

SCHOOL NEWS



8th Graders Improve Convent Women's Shelter

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HR Parish has been using the third floor of the convent for over six years as a week-end shelter for women. "This is an outreach program for Social Justice," said Patrick Barredo Pastoral Associate. "The program was begun in response to the fact that so many homeless people, especially women, are so vulnerable on the streets of Seattle."

Many people are involved to make this program successful. Kathleen Blankenship provides the room preparation for the ten women who call the Convent Shelter "home" for a weekend. Michelle Gaither coordinates the overnight volunteers, and Albert Rangel arranges transportation from Noel House, Archdiocesan Housing Authority. Noel House assesses the women and makes

the referrals to the Convent Shelter. The shelter is open about nine months a year and is closed during the summer months. Once the women arrive at the shelter for the week end, Susan Strimch co-ordinates hospitality which includes fresh meals and snacks.

HR parish is frequently seeking volunteers to help with this program. There are five levels of volunteers: 1) preparation of the space; 2) overnight volunteers who stay at the shelter; 3) drivers from Noel House to the convent; 4) hospitality; and 5) those volunteers who stock the Clothesline, the used clothing source, where the women are able to "go shopping" as part of their stay at the convent.

Last year, the convent shelter received a new look when two



2005 HRS graduates, **Larissa Quadracci and Kyli Sessions**, selected a personal service project to update the Convent Women's Shelter last spring. This included selecting and hanging new pictures, and placing new area rugs and lamps in each of the ten shelter bedrooms.

New paint and all room painting was completed and donated by Jergen's Paint Company.

Ugandan Mission Work Results in Running Water for the Mother House School Compound

In September, a check for \$5,000 was presented to the Ugandan Sisters of the Daughters of Mary. This money was raised by HRS students last school year to support the sisters in their efforts to build a water system at the Mother House which serves primary -high school students. The Parish and the school together raised the \$70,000 necessary to complete the water project. Srs. Jane Francis and Immaculate both attend Seattle University where

they are working on undergraduate and graduate degrees in Theology. They will take their training back to be leaders at the Mother House. Also, pictured is Tim Law, HR Mission Board President, and Donna Popich, HRS teacher, and mission board member who visited Uganda in the past to see first hand the school compound needs at the Mother House in Masaka, Uganda. Pam Sturgeon, VP is also pictured.



Special Messages of Gratitude

- Thanks to all parents who supported the Auction Fund-an-Item last Spring - HRS has a new Math program - Bridges for K-3 and Saxon Math for 4-8
- Thanks to the Parents who supported the Dessert Auction last Spring - all classrooms have a wall-mounted TV and VCR/DVD
- Many thanks to Parent Mike Price and Abbott Construction for installing all the new classroom TVs- it was a HUGE job!

Father Sarkies and the Capital Campaign

CALL TO ALUMNI

The 100th Anniversary is approaching and we need your help in locating alumni to plan for and join in the celebration. Do you know alumni who might be interested in helping us? If so, please contact Ann Donovan at 937-7255, Ex.320 or email

adonovan@holysaryws.org

The new Holy Rosary Website will also carry news by December 2005.

Greetings! I wanted to bring you up to date on some of ideas we are considering through the Capital Campaign for HRS. We are in the midst of a study to determine the feasibility of conducting a campaign to fund some critical needs for both the Parish and the School. One of the questions we asked in interviews is to identify what is considered to be one of HR Parish's greatest strengths. It should come as no surprise that a number said it is HR School. So what are we looking to do for your alma mater? One of the possibilities is the addition of three new classrooms over the lower portion

of Lanigan Gym. This space would be for the math, music and foreign language programs which are currently housed in other campus buildings and the rectory basement. Also, under consideration is replacement of the Big Toy at the NE corner of the playground where I am sure some of you have skinned your knees or banged your chins. It is beyond its lifespan and for safety reasons should be replaced soon. The actual playground surfaces which double as after-school and weekend church parking areas are deteriorating and pose safety hazards. We are planning to renovate and resurface the playground.

We believe that the HR campus is in need of increased lighting and signage. The School facilities are used most evenings and upgrades in this area are necessary for safety.

All of these ideas are under consideration. No final decisions have been made and will not be until the feasibility study is complete. I will report the findings in the next Alumni Newsletter, but in the meantime, please know that your alma mater is flourishing and producing wonderful students as it did when you attended HRS. Come back and see us soon.

Yours in Christ, Father Sarkies

NEW TEACHERS AND STAFF



Christina Clarke is thrilled to be the new **KB Kindergarten Teacher**. She attended the University of Washington where she received a BA in English. She earned her teaching certificate from Seattle University.

She comes with a wealth of experience both working for the Issaquah School District and as

a pre-school teacher for six years. Christina had worked as a substitute at HRS during the past years.

