

SCHOOL NEWS

Holy Rosary School Family Communication Newsletter

October 28, 2010

Dear Holy Rosary School Families:

We'd like to extend our sincere thanks for your partnership in holding another very successful week of Parent-Student-Teacher Conferences. It can be quite a logistical (not to mention exhausting, for the teachers!) feat to schedule and undertake almost 500 individual conferences in a three-day period but, with your help and our faculty's diligence, we were again able to contribute to the home/school communication that is one of the strengths of our community.

On a similar note, we have seen a significant improvement in the drop-off and pick-up procedures this year. Additional staff and volunteer supervision, the willingness of our 8th graders to assist with crossing at the corners, and enhanced signage indicating that 42nd is a one way street have all contributed to the betterment of our children's safety.

There is, however, always room for improvement: Bruno, our intrepid crossing guard, has requested that drivers pay close attention to traffic before pulling out, not stop in the middle of the road, and please, please, not use cell phones while in the process of dropping children off. Also, it would be greatly appreciated if everyone would again remind their sons/daughters never to cross the street in the morning without being directed by one of the crossing personnel and always to cross at the crosswalks.

Finally, it has become evident during the course of our school accreditation work that knowledge and awareness of our School wide Learning Expectations could be better communicated. This set of expectations, which—along with Archdiocesan/State Learning Standards—form the core of our academic, behavioral, and spiritual identity as a school, is something that we take seriously and something for which we are evaluated by our accrediting organization.

They are, essentially, intended to be a picture of the Holy Rosary "Grad at Grad," (Graduate at Graduation). We would ask all parents to carefully read over them with your children; we will be focusing on these in upcoming eFC letters and, perhaps, having some fun with our attempts to elevate them in the community's consciousness! The revised (to make them more measurable and more user friendly for the students) set of SLEs is as follows:

SCHOOLWIDE LEARNING EXPECTATIONS

Graduates of Holy Rosary School are:

1. FAITH-FILLED CATHOLICS WHO:

- 1.1 Know and practice the foundations and traditions of the Catholic faith
- 1.2 Apply the principles of Catholic Social Teaching and make moral decisions based on Gospel values
- 1.3 Participate in a personal relationship with God as a member of the faith community through worship, prayer

and stewardship

2. LIFE LONG LEARNERS WHO:

- 2.1 Pursue life-long physical, social, emotional, and intellectual wellness
- 2.2 Set and accomplish goals using effective organizational skills
- 2.3 Demonstrate a desire for learning and openness to new challenges
- 2.4 Solve problems using critical and creative thinking skills applying a variety of resources

3. RESPONSIBLE STUDENTS WHO:

- 3.1 Strive to meet and exceed published standards
- 3.2 Use technology ethically and effectively
- 3.3 Produce original work
- 3.4 Demonstrate personal accountability for their own learning

4. EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATORS WHO:

- 4.1 Clearly communicate ideas in a variety of ways
- 4.2 Actively and respectfully listen while interacting with others
- 4.3 Demonstrate the ability to participate, collaborate and lead in group settings

5. RESPECTFUL PEOPLE WHO:

- 5.1 Positively respond to individual and cultural differences
- 5.2 Care for themselves and others
- 5.3 Demonstrate pride in their school community and the environment

Safe Environment Training Saint Francis of Assisi is offering the 1-½ hour Safe Environment class for volunteers on 11/03/10 at 6:30 pm in the school auditorium. Volunteers can enter the parking lot on 20th Ave SW.

Cross Country Update: Way to go GATORS! We had amazing performances by all of the 4th - 8th graders at the Cross Country championships on the 17th. Holy Rosary finished in 4th place this year, only 38 points way from 3rd place! We now know what the goal is for next year. Our 5th grade boys are the CYO CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONS this year. A special congratulations to the 5th grade boys, with Jaxon Woodward taking first and Brendan Stoll finishing 6th! We'll see everyone again next fall.

Halloween Candy Drive - Win a Free Dress Pass!

