



SCHOOL NEWS

Holy Rosary School Family Communication Newsletter

February 17, 2011

Dear Holy Rosary Families:

The approach of our mid-winter break and the season of Lent brings an opportunity to step back and reflect prior to the welcome renewal of spring and the blessed hope of Easter. The process of reflection is also being undertaken at Holy Rosary School as we enter the first on-site phase—the pre-visit—of our accreditation process. A team of teachers and administrators from other Catholic schools throughout Washington and California will come to our school for a total of four days over the next month to visit classes, meet with our staff and members of the school and parish community, read our self-study document, and make a recommendation to our accrediting agency, the Western Catholic Education Association.

There are a number of very prevalent themes to the most recent accreditation protocol: integrating Schoolwide Learning Expectations—particularly Catholic identity—into all school processes, alignment of teaching and learning with state and Archdiocesan standards, and using academic data to drive instruction. We believe we have made excellent progress in these important initiatives since our last accreditation, but our current goals and action plan reflect our desire to continue them in order to grow as a learning community. These goals will be the focus of upcoming parent communications.

Finally, as we mentioned in previous communications, we have had two members of our staff move on in the past month:

- Mr. Millan will be leaving the role of Spanish instructor after many years of dedicated service to the school. Ms. Carole Myers has agreed to serve as a long-term substitute for the remainder of the school year. Ms. Myers, who taught in the Edmonds School District for 37 years, began teaching Spanish at the elementary level and eventually moved to middle and then high school roles. She retired 5 years ago and has enjoyed subbing in Catholic schools since. She had two children who graduated from Bishop Blanchet.
- Ms. Sarah Dahleen, a Holy Rosary parent and an outstanding development director and valued member of our staff, is leaving to begin a similar development role at Eastside Catholic. Ms. Kimberly Tish, another Holy Rosary parent with a background in advertising, will be helping out part-time this spring with the component of the development role pertaining to the Holy Rosary HEART Auction.

More on the future structuring and posting of these roles will be forthcoming as we complete our budget and planning process for the 2011-2012 academic year.

Have a safe, relaxing winter break!

Dr. Randal Peters
Principal

THANK YOU to the parents, grandparents, students and staff who rolled up their sleeves on Saturday morning to spruce up our school! This energetic, hard working group toiled tirelessly under the expert direction of Scott Stoeffen and Maggie Judd who coordinated the cleaning crew from the command center in the school hall. There was no shortage of 409, rags, buckets and SMILES as several were overheard to say that we should make this a semi-annual event! Thanks so much to all of our volunteers for your valuable time and endless energy.

LIGHTS, CAMERA, AUCTION! DECORATIONS WORK PARTY SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 26TH

THE AUCTION DECORATING TEAM IS HAVING A PARTY...a work party that is. This is the perfect way to fulfill your last minute fundraising hours!

Join us on February 26th at 9am in the Holy Rosary School Hall to make decorations for the 2011 auction. We have the plan and we need your help to assemble it. Creativity NOT required!!

Please contact auction-operations@holyroaryws.org. with confirmation of your attendance, or with further inquiries.

Looking for a different volunteer opportunity? Please visit the [volunteer](#) page on our HEART website or contact our volunteer coordinator at auction-volunteers@holyroaryws.org.

LIGHTS, CAMERA, AUCTION! SPONSORS OF THE WEEK!

We are passing out accolades now for all of you who have contributed to the making of Lights, Camera, Auction! The foundation of Holy Rosary School is built upon the support of our entire community and once again your commitment is stealing the show!

There are only 7 weeks remaining until the curtain rises on Lights, Camera, Auction! In those remaining weeks we would like to shine the spotlight on our Auction Sponsors who have generously contributed to the 32nd Annual HEART Auction. Visit the Sponsors page on the [HEART website](#).

This week we have two Sponsors of the Week. Please help us recognize West Seattle business owners, and Holy Rosary parishioners, Chris Dormaier of [Sound Yoga](#) and Tim Law of [Law & Law](#) . Thank you Chris and Tim for your contributions of time, talents, and sponsorship in the making of Lights, Camera, Auction!

Preschool Open Enrollment

Do you have a 3 or 4 year old who is ready for preschool? Holy Rosary is currently holding open enrollment for our 2011-12 school year. A morning class for 3/4 year old children will be offered from 8:30-11:00 am on M, T, and W. An afternoon class for 4/5 year olds will be offered from 12:15 - 3:15 pm on M, T, Th, and F (times are slightly different than our current schedule.) Classes meet in the Parish Center basement. Application packets are available in the school office. For more information, please contact us at preschool@holyroaryws.org or click on the 'preschool' link to the left.

