



SCHOOL NEWS

Holy Rosary School Family Communication Newsletter

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REVIEW OF LIFE: NOW AND LATER? SOONER IS BETTER!

Every pastor in the Archdiocese is reviewed in the sixth year his assignment and this year is my time to be reviewed. It will happen this Monday when a lay staff member from the office for the Vicar for Clergy will come out to meet with me for the first hour and then will meet with the members of the Pastoral Council, Finance Council and School Commission together. This group of people is regarded as representative of parish leadership and of the parish as a whole and they will be invited into a process that will look at my strengths and limitations and how these contribute to or have been detrimental to the well being of Holy Rosary over the past five years.

I will not be at that meeting so that those present can speak freely and frankly about my ministry. This review is one part of the process that the Archbishop uses to determine my next assignment ----- whether I remain here or am reassigned next June. While the possibility of remaining at Holy Rosary looks favorable yet these reviews are done without my being present to assure the Archbishop that Holy Rosary is not in chaos! It is also done to give me feedback on what I need to do to put my God given little package of talents to the best use and off set my limitations.

This is very timely as it coincides with similar events in the readings at Mass and the conferences in our school.

This Sunday's Gospel reading is the Parable of the Talents from St. Mathew giving us the story of the servants who got five, two and one talent respectively. You will recall that those with five and two used them to great effect and doubled their talents, which is what happens with gifts like faith, hope, love, forgiveness and all God's gifts when we

use them consistently and without fear.

The third servant buried the gift out of fear of losing it and indeed lost it and got tossed out of the kingdom. There are several such readings from the Bible that show up at this time of each year to remind us of our purpose on earth and the fact that there will be a judgment at the end of life. In reality judgment begins here every time we read or hear the Word of God ---- notice how many times the Bible records people feeling the judgment of the Word including Jesus saying the Word you heard proclaimed will be your judge.

I think this is one reason why many people will claim that I as a priest or the church in general is judgmental because we are in a way of life that has us speaking this Word and giving homilies and making comments, assessments and asking pointed questions in the light of these readings. Recent comments on the parent forms that were returned clearly hinted at this ---- comments like "I don't want to be judged for who I am or for life choices or for my spiritual life". I want to assure you that I have no desire to spend my time making judgments about anyone else's life --- God is much happier when I make the judgments on my own life. Have you also noticed the number of readings from Old and New Testament that "threaten" the shepherds of God's people that if we don't do our job of preaching the Word and calling people to account that we will lose our own souls and be booted out of the Kingdom! Not a pleasant thought; I feel very challenged by that Word.

The progress of all our students was reviewed at the recent conferences. My ministry is being reviewed by the Archdiocese on Monday with parish leadership and additionally I review it monthly with my Spiritual Director --- the Abbott at St Martin's and my priest fraternity group. As we each give that monthly account of what is happening in our lives I can assure you we don't let each other get away with anything! The readings at Mass are saying that it is a good idea to review your life regularly, especially before you get near death; the final judgment is reserved only to God; no one in this world can say where anyone else is going in the next life even if you think the indications look obvious.

How do you review your life and your relationship with God along the way?

The questionnaires that were put in your packet at the Back

to School evening were a way of asking for your accountability at this time in relation to your parish if you are benefitting from an in parish arrangement. Thank you to all who have returned them; we are still waiting on some that have not been returned. I have now finished going through all those received and have passed them on to Mr. Cantu. I am very appreciative of so many who wrote very candidly and signed their names. It has been the best and most honest exchange that I have experienced since coming here over five years ago. I believe that this level of communication far outweighs anonymous responses in question boxes and on blind computer surveys. Why not take accountability for what we need say and why we need to say it? I will admit I used to give anonymous input in the past in Archdiocesan surveys but I came to understand the importance of standing behind what I believe and what I want to say. It changed the tenor of what I was willing to sign my name to and it changed the nature of what I needed to do and even more importantly, it changed my relationship for the better with people that I needed to be honest with.

I have no fear or anxiety about what may be said at my review on Monday and what decision might come from any judgments made about my abilities and limitations. I am invested in remaining at Holy Rosary yet when I was ordained I promised obedience to my superior who can assign where he believes I can best serve. I will continue to honor that decision until I retire or can no longer be assigned.

Do you have fear or anxiety over any aspect of your spiritual life and your relationship with God? Did the survey cause you fear about writing honestly? Why live with fear when life is so short: burying our talent is not a way to spend God's gifts. Remember how solicitous you as a parent and your child's teacher were to ensure that your child was not afraid going into the conference and the plans that were made to enhance their studies and results. I have a very similar investment in talking with people over the spiritual life and helping with plans to help it grow. The end results would merit an even greater reward than an ice cream at Husky Deli!!

