



SCHOOL NEWS

Holy Rosary School Family Communication Newsletter

January 12, 2012

Dear Families,

I thought that as we approach Catholic Schools Week, I might reflect on its origins and what was intended when it was created.

Catholic Schools Week began as a national event in 1974. An organization with a long history, The National Catholic Educational Association started it and in the first year the theme was- "Different Where It Counts-Message, Community, Service." The theme this year is- Catholic Schools-Faith, Academics, Service." The NCEA advocates for Catholic Education on the national level.

The themes for each of the days at our school are included in this week's newsletter. I would like to explain some additional details regarding the Grandparent luncheon. After speaking with quite a number of people, and after careful consideration, we are going to continue the format of having the students pack lunches for their Grandparents. As one of the long time teachers explained to me, "the idea behind this is to facilitate an opportunity for the children to ask their grandparent what they would like and then for the grandchild to work on putting it together in response for their love for them. "

We have worked in a prayer service this year along with the other traditions that we incorporate into the day. Please pay particular attention to the schedule that is included below, as this will facilitate a smooth and enjoyable day for all.

Group One-Children with last names beginning with A-L

9:00-10:00-Book Fair open for early arrivals

10:00-go to hall to meet grandchildren

10:15-Prayer Service in Church with your grandchild

10:45-11:15-Tour school and have your photo taken

11:20-12:05-Luncheon (dessert provided by school)

If those from group one would like to re-visit the Book Fair, it will be open throughout the day.

Group Two- Children with last names beginning with M-Z

11: 00- Book Fair open for early arrivals

12:00-go to school hall to meet grandchildren

12:15-Prayer Service in Church with your grandchild

12:45-1:30-Luncheon (dessert provided by school)

1:20-1:50- Tour school and have your photo taken

If those from group two would like to re-visit the book fair, it will be open after the tour and luncheon.

Enjoy the celebration,

Michael Cantu,
Principal

RECALIBRATING OUR HEARTS.

Recently, I happened to read about the procedures that have to take place between the ending of one airline flight and the beginning of the next. The pilot explained that while the Boeing 757 sat at the gate, its navigational computer had to recalibrate for the next flight. In order to do

that, the plane had to sit completely still for ten minutes while it reestablished true north, otherwise it's navigation would be dangerously off. In all the years of flying I had never thought about this before but as soon as I read it I knew it made sense.

The same thing needs to happen in our own lives every day if we are to safely navigate our journey in life: it is what spirituality is about. The spiritual life can easily be reduced to saying prayers and going to church when we really need to begin by sitting still with God for long enough for the heart to recalibrate to true north ---- finding its orientation to the movement of God in each life.

In the light of the analogy with flying why would I ever risk charging in to any new day without such recalibrating and risk crashing and burning in impatience, anger, unforgiveness, fear, worry, anxiety and a host of other such obstacles? Why would I go to bed at night without a time to recalibrate and risk a bad night of tossing and turning and lying awake only to face a new day completely unrested? I expect that a married couples date nights are precisely for the same reason; relationships with God, family and friends suffer without this because we become disoriented, disabled and disconnected from God, others and self.

The Evil One doesn't have to kill us to prevent us from being the wonderful child of God that we were created to be: all he has to do is make sure we are too busy to recalibrate on a regular basis. The consequent distancing from our heart that happens will get us way off course. This distancing happens slowly, even imperceptibly at first, but yet incrementally over time until I am so far from the heart as to not even know it exists.

This is why the Book of Proverbs warns: "Guard your heart above all else, for it determines the course of your life". Proverbs 4:23. The human heart thirsts for God but often we don't know how to make the needed connection.

I have recently been in conversation with Fr William Watson SJ who has returned from Georgetown University with his Doctorate in Spirituality. He is starting The Sacred Story Institute in Seattle based on the spiritual exercises of St Ignatius. Holy Rosary has been included among the 6 parishes who have been invited by Archbishop Sartain to participate in this experience. We are one of 6 parishes in the Archdiocese.

Fr Watson will attend all Masses on the weekend of January 21/22 to present and explain what is involved and invite your participation. It will

be open to people from 18 to 89! It will be open to the first 100 people who feel that it would be great to find the way to grow in the spiritual life under the direction of a qualified guide.

How would you know this is for you?

If you have ever thought you would like to grow in the spiritual life or if you have ever said I'm spiritual but not religious this could be very helpful to you. Come to one of the Masses and hear him speak about what he has done with this approach and how successful he has been. I need captains who will help coordinate this and help me carry through on what he presents.

