



# SCHOOL NEWS

Holy Rosary School Family Communication Newsletter

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Dear Families,

## The Gift that Keeps on Giving

My mother had beautiful handwriting and liked to write on special stationery. She had a collection to choose from that she gathered carefully. Some was ancient embossed parchment she would find while antique hunting, some was tastefully modern, but it was always special. I think this was important to her as she had a wonderful artistic temperament. She was an incredible artist and I think that she probably felt that if it was something she wanted to write, it better be on fine paper and that presentation mattered! Email was something she never did.

It is great to have children. It is such a blessing to celebrate Christmas with them. The joy kids bring helps balance us, to cheer us, when we think of those we cannot share the time with. Christ's story as an infant is at the same time profound, mysterious, and awe-inspiring. In their artwork, and I have seen lots of it, children get this. The nativity story associates childhood with the divine, and I think that at some level, children can see that like them such a short time ago, Jesus was also a baby.

I have my mother's last written correspondence displayed in our dining room cabinet. She wrote it to thank us for the Christmas gifts we sent. And true to form, it is on beautiful stationery with the beautiful handwriting I always admired. It elicits powerful and happy memories from Christmases past. To me, it is forever linked to Christmas. There is much to reflect on as we approach Christmas, the birth of our Savior and the

celebration of family- those with us and now and those now in Heaven.

May God bless you and may you have a Merry Christmas,

Michael Cantu,  
Principal  
Holy Rosary School

GREATER THAN X—BOX!  
THE X—FACTOR IN X----MASS!

As we get ready for our most favorite time of the year for so many of us it is hard to believe that there are also so many people who do not acknowledge Christmas Day as Christ's Day; that He is the X---factor in the X—Mass scene!

Our world is looking for Light, for Hope, for Joy, for Love and at Christmas we celebrate that God is present with us in this world. The deepest desire of God is that we will allow that love to penetrate our hearts and celebrate with family and friends and faith community the joy that lives among us. And when we have finished celebrating the X – Factor of Christmas, the Word of God that we hear reminds us that the real work of the celebration continues after Christmas:

When the song of the angels is stilled,  
When the star in the sky is gone,  
When the Kings have returned home,  
When the shepherds are back with their flocks,  
The work of Christmas begins;  
To find the lost;  
To heal the broken;  
To feed the hungry;  
To release the prisoner;  
To rebuild the nations;  
To bring peace among people;  
To make music in the heart.

Howard Thurman.

I am very grateful to God that I belong to a faith community that has this kind of investment in life and shows it in action so consistently in so many ways.

When I will read the opening words of the Gospel of Mathew at the 4 pm Mass on Christmas Eve “Now this is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about” I will read it with the conviction that this is still happening in the world and is happening right here among us. And with all of you I will continue to commit myself to make it happen each day of the next year. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Fr John.

PS. Look out for news of a new spirituality offering in the new year from Fr William Watson SJ from Seattle University. It will begin with his visit to all the Masses on the weekend of January 21/22 to present the program and it will kick off with the season of Lent. It is aimed at anyone who wants to grow in the spiritual life and it will be limited to 100 people from the whole parish on a first come first accepted basis. Fr Watson completed his Doctorate in Spirituality in Georgetown University developing this program based on the Spiritual Exercises of St Ignatius.

## **Christmas Program Now the Epiphany Program!**

The “**Epiphany Program**” is a great way to celebrate the season, and Jesus! is the reason!! Our school band will kick things off on **Thursday, January 5, starting at 7:00 PM**, followed by each class performing special musical numbers to bring honor to this beautiful season. *Please note this important change of month!!!*

Students are required to participate, as this event is a graded performance. Attire for the performance is “**Sunday best**” unless otherwise stated.

**Students should arrive no earlier than 6:30 PM and report to their classrooms.**

Please mark your calendars now for **January 5** for this delightful evening of music, magic & fun! Please watch the FCE for updates. Any questions – please contact Ms. Mudge at [jmudge@holyrosaryws.org](mailto:jmudge@holyrosaryws.org). Thanks!

