



SCHOOL NEWS

Holy Rosary School Family Communication Newsletter

January 5, 2011

Dear Parents,

In Wednesday's Gospel, we encounter a story that begins with a description of a scene in which John is standing around with two of his friends when Jesus passes by. The two friends apparently do not recognize Jesus, but we find out that they have heard of Him. As they watched Jesus, John states: "Behold the Lamb of God". Once they heard this, they headed after Him. I love the next part- Jesus suddenly turns and asks, "What are you looking for?" It is a great question, one I think that needed to be asked, and a question we all can ask ourselves. But I want to ask it rhetorically with regard to the school and then try to answer it. See if you agree.

As parents, what are we looking for in a school, for our children, for us as parents? On my list, a safe environment comes first. By this, I include not only a school that practices their fire drills, provides for health emergencies, watches out for intruders, etc. but also a school in which the children feel they are in a warm and supporting place and one in which the teachers care about them. Our Church takes a view that each human person is a reflection of God and from that premise follows the basis of our efforts as educators and parents. So, when we teach, we do so because it uplifts, when we praise, we do so because it uplifts and even when we correct a child, we do so because ultimately it uplifts.

As parents, along with a suitable environment, we seek excellent instruction from qualified and caring instructors. In a Catholic School, I think we all wish to see in our teachers, women and men that witness their faith in action. This allows the children to

witness first hand what it means to give service to others. Teachers can be such wonderful examples of this; Catholic School teachers take to an even higher level. I think parents are also looking for community. Every excellent school I know of has this quality to a high degree.

Father Edwin McDermott, SJ was a wonderful professor at the University of San Francisco who wrote about the three distinctive qualities of a Catholic School, and they incorporate, Message, Community and Service. As I see it, though we need to always keep striving to improve, Holy Rosary School incorporates these to a high degree, and that is why our school is as special as it is!

Happy New Year,

Michael Cantu,
Principal
Holy Rosary School

Epiphany Program!

The “**Epiphany Program**” is a great way to celebrate the season, and Jesus is the reason!! Our school band will kick things off **tonight starting at 7:00 PM**, followed by each class performing special musical numbers to bring honor to this beautiful season.

Students are required to participate, as this event is a graded performance. Attire for the performance is “**Sunday best**” unless otherwise stated.

Students should arrive no earlier than 6:30 PM and report to their classrooms. Please join us tonight for **January 5** for this delightful evening of music, magic & fun! Thanks!

Kindergarten, Pre K, and Preschool 2012/2013 Pre-Registration

Please let us know if you intend to register a student for preschool or kindergarten for the 2012 – 2013 school year by following the link below. This form provides us with a headcount for planning purposes as we go into the recruitment season in January and February. Thank you for your assistance.

<http://www.holyrosaryws.org/intent.html>

Grandparents/Grand Friends Day RSVP

Please fill out the attached form if you would like an invitation sent to your Grandparent or Friend for the Luncheon on Feb 1. All RSVP forms need to be returned to the school office by Jan 9.
Thank You

Grandparents Luncheon Help Needed

We're one day closer to spring, though you wouldn't know by looking outside. This means that we're one day closer to our annual Catholic School's Week Grandparent Luncheon, which will be held on Wednesday, Feb. 1, 2012. If you need more hours, please join me in preparing for this important and much loved event. We can use as many volunteers as we can get. Setting tables, picking up balloons, filling water glasses or wrapping those beautiful primroses - we have a variety of jobs to choose from. We will need volunteers for Tuesday Jan 31 for set-up from 6pm - 7:30pm and on Wednesday, Feb 1 starting after drop-off until about 10am and also during the lunch from 11:15 until 1:45pm. There will be many shifts and flexible times. If you would like to dedicate your time to making this a wonderful memory for our beloved grandparents, please contact Allyson Schreck allysonschreck@hotmail.com or call 206-933-5942. Looking forward to hearing from you.

Book Fair

Would you like to be part of the Book Fair Luau team? Volunteers

are needed to help with set up and take down the fair, to work as cashiers, to help with decorations or to lend a hand during the Grandparents' Day. Thank you for your continual support of reading at HRS.

Free Dress Tomorrow

Bridget H, Principal of the Day on 12/16, declared Friday 1/6 a Free Dress Day for the entire school. Thank you Bridget!

Parents' Club Corner

Next Parents' Club Meeting will be Thursday, **January 12th at 6:30** in the School Hall.

