



# SCHOOL NEWS

Holy Rosary School Family Communication Newsletter

November 17, 2011

Dear Families,

I thought you might be interested in knowing what is happening on the curriculum front. A few weeks back, I identified eight curriculum studies that we would undertake. They include- A study of the work of Robert Marzano, a longitudinal ITBS study, a Math study, a Reading study, a Science study, a Catholic identity study and an SLE alignment and assessment study. The largest of these is a Language Arts In-depth study that I project will take up to two years. The faculty signed up to serve on study teams.

The plan is to have the faculty teams look at data, instructional effectiveness, to study student performance over time (including a look at the effectiveness of our intervention programs), teaching strategies, as well as conversations with our local high schools to better position us to take our instruction to the next level. Great work was done last year and the year prior in preparation for the accreditation study. We will build upon that. The work done over the last few years regarding differentiated instruction has also been done. This provides an additional foundation to build upon.

I would like to also emphasize that I place on the importance of further developing in the students, an understanding of the importance of creativity in their studies. This goes along with encouraging curiosity and the enjoyment of learning. What I hope we achieve is this: to build upon that which is already here and to take our students to even higher levels of achievement while celebrating a learning culture. While doing this, our excellent faculty will provide the means to achieve this through their collective efforts and collaborative conversation. My role includes that of nurturing and encouraging the conversations through a structured forum that is valued and affirmed.

The Dominicans who staffed this school for many decades before the laity took their place have a saying in Latin: *Contemplari et templatata aliis tradere*

which translates-to study and hand on the fruits of study.

Cordially,

Michael Cantu,  
Principal  
Holy Rosary School

## **THE UPCOMING CHANGES IN THE MASS.**

This weekend Patrick Barredo will speak at all Masses at the homily time to make a final summary of the changes that begin next weekend. Patrick has spent a great deal of time preparing for these new translations and he published the new wording in the bulletin over the past couple of months. Since Patrick is a layperson who is in the pews with his family like everyone else I have asked him to present to all who are in the same situation as he is. As soon as the new Breaking Bread books go into the pews next week for the beginning of Advent all the new words and music will be in those books and the bits of paper can go away.

In a recent publication from a catholic book company under the title "The Challenge and Promise of Change", author Mathew Kelly writes: "Change is one of the laws of the natural universe. Nature teaches us that everything in this world is constantly changing. Everything God created is constantly in the process of either growing or dying". Still, he writes, there are certain things that never change: "Truth does not change; the supernatural realities of faith, hope and love do not change; and God does not change".

So, while we have some changed wording the essential truth of our faith is still the same.

You will find that the priest has most of the change in what he reads and prays. The biggest change of all in that regard is that the priest is supposed to sing more parts of the Mass! That is a big challenge for Fr Raschko and me both, since neither of us are much good at leading congregational singing and we will be slow at any increase in our leading. Those who told me in the recent questionnaires that there is already too much singing will be happy to at least know you wont be hearing much singing from us --- unless the Liturgical police show up to challenge us over this!

I am sure we will all find some of it a bit awkward at first; I will most likely feel I

am not experiencing it as prayer when I stumble through it but I bet we will get used to it in time.

#### MY REVIEW.

Last Monday was the first part of the review of my time at Holy Rosary. This was a site visit with a number of people from Councils and Commissions. The second part will be a more detailed questionnaire that will be sent out possibly next week to a cross section of parishioners whom the Archdiocese will randomly select from our parish list. The final part will be a one on one meeting for me with the Archdiocesan representative who will ask me questions that may be similar to the questionnaire that goes out. I say "possibly" and "may" because I don't know exactly how this goes until it happens. Thank you to all who take part.

#### TREASURE.

Thank you to all who contribute to Holy Rosary in our Stewardship of Treasure appeal. Without you we would not be able to carry on our ministry as a catholic church. May God reward your generosity. Thank you.

Finally, thank you to those who have sent in additional questionnaires. I have been given much to digest and I am very grateful for it. I have had several one on one-follow ups already and I look forward to more. This is helpful and instructive for me.

Fr John.

### **A Spirit Day Proclamation for All Ye Kings & Queens!**

Hear ye, hear ye, all kings and queens of the land! A crystal ball has shown us images from the 18th of November ~ this Friday ~ of children dressed as Cinderella, Little Pigs, Jack and the Beanstalk, Goldie Locks, Little Red Riding Hood, Rumpelstiltskin and other fairy tale characters. It's a spirit day to celebrate the 2011-2012 yearbook theme - Once Upon A Time! The class who shows the most spirit will win a 15 minute photoshoot and a whole kingdom (page) of candids in this year's yearbook. So dress as your favorite fairy tale character this Friday and remember to return ye yearbook parchment (order form). Please leave pet dragons and unicorns at home as we are low on food.