Registration For 2011-2012. Registration for next year's school year will begin soon. Please remember that in order to receive registration papers, you must be current with all tuition, tithing, band, BASE and other parent commitment obligations. Also, if you are a member of the parish you must have a "2011 Parish Stewardship....time, talent, treasure" card completed and on file at the parish office. These cards are available in the school or parish office. Questions, please call Jennifer MacDonald at the rectory office at 937-1488, ex. 211, or Mary Wiseman at the school office at 937-7255.

Calling All Used Gift Cards!

The 6th Grade Music classes need your used plastic gift cards to recycle into **guitar picks**. Any and all cards are welcome! Please turn them into the office and identify for "music". Our goal is to make enough guitar picks in order to craft a picture of a guitar ready in time for the Accreditation Site visit. It is easy being green! Thank you - Ms. Mudge

All Kinds Of Minds

During the month of February we are focusing on the construct of Social Cognition which

is the way we use words and actions to get along with others. For Preschool, Kindergarten and Grade One this could mean the need to emerge from parallel play, compliance with adult supervision in play, and/or the initial challenge of sharing and conflict resolution. For grades 1-3 it's the need to appreciate the perspectives of others, the requirement of recognizing the two-way nature of relationships, and/or a demand for reciprocity (giving and taking). For grades 4-8 it is a quest for intimacy in friendship, the need for conscious reputation building, and/or the emergence of varying degrees of friendship. Please come check out our new AKOM bulletin board outside the faculty lounge and ask your children about AKOM lessons taught in the classroom.

Green Tip

As First Communions approach, please check out the Holy Rosary Shop and Swap site. Here's a way to put that forgotten dress to good purpose and help a neighbor. List your special occasion clothing on that section of the site, where shoppers can save a buck and help you clean your closet! While you're there, start thinking about that bike that's too small, the old fish tank and that table you never liked. Somewhere there's a good home waiting for those items.

It's Track and Field Time!

Yes it's almost spring and time for sign ups for Track and Field.

Please check the website for forms. Sign up fees are \$25.00 per athlete.

Track and Field practice will begin on Tuesday, March 22nd at 4:30 at Hiawatha Track.

Practices will be every Tuesday and Thursday 4:30-6:00 PM.

Meets are every Saturday in May except Memorial Day weekend.

Brooks shoes will be for sale at the 1st practice!! Lots of sizes and cheap prices for parents and kids.

email Shelley Neal, head coach for more information: achildbecomes@gmail.com

7th Grade Service Project: Donations for Westside Baby

Please consider making a donation to our 7th Grade Service Project to help families in need.

Westside Baby is a nonprofit organization that collects previously owned items for children and babies, and distributes them free of charge to South King County families in need. They work through local social service agencies already assisting low-income families. Agencies order items from Westside Baby and deliver them to families who are homeless, living in transitional housing or are simply in need of a little help during a difficult time.

Since opening in 2001, they have distributed over \$6 million worth of clothing, toys, baby gear, and other items. In 2009, they served more than 15,000 children.

In 2010, not all requests were able to be fulfilled, and some families were not able to receive the goods they needed, which is why we are spreading the word through the eFC.

We are holding a drive for these unmet requests, so that families will be able to receive basic things they need.

We are primarily looking for **gently used and clean clothing items, newborn to size 12, especially winter coats**. We are also looking for **car seats, portable cribs, highchairs, and regular strollers**, but **anything helps**.

We want to make it easy for you to get your donation to us – here are your options:

- ✓ **Bring them to school** and drop them in the collection bin with the WESTSIDE BABY poster on it; Attention Thomas or Zac.

Our Annual Irish Dinner is Coming!

Sunday, March 13th – 5:30pm

Lanigan Gym

Register and buy tickets online at www.holyrosaryseattle.org!

If you would like to volunteer – WE NEED YOU!!

(YES, this counts towards your non-fundraising hours and towards Student Service Hours!)

Volunteer shifts will include:

Saturday evening (3/12/10) – supply hauling and set up (2 hours)

Sunday afternoon (3/13/10) – set up, decorating, picking up food (2 hours)

Sunday evening (3/13/10 - Event) – servers, clean-up (3 hours)

For Volunteer information contact Jodi Foisy and Christy Tobin-Presser at

holyrosaryirishdinner@gmail.com.

Catholic Youth Ministry, Junior High Rally 2011 – THE QUEST!

