



# SCHOOL NEWS

Holy Rosary School Family Communication Newsletter

November 18, 2010

*Oh God, when I have food, help me to remember the hungry. When I have work, help me to remember the jobless. When I have a home, help me to remember those who have no home at all. When I am without pain, help me to remember those who suffer, and, remembering, help me to destroy my complacency, bestir my compassion, and be concerned enough to help, by word and deed, those who cry out for what we take for granted. Amen.*

Dear Holy Rosary Families,

Peace and blessings to all of you in this time of thanksgiving and togetherness. In that spirit, I continue to be amazed and grateful for the overwhelming abundance of commitment, time and talent that you as a community dedicate to our school. I've said this many times, but I have never witnessed giving to a school on this scope and scale and I am so appreciative that we are the beneficiaries of your kind largesse.

As we continue through the year, I will provide regular updates on our school's major initiatives, from our accreditation work, to our progress on the school's strategic plan, the results of the most recent parent survey, and our integration of *All Kinds of Minds*. Among the most important dates to remember in this regard are those of our important **school accreditation site visits**. The pre-visit will take place on **February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2011**, and the entire accreditation team will be in residence all day (and most of the evening) from **March 14-16, 2011**. We will be asking our entire community for help in putting our best face forward during that time.

One of the most clearly stated expectations of our school improvement process is the development, common awareness, and meaningful use of a set of **Schoolwide Learning Expectations**—the qualities that we as a community hope to instill in our children by the time they graduate. We encourage parents to become familiar with these principles, and to talk with children about them in ways that will reinforce what we are teaching at school and enhance their tendency to put them into practice. With that in mind, the first SLE that we promote is that students become:

- 1. Faith-filled Catholics (or members of other faith communities) who know and practice the foundations and traditions of the Catholic/Christian faith.**

This can only become a reality if families and school personnel alike teach, model, and provide opportunities for our young people to learn, discuss, ask questions about, practice, and reflect on their faith lives within the context of regular, communal family, parish, and school life.

In this regard, Holy Rosary School received very high marks in the last parent survey, with 97% of respondents agreeing (or strongly agreeing) that the religion program at HRS is given a high priority and over 93% agreeing/strongly agreeing that our school Masses and prayer services are meaningful for students.

This area is correlated to the stated objective of our school's strategic plan, which identifies the need to further develop school/parish relations. To address this, we are in the process of establishing a committee to promote our communication and participation with the parish, and we have increased efforts to support parish service programs and expand family participation in ministries and liturgies. These efforts are in their early stages and, as such, we invite additional input and participation in bringing about a more connected whole in our shared spiritual life.

Our sincere thanks to the entire community, and may you and your extended families experience a restful, joyful, and meaningful Thanksgiving holiday.

Dr. Randal Peters  
Principal

### **Thanksgiving Mass Time Change!**

Please make note that the Thanksgiving Mass on November 24th will be at 10:45.

### **Lunches Of Love**

Holy Rosary School families - Thank you for making and providing a lunch for someone in need! We will once again make lunches for those in our community who are in need as part of our Advent school wide service project.

Calendar:

Fri. Dec. 3: K-2 bring lunches

Fri. Dec. 10: 3-5 bring lunches

Fri. Dec. 17: 6-8 bring lunches

The items in the bag must be all NON-PERISHABLE. (No fresh fruit or sandwiches)

Ideas:

Can of tuna/chicken/salmon (pull-top only!) Snack packs work great!

or Vienna sausages (pull-top only!) No soups please!

protein bar

fruit cup

juice box and/or water

chips – prepackaged

cookies – prepackaged

napkin

spoon (if not included with the non-perishable item)

**Hot Lunch Order Forms** are due Friday. The December calendar starts on November 29<sup>th</sup>, so turn in your order today.

### **What were you doing in 1979?**

Were you in the King Dome watching the Mariners 3rd season or the Seahawks in their 4th? Remember Jim Zorn? Did you cheer the SuperSonics on in victory as they claimed the NBA title that season? Or, did

your interests lean in a different direction? Perhaps your heart was beating to the sounds of Seattle's own Heart, or did Farrah Fawcett or Michael Jackson pull at your heartstrings? Were you even born in 1979?

Well, in 1979 our Holy Rosary predecessors were working on a HEART of a different sort. This was the first year that the HEART Auction was born. Someone had a "big idea" and 32 years later the tradition continues!

