

March 30, 2006

Dear Families,

An historic auction evening last Saturday helped us (me) forget that we weren't watching a certain basketball team, from Spokane, beat Memphis and head on to the Final Four. There is always a silver lining. And ours was HUGE!



PRISM 2006

How can we even begin to thank all those who had a hand in making this third parish (and first school) auction an unqualified success? Ginny and Phil Morrissey as chairs and an incredible support crew put together an evening to remember. Our highest attendance ever (nearly 290 seated) and the best result (over \$100,000 gross) will give us quite a goal to reach for next year. Thank you to all who attended, worked, donated, sweated and prayed that we would have a positive outcome. St. Madeleine's is definitely alive and kicking. Watch us grow!

Speaking of growth, since the school will be double in size next year, seats for the auction will go even quicker! Reserve the (tentative) date now – same weekend – March 24, 2007.

FUND-AN-ITEM

Nearly \$20,000 of that \$100,000 figure was raised in the Fund-an-Item portion of the evening. We have contacted our vendor and asked them to move forward with our new playground structure. With any luck, we'll all be swinging and climbing by the end of May! To make the whole plan official, we still need about \$10,000. Many have mentioned they didn't get a chance to contribute, or would like to give a bit more. Look in today's packet for the information. Any and EVERY amount helps, big or small. Let us know as soon as possible so we can install the complete package and save the additional fees for adding on later.

AR DONOR

Another "angel" has come forward and gifted us with enough money to purchase a license to access the Accelerated Reader Program. A letter from 6th grade LA teacher Karen Pasqualetto is included today explaining the program, the gift and how you can be involved. Many thanks to Karen for helping coordinate this grant and the program, and especially to John McGraw, the one California Angel us Mariner fans can love!

STRANGE BREW

How do you like your coffee? You now can have it any way, as long as it is St. Madeleine Sophie "Seraph Blend." Order forms are included today for the first production of our 6th grade business leadership project, in partnership with Caffè Appassionato (the official coffee of the Seahawks). Four dollars from every \$10 bag benefits the school with the proceeds equally split between student council initiatives and teacher professional development. Served only at the finest establishments, make Seraph Blend your brand of choice.

PROMO VIDEO

Shown for the first time at last week's auction, our first school video is now on the web at www.smsbellevue.org. Click on the "About" page and you should find a link on the left hand side. The video is in QuickTime. We are working to get it uploaded in additional

formats. Thank you to teacher Brian Fulmer for his production skills and the stars of the show – our students!

MR. FULMER GOES TO INDIANA

Brian Fulmer has just learned he has been accepted into the University of Notre Dame's Alliance for Catholic Education Administrative Leadership Program. This prestigious recognition of his talents and ability will bring even more benefits and attention to our infant program and assist Brian as he continues to develop as an outstanding Catholic educational leader. He will spend his next two summers on campus in coursework and complete an internship here with us during the school year. As part of the team, I will join him at the end of this summer's session in South Bend to help formalize the design of his plan. (Not sure if Touchdown Jesus is ready for a PAC-10 fan. Maybe I should wear my USC colors...)

Congratulations, Brian. This is a well-deserved and outstanding opportunity. We're proud of you!

REUNION PLANNED

Calling all St. Alphonsus School and Holy Angels Academy Alumni! The **100th Anniversary** is fast approaching, and we need your help in locating all alumni to plan for and join in the celebration. Do you know alumni who might be interested in helping us? If so, please contact Charlene Sweet (nee Stratton) at 206-782-4363. (The St. Alphonsus Parish School website, www.saintalsseattle.org, will soon carry news and contact information.)

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Once enrolled, anytime you use your card, points are accumulated for the school. Once a year Washington Mutual sends us a check based on points. We presently only have about 300 points, but schools can earn up to 40,000 points! That's a lot of WaMoola!

There is no charge and ANYONE with the Washington Mutual cards can sign up. Go on-line at <http://www.wamoolaforschools.com>, go onto the school website for a direct link (under Parents/Fundraising, or call the school office to get registered.

HOT LUNCH

Reminder: The order form, with payment, for the next four-week cycle of Hot Lunch is due by next Tuesday, April 4.

PICTURE DAY

Class Picture Day is next Thursday, April 6. These pictures are free; you may add an individual shot to create a "memory mate" for \$6.50. The picture envelope serves as a record of the photographs taken and needs to be returned whether or not you choose to pay for the additional pose. Picture Day is a regular uniform day.

With all the forms and announcements crammed into today's packet, you can see that the activity around here is certainly picking up. Just like spring, the signs of life are all around. And we couldn't be happier.

Enjoy a wonderful weekend and the chance to set your clocks ahead for Daylight Savings Time!

Dan