



SCHOOL NEWS

Holy Rosary School Family Communication Newsletter

January 6, 2011

Dear Holy Rosary Community:

Happy New Year! Our hope is that each of you and your families enjoyed a meaningful, joyous, and relaxing Christmas season together and that you are beginning the new year with a renewed sense of energy and hope for the promise it brings.

As a quick reminder, we would like to begin the year by reviewing the first, and most important, of our Schoolwide Learning Expectations (SLEs), as it is being taught and modeled for the children at Holy Rosary School:

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 and as a member of the faith community through worship, prayer and stewardship

We would also like to direct your attention to the item and link below asking for your participation in the Holy Rosary fundraiser survey. Please consider taking the time to assist us in the important process of getting feedback on this critical aspect of our school's operating budget; we need the broadest response possible in order to best inform the important work of planning in a way that will ensure Holy Rosary School's financial viability for many years to come. <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/hrfundraisingsurvey>

Finally, please join your fellow school families at Key Arena on Saturday, February 5th, at 7:00 p.m. for the Catholic Schools Basketball Classic, an event to celebrate and benefit Catholic Schools in Western Washington. Half of the proceeds for tickets to the game, between Seattle University and the University of Portland men's teams, will come back directly to Holy Rosary School and the other half goes to the Fulcrum Foundation (which provides tuition assistance to families in need throughout the Archdiocese). Tickets, which cost \$12, are available now online through the following website (please use the Holy Rosary Seattle link to ensure that the proceeds benefit our school):

fulcrumfoundation.org/basketball

Please mark the date, purchase your tickets early (if we exceed our allotment, we may be able to access more) and we'll see everyone at the Key on February 5th!

Dr. Randal Peters

Principal

Free Dress Passes for the Entire Cast

Lights, Camera, Auction! We're ready to accept your auction donation.

Enter your family donation online through our HEART website (link) by this Friday, January 7th to receive a free dress pass for each child in your family. At this rate, who needs to wash a uniform?

Family donations are due to be entered online by January 21st, with item delivery to the school office beginning in February.

Need ideas to meet your \$100 dollar family HEART commitment? Please visit the HEART website for suggested ideas by class (link to "download" web page). Do you have something else in mind or already lined up? We'll take it! We need all items to set the stage, but please remember that all donated items must be new.

Still stumped, no worries, here is a direct link to make your \$100 cash donation (link to cash donation webpage)! For more help, or for further answers to your donation questions please contact your Auction Donation Team at: auction-procurement@holynosaryws.org

Thank you all in advance for your contribution. Without the props the show cannot go on!

Finally, Your Big Break

Lights, Camera, Auction! has open auditions for a few leading fundraising roles.

If you are fastidious and want double fundraising hours check into the Clean-Up Chair positions. If you love a little theatre and would like to use your skills with décor you're a perfect fit for the Decorations Committee. If you are interested in fulfilling your fundraising hours in one weekend the Security and Distribution roll is for you! Please visit the HEART auction website (link to volunteer webpage) to view these opportunities, or contact our volunteer coordinator at: auction-volunteers@holynosaryws.org.

Volunteer Hour Opportunity: As we look ahead to our annual primrose planting during Catholic Schools Week, we realize that the planting beds are pretty hard and a bit crowded with weeds. If you have a green thumb and would like to spearhead or assist in this effort to prepare the beds before planting day, (Tues. Feb.1st) we would greatly appreciate it! Please contact Mary W. in the main office for more information.

Seahawks Spirit Day- Friday January 7

In support of the Seahawks Surprising advancement to the playoffs Holy Rosary School will have a Green and blue free dress Spirit Day tomorrow! **(No hair dye or face paint Please)**

Scholastic Book Fair

Get ready for an old-fashioned carnival atmosphere when the Scholastic Book Fair opens during Catholic Schools Week at Holy Rosary School with a "Book Fair Carnival" Your Ticket to Read! To make this major Library fundraiser a success, volunteers are needed to help:

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Setting up on Friday, January 28 working as cashiers packing up and cleaning up on Sunday, February 6.

Email sharris@holynosaryws.org if you can help with this fundraiser or complete the book fair form included in this eFC. Thank you.

Catholic Schools Week is celebrated the week of January 30th, throughout the United States. Our week here kicks off with the weekend Masses on January 29th & 30th and an Open House Sunday, January 30, from 10:00-1:00. Students will be serving in various roles during weekend Masses. Watch for sign up forms next week. The highlights of Catholic Schools Week are printed below. More details will be coming in the next couple of weeks.