How would you know this is for you? You simply feel there is more to the spiritual life and you would like to find out what it is and what it takes to grow in it. If you would like to help make this happen for yourself and others just give me a call or send me an email. If you are the parent who asked in a recent survey if we could get a Jesuit from Seattle University to present on the spiritual life --- this is for you! I would love to have you involved and have you discover how this could be a special benefit to your spiritual life.

Let's take a step together and give ourselves the benefit of this special opportunity to grow in the Spiritual life and see and feel the difference it makes.

Recalibrate your heart for the next part of the journey.

Fr John.

Reminder: Emergency Weather Procedure

In case of inclement weather, Holy Rosary School will announce any delays or cancellations on the school website and by means of our school-wide and community-wide email systems by 6:30 a.m. These will be our primary and only official vehicles for communication! (We will also communicate this information to KING, KIRO and KOMO media outlets, but because of changes in their reporting policies, we cannot ensure whether, or when, announcements will appear). In cases of cancellation

or delay, a related announcement will also be made regarding the status and hours of the BASE (Before and After School) Program, if they are different than usual.

Because Holy Rosary subscribes to the critical importance of maintaining our academic schedule to the extent possible, we will always weigh all of the options carefully before making the decision to cancel or delay school. Since we are a parish (and neighborhood) school with unique conditions and circumstances in any weather event, we reserve the right to make such decisions independent of other area schools and districts. However, if the Seattle Public School District decides to delay or cancel school and Holy Rosary does not, we will communicate our intention to remain open via the website and email by 6:30 a.m., as well.

Ultimately, Holy Rosary School's highest priority is the safety of its children and families. Regardless of the official start/release status of the school, we always defer to parents in the use of their own best judgment with regard to whether, and when, it is safe for their children to come to school. When weather conditions dictate that families cannot accommodate the regular school schedule, there will of course not be any negative consequences for individuals making alternate decisions in the interest of their children's and family's safety.

Note: If weather conditions causes the school website to go down, check the school's Twitter feed for emergencies at <http://www.twitter.com/holyrosary>.

Parents in Touch in the New Year If you have made a resolution to Grow Your Faith in 2012, please consider joining us at Parents in Touch! We meet every Friday morning after drop off (8:30 am - 9 am) in the Chapel to pray the rosary for the intentions of the school and parish and any other intentions for which you would like to pray. It's a wonderful way to end the week, get to know other parents and connect with God. Please mark you calendar for this Friday, Jan. 13 to begin the New Year! If you have any questions, please email Jillian Kane. We've been praying YOU will join us!

Puttin' on the Ritz! It's HEART Auction donation time!!

Come April 28th, Holy Rosary will be celebrating the annual HEART Auction gala with all the glitz and glamour of the Jazz Age. But to make this event a platinum-plated success, we need fabulous donations of items, experiences or cash. The online donation site is now open, so get a wiggle over to the HEART website at www.heart.holyrosaryws.org. **Please note the new HEART donation commitment amount this year is \$125/family.** The auction committee is grateful for your donation commitment!

Donation Incentives

All hip families who submit items, experiences or cash online by Friday, January 27th receive free dress passes for the entire family. But wait, there's more! The grade level with the highest total donation amount by February 13th wins an ice cream party for both classes. Sweet? And how!

Important HEART Donation Dates:

Online donations DUE : Friday, February 13th

Curbside Donation Drop-off service: Fridays, March 16th & 23rd

Donations DUE to School: Friday, March 30th

Catholic Schools Week: Jan. 29 -Feb. 3

Sunday, January 29 - Celebrate Renewal in our Faith Community

Students wear uniforms to weekend Masses/Children's Choir sings at 9:30am Mass

Holy Rosary School Open House

Book Fair in the school library open all week

Monday, January 30 - Celebrate our Catholic School

Perfect Uniform day

2:30 – All School Bingo

Tuesday, January 31 -Celebrate Service

Jeans Day

All grades will select a service to perform this week

Annual Primroses planting- students should bring a small digging tool

Wednesday, February 1- Celebrate Families

Perfect uniform day

No homework to celebrate families

Grandparents luncheon (Please fill out attached RSVP form and return ASAP)

All Day Book Fair in Library

Thursday, February 2 - Celebrate Lifelong Learning and Staff Appreciation

Perfect uniform day

Students are encouraged to make a card for their teachers

Spelling Bee

Grade 7-8 Science Fair, Gr.5 Invention Convention

Students and Staff Read-In (2:20-2:50)

Friday, February 3- Celebrate our School Community

Students dress in theme TBD

Spirit Assembly in the morning/8th grade vs. Holy Rosary Staff volleyball game in the afternoon

Sunday, February 5 – All Students are encouraged to attend Mass in Gator sweatshirts to close out Catholic Schools Week.