Fr John.

Thank you from Laura Kingston

A few nights ago, I texted a friend a quick thank you. He had come over to seal up some windows to help with the winter energy bills. I wrote how blessed I felt despite a month of dealing with the death of a spouse: blessed to have so much support and help. And, I do feel truly blessed. For that I want to thank you, the Holy Rosary community, for all of you who have supported me through donations, gift cards, heartfelt written or spoken words, time, dinners, trips to the store, and prayer. Thank you.

There are a few key decisions Ed & I made that helped create the life we wanted for our family; among them, marrying one another, completing advanced degrees despite the financial risk, and choosing Holy Rosary as our church and school community. The last weeks have confirmed-in so many ways- just how amazing this community is. My son Jack is surrounded by so many friends and adults who are looking out for him yet keeping life as consistent and normal as possible. We are blessed to see goodness and genuine love in action. Thank you.

I'm honestly quite overwhelmed, in many ways, with the response from the Holy Rosary community. While personally, the death of my husband has felt akin to an inner catastrophic event— much like an earthquake of the soul—it's also true that awful things happen to people every day all over the world. Sometimes I can't believe that I and my family deserve this much attention. I believe all the thoughtfulness says more about the people around me than anything else, and I love that we are surrounded by such goodness. Thank you.

I'm reminded of the children's book I read to Reese, my two year old: "What is God like?" It paraphrases the bible (Job and Matthew): I'm as tall as the heavens; I'm as wide as the sea. But even your hairs are all counted by me. I feel God's love through all of you, like a tsunami of love and support. But also in the simplest gestures like a brief note on Facebook or a head nod at after school pick up. Thank you.

Laura Kingston

HRS Food Drive

Holy Rosary School is hosting a Thanksgiving Food Drive to benefit the St. Vincent De Paul Pantry this month. Canned and non-perishable food will be accepted in a box in student's classrooms from Monday, November 14th until Tuesday, November 22nd. Items that are especially needed include: cereal, soda crackers, top ramen, canned vegetables, canned fruit, peanut butter, soup, pudding or Jell-O, cake mix, hot chocolate and individually wrapped toilet paper rolls. Thank you for your generosity and helping to make the holidays a more joyful time for families in need.

2012 HEART Auction – The Big Reveal!

Save the date! The 33rd Annual HEART Auction will take place on Saturday, April 28. Work is already underway to make sure this year's auction extravaganza is another fabulous success for our school. Please join us at the Parents' Club Meeting tonight, Thursday (11/10) to hear details on this year's event, including the amazing theme for the evening.

For more than 30 years, the Holy Rosary HEART Auction has been a fabulous community event. Stay tuned! More information is coming your way on volunteering, donating items and attending this year's gala celebration.

2012 HEART Auction Volunteer Opportunities

Cash/Check Donations: Do you have a knack for numbers and attention to detail? If so, we need your help with the auction! This volunteer opportunity involves tracking and reporting cash/check donations for the auction. This position involves picking up donations in the school office, recording donations, turning in donations to Parish bookkeeper and reporting-out to the Procurement and Finance team on a fairly regular basis from January through May. It's estimated this position will take about 45 minutes per week from January-March and 2 hours per week during April for a total of about 15 hours. It also involves up to 5 hours the day after the auction on Sunday April 29th.

Silent Auction Table Closing: During the silent auction, this volunteer

makes sure that all of the bid cards are collected and brought to auction office for input.

Auction Distribution: If you are looking to earn all of your hours on one weekend then this is the job for you. You will review auction items as displayed in the School Hall, distribute auction items to bidders the night of the auction and the week that follows. Follow up on any missing or incorrect items. Schedule officers or parent volunteers to work the 4 security shifts the weekend of the Auction.

Catalog Chair: Do you have a love for words and an attention to detail? As the Auction Catalog Chair, you will work on entering descriptive catalog entries all auction items. You will proof read and edit the catalog prior to printing. This job requires some meetings but the majority of the work will be done from the comfort of your own home. This is a posting for 2013 auction with training beginning with this year's catalog production.

Catalog Chair Assistant: This position supports the Catalog Chair by also entering descriptive catalog entries. Attention to detail and creative writing skills are helpful. This is a job that can be done in the comfort of your own home with your computer.

Team Leader Shadows: Are you interested in the overall workings & planning of the HEART Auction? Take the opportunity this year to shadow the current auction team leaders to then take the reins for the 2013 HEART Auction.