Catholic Schools Week: Jan. 30-Feb. 4

Sunday, January 30 - Celebrate Renewal in our Faith Community

- Students wear uniforms to weekend Masses/Children's Choir sings at 9:00am Mass
- Holy Rosary School Open House
- Book Fair in the school library open all week

Monday, January 31 - Celebrate our Catholic School

- Perfect Uniform day
- 2:30 – All School Bingo

Tuesday, February 1 - Celebrate Service

- Jeans Day
- All grades will select a service to perform this week
- Annual Primroses planting- students should bring a small digging tool

Wednesday, February 2- Celebrate Families

- Perfect uniform day
- No homework to celebrate families
- Grandparents luncheon (Please fill out attached RSVP form and return ASAP)
- All Day Book Fair in Library

Thursday, February 3 - Celebrate Lifelong Learning and Staff Appreciation

- Perfect uniform day

- Students are encouraged to make a card for their teachers
- Spelling Bee
- Grade 7-8 Science Fair, Gr.5 Invention Convention
- Students and Staff Read-In (2:20-2:50)

Friday, February 4- Celebrate our School Community

- Students dress in theme TBD
- Spirit Assembly in the morning/8th grade vs. Holy Rosary Staff volleyball game in the afternoon

Saturday, February 5 – Catholic Schools Basketball Classic at Key Arena

Sunday, February 6 – All Students are encouraged to attend Mass in Gator sweatshirts to close out Catholic Schools Week.

All Kinds Of Minds

During the month of January we are focusing on the construct Memory which is the place in your mind where you store and find information. For Preschool, Kindergarten and Grade One this could mean a call for deliberate paired associate learning (e.g. grapheme:phoneme) or an introduction of abstract, symbolic visual memory. For grades 1-3 it's a stress on convergent single-item recall (math facts, sight words), experience with rote learning, and/or differentiation of abilities by format. For grades 4-8 it is a demand for rapid simultaneous recall, a need for active working memory and/or stress on automatized recall of facts and procedures (as in mathematics). Please come check out our new AKOM bulletin board outside the faculty lounge and ask your children about AKOM lessons taught in the classroom.

Epiphany Program

The annual Christmas Program is now the "Epiphany Program"! It is so nice that we can continue our celebration of this glorious Christmas season with the Feast of the Epiphany as our inspiration! Our school band will kick things off on Thursday, January 13, starting at 7:00 PM, followed by each class performing a special seasonal number. Student attendance at this performance is a required part of their grade. Attire for the performance is "Sunday best" unless otherwise stated. Students should arrive no earlier than 6:30 PM and report to their classrooms, unless otherwise requested by Ms. Mudge.

Please mark your calendars now for January 13 for this delightful evening of music & fun! Please watch the EFC for any updates. Any questions – please contact Ms. Mudge via the school office or leave a message at 937-1488 X 248. Thank you.

Catch the Holy Rosary School Band at the Epiphany Program on

Thursday, Jan. 13th @ 7p.m./Church. Band members in grades 6-8 are asked to arrive at 6:30p.m. This is a graded performance/attendance is required! Thank you! We look forward to sharing the sounds of this special season with you!

Miss McKamey

HONOR BAND AUDITIONS. Honor band auditions are open to all current school band members. Auditions for Clarinets/Saxophones/Oboe and Drums will take place on Monday, Jan. 10th from 6 pm to 7:30pm. Flutes/Bells/Trumpets and Trombones will take place on Wednesday, Jan. 12th. All auditions are on a first come basis at Kennedy High School Band room located at the front entrance of the school (140th So. in Burien).

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 we will charge a \$25 late fee beginning in February for all calendars turned in after the 25th of the prior month.

6th Grade Sub Sandwich It is time to purchase a sub sandwich from the sixth graders for Super Bowl Sunday. Funds from this sale help support the sixth grade three-day sailing adventure on Puget Sound in the spring. There is an order form attached to this eFC. Husky Deli helps the students prepare these delicious sandwiches. Thank you.

PowerSchool Server Migration - Holy Rosary School will no longer be hosting it's own PowerSchool server due to several reasons. The server data will be migrated to Pearson, the company who owns and operates the PowerSchool software. This migration will occur **next Wednesday and Thursday, January 12th and 13th**. We have been told that we **are not** to access the PowerSchool server at this time or else the data could be altered. A reminder email will be sent to families next week. A few things will change such as the URL you use to access PowerSchool, however most everything should look the same. We should also gain faster access and no down time. We are sorry for any inconvenience and thank you for your cooperation.

Attention 2011 PK And Kindergarten Parents

If you are a current school family and intend to register your child for either preschool or kindergarten for 2011-12 school year at Holy Rosary, please fill out the attached form intent to register form and return it to the office. This form provides us with a headcount for planning purposes as we go into the recruitment season in January and February. Thank you for your assistance.

