



SCHOOL NEWS

Holy Rosary School Family Communication Newsletter

October 20,
2011

Dear Families,

Some years ago, the Congregation for Catholic Education wrote the following:

“On October 28th, 1965, the Second Vatican Council promulgated the Declaration on Christian Education. The document describes the distinguishing characteristic of a Catholic school in this way: ‘The Catholic school pursues cultural goals and the natural development of youth to the same degree as any other school. What makes the Catholic school distinctive is its attempt to generate a community climate in the school that is permeated by the gospel spirit of freedom and love. It tries to guide the adolescents in such a way that personality development goes hand in hand with the development of the ‘new creature’ that each one has become through Baptism. It tries to relate all of human culture to the good news of salvation so that the light of faith will illumine everything that the students will gradually come to learn about the world, about life, and about the human person’.”

So, what they are saying here is that it is our Catholic dimension that makes us distinctive. And we may infer that from this springs Faith, Community and Culture. As someone new to Holy Rosary, with fresh eyes, I have to commend this community for its long-standing commitment to this school and in helping create a Catholic culture here in West Seattle. But having just come from my deanery meeting over at Our Lady of Guadalupe, and heard the concern of their principal for one of our own in mourning, I see we are a part of a broader and much larger web of compassion and concern. We are about more than excellence in academics, and it was wonderful to see that in the actions, concern and prayers from our neighbors, the folks at Our Lady of Guadalupe. I think this is what the Congregation for Catholic Education was getting at.

I wish you well in your teacher conferences. I know that our teachers are

working hard to make your experience beneficial in the development of your child. I look forward to seeing you when you arrive for these.

Sincerely,
Michael Cantu,
Principal

THE REAL WORLD!!

Many people talk about The Real World.

You hear comments like, “wait until you get into the real world” or “he is not living in the Real World” or “she has no idea about life in The Real World”. These comments are clearly made by someone who believes that he or she is indeed in the Real World but someone else is not.

What is The Real World? How do you know if you are in it or not? Is there something written somewhere that defines objectively what it is? Or are we looking at a purely subjective definition where the speaker knows that he or she is in it but others definitely are not?

We all know that we hear this said about children of school going age from Kindergarten through college. I often hear it said in relation to church life. It is said in relation to some types of professions ---- some are Real World jobs and others are not! It is said about peoples living conditions --- some are in the Real World and some are not!

Why do some in it while others don't seem to qualify?

Are children in the Real World? We take their concerns and ailments very seriously so they must be.

Are teens and young adults in the Real World? The advertising world takes them very seriously and benefits greatly from them so they must be.

What about all adults whether well or sick, happy or unhappy, employed or unemployed, rich or poor, fit or unfit --- are they all in the Real World? I think the world is very real in all our lives. Sometimes people will say “this day was unreal” or “my life right now is unreal” yet they or we don't doubt that they are in the Real World.

What about people who have died? Are they in the Real World?

The Word of God indicates that the Real World begins inside of us; everything depends on how we perceive reality and how we respond to it. Some seem to have everything going for them and yet they make a mess of life. Others seem to have very little going for them but they do

very well.

St. Paul tells the Philippians, “Our citizenship is in Heaven” Phil 3:20. Does this mean that Heaven is the ultimate Real World? If we believe this it certainly has consequences for how we live. If we don’t what do we believe?

The next time you hear someone make declarations about the Real World you might consider asking some questions about how the person is defining the Real World and what basis they have for determining who is in it or not in it. It would be particularly interesting to ask that person if he or she is in it and why they think so? What of those who say to others, “get real”!

This Sunday’s Gospel will remind us of our parish vision for this year “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and soul and mind and strength; and you shall love your neighbor as yourself”. If anyone says to you: “That isn’t the real world”; you might have to say, “take it up with God; He made this world and I think He is real”!

Look around you at Mass; does what you see look like the Real World? I think Jesus would say yes since He is the one who asked us to come. I feel the pulse of very real people around me in church and I hear very real concerns in their lives that they are bringing to God in prayer while prayerfully supporting others around them.

I commit myself to this reality and I hope you will also.

Fr John.

Thank you for your continued love and support for the Kingston family, it is greatly appreciated!