She is especially committed to Catholic education. Christina is a Blanchet graduate and her four children attend HRS in grades 2, 4, 6 and 8. Welcome Christina!



Ann Donovan is HRS's new **Development Director** and is very pleased to be here. She has

over 20 years in multiple health care institutions as a Sr. Systems Manager. Ann holds two degrees from the University of Washington, a BA in Pharmacy and an MA in Health Administration. She has worked in development for a number of years in both public and private schools.

Ann is a fanatical supporter of Catholic Schools, believing in the superior academic curriculum in an environment of Christ's values, especially as found here at HRS.

She has two children who attend Catholic schools and a wonderful husband who all love to go wilderness kayaking together. Welcome Ann!



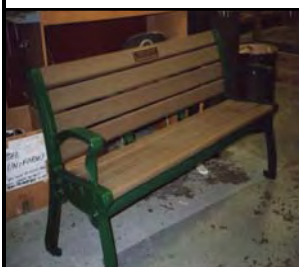
Michelle Defeo is pleased to be back at HRS as the **Yearbook Teacher**. She said she missed the incredible community of teachers, students and parents. She looks forward to working with a dedicated staff of 8th graders and to interacting with the school community through lots of photo opportunities.

When not at school, she is busy with one-year old twin girls, Emily and Olivia. Michelle enjoys spending most of her day chasing after them around the house and playing with lots of musical toys. When not feeding babies or changing diapers, she enjoys cooking tasty meals for her husband and watching movies.

She also spends some time walking, golfing, reading, listening to music and a pilates class. The family loves to travel, but Michelle feels a bit intimidated by the daunting task of flying or driving a long distance with twins. However, the girls traveled like pros on their trips to Denver, Sun River, Cannon Beach and San Francisco. Michelle says, "Maybe we'll make it to Hawaii some day!"

Michelle would love to catch up with any alumni whenever they are in the area. "I think of my past students often and smile when something in my daily life reminds me of you. Please feel free to stop by and say hello!" Welcome back Michelle!

A Memorial-Dinh Nguyen-Maintenance Staff 1999-2005



Dinh's Bench

This bench will be placed in the front of the school as a gift from the graduating Class of 2005 in memory of Dinh Nguyen. Dinh was a major part of the school and parish maintenance staff for five years. He passed away from cancer last spring. The school played an active part in raising funds to support Dinh and his family, a wife and three children, during his final battle with his

long illness.

His funeral was well attended by HR staff and teachers. The very gracious and welcoming Viet Nameese community expressed their appreciation for the family's support during the difficult time.

Dinh was considered to be a friend and family member to students and staff. His quiet, spiritual way modeled Christian behavior to all. Dinh is very much missed by his HR family.

Magazine Drive—State Winners-Easy!

For over 5 years, HRS has participated in a Magazine Sale. For the past several years HRS has been first in the State in top sales. We owe the success to the tremendous support this sale receives from parents, parishioners and the alumni.

The co-chairs for the past years have been parents and parishioners Jody Shields

and Mary Ballanger, who have taken the sale to an amazing level of success.

This year over \$147,000 was raised, which was an increase of \$9,000 from last year! Over 6000 subscriptions were processed.

It is truly the creative and motivating style of the chairs who give this annual sale its SPIRIT each year.

Rumor has it, we may be one of the top selling schools in the Nation!

Once again, a *small* school of 484 students strong, AND a supportive parish alumni shows that *big* things can happen to HRS. We thank all of you who support this major fundraiser. Save those renewal subscriptions for next year!



Top sales earned the BIG Snake-1st grader Eliot Evans, 7th grader Tierney Vial and 4th grader Rilee Sanders. Co-Chairs Mary Ballanger and Jody Shields led the school to new heights and EXTREMES!

WESTFEST DELIVERS FOR OLD AND YOUNG AGAIN



September saw the smiles and enjoyment of all who participated in the annual WESTFEST event held this year September 23-24th.

Events included were American Idol, entertainment such as the Dads' Band, singer and songwriter Paul Gerard, Lee's Martial Arts, a performance by Little Pard, a visit to the Pirate Haunted House, the climbing wall, several blow-up rides, great food booths-burritos, salmon, baked potatoes, burgers, espresso, the "Two Jerks from Genesee," games such as BINGO, the beer garden, soccer kick-off, the

Junior high dance, for 7th and 8th graders, the arts and crafts sale, the book sale and much more.

Another fun raffle was held which included items for young and old from Alki Bike Shop, Jak's, Capers, Curious Kids Stuff and other items.

Many thanks to the Co-Chairs-Colleen Gants and Jeanne Marie Butterworth for another successful community event.



Bruno Tarabochia, HRS Graduate, faithfully leads the crowd in a rousing game of BINGO with two 2005 HRS Graduates.

