



SCHOOL NEWS

Holy Rosary School Family Communication Newsletter

September 29, 2011

Dear Families,

We have taken the first step in a process that I hope will lead to some fruitful subject area analysis. This particular study is meant to look at the continuity of our curriculum from grade to grade to ensure that we have a logical and progressive fabric of instruction. You may have heard the term, scope and sequence, we are taking from whole grade level to whole school.

We will begin by taking a good look at our text series, take a look at our curriculum maps and study connective instructional practice. In other words, we will look at each level of the student's learning foundation and make sure our instruction, instructional texts and materials are providing what they are intended to provide. Each Department level group will begin this, moving from department to whole faculty discussion. I explained this yesterday to the department chairs. This process will be ongoing this year and I hope to complete this process for all curriculum areas.

Thank you to Anne Connell, WestFest chair, and the countless volunteers who made our annual Fall Festival such a wonderful community event! The golf tournament was also a wonderful success. Thanks to our chairs, Eric Ricard and John Cahill, as well as all the countless volunteers that made it possible. Thanks to Cindy Wingo and her magazine-drive team as they work toward meeting their formidable goal. And thank you to our parents and families for supporting the drive. A good amount of new bark chip was added to the play areas outside this week. Our first fire inspection took place last Friday and we passed with flying colors. It was wonderful to host my first back-to-school event last week. I really enjoyed meeting you and look

forward to our work together. I know we are destined to have a great year filled with many highlights.

Sincerely,

Michael Cantu,
Principal

“WAG MORE, BARK LESS”.

I received many favorable comments on last Thursday evening's talk, especially this bumper sticker reference that I now have no option but to stick with it! In fact, one of the school Dads wrote it up on a piece of cardboard and brought it to the Golf Classic on Saturday to influence his foursome and then gave it to me! Another parent expressed the hope that I would not talk about Mass attendance any more this year; my hope would be that I never have to talk about it again except to incoming new parents. Since there is a policy in place in ours and in all Catholic schools the onus falls on School Commission and Parents Club to assist the Pastor and Principal in helping to bring about compliance with this as with all our policies. I am still wagging!!

I am very grateful to the parents who came up to say that I am not standing alone in the call for Mass attendance as an integral part of in parish Catholic education as they expressed the conviction that it is an understood part of what they have signed up for. I need to let you know that the Catholic High Schools are adding their voice to this expectation: last year Bishop Blanchet High School sent out mid year letters to parishes asking about students who claimed affiliation with their home parishes and were receiving the in parish tuition rate. When pastors responded saying the family were either not registered or attending or supporting the parish the student was dropped into an out of parish status and cost.

Last month Mike Prato, the Principal at Kennedy Catholic, told pastors at a Deanery meeting that he will be reading all applications in future and if a pastor indicates that he does not see the family at church or they have no involvement with the parish he will place the student in the out of parish category. I know that I have overlooked this in the past when I have signed those applications hoping that this would keep families connected to our church and wanting to give students the best chance in their education. This has worked very well to the students

advantage but not so much for the church connection.

My continued “wagging” instead of “barking” going forward will be to offer the Growing our Faith sessions that have begun this week as advertised on the school and church web sites and to offer an open door to healing and reconciling any past misunderstandings or hurts that have undermined your church attendance.

I offer this to demonstrate my intent to live out our parish mission: “Love the Lord God with your whole heart and soul and mind and strength, and love your neighbor as yourself”.

I still have not had a coaching session from Jack Miller!!

Fr John.

Holy Rosary MAGAZINE DRIVE Ends Next Week! Our 3rd Turn in Tuesday HRS has “TURNED IT UP” with \$ 27,000 in sales! After 3 weeks, that puts us at a grand total of \$56,000. We aren’t quite half way to our goal of \$125,000 so we need to really crank up the bass and get rockin’! We only have one more week and everyone is doing a fantastic job and we appreciate EVERY subscription! Please keep selling, our wonderful school is counting on us. We have just 1 more Turn in Tuesday left! IMPORTANT NOTICE: *We have a change to how we will count certain subscriptions for prizes*** Although we do not count the dollars that are brought in by students (prizes are based ONLY on number of subscriptions sold), we have heard you and know that there are certain subscriptions that contribute big bucks. Therefore, just like donations, we will give students credit for 5 orders for the 4 – one year subscriptions (People, The Economist, Barrons and the WSJ) that cost over \$100 when calculating prizes! This adjustment will take place at the end of the Drive and these orders will NOT count towards weekly classroom totals this year.**