This year, Holy Rosary's own Ed Merklin has created a logo for the HEART Auction to be used in community and school communications. Thank you, Ed! Can you believe it has taken 32 years to create? Perhaps the Holy Rosary predecessors had no idea that their efforts would last longer than the SuperSonics!

**HEART** is an acronym for **H**elping **E**ducation And **R**eligious **T**raditions. Now that was a big idea!

### **Tons of Used Plaid!**

Do your daughters need jumpers? The Used Uniform closet has a ton. There are also some skirts and skorts. Contact Kristin Bentler at [gkbentler@comcast.net](mailto:gkbentler@comcast.net).

### **Holy Rosary Yearbook**

It's time to get your "Game On" and order your yearbook. Students will not want to miss out on this year's fantastic yearbook. Checks and order forms are due to the office this Friday, Nov. 19. Prices = K- 7 \$19 and 8th grade \$25. There will be a special welcome page to our pre-school classes too. Pre-school orders welcome! (Print your order form from the HR website. There are also copies in the office.)

To help everyone remember to order his or her yearbook, the Yearbook Staff is sponsoring a Game On/Mix It Up free dress/spirit day on Friday. Students are asked to dress as their favorite board game piece or video game character (ie. a green Sorry piece, a domino, a red checker, the King of Spades, the thimble from Monopoly, Mario, a Pac Man ghost, etc.) The Yearbook Staff will be looking for the most creatively dressed class, which will win a 20-minute photo shoot session with our staff for their yearbook candid's page.

Thanks for supporting our student-created/ student-designed yearbook. You won't be "Sorry" for ordering "uno" this year!

### **Holy Rosary Christmas Pageant**

This year's Christmas Program will be an Epiphany program held on Thursday January 13.

### **Matching Gift Programs**

There are many corporations that offer gift Matching Grant Programs. Gift matching grant programs often aim to recognize and motivate employees to engage in outreach and volunteerism to make our communities a better place to live, work, and play. They will often support employees giving their time and talent to qualified non-profits and non-governmental organizations, in addition to schools. Some of these programs will also recognize employees who give of their time and give them the opportunity to earn money for organizations that are meaningful to them.

Thank you to all of our school families that request matching funds from their place of work. Here are some of the local businesses that offer grant matching programs:

Boeing  
Microsoft  
Nintendo  
Chase  
Starbucks  
Alaska Airline  
Russel Investments  
Symetra

There are others – so ask your company if they offer a matching program. Most companies will match donation to the Holy Rosary School Annual Fund and to the HEART Auction for Fund-an-item and Dessert (Scholarship) Auction.

If you have questions about gift matching, please contact Sarah Dahleen.  
Thank you!

**We need you!** Wear the Christmas Tree Costume to support the Holy Rosary Tree Lot! Volunteer sign-ups are open on the Tree Lot web site. Select the shift labeled Advertising – California Ave. – find a buddy and have some fun!

**Ho, Ho, Ho - The Tree Lot** is set to open on Saturday, November 27 at 12 noon and online sign ups are now open!

Thank you VERY much for your patience while we updated the web pages for the Tree Lot - I think you will agree that they look great and were worth the wait. A BIG thank you to Mike Go, Mike Grueter and Reg Harris for making the new web site a reality.  
New shifts available this year include:

Coffee & Donuts - The Tree Lot is hosting Coffee & Donuts after masses on November 28, December 5 and December 12. Coffee & Donuts will remain in the school hall and we will offer hot cocoa and candy canes at the Tree Lot. These shifts will involve picking up the donuts, set up/clean up in the school hall, ensuring there is hot water, cocoa and candy packets at the Tree Lot. These hours will count toward your fundraising hours.

Advertising - We have purchased a Christmas tree costume and are asking 2 people to sign up per shift on Saturdays & Sundays to drive traffic towards our Lot. 7th & 8th graders are encouraged to sign up for these shifts!

Lot Squad - These shifts are designated towards moving trees into our tree storage area before and after deliveries of inventory.

Re-Stocking Team - These shifts are designated for re-stocking the inventory of the Lot, general clean up, etc. Lots of moving and manual labor!