Mark your calender now for our **February 9th** Parents' Club Meeting when we will be joined by Debbie Whitlock and Stacy Romberg. Debbie is a certified financial planner, owns her own business and hosts a local radio program focusing on investing and financial planning for women. Stacy is a local attorney who focuses on estate strategies and planning.

We have asked this dynamic team to speak to our parents about Family Financial Planning with a focus on education, estate decisions and family concerns. Please join us and trust me, you will not be disappointed. I have had the pleasure of interacting with Stacey on numerous occasions through my own profession and have found her to be very thought-provoking.

<http://www.debbiewhitlock.com/>
<http://staceyromberg.com/>

I look forward to seeing you all on January 12th and February 9th.

Blessings, Currie Baker

Looking for a Refrigerator: The staff room is in need of a large, energy efficient refrigerator. Before making the purchase, we thought we'd just ask if anyone has an extra refrigerator taking up space that you'd like to donate. We don't want to come across as too picky, but in our efforts to be 'green' we do need it to be somewhat modern and energy efficient. Please contact either Mr. Cantu or the main office if you are interested. Thank You!!

NEW! The Holy Rosary Recycling Program will recycle old iPods as well as cell phone and printer cartridges!

Did you buy new printer cartridges to finish your family holiday cards? Did you just get a new cell phone or iPod for Christmas? What do you do with your old ones? The Holy Rosary Recycling Program will recycle your old cell phones, iPods, and inkjet/toner cartridges for \$\$\$ for the school. The best part is there is nothing to buy and no cost to Holy Rosary! Get family, friends, and coworkers to support the program as well! Simply drop off your items for recycling in the school's main office. No need to supply manuals or accessories. If you have any questions, email Kristen Hinthorn at tkhinthorn1@comcast.net or call 433-2748.

Hello HRS families!

I am in the beginning stages of obtaining a Theater Arts endorsement from University of Washington. In order to have the 100-hour practicum waived, I need to present a robust petition speaking to the theater work I've done over the past 10 years. Part of this petition will come in the form of a drama portfolio that includes pictures, programs, tickets, etc from plays I've done in the past. If any of you have pictures from the plays we've done the past 4 years, I would love to include them in the portfolio. Please contact me via email: dmclaughlin@holyroaryws.org.

I really appreciate your help.

Darcy McLaughlin
Sixth Grade Teacher/Drama Elective

Honor Band 2012 Auditions!!

All School Band members (gr. 6-8) have received information regarding the upcoming Honor Band auditions.

Special dates:

Monday, January 9th/6:00 – 7:30p.m.

Clarinets/Saxophones/Oboe/Drums

Wednesday, January 11th/5:00 – 7:15p.m.

Flutes/Bells/Trumpet/Trombone

Auditions are held at Kennedy Catholic H.S.

Knights of Columbus to Sponsor Youth Free Throw Competition

All boys and girls ages 10 to 14 are invited to participate in the local level of competition for the 2012 Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship. The local competition will be held Saturday, January 21st at 3:30 PM, at Holy Rosary School Gym (4142 42nd Ave. S.W.)

The Our Lady of Guadalupe Council and the Holy Rosary Round Table Knights of Columbus are sponsoring this community event. Each boy and girl age group champion will be eligible to advance to the District Competition to be held in February, followed by the State Competition. Participants are required to furnish proof of age (birth certificate, etc).

The application for tuition assistance for the 2012 -2013 school year is now available on-line at <http://fulcrumfoundation.org/tuition> (A link to

the application is on the school website under ‘School Forms & Other Downloads’.)

Please follow these instructions and note that in addition to submitting an application on-line to Fulcrum, paper copies of the completed application must be delivered to Thea at Holy Rosary School by February 6th:

Make a copy of your 2010 Federal Income Tax Form(s), IRS 1040, 1040A or 1040EZ, or E-file printout for the financially responsible parent(s) or guardian(s). Note: W-2 forms are not acceptable. Do not send originals.

Make a copy of any documents related to Non-Taxable income (Part C-3) such as 1099, federal or state aid, alimony or child support.

Submit your application form *online at <http://fulcrumfoundation.org/tuition> At the end of the submission process a printout will be produced. If you have made a mistake, submit a new application and destroy the incorrect printout. When entering names, please do not use ALL CAPS.

Print two copies of the completed form. This can be done immediately after submitting the form. Be sure to sign your tax forms. This is often overlooked, especially with E-filing. Fulcrum will not accept un-signed forms.