The Memorial Mass & Celebration of Life Reception is scheduled for this Saturday, October 22nd at 10:00am. Many HRS families have asked for opportunities to help, please see below:

Volunteers Saturday morning

~10 volunteers to set-up Lanigan Gym, 9am - 11am

~10 volunteers during the reception & clean-up, 11am - 2pm

Please email Deyette Swegle: deyette1@comcast.net

Food

~Fruit Tray
~Cheese Tray
~Crackers
~Cookies

If you are able to provide one of the above food items for the reception, please drop-off at Lanigan Gym Saturday morning, 10/22 from 9am - 11am. Be sure to label your serving tray so we are able to return it to you. Please email Deyette Swegle with any questions: deyette1@comcast.net

We have been overwhelmed by the outpouring of love, support and prayers from our HRS community and can't thank you enough.

Blessings,
Kimberly Tish, Annie Ricard, Erika Baier & Beth Hamilton
HRS 2nd Grade Room Parents

HOLY ROSARY "TURNED IT UP" AND SOLD \$128,000! Congratulations Holy Rosary – you did it! After a slow start, you really rocked those sales and solidly surpassed our goal. That is such a huge accomplishment in these difficult economic times -your efforts are greatly appreciated and it means that we delivered over \$65,000 to this year's operating budget! Absolutely fantastic! We had a great time last Friday for Holy Rosary "Idol" and crowned our winners! Our ROCK STARS are Kevin M (5A) as our top seller - he will be "principal for a day" in the Spring; Jacob L. (2A) followed very close and was in 2nd place with Zach B. (1A) finishing strong in 3rd place. Congratulations! The grades that JAMMED for highest total sales are: 3rd graders in 1st Place – earning a bowling party; 2nd place went to the 5th graders – earning them a sweet treats party and extra recess and 3rd place went to the 1st graders – earning them an Ice Cream party! Way to Turn It Up everyone!

Please join us in giving a HUGE thank you to Jody Shields for putting together another fantastic assembly for our students, but most importantly for her dedication to the Holy Rosary Magazine Drive. Jody chaired this fundraiser for many years and it has been her boundless

enthusiasm and dedication to our school that inspired sales over \$125,000 and propelled HRS to be a top selling school in the nation! Thank you, Jody!

FAMILY FUN CENTER is tomorrow, October 21, from 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. The Fun Center award is for individual students selling 25 or families selling 40 orders or more. Tomorrow is a FREE DRESS day ONLY for kids going to the Fun Center. Pizza lunch will be served at the Fun Center – no need to send a lunch. Thank you to everyone that volunteered to chaperone. Please arrive at school no later than 11 a.m. We will meet outside the main doors.

Still selling? You can continue to support our school and make your sales online at www.aphearst.com. Use our school code WC2897. No more paper orders can be accepted.

Thank you again to all the ROCK STARS that participated and TURNED IT UP for our school to make this year's Drive another amazing success!

10 reasons why this book fair will take you "Out of this World".

1. Enjoy some browsing time looking for that perfect book.
2. HRS siblings may stay at the book fair while parents attend the conference for the other child.
3. Enter a daily contest for a chance to win \$20 to spend at the book fair.
4. Know that every one of your purchases earns money for the library budget.
5. Celebrate a birthday by participating in the Birthday Book Program.
6. Start shopping for Christmas presents.
7. If you can't find the book you really want, shop online.
8. The book fair is open during all conference times Tuesday - Thursday.
9. Browse through the Classroom Wishes Bag and purchase a book for your child's homeroom.
10. Share laughter and conversation about reading and books with your family and friends.

Use this link for additional book fair information and the access for shopping online. [click here](#)

Tomorrow's prayer service led by 8A will be streamed live on the Internet starting about 8:30 am. Check the Holy Rosary Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Holy-Rosary-School/105847322804762>) or our website for access.

Hoops for Help 3 on 3 basketball tournament, Saturday, November 12.

Please join us as we play basketball while raising money for the hungry in our community for our 7th grade service project. You will have many chances to win great NBA prizes.

Please pick up an information sheet along with a registration paper in the school office. We will have three age levels:

14 and under, 12 and under, and 10 and under. Registration is \$5.00 per player. All proceeds go to Holy Rosary St. Vincent de Paul.