2006 AUCTION PROMISES SOUTH OF THE BORDER FUN

Planning is now underway for the 27th Annual Auction on April 29, 2006. The theme is Fiesta del HEART/Fiesta Del Corazon. The HEART Auction is HRS's largest fundraiser. The auction sales enable the school to provide an affordable quality Catholic education. Monies raised have also provided new math curriculum for K-8, technology equipment, professional development for teachers and staff, a student scholarship fund and support for the school's operating budget.

If you would like to help by donating a specific item, service

or make a monetary donation, procurement forms are found on the website www.hrsheart.org, in the school office and in the church narthex. All donations are tax deductible.

Consider attending this spectacular event and organizing a table for alumni, grandparents, or friends. For any questions, or if you would like to help with this event, please contact co-chair Regina Areceo-Schulz 431-3136 or at best2bs@comcast.net.

As an alum, you could advertise or become a sponsor. Advertising opportunities include being on

HRS's website and selecting the best size for a written ad. Return the advertising request form and payment along with your logo artwork and/or business card by Dec. 31, and the cover and full page advertising cost will be reduced by 10%. For advertising info. contact Chelle Chase at 206-937-8854 or thechases@comcast.net. Ad sizes available before 1/1/06 are inside cover \$180.00, full page ad \$90, half page ad \$75 and business card ad \$25. After 1/1/06 the same sizes will be \$200, \$100, \$75 and \$25. Act now for savings and your support to HRS and the Auction!

It's Christmas Tree Lot Time Again-

Volunteers are needed!



- at Admiral Safeway beginning Nov.26

- all funds support the West Seattle Helpline, Food Bank and the Salvation Army - Hickman House

-share cocoa, listen to carols, be with old friends while fluffing up newly arriving trees - this all means warm feelings!

-sign up on-line at www.treelot.holyrosaryws.org or call Allison at 935-8999

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2006 AUCTION
April 29th

Holy Rosary School - "Dreaming, believing and achieving since 1913...."

A Word from the Development Director-Ann Donovan

As a newcomer to HRS, I have spent time over the past two months asking: What characterizes the Holy Rosary student? First is **Faithfulness to the Gospel**-Our students practice the traditions of the Catholic faith through participation in liturgy and the sacraments.

Compassion-Our students care about themselves, their families, classmates, teachers, community and those all around the world who are in need.

Intellectual Curiosity-Our students show their enthusiasm for learning, use technology and other resources to apply that knowledge to new challenges.

Responsibility-Our Students work to achieve their goals and are committed to developing their full potential. They take pride in their work and mature in their personal accountability.

Belonging to a Community-Our students take pride in their school and strive to involve themselves in productive activities to promote the greater good for all.

These are not just lofty words. For each attribute listed, I have witnessed the evidence.

Within the first week, the entire school was discussing how to help the victims of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, planning for WestFest and kicking off the Magazine Drive. Crazy hats appeared on the heads of many class members, WestFest welcomed the West Seattle community with great success and the 8th grade planned for their Ropes Retreat! Kindergarteners sat for the first time in the Computer Lab and began to learn keyboard. Yearbook staff initiated the immense planning process that will result in their spectacular final project in the spring. Students from each class began the new milk program. The All School Mass was celebrated with Fr. Sarkies on Sept. 26th, filling the church to capacity! The Magazine Drive exceeded their goal. The school has adopted St. Elizabeth Ann Seton School in Louisiana to help their recovery from the hurricanes. The 4th and 7th grade WASL scores were

returned with 100% of the 4th graders passing Reading and all other subjects outstripping the State passing rates!

Perhaps most notably in the 7th and 8th grade hallways are the personal student interpretations of the "**Dream, Believe and Achieve**" theme for the school." They believe in faith, wisdom forgiveness and love. They believe in miracles and the power of prayer. They hope to achieve such ideas as showing respect for others, helping around the house, obeying their parents, praying for peace, to recycle and help the earth.



It is not hard to see how these signs demonstrate what an amazing, incredible and astonishing group of students

are here at HRS. It takes my breath away as I see the extraordinary results of these many seemingly ordinary actions.

HRS offers a superior faith formation and educational experience for our children, while striving to keep the cost of education affordable to all parish families. In the coming years, we are working to increase our teachers' salaries, and continue our program of financial aid for qualified students, and continuously improving the curriculum. This is possible because of your support of the Annual Fund. Tuition and fees represent only 84% of revenues (from tuition and parish) to operate the school. The remaining 16% is augmented by annual fund contributions and funds raised by the Parents' Club. We are uncompromising in pursuing the best Catholic education possible for our students to prepare them to successfully tackle new challenges throughout their lives. Every gift to HRS is a meaningful contribution to enriching each student's life. Thank you for our investment in our future.

Enclosed in this Newsletter is an Annual Fund gift envelope. Please fill it out and mail with your donation today. HRS is a 501(C)3 organization, and a donation may be tax-deductible as allowed by law.