



SCHOOL NEWS

Holy Rosary School Family Communication Newsletter

November 03, 2011

Dear Families,

I recently was doing a little research for my father and made an interesting discovery. My dad is at an age in which he is thinking back on his life and coming to terms with an ever-growing list of people he knew that have either passed on or are dealing with serious illness. I was looking up the Catholic grade school that he attended to see if they had an alumni group. I helped him contact the alumni group from his school and, in doing so, saw that his old school has been consolidated with two other Catholic schools, including the school I attended in 1st Grade. As I talked to my dad about his youth and his memories of his old school, of the nuns and of his friends, he shared great stories like the fond memories he has of Msg. Joe Clarke, the pastor of his youth. I couldn't help but think that our Holy Rosary students will look back to when they are old and see how important these school memories are.

In the past half century, Catholic schools across the United States have either closed or been consolidated at an alarming rate. That is one of the reasons why Holy Rosary School is so remarkable. The support of this community over generations is truly noteworthy. We are also a powerful witness to the Faith over many decades. In an article written for America Magazine, Timothy Dolan asserted that the most important reason for the national decline in Catholic schools, "may rest in an enormous shift in the thinking of many American Catholics, namely, that the responsibility for Catholic schools belongs only to the parents of the students that attend them, not the entire church." He goes on to say: "Catholics as a whole in the United States have for some time disowned their school system, excusing themselves as individuals, or parishes or dioceses from any further involvement with a Catholic school system simply because their own children are not enrolled there, or their parish does not have its own school."

Sociologists Father Andrew Greeley and Mary Gautier both point out in their research that Catholic school graduates demonstrate four differences when compared to their Catholic counterparts from public school. They tend to demonstrate a greater:

Fidelity to Sunday Mass and a keener sense of prayer
Maintaining pro-life attitudes
Personal consideration of a religious vocation
Continued support of the local church and community over their lifetime

This is why our work together is so important and why we should remind ourselves that we are simply continuing the long thread of Holy Rosary success built upon those that went before us. Holy Rosary School stands strong and hopeful but we must be ever vigilant to promote that which has sustained this school beginning with- a firm foundation in our faith and the many ways this is lived out. I am happy to say that I see this in the students. Not only do we need to always strive for academic excellence, but we also need to help build our connection with the parish, as it is the parish centered in Jesus Christ, that is our wellspring. I believe that our sustainability has resulted from many factors. Critically is that support coming from both school parents and parishioners seeing the school as their parish school whether they have children in the school or not. We, the current school community must promote this connection for the sake of not only ourselves but also for all who will come after us. Thank you for entrusting your child to Holy Rosary School and continuing the long-standing success story of this school. In closing, let me add that the 4th Graders were amazing this morning at the school Mass. It was a joy to see them in their saint costumes and in their participation in the Mass.

Sincerely,

Michael Cantu,
Principal
Holy Rosary School

Kingston Family Brunch Benefit:

There will be a benefit brunch for the Kingston family on Sunday November 6, 2011 beginning immediately after the 9:30am Family Mass. The benefit will be held at the West Seattle Eagles Aerie #2643. It is located at 4426 California Avenue SW (1 block from the parish). The cost will be \$15 per adult and \$7 for

children under the age of 10 years.

There will be an omelet bar, a taco bar, fresh fruit, waffles, coffee, tea, juice, and hot chocolate. All proceeds will benefit the Kingston Family and all are welcome. In addition, we will be holding a raffle.

If you have any questions, please contact Paul leonardo at 206-250-5213 or Erik Ricard at 206-683-1018. Thanks and God Bless.

Calling all Dads

Wanted to invite all Holy Rosary dads to a poker tournament that Chad Bundy and I are holding on Saturday November 19th, 2011 in the school hall.

Lets get together for a few hours, have fun and donate half the pot to the Kingston family.

Let me know if you are interested to my email address at robertchang88@hotmail.com. Details to follow. (\$50 buy-in)

Regards,
Rob Chang
206-819-1433

Base Calendar Important Reminder

First of all, thank you to all the families that are filling out their monthly calendars. When we don't have these forms on file in advance, we cannot properly plan the number of staff we need to schedule. Adequate staffing to care for the children is necessary. So, if you plan on using BASE, it is a requirement that you fill out the registration and calendar. If you don't fill out these forms, we cannot guarantee that your child will be able to use BASE. You would then face the inconvenience of picking up your child, so please attend to filling out these forms.

Please schedule your BASE payments directly from your checking account online from our school website homepage. BASE fees unlike School Tuition may be paid by credit card. In order to use your credit card you may select the Church Side, not the School Side of the website.

