



SCHOOL NEWS

Holy Rosary School Family Communication Newsletter

Dear Families,

Tonight we take another step in setting the tone for a successful year at Holy Rosary School. Our Back-to-School evening is aimed to do just that. The importance of strong parent teacher communication is critical as I am sure you will agree. The strength of this school has much to do with the historical effectiveness of this piece. I would like to add, that good communication between parents and the school administration is also of great importance. I promise you that I will always try to practice this.

If it sounds as if I am repeating myself, that is true. But the link between school home and church is vital if we are to promote the best possible environment for your children. Each one of us is part of this either as a parent, teacher, priest, staff member, staff or administrator.

I saw an interesting sign a couple of weeks ago when I attended my son's football game. Attached to a post by the bleachers it read: use good sportsmanship as you participate in the game today according to who you are-a player, a coach, a fan or a parent. I thought as I read that, there is a great lesson in that simple statement.

We are fortunate to have witnessed a great effort by our Westfest parents; wonderful participation from our community and we are currently in the middle of another magazine drive led by a equally dedicated group of parent volunteers. The School Commission and Parent Club are working behind the scenes etc. Tonight, we further cement the bond that I mentioned above; and we are indeed blessed to be in such a strong community. As we address and work on all the school related issues, let us not forget to continue to grow our Faith community and always ask for God's help in this as we all work together to build God's kingdom here at Holy Rosary School.

Wishing you all the best,

Michael Cantu,
Principal
Holy Rosary School

Magazine Drive is really "Turning It Up"! After our 2nd Turn in Tuesday HRS has really pumped things and is skyrocketing to stardom with a whopping \$29,000 in sales! We are slightly below last year, but we just need to Turn It Up to reach our goal of \$125,000! What an amazing job everyone is doing! Our current sales are a testament to the

dedication of our Holy Rosary School community. Keep those orders coming in! **We have just 2 more Turn in Tuesday's left!** Thank you to everyone (especially you parents) for all the hard work to maintain or increase your family's sales levels. We appreciate everything that you are doing!

So who really got things jammin' for Turn in Tuesday #2? It was those super star **3rd graders!** This earned them a ducky and a free dress day! Way to go! In fact, the super star 3rd graders jammed enough to put themselves in the lead for total sales after 2 weeks. They are being chased by those adorable kindergarteners and the awesome 1st graders. It's still early, so any grade can be on that Holy Rosary Idol stage in a few weeks!

Remember, you can be extra **"green"** by **ordering online** – go to www.aphearst.com and enter school code **wc2897**. No need to register the student, just include their name and grade. Thank you to everyone who is ordering online – it makes counting so much easier! **Please make sure that you and your customers puts your child's name in where indicated before ordering magazines. We have a couple of unidentified orders, so please take a minute to double check that your child has all their online orders listed correctly. If not, call Cindy Wingo at 206-650-5616.**

Don't need a magazine? Buy a \$25 gift card, buy one of the beautiful gift items available in the catalog, or make a cash donation (we buy magazines for non profits and your student gets credit (approximately 1 order for every \$20!)

Important Reminder! Online orders are cutoff at 10 p.m. on Monday night preceding Tuesday Turn In, paper orders must be turned in by 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday mornings to count, and all paper orders must have the white and yellow copies of the order forms along with proper payment to be counted.

The lights are gone, the rides taken down...another year of WestFest has passed! Thank you to everyone who pitched in, performed, volunteered, stood out in the rain, and did your part to make this year's event a fun & meaningful community gathering!

A special thank you to the following WestFest volunteers; Katherine Gudgel (Rides and Games Chair), Nazleen Ejarque (Sponsor and Raffle Chair), Marti McGaughey (Food Booth Chair), Sandy Rottler (Operations Chair), Sara Katsandres and Courtney Bourke (Logistics and Finance Chairs), Amy Thorsen (Decorations), Celine Leigland (Volunteer Coordinator Chair), The Wardian and Pedersen Families (Cash Room), Dave Hartley (Set Up and Clean-up crew) and hundreds of others who spent many hours to help make WestFest 2011 successful. Based on initial numbers, it appears that we raised more money this year for the school and parish than ever! **Thank you to our sponsors!** Atlas Supply, Barnecut Admiral Way Super Service, LC Jergens Painting Company, Curious KidStuff, Sound Yoga, Law and Law, State Farm-Terry Gagnon, Westside Children's Dentistry, John A. Knapp & Associates, , Christine L. Kirchner DDS, PLLC, Windermere-Sandy Brown, Sound Orthodontics, Omni Construction, West Seattle Cellars, Spira Yoga, Breathe Hot Yoga, A Terrible Beauty, Law Office of Raymond W. Ejarque, Bell Curve Fitness, Quinn and Ryder Mackay, Sorenson Orthodontics **Thank our raffle donors!** Sound Yoga,