Rick & Refawne Acarregui, Tree Lot Chairs

### **Parents' Club Meeting**

Please join us on Thursday, Dec 9th at 6:15pm for our next Parents' Club meeting. Our speaker of the evening is Rosetta Eun Ryong Lee (Faculty and Professional Outreach Specialist - Seattle

Girls' School) who will be speaking on the topic of GIRL BULLYING. 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?

### **Volunteer Service Hours Available!!!!**

#### **Up to 15 hours – spread out through the school year!**

Get your Service Hours Done before or after Mass, while getting involved in our Parish Community!

#### **Nursery**

Volunteers needed in the nursery again during the 9 a.m. mass. Parents are welcome to drop off children under 5 in the beautiful new nursery facility in the pre-school rooms at the Parish Center. However, we still need parent volunteers. This is a great opportunity to earn volunteer hours. All volunteers must complete the Archdiocesan sponsored Safe Environment training. For information on volunteering or questions about the nursery, please contact Annie Ricard at (206) 933-6876 or amricard@comcast.net.

#### **Baptism Team**

Holy Rosary offers preparation session for those parents wishing to have their infants/young children (under the age of seven) baptized in the Catholic Faith. Members of the Baptism Team help facilitate the sessions offered to prepare the parents for their child's baptism. In addition, members of the team greet and assist the parents and godparents at the Sunday liturgy in which the child is baptized. Looking for adult volunteers of the parish who feels drawn to working with new parents in this sacramental ministry, please contact Jennifer Wong.

Jennifer Wong, PA for Young Families and Children, [jwong@holyroaryseattle.org](mailto:jwong@holyroaryseattle.org); 937-1488, Ext. 214

Thank you  
Jennifer Wong

### **Green Tip:**

The Holy Rosary Swap and Shop site is up and running and getting lots of hits! If you have unused or gently used furniture, sports equipment, special occasion clothing, appliances or other great items you don't want, please consider giving our school and parish members first chance to take them off your hands by posting them on the Swap and Shop site. This is also a great place to look for Christmas presents! Items can be posted for sale or to give, and you can post a request for something in particular if you're looking for something special. Clean out your closets! Get your shopping done early! Please visit the Swap and Shop Community Exchange site from the Holy Rosary homepage.

Also, 'tis the season for an endless procession of catalogues delivered to your door. Please take the time to call the phone number of any unwanted magazine and ask them to take you off the mailing list. Vast amounts of paper and trees can be saved in this way.

**Community Meal** Holy Rosary will be sponsoring the Dec.12th Community Meal at Our Lady of Guadalupe. The event is from 1-3PM. We need volunteers to help set-up and decorate between 9:30am and 11:30AM. We also need servers and clean-up volunteers as well as entertainment. In addition, we need lots of desserts! If you would like to volunteer, please contact Renee Harn at rharnfamily@comcast.net or Patrick Barredo at pbarredo@holyroaryseattle.org. Desserts can be delivered to the OLG school hall on December 12th after 9:30AM. Thanks!












Thank you. If you have questions please let me know. Renee Harn

## **Community Postings**

### **Included in This eFC**

-  **Fulcrum Foundation Save The Date Flyer**
-  **December calendar**

### **Upcoming Events And Important Dates:**

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|  <b>Nov. 24</b> | <b>Thanksgiving Mass: 3rd Gr (10:45) *Perfect Uniform Noon Dismiss</b> |
|  <b>Nov. 24</b> | <b>1st Trimester Ends</b>  |
|  <b>Dec. 3</b>  | <b>Gr.K-2 Lunches of Love</b>  |
|  <b>Dec. 8</b>  | <b>School Mass: Immaculate Conception – 1st Grade (8:45)</b>           |
|  <b>Dec. 10</b> | <b>1st Trimester Report Cards home</b>                                 |
|  <b>Dec. 10</b> | <b>Gr. 3-5 Lunches of Love</b>   |
|  <b>Dec. 13</b> | <b>Advent Penance Service (Gr. 3-5 10:30am)</b>                        |
|  <b>Dec. 14</b> | <b>8th Gr. Pizza Lunch</b>   |
|  <b>Dec. 15</b> | <b>Advent Penance Service (Gr. 6-8 10:30am)</b>                        |
|  <b>Dec. 17</b> | <b>Gr. 6-8 Lunches of Love</b>   |
|  <b>Dec. 17</b> | <b>Noon Dismiss: Christmas Holiday</b>                                 |