Thank you,
Holy Rosary BASE

Ho, Ho, Ho - The Tree Lot is set to open on Saturday, November 26 at 12 noon and online sign ups are now open! Shifts available this year include:

Set Up & Tear Down - help get the lot set up (on 11/26) and then close it down and clean up (on 12/18)

General Shifts - assisting customers with sales, processing sales, etc. Advertising - Wear the Christmas Tree costume, stand out on California and drive traffic in to the Tree Lot on Saturdays and Sundays. 7th & 8th graders are encouraged to sign up for these shifts!

Lot Squad - These shifts are designated towards moving trees into our tree storage area before and after deliveries of inventory. Re-Stocking Team - These shifts are designated for re-stocking the inventory of the Lot, general clean up, etc. Lots of moving and manual labor! Finally, we will have a Tree Lot volunteer orientation on Wednesday, 11/16 at 7 p.m. in the reception area of the Parish Center. All are encouraged to attend, even if you have worked the lot in previous years. You will receive 1 hour of Volunteer time for attending.

Holy Rosary Receives Grant!!!

HomeStreet Bank is pleased to present a check for \$250 to Holy Rosary.

Nancy Dennehy is an employee of **HomeStreet** Bank and a volunteer at Holy Rosary. **HomeStreet** Bank encourages and supports their employee's community involvement through their Community Volunteer Grant Program.

This is one great way Nancy contributes to the wonderful community that Holy Rosary has created. **HomeStreet** Bank is a Northwest bank, based in Seattle and is celebrating their 90th year this year! A representative from

Homestreet Bank will be at the Nov. 10th Parent's Club Meeting to present this grant to HRS. Thank you Nancy Dennehy and **Homestreet** Bank.

Thank You PATS

The Holy Rosary Staff was treated to a fabulous lasagna dinner during conference week, with all the accoutrements! Special thanks to Carol Ann Joyce for transforming the school hall into a fancy Bistro and serving up a culinary delight! Thank you also to, Kevin Joyce Lisa Roach, Davi Sabotta, Patricia McBrien, Alan Mulkey, Terri Rambosek, Colleen Donahue, Haley Rose Joyce and Sinead Mulkey McBrien for all of their help in making the staff feel like Royalty.

Drama Elective

Hello HRS families! The HRS drama elective is putting on The Wizard of Oz in March of 2012. The script is very funny and fun but the costumes/sets involve quite a bit of work. If any of you are talented artists and want to put in some time helping out, please contact Ms. McLaughlin at dmclaughlin@holyrosaryws.org. Your efforts will be rewarded with service hours if you are in need of them!

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 at atmjohanson@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

Parents' Club Corner

Please join us for our next meeting on Thursday, November 10th at 6:30pm (social at 6:15) where we will host Kim Estes from Savvy Parents - Save Kids. This workshop on child safety will cover such topics as:
Cell Phones - tools for tricked out toy?
Staying home alone. Are they ready?
When your child becomes a babysitter
Red flags to be aware of
Which questions YOU should be asking
Kim's approach is safe and fun. No scare tactics and no graphic conversations. This particular workshop is geared for kids 8-12 but has applications to younger and older kids as well.

You can also check out the website prior to the meeting at
<http://savvyparentssafekids.com/>

Hope to see you all on Thursday, November 10th in the School Hall.
Blessings, currie baker
curriebaker@yahoo.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.

Volunteers Needed in the Sunday Nursery

We still need a few parent volunteers to help with the Sunday nursery during the 9:30 am family mass. This is a great opportunity to earn volunteer hours. All volunteers must complete the Archdiocesan sponsored Safe Environment training. For information on volunteering or questions about the nursery, please contact Annie Ricard at (206) 933-6876 or amricard@comcast.net.

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: Lanigan 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

8th Grade Pizza Lunches

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 fundraiser has been supporting 8th grade graduation activities for many years at Holy Rosary School. We appreciate the support of all our Holy Rosary families!

Community Postings

You Can't Take it With You

Matt Jeakle and Colleen Devine, HRS 09 graduates, are starring in the comedy "You Can't Take it With You" at Seattle Prep November 3-6. That's Matt featured on the attached promotional poster. It's a great opportunity to enjoy live theater, laugh like crazy, and support Holy Rosary Alums. Also, a great opportunity for 8th grade prospective Prep students to come check out Seattle Prep!

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

Register by this Friday, November 4, so that we can set up the

brackets.

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 or download the attached form. 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, please contact Mrs. Evans.

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.

West Seattle Drums offers private lessons on drum set and snare drum. Call Mike Grueter at 206-938-3563 for lessons or visit our web site for more information. Special offer for Holy Rosary students, get one introductory lesson for free!

<<http://www.westseattledrums.com/>>

UPCOMING EVENTS AND IMPORTANT DATES:

-  Nov 1 **All Saints Day Mass- 8:45**
-  Nov 5 **Italian Dinner**
-  Nov 10 **Parent's Club Meeting**
-  Nov 11 **Veteran's Day – NO SCHOOL**
-  Nov 12 **Mother Son Glow Bowl**