This year we are again encouraging students to donate leftover Halloween candy to our troops overseas, and to other local charities. The class that donates the most candy will win a free dress pass (date to be approved by the teachers and school administration). During the week of Nov. 1-5, Mrs. Rangel's Leadership team will be collecting candy from the classrooms. Starting on Monday, start bringing it in! Stop by Dr. Peter's office and see how much we're collecting!

\$1-on\$1 Uganda

Please remember to send in \$1 this Monday, November 1, to support our parish mission in Uganda. The money we collect pays tuition for impoverished students. Thank you for your ongoing support with this outreach.

Lost and Found Items will be donated to area charities on the 1st and the 15th of each month.

Holy Rosary Christmas Pageant

This years Christmas Program will be an Epiphany program held on Thursday January 13. The change has been made this year because our Music Teacher and Program Director, Miss Mudge, will be traveling on our Parish Mission trip to Uganda during the month of December.

Tree Lot - committee meeting tonight, 10/28 at 7 p.m. in the School Hall. All are welcome to attend. We will be finalizing details for the Lot opening on 11/27!

Also, volunteer sign ups will be "live" on the Holy Rosary website early next week, so be on the lookout - shifts fill up fast!

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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 Please remember to contact the school office if your child will be out due to illness, vacation, appointments, etc.

Westfest Survey

Holy Rosary West Fest Survey Results

Thank you to those in our community who took the West Fest survey! The West Fest team is using the results to plan for next year – your comments were appreciated! If you are interested in being more involved in planning West Fest 2011, please e-mail Sarah Dahleen. Thank you!

Here is what we heard from you:

54 people took the survey – there was equal participation in the survey from all grade levels.

54% attend West Fest for financial support to our school.

60% attend to have fun.

33% attend as a volunteer only.

88% of respondents visited the West Fest web site.

61% used the web site to sign up to volunteer.

81% of respondents had a positive volunteer experience.

59% of respondents purchased a raffle ticket.

86% say the prices are right.

Satisfaction:

Food – Excellent

Bingo – Excellent

Stage – Good

Kids Entertainment – Excellent
Used Book Sale – Good

Ratings in order of importance to West Fest:

Food
Kids entertainment
Bingo
Stage entertainment
Used Book Sale

88% of respondents say that West Fest is very important or important as a fundraiser/event to Holy Rosary.

76% were very satisfied with their overall West Fest experience.

Holy Rosary School Art Show

This year there will be an Art Show in the spring. The show will feature one piece of artwork created by each student since September. Students will be responsible to bring back one project to be displayed, so please keep all projects!! Each piece will sell for one dollar to raise money to purchase supplies for the art program. We hope to see many of you at the Art Show!

Where: Holy Rosary School

When: Wednesday, March 16th at 7:00 pm

What: Art Show featuring all Holy Rosary Art Students

Who: All students, parents, grandparents and friends!

If you are available to help display the art or set up for the event please let me know.

Thank you!!

Ms. Boys

Green Tip

"Remember that pumpkins are compostable yard waste!"

Sunday Youth Mass & Ministry @ 5:00 pm – HELP! We need Life Size 'Cut-Outs' forms for Teen Pictures on Halloween.

Each Sunday evening, HR has a Youth Mass @ 5:00 pm. Following Mass, for a brief hour (6:00 – 7:00 pm) we have a Youth Meeting at the Parish Hall for kids in 6th, 7th and 8th Grade. Each week we bring kids together to talk about the different aspects of faith in their lives, which we overlay, with 'ice breaker' activities for it to be a fun and comfortable environment. We invite the 6th, 7th and 8th graders to join their peers each Sunday evening at 6:00 pm for an hour of faith-filled fun times.

In preparation of a fun Halloween session, we are asking to 'borrow' life size, cutout figures of movies stars/famous people that can be used by the kids for Halloween Photographs (one of our parent volunteers is an photographer who is donating his expertise). If you have any 'appropriate' cut-outs that you feel would be fun for the kids to use, or if you have some outfits that the kids

would enjoy trying on for picture taking purposes (all well marked with your name/contact detail), please let us know. We'd appreciate borrowing them. We will return them immediately following the Youth Meeting. Thank you. Tara Van Vleet, tvanvleet@comcast.net, 206 938 7818.

