

SCHOOL NEWS

Holy Rosary School Family Communication Newsletter

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Auction News

Is this a Time Warp? The Twilight Zone? Or, just Twilight? What film is this? HEART Auction donation commitments were due online last week! Click on our HEART auction website to enter your online donation today! http://heart.holyrosaryws.org.

Still feeling "Lost", "Lost in Translation", "Lost at Sea", "Lost in Space"?

We have a Wish List of items that we are looking to gather, simply contact: auction-procurement@holyrosaryws.org if you are interested in helping us out with specific items or with additional questions.

Announcing: the First HEART Auction Curbside Turn-in Tuesday is February 1st!

A huge round of applause to all of the families who turned in their donations on time! With your help Lights, Camera, Auction! is sure to be a blockbuster.

We are offering curb-side "Turn-in Tuesdays" for your auction donation in the month of February. The stars will be happy to receive the item(s) you have donated to the HEART auction!

Watch for the cast members in their Hollywood glasses, and feather boas in front of the school between 8:00 - 8:30 am as you drop off your little thespians for the day. The show must go on!

No Need to Lead the Life of the Poor Starving Artist, Earn Your Fundraising Hours Now! The 2011 HEART Lights, Camera, Auction! is calling your name.

- *Saturday Evening Clean-Up Chair: If you are fastidious and want double fundraising hours then this is the part for you. This call out is for one Saturday evening Clean-up manager. Hours and training begin in March.
- *Live Auction Project Managers: there are two specific decoration jobs that need to be managed for the Live Auction.
- *Live Auction Decorations Crew: These are jobs for builders, painters, and seamstresses that are available for weekends & evenings. The jobs can be completed at home or at the school.
- *Silent Auction Music Coordinator: Love music, love to make music mixes? We are looking for someone to mix some movie music magic for the silent auction.
- *Night of Auction Shiftwork: Online sign-up for shift work will be posted in March.

HEART Auction 2012

Are you wondering how to fill your Fund Raising Hours for the next year?

We have two positions open for the 2012 HEART Auction with some training beginning in March allowing you to get a head start on your hours.

*Security and Distribution: This is a perfect position to fulfill your fundraising hours in one weekend. This is a weekend of the Auction job for the 2012 HEART Auction with some training beginning this year. *Raffle Chairperson: This person will run the HEART Auction raffles on the night of the auction. Much of the work is done prior to the auction with pre-ticket marketing and sales. Training begins this year, but you get to take the ball and roll with it for next year's auction. You can't beat them odds.

Please contact: auction-volunteers@holyrosaryws.org. if you are interested in the above mentioned jobs, or have further inquiries! Thank you in advance for your contribution of time and talents!

Parents' Club Meeting - Thursday, February 10th at 6:15pm

Parent Education - INTERNET SAFETY

Back by popular demand,

Stefanie Thomas (Victim Advocate with the Seattle Police Department Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force) will be discussing the Internet and potential dangers facing our children today. Learn up-to-date safety tips to protect your children from dangers online (see attached flyer).

Happy Chinese New Year from the after-school Mandarin Classes

Chinese New Year 2011 falls on February 3, 2011. It is the year of the Rabbit which stands for affectionate, gentle, serene and family oriented beings.

Traditional preparations for Chinese New Year begins well in advance and include cleaning houses and buying new clothes. Red clothes are worn and children are given "lucky" money in red envelopes. A reunion dinner is held on New Year's Eve where members of the family, near and far, get together for the celebration.

Happy New Year! Xin nian kuai le!

Catholic School's Week Grandparents Luncheon Information

This year we are going "back to the old" to try something new. When we first started Grandparent's Day many years ago, students made a lunch for their grandparents. Over the years, the luncheon changed and grew. Last year we served over 1000 meals and our long-time parent volunteer, Davi Sobotta, finished her role as coordinator. Many thanks are owed to her! A committee of staff came together to consider options that would allow us to keep the luncheon

going, in a long-term sustainable way. The concept of students making a lunch to bring for their grandparents came from both the discussion about how we did it "in the old days" and how other schools are doing it today. There were lots of options brought to the table. Although this change is much different from the spaghetti lunch, we came to the conclusion that the primary intent of the event is for grandparents to spend time in the company of their grandchildren. At the conclusion of this year's Catholic School events, we will, again, review options for next year. As we have in the past several years, we will continue to host professional photographs in the school hall, and this year, Ms. Mudge will lead students in singing during both lunches. As treat for our special guests Renato Canto will be providing a wonderful dessert for all. We will also continue the tradition of sending grandparents home with a primrose to celebrate the day. We hope, in spite of the change, the luncheon will receive your support and will be enjoyed by all.