Thank you. David, Eliot, and Kyle. If you have questions, email eliotevans@gmail.com.

Mother Son Glow Bowl - November 12, 2011

It is time for the 2011 Mother Son Glow Bowl - Saturday Nov 12, from 5 - 8pm, at the West Seattle Bowling Alley. Come a little early to get your shoes, and your hair sprayed with some fun colors! Wear some white so you will glow all night! This is an event, you won't want to miss! So, download the form, and send it in to the school office with your payment as soon as possible! This event is for Holy Rosary Mothers, and their Sons in grades K - 8 only, sorry no preschoolers or high schoolers. Questions - call Alex Gardner or Jocelyn Antilla.

Parents' Club Corner

Great to see so many of you last week at our Parents' Club meeting. The minutes are attached for those who might have missed it. Last week we shared information on some of many wonderful things going on at Holy Rosary Parish and School. At future meetings will include school updates and focus on issues effective parents and students.

More details to follow. Mark your calendar for our next meeting on Thursday, November 10th at 6:30pm. Childcare provided.

Fundraising Update

Magazine Drive:

Thanks to everyone for a successful Magazine Drive. It came down to the wire, but thanks to a last week bog push, we made out goal. Congratulation to all of our student sellers !!!!!

Christmas Tree Lot:

There are opportunities to be involved with the Christmas Tree Lot this year. If you missed the 10/10 meeting feel free to contact me directly to get more information.

Blessings, Currie Baker, Parents' Club President
curriebaker@yahoo.com

SCHOOL COMMISSION UPDATE

Would you like to get involved and make a difference? For those who were not able to make the Parent's Club meeting last week, here is what School Commission is working on this year. If you are interested in working in any of these areas, please contact Sherri Chun, School Commission President (sherri.chun@att.net).

- **School Building, Grounds, and Safety** – Help develop long term strategies with school buildings, safety, and grounds. Work with our AdCom liaison to determine which school projects are strategic, and should be prioritized with our leadership team. For example - Big Toy, Little Toy, parking lot, Lanigan, landscaping, and building safety. You give us lots of feedback on all these things, now's the chance for you to get involved.
- **School Finance** – Do you have hidden financial talents? School finance extends beyond the annual budget, although this is the most visible component of what we do. We are working to build

a long term strategic plan for the school. If you have experience in this area, we welcome your input.

- **Catholic Identity** –What does it mean to be a Faith Filled Catholic? How do we measure spiritual engagement and commitment? How can we grow our parish community? We are just starting this process. Come help us out!
- **School Marketing and Communication** – How well are we communicating with each other and to the greater community? Is the right information getting out there in the right format? Are we using social media appropriately? Where are the gaps? How can we communicate better? This is a big project, and one where feedback and input from you is especially important.
- **Lego Robotics** – We're getting a lot of buzz about this already. To make it work, we need parent volunteers!
- **Art Literacy** – Studies show there is a positive correlation between critical thinking and those students who understand and appreciate art. This is another project that requires parent volunteers. And no, you don't need to be an art expert 🎨. If you like art and want to learn more about it, come help us bring this to our students.
- **Geography Bee** – This is actually not new to Holy Rosary. Some of you may remember we last held a Geography Bee about 5 years ago, for grades 4-8. We are planning to do it again! If you love the Geography category on Jeopardy, the planners of this event could use some help.

Thank you for making our school community the amazing place that it is.

Sherri Chun Sherri.chun@att.net

Veterans Day Prayer Service

On Friday, November 4th, the Leadership elective students are putting on the prayer service in honor of Veterans Day. We would like to honor veterans who have connections to Holy Rosary students (grandparents, uncles, aunts, parents, cousins, etc.)

Please bring in a photo of the veteran to the folder in the office, or you can email it to Ms. Johnson atmjohnson@holyrosaryws.org. Photos and brief description are due by Tuesday, October 25th.

Please include:

- *The veteran's name
- *The Holy Rosary student and grade and the relationship with the veteran (i.e. the student's grandpa)
- *A couple of facts about the veteran

Thank you for helping make our prayer service very special!

Mangia Bene, Vivi Felice !!!!!

"Eat Well and Live Happy" by joining us at the Annual Italian Dinner.