Saturday, March 5 from 8:30 am to 9:30 pm at Highline Community College

We'd like to invite your son or daughter to join the HR Youth Ministry, along with about 2000+ other Catholic Junior High kids from around Washington State, to the 2011 Junior High Youth Rally! We understand that it can be difficult for teenagers to make the transition from parent-direct spiritual life to one that is self-directed as a young adult. We hope that participation in this Youth Rally, and in other activities in the HR Youth Ministry, will lead them to become stronger in their Catholic faith as they mature to adults.

This Junior High Youth Rally is open to all Catholic youth in the Pacific Northwest grades 6th through 9th. Come and explore our shared faith with a community of believers and hear from dynamic speakers throughout the event during keynote addresses and workshops. Meet other Catholic youth. You will have time to socialize, worship, and much more. Come celebrate with us!

Holy Rosary Church will be taking kids from 6th, 7th and 8th grades –both from the school and in the community! Please consider this opportunity for your child to celebrate and be proud of their Catholic faith!

Please submit your application and check for payment to Holy Rosary Church by Friday Feb 18 so we can begin to schedule transportation. Extra applications are available via the links below! We look forward to seeing your child at the 2011 Junior High Youth Rally!

Key Details:

Location

Highline Community College South 240th & Pac Hwy South

Actual Rally length: 8:30 am – 9:30 pm (but remember, we'll need to get there and back – so the day will be longer!).

Cost

Total cost: \$30 per person – includes application fee and dinner. DUE FEBRUARY 23rd.

Please remit your application along with a check (to Holy Rosary Church) in an envelope marked Jr High Rally by February 23rd to the school office, Peace Phan or Patrick Barredo directly.

Note that the actual cost of the rally is \$55.00 – but Holy Rosary Church will be paying for the additional cost because they want for our youth to participate in this activity!

Scholarships

Archdiocesan scholarships are available and must be arranged prior to the event. Let us know if you need this, the Youth Ministry team will assist in making it happen.

Meals

Please bring a sack lunch and snacks – but dinner is included in the cost.

Transportation

We'll meet at Holy Rosary on Saturday morning and all go together. Get your registration form in and we'll keep you posted on the details.

Volunteers Needed

We need parent volunteers to drive and to spend the day with our youth – can we count on you? Please let us know.

MORE INFORMATION AVAILABLE

Link to the Archdiocesan Seattle Youth Ministry website:

<http://seattleooyam.org/programs/archdiocesan-events/junior-high-rally>

For an application and brochure with more details about the event:

Download the Brochure for 2011

To see a brief video of last year's rally:
"Dive Deep" – Junior High Rally 2010

We'd like to encourage the kids to participate in this rally and other Youth Ministry programs – but we need the support of the parents in order to make it happen. Please consider joining us, even for part of the day, along with your child, for this activity. All students in grades 6th, 7th and 8th are welcome to participate. Additional details will be coming shortly. For more information, or to volunteer to help with the youth of our parish, please call! We hope to see you Saturday, March 5, 2011.

For questions, please contact Tara Van Vleet, Parent Volunteer. Email: tvanvleet@comcast.net

Community Postings

Registration begins for A Child Becomes Summer Camps for children age 5-8.
Please go to our website, www.achildbecomes.org for information about themes, dates and registration.






ATTENTION BASEBALL FANS...

Come play baseball with your schoolmates, Kenny, Charlie and Brody and many, many more. Registration for the Spring season for West Seattle Pee Wee Baseball is now open. You can register your 5-10 year old son or daughter at www.westseattlepeewee.com. Teams are filling fast and space is limited so register today. West Seattle Pee Wee Baseball is a PONY Baseball league that has been serving West Seattle families for over 50 years...Eric Olson, President & Holy Rosary parent.

Included in This eFC

-  Hot Lunch Menu
-  Hot Lunch Order Form

Upcoming Events And Important Dates:

-  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 Incoming Kindergarten Testing – No School for current Kindergarteners
-  Feb. 25 End of Trimester



Mar. 3

School Commission- Open Meeting



Mustard Seed Corner

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This section is written by HR Parish Faith Formation staff and is specially created to present information, inspiration, and education on different Catholic Traditions. (It is not Imprimi Potest, Nihil Obstat, or Imprimatur.)

February - Ordinary Time - the liturgical color is green which symbolizes growth, hope, and life. Originally President's day was set aside to honor George Washington's (our first president) birthday, February 22nd, in recent times his birthday is celebrated on the third Monday of February.

Activity and Prayer: Gather Coins and other currency look at the pictures of presidents on the currency. Reflect about what qualities these presidents were famous for and which qualities were in-line with the values of our faith and which are not. Then share this prayer: "On this day we honor all the presidents of the United States. We thank God for the willingness of these people to serve their country in so many ways. May God bless and keep our current President and all those who serve before him. Amen."