Belli Cappelli, Circa Restaurant, Freshy's Cafe, Alpine Cleaning, Alki Bike and Board, Bella Nouveau Spa, Aikido of West Seattle, West Seattle Kids Salon, West Seattle Optix, Spira Yoga, Shanti Salon and Spa, Breathe Hot Yoga, Westside Gymnastic Academy, Alki Mail and Dispatch, Mountain to Sound Outfitters, Blackboard Bistro, Salty's, A Terrible Beauty, Bakery Nouveau, Barnecut Admiral Way Super Service, Pagliacci Pizza, Westside Music Academy, Bell Curve Fitness, Talaricos, Admiral Parkside Chiropractic, The Magic of Raymond-Magic Show, Sara's Butik, Sundancers and Starbucks.

Raffle winners can pick up their prizes at the school main office. If you have any questions, please reach Nazleen Ejarque at nazpejarque@yahoo.com

And thank you to following parents who kept the blow up rides a safe and fun place for all kids to play: Christian Herdener, Daniel Casey, Diana Guppy, Rita Gribben, Tom Furtwangler, Karen Chang, Guy Hammington, Megan Vecchio, Sid Jhaveri, Mark Contratto, Tony Rosario, Darin Meyer, Matt & Teresa Byers, Paul Hamilton, Ken Kloeppel, Kelly & Mike Porter, Tracy & David Wilson, Tony & Tara Colagrossi, John Laks, Paul Kuebler, Teresa Whaley, David Whelan, Ross Hynds, Diana Gary, Christina Mastrangelo, Mark Buchanan, Sarah & Joe Dahleen, David & Laura Douglas, Maureen Barton, Lindsay Tews, Steve & Tammy Savage, Theresa Gerrish, Colleen Gants, Troy Fulmore, Jocelyn Flennaugh, Javier Fosado, Christine Tweedy, Michael Galang, Bill Anderson, Pam Mueller, Tara Van Vleet, Don Cook, Bill Clifton, James Bush, Jason Durante, James Metcalf and Paul Schwabe. We sincerely apologize if you worked a blow up ride shift and your name is not listed here. We appreciate the willingness of all parents who pulled together to make West Fest a fun event.

After School Study Hall - The first study hall will begin on Tuesday, September 27 and continue on most Tuesdays and Thursdays after school throughout the year. Study Hall is available for students in grades 5-8 only. Register your child/ren for study hall using this link: <http://hrshfall2011.eventbrite.com>. The password is 'gator'. Email Mr. Barker with questions.

PowerSchool Parent Portal - Parents of children grades 5-8 can access their grades, assignments, attendance, etc. using the PowerSchool Parent Portal. There is a new sign-on procedure this year. Previous user accounts have been cleared. Parents should receive a unique Access ID and Password for each of their children in grades 5-8 tonight at Back to School Night or in the 5-6 grade Boomerang. If you did not receive one, email Mr. Barker. More information can be found here: <http://gator.holyrosaryws.org/tech/powerschool-parent-access/>

Twitter/Facebook - Can't stop talking about Holy Rosary? Can't "like" us enough? We're now on both Facebook and Twitter. Receive frequent updates, school information, and activities by Liking us on Facebook at: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Holy-Rosary-School/105847322804762> and follow us on Twitter at: <http://twitter.com/HolyRosary>. This is an excellent way to stay up to date on upcoming school events, activities, and dates.

RSS - Receive instant updates of a teacher's webpage by subscribing to their RSS feed. The address is: <feed://gator.holyrosaryws.org/classroom/feed/>. Replace 'classroom' with the classroom number and letter. For example: <feed://gator.holyrosaryws.org/3a/feed/> is Mrs. Helling's (3a) class page. Classrooms should be lowercase letters. Email Mr. Barker with questions.

