



# SCHOOL NEWS

Holy Rosary School Family Communication Newsletter

June 9, 2011

Dear Holy Rosary Community Members,

I spent a wonderful day at Holy Rosary School last Friday and continued to form positive impressions of the school community. This has been the case on all my visits and this all started when I first stepped inside the Church before my initial interview. I arrived with enough time to visit the Church to pray, reflect and ultimately ask God if this was the school I was called to serve. A short while later, Father Madigan entered the Church, passed by and remarked that I looked like a fellow dressed for an interview. I was soon off to meet with the School Commission. I quickly discerned that Holy Rosary School has a very strong school commission. They demonstrated a passion for the mission of Holy Rosary School and their questions of me reflected an informed understanding of Catholic school administration. Once that part of the process was complete, I was brought over to the school to meet the faculty. As they asked their questions, I thought, what a great faculty and what a blessing they are to this community! Again, positive impressions continued throughout.

As I begin my tenure as your principal, I would like to stress that I view this opportunity to serve Holy Rosary School as a profound responsibility. I would like to thank Father Madigan for the opportunity and I would like to also thank members of the school commission and the Commission Chair, Ms. Sherri Chun for their time during the principal search process. Dr. Randal Peters has been not only hospitable but very helpful in going over the details of transition. I feel most fortunate to follow in his footsteps.

This brings me back to my reflections that I had on my drive back last Friday evening. My primary focus last Friday was to meet the Holy Rosary kids, Dr. Peters and later to meet with the development committee. The students were wonderful and more than a little excited about the upcoming summer break. I guess it was about the best time to

meet them! Before I toured the classrooms, I was told how well the outgoing 8th Graders did in the high school application process. It speaks well of the students, their families, the school and the fine educational foundation they are receiving at Holy Rosary. The careful planning that is going into the study of resource development is equally impressive. I look forward to leading such a fine school.

Sincerely,

Michael Cantu,

Principal (July 1st)

## Congratulations 8th Grade Class of 2011

Emmett A. – Kennedy  
Ryan B. – O’Dea  
Sophie B. – Sealth  
Thomas B. – Burlingame  
Tori B. – Holy Names  
Alessandra C. – Holy Names  
Kelly Jean C. – Holy Names  
Michael D. – Prep  
Parker D. – Kennedy  
Julia D. – Holy Names  
Colleen D. – Prep  
Savohn F. – Kennedy  
Carter H. – Kennedy  
Skylar H. – Kennedy  
Siena J. – Prep  
Dylan J. – O’Dea  
Corey J. – Prep  
HaleyRose J. – Blanchet  
Chloe K. – Holy Names  
Henry L. – Aviation  
Claire L. – Aviation  
A.J. L. – Prep  
Aidan L. – O’Dea  
Mitchell M. – Kennedy  
Keely M. – Blanchet  
Kyle M. – Prep  
Sinead M. M. – Blanchet  
August M. – Kennedy  
Alexander M. – Blanchet  
Julianne M. - Blanchet

Addison M. – Blanchet  
Joseph M. - O’Dea  
Chloe M. - Roosevelt  
Julia N. - Vashon  
Angela N. - Prep  
Kevin P. - Prep  
Grace P. – Holy Names  
Sylvia P. – Blanchet  
Allison R. – Holy Names  
Diego R. – O’Dea  
Teresa R. – Holy Names  
John R. - Prep  
Nolan R. - Sealth  
Jacob R. - Kennedy  
Daniel S. – O’Dea  
Michael S. - Kennedy  
Daniel S. – O’Dea  
Jack S. - Blanchet  
Kevin S. – O’Dea  
Stephen S. - Blanchet  
Levi S. - Kennedy  
Regina S. – Holy Names  
Kevin S. – O’Dea  
Abby T. - Kennedy  
Kyle V. - Kennedy  
Madeline W. – Seattle Lutheran  
Cameron W. - Prep  
Corey W - Prep  
Allyson Y. - Prep

**New Way of paying Tuition:** In order to provide more security for bank account information, we have set up an online payment link on the school website (under Quick Links) for you to directly input your bank information. When you go online the first time, you will be asked to create a profile using your email address. After a profile has been created, select your tuition payment option, indicate the payment start and end date, continue to the next screen to enter your Church ID# and then provide your bank account information. If you have any questions, contact Jennifer MacDonald at [jmacdonald@holynosaryseattle.org](mailto:jmacdonald@holynosaryseattle.org) or 206-937-1488, ext. 211.