Holy Rosary Youth Ministry – Bowling Party followed by Youth Mass on Sunday, January 30, 3 to 6 pm, \$5.00 per child.

The Holy Rosary Youth Ministry program is designed for 6th, 7th and 8th graders from the Holy Rosary Parish – and all youth in those grades are invited! The purpose of the YM program is to build additional ties to the church with our youth.

The Holy Rosary and Holy Family Youth Ministry Groups have planned a JOINT Bowling Party, followed by Mass at Holy Rosary on Sunday, January 30. We'll all meet over at West Seattle Bowl at 3:00 pm, bowl for about 1.5 hours and then walk over and sit together for the 5:00 pm Mass at Holy Rosary.

We ask that parents make arrangements to pick up their child promptly following the 5:00 pm mass (approximately 6:00 pm outside the main entrance to the church).

Permission slips are available to the children at school. Please return the permission slips with \$5.00 per child by Wednesday, January 26 (although if you are late, get the permission slip in anyway – we'd love to see your child there!)

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to let us know. We look forward to seeing your children on Sunday, January 30 @ 3:00 pm at the West Seattle Bowl.

Tara Van Vleet tvanvleet@comcast.net

Convenient Volunteer Service Hours

1st Reconciliation, 1st Communion Retreat Volunteers, & Infant Baptism Greeters
Please help to make these first Sacraments special for the newest members of our parish. Help is needed during Mass and between Sunday Masses. Adult, high school and or 7th and/or 8th grade volunteers are welcome. The time commitment is between 1 ½ to 4 hours per month.

If interested, please contact Jennifer Wong, PA for Young Families and Children, jwong@holyrosaryseattle.org; 937 1488, Ext. 214

CYO Group Pictures Needed

The yearbook staff is in need of CYO group pictures with students dressed in their sports uniforms. We need basketball, cross-country, volleyball, and soccer from the fall and winter 2010-2011. Individual candid pictures may or may not be included in the yearbook, but feel free to send them. Please email photos to jbarker@holyrosaryws.org by Friday, February 4th. Thank you.

<u>Volunteer Hour Opportunity:</u> Interested in earning all of your volunteer hours from the ease and comfort of your own home? Please contact Meg Peterson (Parents Club President) at 143peterson@comcast.net for further information.

<u>Parents in Touch</u> Happy New Year! Please consider starting off the New Year with Parents in Touch! You are welcome and invited to pray with other parents for the intentions of our school and parish community. We meet from 8:30am (after drop off) until around 9am in the Reservation Chapel (off the narthex in the church) to pray the rosary each Friday morning of the school year. It is a wonderful way to conclude the week, remembering those who need our prayers, as well as giving thanks for the wonderful community that is Holy Rosary School. (Note: enter the church via the side - 42nd St. - door as the main doors are usually locked at that time.) We look forward to seeing you there! Any questions, please call Jillian Kane.

Book Fair News

Do you have your "Ticket to Read"? On Sunday, January 30, the Book Fair will open following the 7:30 am Mass. We have been told that the Scholastic truck will deliver more cases of books than every before, so stop by to see for yourself. When you are in the Library, remember that there is a new contest or activity to try each day. Your "Last Chance" is Sunday, February 5. Thank you for supporting reading in your family and at Holy Rosary School.

We are excited to welcome the Grandparents to Holy Rosary and the Book Fair on Wednesday, February 2. As a grandma now myself, I so enjoy sitting on the couch and sharing stories with the little girls. We want to provide a pleasant shopping experience so please remind your families that there is an elevator near the northeast corner of the building by Mrs. Blanco's classroom. Additionally, we will set up a Book Fair satellite in the school hall on Wednesday.

