



SCHOOL NEWS

Holy Rosary School Family Communication Newsletter

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“Good and gracious God, during this Advent season help me to become more aware of how you touch my life each day. Help me to pay attention to your presence in my life and help me to become evermore a sign of your love in the world.” -an Advent prayer

Let it snow...let it snow...let it snow...**NOT!** Thank you for your understanding over the last couple of VERY stressful days! I apologize for the confusion regarding the opening of school on both Wednesday and Thursday. On Wednesday, at 5:30 a.m. I had called in a late start, but then after talking it over again with Fr. John and seeing that most all other schools were closing, we made the decision at 6:00 a.m. to close. I re-called all the TV/radio stations to say we were closing. Today, KING TV Station made a mistake in announcing that Holy Rosary, King County was opening late, most likely due to the fact that Holy Rosary, Snohomish County was starting late. If we have additional snow or ice days, know that our goal is to have the correct information on our website and the TV/radio stations by 6:30 a.m. If a late start is announced, it means that we will open at 10:00 a.m. **When schools decide to open on time, the radio and T.V. stations will not put that information on the air. Therefore, if Holy Rosary, Seattle or King County, is not listed, it means we are opening on time.** Anyway, please know how very sorry I am for the confusion and inconvenience, and how much I appreciate your understanding and patience. All tardies on Thursday were excused. Safety is always our biggest concern – so in the event Holy Rosary decides to open, but you find it unsafe to travel, stay home!

ADVENT WREATH BLESSING. Please join us tomorrow morning at 8:30 a.m. in the school hall for our Morning Prayer service. Classroom Advent wreaths will be blessed. Thank you to Ms. Semandiris and grade 5A for planning this special prayer service.

ADVENT PRAYER PARTNERS. Last Tuesday, students met in their Faith Families to make Thanksgiving placemats for Mount St. Vincent's. Students also exchanged names for Advent Prayer Partners. Please remind your children to say a prayer each day for their prayer partner and on Wednesday, Dec. 20, to bring a home-made Christmas card for their partner. If your child was not at school on Tuesday, Nov. 21, and did not receive a prayer partner, please let the homeroom teacher know. Thank you.

DECEMBER CALENDARS are enclosed in this FCE. Please keep handy for your reference, as there are several important dates you will want to remember, including the Christmas programs, Advent reconciliation services, the Christmas Mass schedule, and the last day of school in 2006!

MORE CHRISTMAS PROGRAM NEWS! Hopefully by now you've cleared your calendars for these wonderful presentations by our students. But just in case: K - 4 performs on TUESDAY, December 7 and Grades 5 - 8 & our fine school band on THURSDAY, December 12----- both

begin at 7:00 PM. Students should arrive at 6:30 PM and report to their classrooms unless other arrangements have been made with Ms. Mudge. These are graded performances - so attendance is required. The link on HR's website under "Music Department" will list this info as well. **WHAT SHALL THEY WEAR???** Since the Christmas Programs fall during the season of Advent, these presentations will reflect this special time in our liturgical calendar. In addition, we will celebrate the theme of "snow" and winter in all its wonder and joy! Students in Grade K will be provided with a costume; Grades 1 - 7 will wear their "Sunday" best - as well as gloves, mittens, scarves, mufflers or something appropriate for cold "snowy" weather - please no hats, though very cute - might block some students from being seen. Students in Grade 8 have special attire: girls' floor-length dresses or skirts, and boys: suit coat & tie. Time was spent in Music Class to discuss these options of perhaps borrowing or finding something to use that is second hand --- outfits need to align with the "free dress" guidelines in the Student Handbook. This is intended to be fun and not burdensome - please contact Ms. Mudge with any concerns at 937-1488 X 322. Thank you for help & efforts. See you at the show!!

DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE NEWS. Attention all Holy Rosary School Graduates! We are seeking your help in identifying all Holy Rosary elementary and high school graduates as we prepare for the celebration of our 100th Anniversary in 2013. Our goal is to make contact with the approximate 6000 graduates from the school by 2010. If you or anyone else is a graduate of HRS, please send an email to Ann Donovan at adonovan@holyroaryws.org or phone 206-937-7255. You can also send information via the school website at www.holyrosaryws.org and click on the "Alumni" button. We would like to invite anyone who is interested in becoming a Decade Captain to help us identify and contact classmates from the following decades: 50's, 60's, 80's, 90's, and 2000's. This is a wonderful opportunity to renew friendships and acquaintances from the past. You can also earn volunteer hours for your time. We can assist you in this process with class lists and additional volunteers. Please contact Ann Donovan as indicated above. Bless you! And if you are seeing relatives over the holidays, remember to ask them for their contact information. We will gladly accept information written on napkins or old grocery lists!

SEATTLE PREP OPEN HOUSE is scheduled for Sunday, December 3rd from 1:00-4:00PM. This is an opportunity for 6th, 7th & 8th grade students and their parents to meet the faculty, tour the school and find out more about curriculum and student activities! Any questions, please call the Seattle Prep Admissions Office @ (206) 577-2146.

INCLUDED IN THIS FCE: (white unless otherwise stated)

- December Calendar
- High Point Community Center One Day Camp Flyer (gr. K-5) (blue)
- November Parents' Club Meeting Minutes

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Advent Wreath Blessing – 8:35AM Friday, Dec. 1 – School Hall
- Internet Safety Assembly for 7th & 8th Graders – 2PM Friday, Dec. 1 –School Hall
- First Sunday of Advent – Sunday, Dec. 3
- 5:30 Teen and Family Mass @ Guadalupe – 5:30 PM Sunday, Dec. 3
- Grants Committee Meeting – 6PM Tuesday, Dec. 5 – Staff Room
- School Commission Meeting – 6PM Wed., Dec. 6 – Ms. Brown's Home
- Christmas Program, Gr. K-4, 7PM Thurs., Dec. 7 – Church
- Feast of the Immaculate Conception Mass – 8:45AM Friday, Dec. 8 – Perfect Uniforms