**ITBS STANDARDIZED TEST SCORES.** Students in grades 1 through 7 took the Iowa Test of Basic Skills earlier this spring. Students in grades 4 and 7 also took the Iowa Cognitive Ability Test. The results of these tests will be included with your child's report card.

**Classroom Supply and Earthquake kit** lists will be posted on our school website throughout the summer.

**Classroom assignments** for the fall will be posted on the school website and on the school doors the third week of August.

### **WestFest 2011 Volunteer Opportunities!**

WestFest planning is in the works and we are getting a head start this year. We have pulled together a great team of people – and have a couple of volunteer opportunities available.

#### **Open Opportunities:**

–Raffle Ticket Manager (Involves organizing the raffle that occurs during WestFest and the Italian dinner)

–Decorations (Do you have fun decorating your house for fall? Then this is the job for you. You can keep the decorations simple (as it currently is). We also have budget this year to buy some new decorations, if you are so inclined!)

–Shadow for Blow up Rides and Games Chair (Work with Katherine Gudgel to learn the ropes this year, and Chair in 2012)

–WestFest T-Shirt Manager (This is a little more of a book keeping opportunity and basically involves keeping track of t-shirts sold)

Join in the community fun and get some hours in at the same time! Please contact Anne Connell at amconnell@msn.com

### **Summer Reading Challenge**

All the students, parents and staff are invited and encouraged to participate in the Summer Reading Challenge. Read 15 minutes each day and you will be invited to an All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast in September. Students will receive a calendar or one can be downloaded from the Library webpage. Remember to visit the Library webpage for other reading ideas and news. Enjoy!

### **Cross Country**

It's the end of the year and everyone is anxious to start their summer but it's also time to think about Cross Country in the Fall! Cross Country is open for all Holy Rosary grades – Kindergarten through 8th. Every participant scores one point for the team so we are looking for as many runners as possible. Practices will start on Tuesday, September 6th, and will be every Tuesday and Thursday at 4:00 at Lincoln Park ("middle" parking lot). Another bonus about Cross Country is that it is free if you are also registered for soccer, yes you can do both! Please email me if you have any questions about this great sport. Registration forms are on the school website. We are also looking for some additional assistant coaches and a parent liaison for the team. Run Happy – Coach Heather

**Holy Rosary Soccer families**, it is now time to sign up for this fall's CYO Soccer Season. We are glad to announce that Sean Coleman will be our new Soccer Coordinator at Holy Rosary. There are a few changes for all to be aware of: Kindergarten Soccer will be offered for the first time at HRS and there will be a new procedure regarding uniforms (for Soccer and as well for Basketball and Volleyball.) Please note the signup deadline and get your forms in as soon as possible. Let's make this a great Gator Soccer season!

### **Summer Jam at Holy Rosary!!!**

Put some **musical fun** into your summer~~~ come on out to **HRS** for a jam session on **SUNDAY, JULY 17**, from **3:00 – 4:45 PM** (ending right in time for 5 PM Mass!). Moms, dads, teens, & kids---bring your guitars, ukuleles, fiddles, banjos – whatever! No

instrument? We'll have guitars and ukes to loan out. If you know a few chords, great! If not, beginner ukulele players will be given some basic instruction to help you play like a pro! Songsheets will be available. Mark your calendars for 7/17 and come on up to the Music Room in the Parish Center (Classroom 211). For more info or to **reserve an instrument**: email Janet Mudge at: [jmudge@holynosaryws.org](mailto:jmudge@holynosaryws.org) See ya' there!

**The Holy Rosary 2011 Block Party and Ministries Fair** is coming on Sunday, August 14, 12.30pm to 3pm! Mark your calendars to celebrate with your Holy Rosary friends and family at our 3rd annual summer Block Party. We'll close off the street between the school and the church so that we can party in style! Bring your blankets and lounge on the grass!

There will be hot dogs, ice cream and activities for the family. Share some of your own treat at the Potluck table. New this year is our Ministries Fair, so that you can learn more about the dynamic groups that make our parish and school so vibrant both within and around our community! Remember that volunteering counts towards School Service Hours. Contact Kathy Schwartz ([towheeacres@hotmail.com](mailto:towheeacres@hotmail.com)) to get involved!