## **Band News**

Catch the Holy Rosary School Band at the Epiphany Program on Thursday, Jan. 5th @ 7p.m./Church. Band members in grades 6-8 are asked to arrive at 6:30p.m. This is a graded performance/attendance is required! Thank you! We look forward to sharing the sounds of this special season with you! Miss McKamey

## **Honor Band 2012 Auditions!!**

All School Band members (gr. 6-8) have received information regarding the upcoming Honor Band auditions.

### **Special dates:**

Monday, January 9th/6:00 – 7:30p.m.

Clarinets/Saxophones/Oboe/Drums

Wednesday, January 11th/5:00 – 7:15p.m.

Flutes/Bells/Trumpet/Trombone

**Auditions Are Held At Kennedy Catholic H.S.**

## **Heart Business Donations**

The Procurement team is gearing up to solicit businesses for donations for the 33rd Annual HEART Auction; Puttin' on the Ritz! If you have a business that you generally collect a donation from, or if you have a personal connection with a business that may like to donate to the HEART Auction, that would be swell!

If you plan to acquire a donation from a local business please contact the Procurement Team by tomorrow, Friday, December 16th. This will prevent our procurement team from duplicating efforts. Packets for these businesses will be available for you in the school office Monday, January 9th.

Please email Angela Nichols at [auction-procurement@holyrosaryws.org](mailto:auction-procurement@holyrosaryws.org) with the business name(s) that you will be contacting, that will ensure that your name will be in the credits! Now them's the bee's knees!

## **Tree Lot**

This is the final weekend of sales for the Tree Lot.

\*\*\*All trees, wreaths and garland are marked down 50% off until sold out.

\*\*\* Remember to turn in your receipt from the Tree Lot to the school office for a Free Dress Pass!

\*\*\*Also, we desperately need volunteers for Friday and Saturday shifts. All volunteers can earn double hours for any shift worked on Friday and Saturday. If you are able to help, please sign up online.

## **Lost And Found Dishes**

The office is holding several serving dishes left from the Kingston Funeral. If you are missing something please check the school office. All unclaimed items will be stored in the school kitchen after Dec.16. Thank You.

**The application for tuition assistance for the 2012 -2013 school year** is now available on-line at <http://fulcrumfoundation.org/tuition> (A link to the application is on the school website under 'School Forms & Other Downloads'.)

Please follow these instructions and note that in addition to submitting an application on-line to Fulcrum, paper copies of the completed application must be delivered to Thea at Holy Rosary School by February 6th: Make a copy of your 2009 Federal Income Tax Form(s), IRS 1040, 1040A or 1040EZ, or E-file printout for the financially responsible parent(s) or guardian(s). Note: W-2 forms are not acceptable. Do not send originals.

Make a copy of any documents related to Non-Taxable income (Part C-3) such as 1099, federal or state aid, alimony or child support.

Submit your application form \*online at

<http://fulcrumfoundation.org/tuition> At the end of the submission process a printout will be produced. If you have made a mistake, submit a new application and destroy the incorrect printout. When entering names, please do not use ALL CAPS.

Print two copies of the completed form. This can be done immediately after submitting the form. Be sure to sign your tax forms. This is often overlooked, especially with E-filing. Fulcrum will not accept un-signed

forms.

Sign the form in Part E.

Staple the signed application in front of copies of the financial documents from steps 1 and 2.

Deliver or mail the complete application package to Thea at Holy Rosary by February 6th. Copies will not be returned.

\*Fulcrum will not be accepting handwritten applications. If you would like to submit a handwritten application, please ask Thea De Francesco to assist you. She may be contacted at (206) 937-1488, ext. 211 or email: [tdefrancesco@holyroaryseattle.org](mailto:tdefrancesco@holyroaryseattle.org)

Thank you.

## **CYO Volleyball**

Hello Holy Rosary Families,

I know it seems like Basketball just started, but Volleyball will be here before you know it. CYO Volleyball 2012 is just around the corner and it is time to register for another exciting season. If your son or daughter is interested in playing CYO Volleyball this year, we have a few changes.