The Application For Tuition Assistance For The 2011-12 School Year is now available on-line at <http://fulcrumfoundation.org/tuition> (A link to the application is on the school website under 'School Forms & Other Downloads'.)

Please follow these instructions and note that in addition to submitting an application on-line to Fulcrum, paper copies of the completed application must be delivered to Jennifer at Holy Rosary School by **February 4th**:

1. Make a copy of your 2009 Federal Income Tax Form(s), IRS 1040, 1040A or 1040EZ, or E-file printout for the financially responsible parent(s) or guardian(s). Note: W-2 forms are not acceptable. Do not send originals.
2. Make a copy of any documents related to Non-Taxable income (Part C-3) such as 1099, federal or state aid, alimony or child support.

3. Submit your application form *online at <http://fulcrumfoundation.org/tuition> At the end of the submission process a printout will be produced. If you have made a mistake, submit a new application and destroy the incorrect printout. When entering names, please do not use ALL CAPS.
4. Print two copies of the completed form. This can be done immediately after submitting the form. Be sure to sign your tax forms. This is often overlooked, especially with E-filing. Fulcrum will not accept un-signed forms.
5. Sign the form in Part E.
6. Staple the signed application in front of copies of the financial documents from steps 1 and 2.
7. Deliver or mail the complete application package to Jennifer at Holy Rosary by February 4th. Copies will not be returned.

*Fulcrum will **not** be accepting handwritten applications. If you would like to submit a handwritten application, please ask Jennifer MacDonald to assist you. She may be contacted at (206) 937-1488, ext. 211 or email: jmacdonald@holynosaryseattle.org
Thank you.

VOLLEYBALL SIGNUPS: Basketball is well underway and volleyball is just around the corner. Volleyball is available for students in grades 5 - 8. Attached to this eFC are the registration and head trauma forms that are due back in the school by **January 21, 2011**.

Safe Environment Class

There will be a Safe Environment training class held at OLG on Saturday, January 22, 2011.

Community Postings

Free Throw Competition- Show off your basketball skills

The Our Lady of Guadalupe Council and the Holy Rosary Round Table Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a Free Throw Competition for all boys and girls age 10 to 14. It will be held Saturday, January 29th at 2:00 PM for all boys and girls 10 to 14 years of age. The competition will be held at the Holy Rosary School Gym, (behind the school--parking lot entrance off of 41st Ave SW) 4142--42nd Ave. SW, Seattle. Each boy and girl age group champion will be eligible to advance to the District Competition to be held in February. You must provide proof of age (birth certificate, etc.).



Mustard Seed Corner

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January - Ordinary Time - the liturgical color is green which symbolizes growth, hope, and life.

Epiphany-

The roots of our modern day Epiphany are many. The word itself comes from a Greek word that means, "appearance" or "to show oneself." Today eastern churches still celebrate this day as the Baptism of our Lord. In the Catholic tradition we observe Epiphany as the day the three kings visited Jesus and acknowledged Him as the savior of the world has been waiting for.

Tradition gives them the names Melchior, Balthazar and Casper. We know that they were scientists who studied astronomy, math, and probably medicine. They were aware of the prophecies of the birth of God's Son and the salvation that He would bring to the world. They looked for a sign of the Messiah's birth in the stars. When the brightest star they had ever seen appeared in the sky, the kings knew that they had to follow it to find the Son of God.

Some creative ideas to celebrate Epiphany with Children:

- Go through Christmas cards and find any cards with the 3 Kings have the children cut these out and create a placemat for meals.
- Kings cake: hide a safe-treat in a cupcake, the child who finds the treat is King for the day and gets to wear a crown and gets a special gift
- Follow the Star - Play hide and seek with the goal of finding a shiny foil-covered cardboard star.

Included in This eFC

 **Preschool Intent to Register Form**

- ✚ Kindergarten Intent to Register Form
- ✚ Sixth Grade Superbowl Sub Order Form
- ✚ Heart Auction Class themes
- ✚ Stone Soup Theater Audition and Winter Class 2011 Flyer
- ✚ Catholic Youth Pre-season Lacrosse Clinic Flyer

Upcoming Events And Important Dates:

- ✚ Jan. 13 Epiphany Concert 7:00 pm (students arrive at 6:30)
- ✚ Jan. 17 No School Martin Luther King Day
- ✚ Jan. 22 Safe Environment Training at OLG
- ✚ Jan. 27 8th Grade Pizza Lunch
- ✚ Jan. 30 Open House 10:00am – 1:00pm
- ✚ Jan. 30 -Feb. 4 Catholic Schools Week
- ✚ Feb. 2 Grandparents Luncheon
- ✚ Feb. 5 Fulcrum Basketball Classic at the Key Arena