Call to Gardeners. The Green Team is hoping to start a Holy Rosary Community garden this year. Students, parents, parishioners and community members are all welcome. If anyone is interested in leading this project, fundraising, planning, procuring materials, building beds, planting, etc., please contact Maggie Lucas at spike1175@comcast.net.

Used Uniforms

The Used Uniforms will be in the gym Thursday, before "Back to School Night" starts (6:00-6:30pm). Come and see what we have available.

Parents in Touch

This is a long time tradition (14 years!) at Holy Rosary School. You are welcome and invited to pray with other parents for the intentions of our school and parish community beginning Friday, Sept. 23. 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. Whether you are new to the school or someone who has always "meant to" join us, please do! We look forward to seeing you there! Any questions please email Jillian Kane. Thank you!

Children's Choir Practice September 27 - Come And Sing!

The Holy Rosary Parish Children's Choir begins the 2011-12 year with practice on TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27. Practices are after school on Tuesdays

from 3-4pm in the CHAPEL. The choir is open to all parish children in grades 3-5. We sing Sundays at 9:30 mass about once a month, including Christmas Eve and Easter. Boys are invited to join our special "BOY SECTION" of the choir. Schedule and registration forms are available to download from the Holy Rosary school website. Paul Dolejsi, Children's Choir Director.

Junior High Choir Welcomes All 6th, 7th & 8th grade singers!

Our first mass is THIS Sunday, September 25 at the 5pm Sunday evening mass. There are NO Thursday practices this year. If you want to sing, just show up one hour before mass in the church at 4pm. The Junior High Choir is open to all students in grades 6–8, from Holy Rosary and other West Seattle schools. We'll lead the singing about once a month on Sunday evenings. Schedule will be available soon on the school website. For more info, contact Paul Dolejsi <pdolejsi@holyroaryseattle.org>

Hip Hop Dance

Looking for a chance to dance this Fall and Winter Seasons??? There are 30 spots available for an all new OPEN Hip Hop, starting Fridays in October! Grades K-8th, Fridays in the Parish Center, 4:15-5:15pm! www.sundancerswestseattle.com or reserve your spot at sun_goddess22@hotmail.com

Discovering Chess 2010-2011

I am pleased to offer an after school chess class again this year. Besides being a very fun game to play, I believe that Chess teaches us many cognitive lessons as well. Did you know that Benjamin Franklin wrote a paper espousing the beneficial effects of chess on our morals; teaching us Foresight, Caution, and Circumspection? In my own play I enjoy the lessons of Spatial Organization, Planning, and the blending of both sides of our brain with the Logic and Artistry of the game.

Discovering Chess is open to all Holy Rosary students. The only requirement is that a student needs to be able to sit and concentrate for 45 minutes after an entire school day. Some young players can do this, but not all are able to. I'm counting on you parents to gauge this. I am happy to teach kids that are new to the game or those that are wanting to get back into it. We will meet in my classroom (7A) from 3-3:45 on Tuesdays and Thursdays starting in October. The cost is \$20 per child per month. If you are just attending

one day a week then it's \$10. That's it! There's no formal sign-up, just come and have fun while you learn. See you October 4th,

Mr. Ritscher

Cross Country

The Cross Country coaches are offering a special incentive to the class that has the most members on the Cross Country team. The class that has the biggest team running in the meet either September 25th (this Sunday) or October 2nd will have freshly baked donuts delivered to their entire class on Monday, October 3rd! As always practices are on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 4:00 at Lincoln Park. We finish promptly at 5:00. Our first meet is this Sunday at either 1:00 or 3:00 (will be updated in the newsletter) at Lower Woodland Park. It looks like Sunday will be a great day to run! Questions? Please contact Head Coach, Heather Slee, at hrsxcountry@gmail.com

Open House and School Tours for Seattle Lutheran High School

The staff and faculty of Seattle Lutheran High School invite you to join us for an **Open House on Tuesday, October 25, 2011 from 6:30-8:00pm.** At Seattle Lutheran High School our high academic standards and competitive sports programs are balanced with character education and spiritual growth. In a day and age where schools measure their success by standardized measures on tests, we define success through Confidence, Hope, Integrity, and Passion, the cornerstones of a Seattle Lutheran High School education. For more information call Rachel Bigliardi at 206-937-7722 Ext. 18 or visit our website at seattlelutheran.org.