So who really got things jammin’ for Turn in Tuesday #3? It was those super star **3rd graders again!** This earned them another ducky and a free dress day! Way to go! In fact, the super star **3rd grade** maintained “top dawg” status to keep themselves in the lead for total sales after 3 weeks. They are being chased by the awesome 6th graders and the rockin’ 1st graders . We are half way to our goal, so any grade can be on that Holy Rosary Idol stage in a couple of 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 under “Participant”. Thank you to everyone who is ordering online – it makes counting so much easier! **Please make sure that you and your customers puts in the Holy Rosary code AND your child’s name in “participants name” before ordering magazines.** We have a few of unidentified orders (see list below), 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.

The following orders need a student! Please see if one of your customers is listed:

Boos, K.
Eckerman, M.
Ingalls, K.
Kemper, J.
Matchett, D.
Matchett, M.
Millican, M.
Schendel, K.
Thenell, P.

If your child should be getting credit for any of these orders, please let Cindy Wingo know immediately! Thank you!

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 that day, and all paper orders must have the white and yellow copies of the order forms along with proper payment to be counted.

Volunteers Needed next Tuesday morning! We need help counting orders next Tuesday morning! If you are available, please join us in the basement of the parish rectory after morning drop off.

Parents' Club Corner

Thanks to everyone for making last week's Back to School Night such a wonderful evening. Our first Parents' Club Meeting will be Thursday, October 13th in the School Hall. Refreshments start at 6:15pm. Our Meeting will start at 6:30 and we will end by 8:00. Childcare will be provided. Mr. Cantu will be providing an update on School items as well as answering your questions, we will have an update on our recent Fundraisers, additional information on the Annual Fund, an update from the Pastoral Commission as well as an overview of School Commission including School Commission members, sub-committee updates and upcoming issues the School Commission will be focusing on.

Fundraising Update

The Magazine Drive is still Pumping It Up !!!!!!! October 4th is the final Turn-in-Tuesday. This is a critical fundraiser so don't be left out. The link on the website makes ordering on-line a snap. We're counting on you.

We look forward to seeing you on October 13th. It should be an informative and interactive evening.

Blessings, Currie Baker

Junior High Dance

Holy Rosary will be hosting the junior high fall dance in Lanigan, Friday October 7th from 7:30-10:00 for 7th and 8th graders and also inviting several of other Catholic schools as well. Parents who are interested in volunteering should email shields.jody@comcast.net.

WestFest Thank You of the Week:

Thank you to the families and companies that contributed in kind donations to WestFest 2011! We are ever so grateful for the following folks; Todd and Laurel Waltier for working with Star Rentals to bring in power and key equipment; The Tish Family for donating beer to the

beer garden; Frank Podany for donating lights and the printing of directional signage; Tim Connell for obtaining the Odwalla refrigerated truck; and the Clarke family for helping to light up WestFest.

Proceeds from WestFest go to both the school and Parish - and in kind donations make a significant difference. Thanks again!

From your WestFest BINGO Chairs- THANK YOU to all the hardworking volunteers, Patrick & Tanya Blayney, Roxanne Gerhardt, Jim & Malinda Newstrom, Michael & Melody Newstrom, Terry & Deborah Scanlan, Barb Schreck, Todd Waltier, who helped make BINGO such a great success this year. We had so much fun and we couldn't have done it without all of you. Special thanks to our guest callers, Principal Cantu and Father John, who helped work the crowds. And to Bruno Tarabochia...as always, we have to mention how much we appreciate all your hard work, as well as the fun and excitement you bring to this adventure. When we think of BINGO at Holy Rosary, we all think of you. Hope to see you all again next year!-Dave DuPuy, Kristi DuPuy, and Janet Richmond.

Parent/ Student/ Teacher Conferences will be Oct. 25 – 27 We look forward to this special time set aside to communicate each child's progress. Each family needs to fill out the form included in this week's eFC and return it to the school office by Tuesday, Oct. 3rd. There will be no school Friday Oct. 28.