Sign the form in Part E.

Staple the signed application in front of copies of the financial documents from steps 1 and 2.

Deliver or mail the complete application package to Thea at Holy Rosary by February 6th. Copies will not be returned.

*Fulcrum will not be accepting handwritten applications. If you would like to submit a handwritten application, please ask Thea De Francesco to assist you. She may be contacted at (206) 937-1488, ext. 211 or email: tdefrancesco@holyroseyseattle.org

The bishop will be here Monday evening, April 30th @ 7pm to confer the sacrament of confirmation. If you are a Catholic adult over the age of 18 who has not yet been confirmed, we will offer a series of sessions beginning February 1st at 7pm in the Parish Center to prepare you for this sacrament. A Catholic is fully initiated into the church with the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. We are inviting any adult Catholic who has not yet been confirmed to prayerfully consider joining us for the preparation and the reception of this sacrament. You may give me a call at 206-937-1488, Ext. 203, to register and/or for any questions you may have. There is an adult confirmation form on our website for you to complete and return to me. Please note that these sessions are for practicing Catholics. If you were baptized Catholic and never raised in the faith and now want to practice your faith or baptized in another Christian faith tradition and now want to become Catholic, we invite you into our RCIA process. Any questions, again give me a call. JoAnn Tobin – jtobin@holyroseyseattle.org

CYO Volleyball

Hello Holy Rosary Families,

I know it seems like Basketball just started, but Volleyball will be here before you know it. CYO Volleyball 2012 is just around the corner and it is time to register for another exciting season. If your son or daughter is interested in playing CYO Volleyball this year, we have a few changes.

First, I am the new Volleyball Coordinator taking over for Mary Campagnaro. I want to send a BIG thank you to Mary for her years of service keeping the coaches and players organized and prepared during the Volleyball season, thank you Mary!! Moving forward, If you have any questions regarding the Volleyball season, please don't hesitate to contact me, k.jergens@comcast.net.

Another change is the registration process, as you may have already experienced with soccer and basketball. Registration is fully online which makes the whole process much easier for everyone. The online registration site is now open for you to go in and register <http://holyrosary.bonzidev.com/home.php>. If your son or daughter played a CYO sport already this year, you may already be familiar with the site. Registration for Volleyball will close on January 13th. Any late registrations after January 13th will be accepted on a space availability basis.

Finally, as most of you know, we have a new uniform policy. All Volleyball players will receive new uniforms, which will be yours to keep.

Parents, if any of you are interested in coaching Volleyball as a head coach or an assistant, you will need to register on-line as a coach.

The Volleyball 2012 registration fees will be \$80 per player, this fee also includes the pre-season kick-off clinic.

Date	Event
December 8	Registration Opens
January 13	Registration Deadline
February 13	Practices will begin
February 25th	Matches begin

If you have any question about the upcoming season, please don't hesitate to ask.

I look forward to a fun and exciting season.

Katie Jergens

Art Show Extravaganza

Mark your calendars! This year the art show will be bigger and

better than ever. We have reserved the School Hall for the big night to allow for more space to mingle and enjoy the beautiful artwork. The show will allow students to display more than one piece of art. There will be awards given to best of show and most creative piece. Bring the whole family and treats to share.

What: Holy Rosary Art Show

Where: Holy Rosary School Hall








When: March 13th 6-7pm

* Please remember to bring cookies/treats to share and drinks will be provided!

*** If anyone needs extra hours please contact kboys@holyroaryws.org. I would love help with organizing this event as well as setting up on the big day!

Holy Rosary School Centennial 2013-14

Planning is already underway for the Centennial celebration for Holy Rosary School and we need you! To help get things started, please contact Karen Kuhar at centennial@holyroaryws.org. If you attended Holy Rosary School at any time (even if you think we have your information already) help us update our database by registering under the Alumni section of the school website www.holyroaryws.org. Many classes already have active Facebook pages for their graduation year. Check for yours, it is a great way to get in touch with old friends and help us contact as many alumni as we can to make this a wonderful celebration of Holy Rosary School!

 Jan 5	Epiphany Program 7 PM (students arrive at 6:30)
 Jan 16	No School Martin Luther King
 Jan 27	Pizza Lunch- 8th Grade Fundraiser
 Jan 29	School Open House
 Jan 30- Feb 3	Catholic Schools Week
 Feb 1	Grandparent/ Friend Day
 Feb 17	Half Day for Magazine Sale Reward