Traditional pasta, salad, bread, wine and good company.

When: Saturday, November 5th
6:00pm - 8:00pm

Where: Lanagan Gym

Cost: \$10 adults, \$5 kids or \$35 per family

Look for a flyer to be sent home that you can return to the School or Parish Office to save your spot.

ALSO NEEDED:

Would you like to help at the Italian Dinner and eat pasta??

We need Servers and Dishwashers - all staff eats for free and earns fundraising hours.

To sign up contact Beth Hamilton at bhamilton@chiquita.com

Sweatshirts Needed

Each student is requested to bring a used **adult** large or x-large sweat shirt before October 21st. We will use them in the event of an evacuaion or an earthquake. Thank You.

Parent/ Student/ Teacher Conferences will be Oct. 25 – 27 Your scheduled conference time was sent home last week. School will dismiss at 12:00 on Tuesday, October 25 to begin conferences. There will be no school Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

B.A.S.E. is open during conferences and the day is paid for if you are paying on a ten-month contract. If you are not on contract and would like to use B.A.S.E during conferences please turn in a B.A.S.E. calendar to reserve and confirm a space for your child.

B.A.S.E. Field Trips during conferences Field Trips will be an additional cost to all participants. If you would like your child to attend the field trip please pick up a permission slip located by the sign out book in the school hall **and return to B.A.S.E. by October 17.** A staff member will remain at the school for those children who do not wish to attend up for the field trip.

B.A.S.E. calendars need to be completed and submitted to the school office by October 25th.

Book Fair

We traditionally hold a book fair during Conferences because it provides an opportunity for families to browse through hundreds of titles while sharing the joy and excitement of reading with their children. The hope is that each child gets a book to share with the family. As the poem on the library wall states: "The more you read the more you know. The more you know the smarter you grow. The smarter you grow the stronger your voice when speaking your mind or making a choice."

Volunteers are welcomed and needed to: help set up, serve as cashiers, assist the younger students while they shop during recess, and pack everything up at the end of the book fair. Volunteers count this activity as fund raising hours. The book fair serves as the main source

of income to purchase new books for the library, so while you browse and shop and select you are helping all the readers at HRS. Thank you. In next weeks eFC you can learn about some of the activities planned to make this fair "out of this world". Here is a link to the webpage: Scholastic's site for Holy Rosary West Seattle

Art Literacy Volunteers Wanted - We are in the process of developing an Art Literacy program, and need parent volunteers in order to make it happen. Through Art Literacy, parents receive materials and curriculum about art history to present in the classrooms school-wide. Studies show that children demonstrate increased abilities in critical thinking, problem solving and creativity as a result of participating in a strong art education program. No art education or artistic talent required! Just an enthusiasm for art and willingness to share your enthusiasm with the children. If you are interested in being a part of the program, or just learning more about it, email Ann at jandasummers@msn.com.

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Thanks for your patience while the 8th grade class works out the kinks for this year's 8th grade pizza lunch fundraiser (insert attachment). Instructions for ordering online will be sent out soon. Pizza lunch dates will be 11/18, 12/9, 1/19, 2/24, 3/16, 4/20 and 5/11. Please note, this year we have moved the lunches to Fridays to better coordinate with our new hot lunch provider's schedule. Other exciting changes include online payment and being able to sign up for the entire year! This fun fund raiser has been supporting 8th grade graduation activities for many years at Holy Rosary School. We appreciate the support of all our Holy Rosary families!

Family Portrait Opportunity

*Support Your School & Parish and Showcase Your Family
You can do all of this with the new school fundraiser! Don't forget to book your family photo session on November 5th or 6th only. 70% of your very affordable sitting and portrait fee goes back to

Holy Rosary. Make a memory and support your school and parish.
*For more information, please check the website
www.familyphotoevent.com<<http://www.familyphotoevent.com>>.
For questions, you can email Nazleen Ejarque at
nazpejarque@yahoo.com<<mailto:nazpejarque@yahoo.com>>. So
hurry up, sign up for your photo session and get your first pick at
the available slots! It's an opportunity not to be missed...but a
memory to keep for a lifetime!

