  **Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences Tuesday, Oct. 19 – 21**
-  **Scholastic Book Fair, Tuesday, October 19 through Monday, October 25**
-  **Individual Picture Retakes Wednesday, October 27**
-  **All Saints Day Mass Monday, November 1 at 8:45am in the Church**