Please contact auction-volunteers@holyroaryws.org if you're interested in any of the above volunteer opportunities or have additional questions. Thank you!

Annual Fund – Employer Match

Many companies match employee contributions to schools. Please check with your HR department to see if they provide such a match. Holy Rosary School has received matches from the following

corporations in the past: Boeing, Microsoft & Starbucks. No company is too small and it doesn't hurt to ask, you may be surprised. Employers will provide you documentation to be turned into the main office. Thank you for your commitment to our school, to our community and mostly to our children.

This Sunday 11/13 - 1st Grade Daisy Scout's Bake Sale

The Holy Rosary Daisy Girl Scout troop will be hosting a bake sale fundraiser for their troop and in honor of Veterans donating a portion of donations to homeless veterans in King County. Look for them after all morning masses on Sunday. The Daisy troop, will also be helping with coffee and donuts after the 9:30 family mass.

Calling for all Metropolitan Market Receipts ASAP

Metropolitan Market is going to discontinue with their 1% Receipt Program by the end of this December. Please turn in all your receipts to the school as soon as possible for us to submit. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Irene Merz at irenemerz@comcast.net. Thank you!

Base Calendar Important Reminder

First of all, thank you to all the families that are filling out their monthly calendars. When we don't have these forms on file in advance, we cannot properly plan the number of staff we need to schedule.

Adequate staffing to care for the children is necessary. So, if you plan on using BASE, it is a requirement that you fill out the registration and calendar. If you don't fill out these forms, we cannot guarantee that your child will be able to use BASE. You would then face the inconvenience of picking up your child, so please attend to filling out these forms.

Please schedule your BASE payments directly from your checking account on-line from our school website homepage. BASE fees unlike School Tuition may be paid by credit card. In order to use your credit card you may select the Church Side, not the School Side of the website.

Thank you,
Holy Rosary BASE

Outside Emergency Container

We could use 4 used card tables, 8 folding chairs and 2 battery-powered radios for the outside emergency container.

Thank you Maggie Judd

Drama Elective

Hello HRS families! The HRS drama elective is putting on The Wizard of Oz in March of 2012. The script is very funny and fun but the costumes/sets involve quite a bit of work. If any of you are talented artists and want to put in some time helping out, please contact Ms. McLaughlin at dmclaughlin@holyrosaryws.org. Your efforts will be rewarded with service hours if you are in need of them!

Parents' Club Corner

Please join us for our next meeting on Thursday, November 10th at 6:30pm (social at 6:15) where we will host Kim Estes from Savvy Parents - Save Kids. This workshop on child safety will cover such topics as:

Cell Phones - tools or tricked out toy?

Staying home alone. Are they ready?

When your child becomes a babysitter

Red flags to be aware of

Which questions YOU should be asking

Kim's approach is safe and fun. No scare tactics and no graphic conversations. This particular workshop is geared for kids 8-12 but has applications to younger and older kids as well.

The meeting will start promptly at 6:30 as our speaker will need the full 90 minutes.

Italian Dinner

What a fun night. Thanks to everyone who attended and who made the night possible. We had a great turnout and everyone enjoyed some wonderful food. It was great to see so many parish families and school families too. I would like to thank everyone that worked so hard especially our fabulous Cook, Steve Hulsman and our wonderful Organizers Beth Hamilton and Marti McGaughey.

Christmas Tree Lot

Tree Lot sign ups are open! We still need lots of elves for the following shifts: Set Up & Tear Down - help get the lot set up (on 11/26) and then close it down and clean up (on 12/18) General Shifts - assisting customers with sales, processing sales, etc. Advertising - Wear the Christmas Tree costume, stand out on California and drive traffic in to the Tree Lot on Saturdays and Sundays. 7th & 8th graders are encouraged to sign up for these shifts! Lot Squad - These shifts are designated towards moving trees into our tree storage area before and after deliveries of inventory. Re-Stocking Team - These shifts are designated for re-stocking the inventory of the Lot, general clean up, etc. Lots of moving and manual labor! Also, there is a Tree Lot volunteer orientation on Wednesday, 11 /16 at 7 p.m. in the reception area of the Parish Center. All are encouraged to attend, even if you have worked the lot in previous years. You will receive 1-hour of Volunteer time for attending.

Mother Son Glow Bowl - November 12, 2011

It is time for the 2011 Mother Son Glow Bowl - Saturday Nov 12, from 5 - 8pm, at the West Seattle Bowling Alley. Come a little early to get your shoes, and your hair sprayed with some fun colors! Wear some white so you will glow all night! This is an event, you won't want to miss! So, download the form, and send it in to the school office with your payment as soon as possible! This event is for Holy Rosary Mothers, and their Sons in grades K - 8 only, sorry no preschoolers or high schoolers. Questions - call Alex Gardner or Jocelyn Antilla.