Community Postings

Lost and Found: A black "Crush" soccer team jacket, zip up front with the logo "Crush" on the back. These are the team jackets so only teammates have this kind of jacket. If anyone picked it up please return it to the HR school office it would be greatly appreciated.

Jacket belongs: Name on collar tab is "Stoll", Brendan Stoll in 5A.

Thank you, Kathleen Stoll

Sports Swap 2 Drop-off your gently used sports equipment, sports clothing, skis, bikes, balls, etc. to sell or donate: Sat. 11/6, 9am – 3pm at Lafayette Elementary

Big Sale! Sun. 11/7, 9am – 3pm

Proceeds support *Play it Forward*

Raising funds for a new playground at Lafayette Elementary

Join a Camp Fire Group today!

Activities for boys & girls Ages 3 to Grade 12. Groups can be all boys, all girls or boys and girls together. Parents decide where, when and how often to meet. Youth learn to plan, set goals, resist peer pressure and make good decisions. Excellent activities that augment school learning while having fun. Local groups organizing NOW!

For more information contact: Janelle Kitson at 206 826 8910 or janellek@campfire-usa.org

West Seattle Family Zone presents -The Pesky Peanut Book Discussion

Author and mom, Katie Corl, has just published her book titled The Pesky Peanut, a beautifully illustrated children's story of her son's peanut allergy. The story is informative and entertaining for elementary age children.

Please join us in hearing Katie's story and learn how The Pesky Peanut can be a tool to educate parents and children about food allergies.

Monday, Oct 25 6:30-8:00pm

Holy Rosary School Hall

4152 42nd Ave SW Seattle, WA 98116

Public Welcome

Admission is Free

West Seattle Family Zone is the West Seattle community resource for families.

Visit us at <http://westseattlefamilyzone.com>

St. Brendan School's 31st Annual Holiday Craft Fair

Saturday, November 13th 9am-5pm

Sunday, November 14th 12pm-4pm







Featuring over 100 returning and new craft vendors, holiday gift raffle, kids craft room, refreshments, baked goods, and homemade soups. Admission is free! 10049 NE 195th St, Bothell WA 98011.

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.














Ingraham High School Open House for Private school students and parents is scheduled for Wednesday, November 3rd at 7:00 pm in the Ingraham School Library. Questions? Call Martin Floe 206-252-3886

The Center School, Seattle's arts-focused, college preparatory high school invites you to an Open House for prospective students on Wednesday, November 17th from 6:00 – 7:00pm.

Included in This eFC

-  **Power School Parent Access Form**
-  **Girl Bullying Flyer**
-  **Internet Crimes Against Children Flyer**
-  **Prep Cheer Camp Flyer**
-  **Emerald City Football Flyer**
-  **November Calendar**

Upcoming Events And Important Dates:

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|  Oct. 28th | 8th Gr. Pizza Lunch |
|  Oct. 29 | Orange and Black Day |
|  Nov. 1 | All Saints Day Mass – 4th gr. (8:45) *Perfect Uniform |
|  Nov. 11 | Veteran's Day Holiday – No School |
|  Nov. 18 | 8th Gr. Pizza Lunch |
|  Nov. 24 | Thanksgiving Mass: 3rd Gr(8:45) *Perfect Uniform Noon Dismiss |
|  Nov. 24 | 1st Trimester Ends |
|  Dec. 8 | School Mass: Immaculate Conception – 1st Grade (8:45) |
|  Dec. 10 | 1st Trimester Report Cards home |
|  Dec. 13 | Advent Penance Service (Grade Levels and Time TBD) |
|  Dec. 14 | 8th Gr. Pizza Lunch |
|  Dec. 15 | Advent Penance Service (Grade Levels and Time TBD) |
|  Dec. 17 | Noon Dismiss: Christmas Holiday |