Playground News For the physical and mental health of our students and staff, we try to send the students outside for recess rain or shine. **Please send them with raincoats everyday.**

\$1 on One Begins Next Week! October 3 -6 we will kick off the start of our \$1 on One Spirit of Giving project. Students are asked to bring in \$1 during the 1st week of each month to their classroom jars to support our all school service projects. Donated funds are first used to support our Ugandan students (link to Ugandan). The campaign will be promoted in the classrooms and prayer services throughout the year as students appreciate how those dollars can add up and make a huge difference to those in need. Thank you for reminding your children to bring in their

dollar!

Green Tip Waste Free Lunches. Now that we're back in the swing of school, we can give a thought to the lunches we pack for school and work. Here's where you can use those old cloth napkins with the frayed edges, the beat up utensils and that pile of Tupperware in the drawer! Using those, and a lunchbox instead of a bag, you've got a waste free lunch! Let's throw in credit for using wax paper bags, which biodegrade in about a week, instead of plastic (decades), if you need a disposable container. Just think of the trees we could save with 400+ kids using a napkin every week day for nine months.....that's a lot of paper. Give it a try!

A few openings remain -- Register now for Mandarin at Holy Rosary

Imagine going to a restaurant and ordering in Mandarin, or welcoming a visitor to your classroom in Mandarin. More than 1 billion people speak Mandarin--and you can, too!

Sponge Mandarin classes focus on building practical language and communication skills that you can use right away. We learn through games, art projects, music, stories and drama. Research shows that you're 70% more likely to reach competency in a language if you start in elementary school than if you start in high school. For more information on the benefits of language learning see:
<http://www.actfl.org/i4a/pages/index.cfm?pageid=4524>

Sponge will offer classes after-school on Wednesdays, beginning on October 5th.

K - 2: 2:25-3:25pm

3rd - 5th: 2:25-3:25pm

Each year there are new themes, vocabulary & functional language. For more info and to register, see www.spongeschool.com/holyrosary.html or email info@spongeschool.com

The 2011-12 CTY Talent Search sponsored by Johns Hopkins University Center for Talented Youth is underway. The purpose of the Talent Search is to identify, assess and recognize the academic abilities of highly capable students. To qualify, a student must score in the 95th percentile or higher on a subtest of a nationally normed test, such as ITBS. Qualified students are offered the opportunity to register for the SCAT test (grades 2-6) or for the SAT or ACT (grades 7-8). A variety of services and opportunities are offered to students after they test. If you are interested in pursuing this opportunity for your child, more information can be found by visiting the website: www.cty.jhu.edu. You may determine your child's eligibility based upon last year's ITBS scores. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact either Mr. Cantu or Mrs. McFaul. Application forms may be obtained in the school office or on-line at the CTY website. There is a cost of \$37 payable to CTY/JHU to register, and additional fees to the testing agency.

High School Regional Information Nights All regional nights events begin at 7:00pm. Families from All middle schools are welcome to attend whichever evening is most convenient.

Date

Monday, October 3
Wednesday, October 5
Thursday, October 6
Wednesday, October 12
Thursday, October 13

Location

St. George School (Seattle)
Holy Family School (Kirkland)
Assumption – St.Bridget(Seattle)
St. Luke School (Shoreline)
Our Lady Of Guadalupe School

Community Postings

Lee's Martial Arts- Parent's Night Out This Friday!!

Take advantage of this time to go shopping, take a nap, or go out on a date! We have pizza, games, popcorn, TKD, and movies for the kids! . All donations are welcome!! The proceeds go towards our Tuition Assistance program! This is open to the community so please let other friends and family know. All are welcome!

When: Friday, September 30th 6-10 PM

Where: Lee's Martial Arts (3270 California Ave SW)









Cost: \$25/child \$40/siblings (ages 4 and up)

RSVP is advised. Space is limited!! Contact Lisa Skvarla @ 206-938-3375

Thank you in advance for your support!

Instructors Lisa and Joe Skvarla

UPCOMING EVENTS AND IMPORTANT DATES:

-  **Sept 28/29 8th Grade Retreat**
-  **Sept 30 Prayer Service – 5A**
-  **Oct 3 Conference Form Turn In Date**
-  **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 K-8**