Kingston Family

No Limit Texas Hold'em Tournament

Charity Poker Touney
Saturday November 19th 6:00 PM
Holy Rosary School Hall
SEE ATTACHED FLYER

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8th Grade Pizza Lunches

DEADLINE TO ORDER FOR NOVEMBER IS 11/14 BY NOON!!

It's back! 8TH GRADE PIZZA LUNCH HAS OFFICIALLY ARRIVED AND GONE "DIGITAL". What are the exciting changes for our kid's favorite fundraiser?:

- . You will now order pizza online through the same system you pay for tuition, BASE, Band, etc. Hurray! Automated confirmations of your order!
- . Pizza lunch dates have been moved to Friday to accommodate our hot lunch vendor's schedule. Dates are 11/18, 12/9, 1/27, 2/24, 3/16, 4/20, 5/11. Your order must be received the Monday prior to the lunch to be processed in time.
- You may select the "combo" meal of your choice for each child. Please note, treats will rotate each month between cookies and ice cream.
- . You have two payment options:
- . You may place your order each month
- . You may place your order once for the entire year! (this will only be an option in November – after that the default will be monthly)
- . Here's how to order:
- . Go to www.holyrosaryws.org
- . Scroll down to Online Payments
- . Log in using the same credentials used when paying tuition
- . Click Add Transaction
- . Choose quantity of lunches (you can order lunches for up to 4 kids) (this is where you will select for the month or select annually)
- . Payment Frequency...choose One Time
- . Start date...leave the same
- . End date N/a
- . Choose Continue
- . Any questions? Email Chelle Chase thechases@comcast.net

Community Postings

2nd Catholic Schools Basketball Classic

The Fulcrum Foundation has partnered with Seattle University to bring you Catholic Schools Night at the Redhawks game. Through this partnership, Seattle University will be donating \$8 of every ticket back to Catholic schools in the Archdiocese of Seattle. \$6 will go directly back to your school and \$2 will go to the Fulcrum Foundation programs. This is also a double-header. If you buy tickets for one game, you automatically get to watch the other game for free. Come out and represent your school while we celebrate Catholic education in our archdiocese!

Hoops for Help 3 on 3 basketball tournament, Saturday, November 12.

Register by this Friday, November 4, so that we can set up the brackets.

Please join us as we play basketball while raising money for the hungry in our community for our 7th grade service project. You will have many chances to win great NBA prizes.

Please pick up an information sheet along with a registration paper in the school office or download the attached form. We will have three age levels:

14 and under, 12 and under, and 10 and under. Registration is \$5.00 per player. All proceeds go to Holy Rosary St. Vincent de Paul.

Thank you. David, Eliot, and Kyle. If you have questions, please contact Mrs. Evans.

The St. Brendan School Parent-Teacher Organization is pleased to announce its 32nd Annual Holiday Craft Fair. The fair will be held at:

St. Brendan Parish School

10049 NE 195th Street

Bothell, WA 98011

Saturday, Nov. 12th 9:00 - 5:00 pm












Sunday, Nov. 13th 11:30 pm - 4:00 pm

Better than ever, this year's fair features the work of over 100 returning and new craft vendors, the Holiday Gift Raffle, Refreshments, baked goods at our Bake Sale Table, and a Special Guest Appearance by Santa! That perfect holiday gift is waiting for you at the St. Brendan Holiday Craft Fair. Free admission. Located near Downtown Bothell just off I-405 and Highway 522.

West Seattle Drums offers private lessons on drum set and snare drum. Call Mike Grueter at 206-938-3563 for lessons or visit our web site for more information. Special offer for Holy Rosary students, get one introductory lesson for free!

<<http://www.westseattledrums.com/>>

UPCOMING EVENTS AND IMPORTANT DATES:

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|  Nov 10 | Parent's Club Meeting |
|  Nov 11 | Veteran's Day – NO SCHOOL |
|  Nov 12 | Mother Son Glow Bowl |
|  Nov 18 | 8 th grade Pizza Lunch |
|  Nov 23 | Noon Dismissal Thanksgiving Mass -8:45 AM (Dress Uniform) |
|  Nov 24 | Happy Thanksgiving – No School |
|  Nov 25 | No School |
|  Dec 8 | Immaculate Conception Mass |
|  Dec 9 | Report Cards |
|  Dec 12 | Gr 3 – 6 Advent Reconciliation |
|  Dec 14 | Gr 7 & 8 Advent Reconciliation |