### **Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW) Program**

Starting in September, Holy Rosary Parish will be offering Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW) program at the 9:30am Mass. We are conducting a short survey for all Holy Rosary Parents to take (see attached link) so that we can better meet your families' needs this fall. Thank you for taking the survey and helping us make the program a success.

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- [Take the survey.](#)

## **2011/2012 Room Parents Needed**

A HUGE thank you goes out to all of this year's hard working room parents. The teachers appreciate your efforts and the Heart Auction wouldn't have been the same without the exceptional class projects you coordinated. As we approach the end of the school year we're ready to start the search for next year's Room Parents. Please respond to Tiffany Fuentes if you're interested at [tcfuentes@comcast.net](mailto:tcfuentes@comcast.net)

## **Holy Rosary Band 2011/2012**

Beginning and Intermediate/Advanced Band will be offered on a regular basis to grades five through eight during the 2011-2012 school year.

If you think you would be interested in having your son/daughter take part in the band program, please fill out the attached flyer and return it to the school office. This is not a commitment, but rather a survey of interest. Thank you!

**Keep the musical spark alive** and have fun doing it during the Kennedy Elementary Summer Band Camp. July 11 – 15th is the big week! All band members have been given a registration form.

Hurry, deadline is June 17th!

## **Green Tip**

Here's a green tip for the whole summer.....have a car-free day once a week! Often it's easier in the summer to have a day now and then when you don't need to drive anywhere. Sometimes a little planning can turn this into a day a week. Walk, bike, bus or stay home and play in the sun! A little more exercise, a little less carbon dioxide!

The Green Team is always looking for new members. If you might be interested in this ministry, contact Maggie Lucas. Also, Holy Rosary parish and school are planning a community garden for next year. We welcome all interested folks: gardeners, grant writers, carpenters, those with materials to donate, teachers, etc. Please contact Maggie Lucas if you'd like to help.

Thanks. Have a great summer. Maggie

### **Recess Duty 2011-2012**

Double your volunteer hours for next year now by signing up for next year's lunch recess duty. The time is 11:15am – 1:15pm daily. Double volunteer hours are given for this enjoyable task. We ask that you choose one specific day per week for the entire year. Please complete the form attached to today's eFC and return to Ms. Judd by May 19th. Thank you

### **Lost and Found**

A video camera was turned in after the talent show. Please call the school office if you think it could be yours.

### **Community Postings**

#### **Looking for a Summer Tutor?**

Summer is the perfect time to strengthen and maintain your child's reading and math skills. Summer tutoring available for students entering grades K-4 by a certified K-8 teacher. Your child will receive private tutoring with lesson plans that are designed with their needs in mind. The hours and location are flexible. Contact Maria Morris for more information at [mmorris@holyroaryws.org](mailto:mmorris@holyroaryws.org)

### **Included in This eFC**

-  **2011/2012 School Calendar**
-  **Cross Country Registration Forms**
-  **Soccer Registration Forms**
-  **Recess Duty Form**
-  **West Seattle Bowl Summer Program Flyer**
-  **Bishop Blanchet Summer Camp Flyer**
-  **Lee's Martial Arts Summer Camp Flyer**

## **Upcoming Events And Important Dates:**

- ✚ June 10 - Last Day Of School Dismiss after Mass – Dress in Sunday Best -NO JEANS
- ✚ Sept. 1 - Kindergarten Tea
- ✚ Sept. 6 – First Day of School – Half Day



### **Mustard Seed Corner – Mustard Seed Corner – June 9 (Pentecost)**

*This section of the EFC is written by HR Parish Faith Formation staff and is specially created to present information, inspiration, and education on different aspects of Catholic Tradition. (It is not Imprimi Potest, Nihil Obstat, or Imprimatur.)*

*“And suddenly a sound came from the heaven like the rush of the mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared to them tongues as of fire, distributed and resting on each of them. And they were filled with the Holy Spirit and the Spirit gave them utterance.” Acts 2:2-4*  
*Pentecost is celebrated 50 days or the 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after the Resurrection of Jesus on Easter. The word Pentecost means fifty. From the Holy Spirit we receive the gifts of: knowledge, understanding, counsel, strength, piety, fear of the Lord, and wisdom.*

Liturgical Color – The Easter Season color is white reminding us of victory and joy. However, on Pentecost the color used in the church is Red. (Look for those who have received confirmation.) They will have something red on because they have received the Holy Spirit and its gifts.