First, I am the new Volleyball Coordinator taking over for Mary Campagnaro. I want to send a BIG thank you to Mary for her years of service keeping the coaches and players organized and prepared during the Volleyball season, thank you Mary!! Moving forward, If you have any questions regarding the Volleyball season, please don't hesitate to contact me, [k.jergens@comcast.net](mailto:k.jergens@comcast.net).

Another change is the registration process, as you may have already experienced with soccer and basketball. Registration is fully online which makes the whole process much easier for everyone. The online registration site is now open for you to go in and register <http://holyroary.bonzidev.com/home.php>. If your son or daughter played a CYO sport already this year, you may already be familiar with the site. Registration for Volleyball will close on January 13th. Any late registrations after January 13th will be accepted on a space availability basis.

Finally, as most of you know, we have a new uniform policy. All Volleyball players will receive new uniforms, which will be yours to keep. Parents, if any of you are interested in coaching Volleyball as a head coach or an assistant, you will need to register on-line as a coach.

The Volleyball 2012 registration fees will be \$80 per player, this fee also

includes the pre-season kick-off clinic.

Date	Event
December 8	Registration Opens
January 13	Registration Deadline
February 13	Practices will begin
February 25th	Matches begin

If you have any question about the upcoming season, please don't hesitate to ask.

I look forward to a fun and exciting season.

Katie Jergens

## **Art Show Extravaganza**

Mark your calendars! This year the art show will be bigger and better than ever. We have reserved the School Hall for the big night to allow for more space to mingle and enjoy the beautiful artwork. The show will allow students to display more than one piece of art. There will be awards given to best of show and most creative piece. Bring the whole family and treats to share.

What: Holy Rosary Art Show

Where: Holy Rosary School Hall

When: March 13th 6-7pm

\* Please remember to bring cookies/treats to share and drinks will be provided!

\*\*\* If anyone needs extra hours please contact [kboys@holyrosaryws.org](mailto:kboys@holyrosaryws.org).

I would love help with organizing this event as well as setting up on the big day!

## **Holy Rosary School Centennial 2013-14**

Planning is already underway for the Centennial celebration for Holy Rosary School and we need you! To help get things started, please contact Karen Kuhar at [centennial@holyrosaryws.org](mailto:centennial@holyrosaryws.org). If you attended

Holy Rosary School at any time (even if you think we have your information already) help us update our database by registering under the Alumni section of the school website [www.holyrosaryws.org](http://www.holyrosaryws.org). Many classes already have active Facebook pages for their graduation year. Check for yours, it is a great way to get in touch with old friends and help us contact as many alumni as we can to make this a wonderful celebration of Holy Rosary School!

### **Matching Gift Programs**

There are many corporations that offer gift Matching Grant Programs. Gift matching grant programs often aim to recognize and motivate employees, to engage in outreach and volunteerism to make our communities a better place to live, work, and play. They will often support employees' giving their time and talent to qualified non-profits and non-governmental organizations, in addition to schools. Some of these programs will also recognize employees who give of their time and give them the opportunity to earn money for organizations that are meaningful to them.

Thank you to all of our school families that request matching funds from their place of work. Here are some of the local businesses that offer grant matching programs:

Boeing

Microsoft

Nintendo

Chase

Starbucks

Alaska Airline

Russel Investments








Symetra

There are others – so ask your company if they offer a matching program. Most companies will match donation to the Holy Rosary School Annual Fund and to the HEART Auction for Fund-an-item and Dessert (Scholarship) Auction.



## **Something New for Christmas Eve!**

For the 4pm Christmas Eve Mass, we will try to have the Gospel acted out. To pull this together, we need a few adults who can help with directing the kids who will be a part of the Christmas Eve Mass. If you'd like to help start something new, please contact Patrick Barredo ([pbarredo@holyroaryseattle.org](mailto:pbarredo@holyroaryseattle.org); 937.1488 x204) in the Parish Office.

-  Dec 16      Noon Dismissal
-  Dec 16      Faith Family Card Exchange
-  Dec 19- Jan 1   Christmas Vacation
-  Jan 5        Epiphany Program
-  Jan 16      No School Martin Luther King
-  Jan 29      School Open House
-  Jan 30- Feb3 Catholic Schools Week