There is still a need for a few more volunteers to help at the Book Fair during the Grandparent Lunch on Wednesday. If you are available, please email sharris@hoyrosaryws.org. Thank you.

<u>Catholic Schools Week</u> 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

*Catholic Schools Week Mass All students who signed up to participate in the Catholic Schools Masses on January 29th & 30th will be receiving a note home tomorrow.

- 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 and Honor our Students

- Students dress in theme Winter Wonderland "Keep God Warm in Your Heart"
- 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.

Catholic Schools Week Class Service Projects ...

Kindergarten - Make and Deliver Lunches of Love

First Grade - Make Valentines for Mt. Saint Vincent Residents

Second Grade - Make Valentines with 6th Grade Buddies for the Soup Kitchen

Third Grade - Decorate Certificates for Local Businesses

Fourth Grade - Deliver Certificates to Local Businesses

Fifth Grade - Deliver Primroses to Neighboring Houses

Sixth Grade - Tree Planting/ Valentine's Cards for Soup Kitchen

Seventh Grade - Community/School Grounds Litter Pick - Up

Eight Grade - Pizza Lunch/ Set up for Grandparents Lunch

BASE. Will be open and available for registered families during our mid winter break February 21st and 22nd.

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.

Tuition Assistance Applications for the 2011-12 School Year are due Friday,

February 4th. The application is 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@holyrosaryseattle.org
Thank you.

Community Postings

Bowl on Wednesday Afternoons

Where: West Seattle Bowl

When: Sign – up Jan. 26th League begins Feb. 2nd

Cost: \$132.00 League includes

- 3 games of bowling with shoes
- Trophies at the end of the season
- Pizza Party at the end of season
- Each child will receive a \$50 West Seattle Bowl Cash Card!

DANCE WITH US AFTER SCHOOL!

SunDance after school dance program has just completed its first successful month. In one month we have grown to 60 dancers! In response, we have opened a secondary hour of both Jazz and Hip-Hop.

Begining in February:

Jazz II: Mondays 4:15-5:15 PM

Hip-Hop II: Wednesdays from 4:00-5:00 PM

For more information please check us out at www.sundancerswestseattle.com or email Miss Dawn: sun goddess22@hotmail.com

Kids Self Defense Workshop!! Friday Jan 28th from 6-8 PM!!

The Kids Self Defense Workshop is designed to inform and empower kids 6 - 11 years of age on the basics of self defense. This class will include a highly rated film, role playing, and physical self defense tools. As a follow up, kids will be requested to discuss the lessons with their parents. Coeducation between children and parents is highly encouraged. Cost - \$30 per child; Instructor - Lisa Skvarla; Please sign up in advance. Space is limited. Lee's Martial Arts 206-938-3375

The Northwest Boychoir is holding auditions for NEW members on Saturday, February 12 for Spring Enrollment. Boys ages 6-9 are invited to sign-up to audition. No previous music training is needed. The Northwest Boychoir offers the perfect blend of fun and music training. If your child is interested in singing and music, the Northwest Boychoir is the right choice. For 37 years, we've been training Seattle's children to sing and perform in public. Auditions are offered twice yearly. We offer small group instruction, after school, in Seattle's University District with convenient freeway and public transportation access. Call us today to set up an audition appointment at (206) 524-3234 or visit www.nwchoirs.org.

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.).



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

This week, we celebrate the Feast of St. Thomas Aquinas on January 28th

Thomas was a quiet student. Some of the other students thought that he wasn't very smart because he didn't talk in class. But they were completely wrong! Thomas was brilliant and became a very important teacher and writer. He wrote about God and Jesus, and about what is true in life and what is not. Thomas loved God very much. He studied, taught and wrote all because of God.

He is the patron saint of students and schools. So it is perfect that we celebrate his feast during Catholic Schools week.

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
- Hot Lunch Menu
- Hot Lunch Order Form

Upcoming Events And Important Dates:

- ♣ 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
- **↓** Feb. 18 Half Day Off for Magazine Sale No Hot Lunch
- Feb. 21 & 22 No School Mid Winter Break
- **♣** Feb. 24 8th Grade Pizza Lunch
- ♣ Feb. 25 Kindergarten Testing