Tuesday tours for prospective students begin October 11th, 2011 at 8:00 a.m. Contact Rachel Bigliardi at rbigliardi@seattlelutheran.org or 206-937-7722 Ext. 18 to schedule a visit.

Back to School- Fall Family Fun Retreat:

"I can be a Saint, You can be a Saint!"

October 23 from 1-4:30 p.m. 5pm Mass 6 pm Potluck
Camp Long here in West Seattle ([map](#))

\$20 a family. One parent/adult must attend per family. Open to children ages 4 and older. (Covers the cost of refreshments. Scholarships are available please contact jwong@holyroaryseattle.org)

Potluck dinner to follow Mass: Parish will provide main dishes of pasta and fried chicken, families are welcome to contribute side dishes.

Sample of Retreat Schedule: 12:30 - arrival and sign in at Camp Long 1:00 gathering songs and introductory skit family activity & introductions of families 3:00 Camp Relays 3:45 Camp Fire, S'Mores, & Rosary 4:30 Departure for Holy Rosary Parish 5:00 Mass 6:15 Potluck dinner
Register here: [click here](#)

Growing Faith/Parent Back-to-School Nights! Parish/School Hall - Sept 28th & October 2nd 7pm-8:30 pm

All parish parents of school aged children are invited!

Want to know how the CLOW - Children's Liturgy of the Word will work?

Want to get Volunteer Service/Ministry hours?

Pastoral Assistant for Adult Faith Formation will be available to answer any questions you have about developing your personal faith journey.

(Will include a separate orientation for Sunday Faith Formation Parents.)

*9:30 Children's Mass and Children's Liturgy of the Word
A Future full of Hope... and Love!*

Free to all Parish Families!

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Starting October 2nd at the 9:30 mass.

Children leave mass and return for the second part of mass.

If you would like your preschooler or Kindergartener to stay in class for the remainder of mass please contact jwong@holyroaryseattle.org

Children's Liturgy of the Word ("CLOW")

9:30 Mass

THIS INCLUDES CATHOLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS!!!

IT IS NOT A REPEAT OF WHAT THEY ARE GETTING IN CLASS.

Who: Entire family attend mass together

CLOW: During the months of October through May during the 9:30am Sunday Mass. After the opening greeting and prayer, all* school age children of the parish are dismissed together to celebrate their own Liturgy of the Word which is written and taught in a manner that is appropriate for their age level and all children (except Preschool and Kindergarten) will return to the Mass and rejoin their families following the Homily. *Regardless of their primary faith formation i.e. Catholic School, Sunday School, Home school

etc.

Family Mass: When Faith Formation is not in session the 9:30 mass will still continue to be a "family friendly mass." We will try our best to use the children's lectionary and student lectors. We are currently registering for Sunday Faith Formation "Core Lessons" these are Sunday School Lessons for Children that do not attend Catholic School. If your family is interested in participating, please [click here](#). In order for CLOW to be successful we need parent volunteers.

Parent volunteers are guaranteed Holy Rosary Commitment Hours and will be provided with training. All that is required is the desire to share your faith and to work with children.

All materials will be provided for each CLOW class.











Children's Liturgy Mass runs October thru May and will not occur over Holiday weekends. Our desire is to have enough volunteers that parents will only need to assist once a month or other flexible volunteer arrangements see below. The more volunteers, the more flexible the volunteer schedule.

Here are sample schedules to demonstrate the flexibility (should we get all the volunteers we require):

- * Jane Brown volunteers on the 1st Sunday of every month for the year. She gets 7 volunteer hours.
- * Jeremiah Bullfrog volunteers every week for the months of November and December. He gets 7 volunteer hours.
- * Elizabeth Darcy volunteers for every other week for 4 months. She gets 8 volunteer hours.

Your volunteer time is about 20-30 minutes during mass, and less than 1/2 hour to prepare before Sunday. If you are attending 9:30 mass with your children this would be an easy way to get hours.

Upcoming Events And Important Date

 Sept 22	Back to School Night
 Sept 24	Golf Tournament
 Sept 27	3rd Turn in Magazine Day
 Sept 28/29	8th Grade Retreat
 Sept 30	Prayer Service – 5A
 Oct 4	4th Turn in Magazine Day
 Oct 13	Parent Club Meeting
 Oct 25	Picture Re-takes and 7th Grade
 Oct 25	Half Day Conferences
 Oct 26-28	No School Conferences