## 2012 Holy Rosary HEART Auction – Puttin’ on the Ritz.

We’re excited to announce the theme for this year’s Holy Rosary HEART auction. **Puttin’ on the Ritz. A return to the Roaring 20’s.**

**Save the Date.** Calling all fabulous flappers and sporting gents! Mark your calendars for Saturday, April 28. This year’s HEART auction will be an evening of platinum-plated elegance -- stepping back in time to the 1920s with all the glitz and glamour of the Jazz Age. Now ain’t that the bees knees!

### Looking for opportunities to get involved?

- **Auction Distribution:** If you’re 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 for all auction items. You will proofread 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@holyrosaryws.org](mailto:auction-volunteers@holyrosaryws.org) if you’re interested in any of the above volunteer opportunities or have additional questions. Thank you!

**The Tree Lot** needs volunteers for Set Up on Saturday, 11/26 (8a-12 noon) as well as shifts to work on the Lot that weekend!

Please sign up if you are able to help - the success of the Lot depends on our

volunteers.

Also, the Tree Lot committee is proud to announce that a portion of our proceeds this year will go to the Kingston Family Foundation!

### **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.

### **3 on 3 Thank You**

Thanks to everyone who participated in the Hoops for Help 3 on 3 tournament. It was a great success and we raised a lot of money for the poor.

Congratulations to the winners of the tournament, Thomas L., Daniel D., and Ross B.

David, Eliot, and Kyle

### **Community Meal**

Holy Rosary Church is sponsoring the December 18th Community Meal. The meal is served from 1-3PM at Our Lady of Guadalupe's Parish Hall. We will need volunteers to help set up and decorate, serve the meal and clean up afterwards. In addition, we need desserts to serve the 125 to 150 people who attend. Desserts can be dropped off at OLG's parish hall the day of the event after 9:30AM. If you are interested in volunteering please send an email to Renee Harn. (rharnfamily@comcast.net)

### **Green Tip**

Enough catalogs already! An easy way to help the environment is to stop unwanted catalogs. Take the time to call and get your name off the mailing list of catalogs you no longer want to receive. If there are too many, try [www.seattle.gov/stopjunkmail](http://www.seattle.gov/stopjunkmail) and choose Catalog Choice. Give them your list, and they'll handle it.

## **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](mailto:irenemerz@comcast.net). Thank you!

## **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@holyroaryws.org](mailto:dmclaughlin@holyroaryws.org). Your efforts will be rewarded with service hours if you are in need of them!

## **Mustard Seed Corner**

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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 Catholic Traditions it is not *Imprimi Potest, Nihil Obstat, or Imprimatur*.

Our Lord Jesus Christ the King– Nov 20, 2011

Sunday is the solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. As the Church's year ends, our thoughts turn to the end of time, when Jesus will gather his people into glory. We use images and symbols to think about those events because no one knows exactly how it will come about. We say that it will be like a king welcoming people who have been on a long journey to his kingdom. But we do not have to wait until the end of time to become members of that kingdom. Christ our king has come to us! As the book of Revelation says, Jesus "is Lord over all lords and King over all kings. His followers are chosen and special and

faithful” (16:14). Look at Matthew’s gospel as an example: it begins with the wise men seeking the “king of the Jews,” and ends with Pilate asking “Are you the king of the Jews?” In between those two scenes are stories of people who knew the answer to that question. Jesus explained to everyone that his kingdom is not like worldly kingdoms, where rulers abuse power and burden their people. He does not rule with armies but with truth. He does not have a great palace but a great heart. In his kingdom the oppressed become free, the poor inherit the land, the merciful receive mercy, and the hungry eat like queens and kings. (Just in time for Thanksgiving!)

## **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.

**Young at Art in West Seattle.** A new studio in West Seattle offering a variety of art classes, open studio times, workshops for adults and children, meeting spaces, and birthday parties just opened up!! Please see attached flyer and Calendar.

Theresa Anderson

[youngatartws.com](http://youngatartws.com)

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|  Nov 18 | 8 <sup>th</sup> 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 1  | Parent Club Meeting                                       |
|  Dec 8  | Immaculate Conception Mass                                |
|  Dec 9  | Report Cards  |
|  Dec 12 | Gr 3 – 6 Advent Reconciliation                            |
|  Dec 14 | Gr 7 & 8 Advent Reconciliation                            |
|  Dec 16 | Noon Dismissal  |

 **Dec 19- Jan 1 Christmas Vacation**