

St. Rose School

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Family Newsletter – February 1, 2012



Hi From Punxsutawney Phil

Dear Parents,

Last week the White House honored nine leaders in Catholic education from across the country as “Champions of Change” for their service to their communities and our nation. These individuals have made a significant impact on the students, families, and educators through Catholic schools and universities in America. Their innovative ideas and dedication to students and to the wider community demonstrate the strong commitment to ensuring that every child has an opportunity for greatness and a quality education.

Joseph Womac has been the Executive Director of the Fulcrum Foundation for the past eight years. During that time he has worked on behalf of at-risk students and Catholic schools in jeopardy of closing. Under his leadership, the Fulcrum Foundation has raised \$60 million, which has led to over 10,000 low-income students being sent to Catholic schools in western Washington. Thanks in large part to Joe’s efforts and the Fulcrum’s programs, Seattle is among the largest regions in the United States that has not closed any Catholic schools and instead has opened schools during the past decade. Last year, every single high school senior supported by the Fulcrum Foundation graduated. Of those, 99% are now attending college.

Joseph Womac should be considered a “Champion of Change”. Because of his efforts, he has inspired all of us to build up our communities and our nation’s young students.

Many of our students at St. Rose School have received tuition assistance from the Fulcrum Foundation. In addition, it was the Fulcrum Foundation that helped us with funding for the heating system that was recently put into the old section of the building. As a school community, we cannot thank Joe Womac and the Foundation enough.

If you would like to apply for tuition assistance for the 2012-13 school year, please check the information posted in this newsletter. Applications are now available. For assistance, please contact Mica Zdunich in the school office.

Blessings,
Rosemary Griggs

➤ **2012-13 Tuition Assistance**

We are pleased to announce the tuition assistance application for the 2012-2013 school year is now available.

Below is the link to the application and frequently asked questions which are available in both English and Spanish.

www.fulcrumfoundation.org/apply-forgrant/assistance/

The deadline for submitting this application is Friday, February 17.

If you have any questions at all, please don’t hesitate to contact Mica Zdunich in the school office.

➤ Snow Day Makeup

Our makeup day will be June 13. So the new schedule is: **June 12-Field Day with 3:00 p.m. dismissal: June 13-Last day of school with Noon dismissal.** Please change your calendars!! This adds one full day to our calendar year. We felt that many people may have already made plans for the Presidents' Day weekend break, so we didn't want to take the snow day then.

➤ Auction News: Catalog is Now Online!

"I am the Vine, You are the Branches"

- **Less than 50 spaces left-so don't delay-buy your tickets for a great night-5:30pm Feb. 11 at the Historic Monticello Hotel.**
- **Important: Auction item drop off day is Thursday, Feb. 9, from 8:30-6 at the Monticello Hotel Rose Room.**

➤ After Auction Celebration

Don't forget to get your babysitter scheduled for our upcoming auction! We'll have an easel (sign up) board for our After Auction Celebration. We've lined up a DJ and we're looking for everyone to stay and demonstrate all of those great dance moves that are waiting to get out! Cost is \$10/person and all proceeds go towards St. Rose School including a percentage of beverage sales. See you there!

➤ PTO News

BINGO!

Thanks to all who helped, volunteered and donated prizes, salad, and desserts for our very fun and successful Family BINGO night last Friday night!!! Congratulations to 2nd grader Logan Toney who won our hardest game, Blackout, and got to select any prize and chose a day of free dress! We had many other winners and over a hundred prizes were given out! Special thanks to our awesome volunteer crew: the MacDonnell, Countouriotis, Kloke, Duschik, Chavez-Anguiano, Hurn, Harnish and Toney Families.

Open house Hospitality!

Thank you to Audrey Dawson, Esmeralda Anguiano, Ellen Nickerson, Erin Harnish and Laura Countouriotis for hosting hospitality for Catholic schools week!

Our next PTO meeting is Wed., Feb 8, from 4-5pm in the Art room. Discussion items will include Family April Auction, Book Swap, spring concert hospitality, Service Learning, Science Fair, and Nominations for PTO. Anyone interested in being on the PTO Board for next year please contact the office, school staff or a current PTO officer.

If you would like to comment or have ideas or are interested in participating, please call or email PTO President Erin Harnish 360-442-0353 erinharnish@comcast.net

➤ Destination Imagination

Our Destination Imagination teams are in need of two more appraisers to work the Regional Competition in Rochester on March 10. Appraisers would need to be able to attend a training prior to the competition. This is an opportunity to complete over half your share hours in two days!

Appraisers would be working with teams of students who will be presenting skits that showcase their solutions to D.I. problems or judging the teams instant challenge tasks. It's a lot of fun for adults who enjoy working with kids and seeing their creativity and teamwork skills at work.

➤ Cinderella

Yes, I am the Godmother in Columbia Theater's production of Rodgers and Hammerstein's Cinderella. I hope you can attend the performance on one of the following dates:

February 16 at 7pm

February 17 at 7pm

February 18 at 2pm & 7pm

February 19 at 2pm

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Tickets (\$15-\$25) may be purchased at the Columbia Theatre Box Office. If you have questions, please call: 360-575-8499. Or go online: <http://columbiatheatre.com/2011/05/cinderella/>

➤ SchoolStore.com Raffle

Please remember to bring in your schoolstore.com participation forms for the robot raffle by this Friday. The raffle will take place on Monday, Feb. 6.

To shop and support our school, simply go to www.schoolstore.com and select our school.

****Please also return the purple credit card survey by this Friday.**

Thank you for supporting our school.

Sincerely,

Loree Patnode & Shannon Hurn

St Rose School SCRIP Coordinators

➤ Dates to remember

Every Wednesday is Mass at 8:30am (*friends & family welcome*) and Level 1 Dress

Every Wednesday is early release at 2:00pm

February 2	Boys' BB at Coweeman 3:30
February 4	Nibbles and Nectar at the Parish Center 7:30 p.m. \$20 each
February 6	Spirit Dress Day
February 7	Boys' BB here vs Monticello 3:30
February 8	PTO Meeting at 4 pm in the art room.
February 9	Drop off day for Auction at Monticello Hotel Rose Room 8:30-6
February 9	Boys' BB here vs Cascade 3:30
February 9-10	RIF-Grades Preschool-3 rd /
February 11	AUCTION at the Historic Monticello Hotel

“Catholicism” is coming.....