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. Program is geared toward children ages 4 and older. ***All family members are welcome.***(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](#)

PARENTS IN TOUCH RELOCATES TO THE CHAPEL! Parents in Touch will continue to meet on Friday mornings after drop off (8:30am) but will move into the Chapel of St. Dominic in the Parish Center. Please join us for a rosary prayer for the intentions of the school! Email Jillian Kane with questions or prayer intentions. Thank you!

eScrip Bartell's is now joining the eScrip program. The card will work just like Safeway's. The school will earn up to 4% of your purchases. Applications will be available at the Parent Club Meeting or pick one up at Bartell's.

Renew your Safeway Club Card. You must renew your Club Card yearly between August and November 1st. You can email me names of friends and family that need to renew. I can renew for them or include an email and I will send them a reminder. Tjs3660@netzero.net

If you are not already a supporter, you can sign up online at www.escrip.com or follow the link on HRS website under passive fundraisers.

eScrip has many other ways to earn money for the school, there are thousands of online websites that participate in eScrip check it out at www.escrip.com

Target Take Charge of Education

Sign up for the Check Card, it works like a debit card. Money is deducted from your checking account. You save 5% every time you shop and the school earns 1%. You can sign up at any register at Target, bring a voided check or applications will be available at the Parent Club Meeting. After you receive your card don't forget to sign up to support the school at www.target.com/takechargeofeducation

The Tree Lot Committee is looking for a few good volunteers to donate their time in organizing and running the Tree Lot this year. The plan is to divide and delegate more tasks amongst committee members to make it manageable for everyone. We are looking for the following volunteers:

3-4 volunteers to act as "Operations Manager" of the Tree Lot for 1 week. Volunteers will fulfill ALL of their volunteer hours for the year for these roles.

Questions? Please contact Currie Baker

Community Postings

Come join the fun and friendship with Girl Scouts in West Seattle!

Free family information night

Delridge Library, Monday Oct 17th @ 6:30pm

Southwest Library, Wednesday Oct 19th @ 6:30pm

Admiral Library, Thursday Oct 20th @ 6:30pm

For more information, please visit GirlScoutsWW.org

Or call 425-614-1126

Girl Scouting builds girls of courage, confidence, and character who make the world a better place.

Join a Campfire Group Today!

- Groups can be all Girls, all boys or co-ed
- Open to ages 3 to 12
- Experience fun activities, learn new skills & meet new friends
- Local groups organizing now

Mountain to Sound Outfitters would like to invite you to the West Seattle Ski/Snowboard Swap. The Ski/snowboard Swap is October 22nd and 23rd 10am-6pm. Drop off date for used gear/equipment is October 21 at 3601 SW Alaska between 1-7pm.

The St. Brendan School Parent-Teacher Organization is pleased to announce its 32nd Annual Holiday Craft Fair. The fair will be held at:

St. Brendan Parish School

10049 NE 195th Street

Bothell, WA 98011

Saturday, Nov. 12th 9:00 - 5:00 pm

Sunday, Nov. 13th 11:30 am - 4:00 pm






Better than ever, this year's fair features the work of over 100 returning and new craft vendors, the Holiday Gift Raffle, Refreshments, baked goods at our Bake Sale Table, and a Special Guest Appearance by Santa! That perfect holiday gift is waiting for you at the St. Brendan Holiday Craft Fair. Free admission. Located near Downtown Bothell just off I-405 and Highway 522.

Lenscrafter Vision Van

On October 24 and 25, 2011 Madison Middle School will host the Lenscrafter Vision Van. Lenscrafter will provide a free comprehensive eye exam and free glasses on the same day. This is open to children (ages 5-17) of low income or working families without vision insurance or access to vision care. Please contact Madison Middle School School Nurse at 206-252-9207 to set up an appointment for either a 8 am, 10 am or 12 noon appt.

Madison is located at 3429-45th Ave SW Seattle WA 98116

UPCOMING EVENTS AND IMPORTANT DATES:

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|  Oct 25 | Picture Re-takes and 7 th Grade |
|  Oct 25 | Half Day Conferences/ BOOK FAIR |
|  Oct 26-28 | No School – Conferences K-8/BOOK FAIR |
|  Oct 31 | Halloween – Dress in orange and black |
|  Nov 5 | Italian Dinner |