Grandparents Luncheon Help Needed

We're one day closer to spring, though you wouldn't know by looking outside. This means that we're one day closer to our annual Catholic School's Week Grandparent Luncheon, which will be held on Wednesday, Feb. 1, 2012. If you need more hours, please join me in preparing for this important and much loved event. We can use as many volunteers as we can get. Setting tables, picking up balloons, filling water glasses or wrapping those beautiful primroses - we have a variety of jobs to choose from. We will need volunteers for Tuesday Jan 31 for set-up from 6pm - 7:30pm and on Wednesday, Feb 1 starting after drop-off until about 10am and also during the lunch from 11:15 until 1:45pm. There will be many shifts and flexible times. If you would like to dedicate your time to making this a wonderful memory for our beloved grandparents, please contact Allyson Schreck allysonschreck@hotmail.com or call 206-933-5942. Looking forward to hearing from you.

Book Fair

Would you like to be part of the Book Fair Luau team? Volunteers are needed to help with set up and take down the fair, to work as cashiers, to help with decorations or to lend a hand during the Grandparents' Day. Thank you for your continual support of reading at HRS.

Pizza Lunch 1/27

Download and fill out the form attached and turn it in to the school office with your check OR go to www.holyrosaryws.org and click "Online Payments." All orders must be received by Monday Jan 23 or your child will not receive pizza and you will have to pack a lunch.

Parents' Club Corner

Next Parents' Club Meeting will be Thursday, January 12th at 6:30 in the School Hall.

Mark your calendar now for our February 9th Parents' Club Meeting when we will be joined by

Debbie Whitlock and Stacy Romberg. Debbie is a certified financial planner, owns her own business

and hosts a local radio program focusing on investing and financial planning for women. Stacy

is a local attorney who focuses on estate strategies and planning.

We have asked this dynamic team to speak to our parents about Family Financial Planning with a

focus on education, estate decisions and family concerns. Please join us and trust me, you will not

be disappointed. I have had the pleasure of interacting with Stacey on numerous occasions through

my own profession and have found her to be very thought-provoking.

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

<http://staceyromberg.com/>

I look forward to seeing you all on January 12th and February 9th. Childcare will be provided at both meetings.
Blessings, Currie Baker

Looking for a Refrigerator: The staff room is in need of a large, energy efficient refrigerator. Before making the purchase, we thought we'd just ask if anyone has an extra refrigerator taking up space that you'd like to donate. We don't want to come across as too picky, but in our efforts to be 'green' we do need it to be somewhat modern and energy efficient. Please contact either Mr. Cantu or the main office if you are interested. Thank You!!

1% Receipt Program with Thriftway only

We are still collecting the Thriftway receipts to get 1% of your shopping back to the school through their ongoing 1% Receipt Program. Unfortunately, the Metropolitan Market discontinued this program effective from 12/31/11, therefore, we no longer collect their receipts. Please start shopping at Thriftway more often, which means more money, back to our school. If you have any questions, please contact Irene Merz at irenemerz@msn.com. Thank you for your continued support.

NEW! The Holy Rosary Recycling Program will recycle old iPods as well as cell phone and printer cartridges!

Did you buy new printer cartridges to finish your family holiday cards? Did you just get a new cell phone or iPod for Christmas? What do you do with your old ones? The Holy Rosary Recycling Program will recycle your old cell phones, iPods, and inkjet/toner cartridges for \$\$\$ for the school. The best part is there is nothing to buy and no cost to Holy Rosary! Get family, friends, and coworkers to support the program as well! Simply drop off your items for recycling in the school's main office. No need to supply manuals or accessories. If you have any questions, email Kristen Hinthorn at tkhinthorn1@comcast.net or call 433-2748.

Hello HRS families!

I am in the beginning stages of obtaining a Theater Arts endorsement from University of Washington. In order to have the 100-hour practicum waived, I need to present a robust petition speaking to the theater work I've done over the past 10 years. Part of this petition will come in the form of a drama portfolio that includes pictures, programs, tickets, etc from plays I've done in the past. If any of you have pictures from the plays we've done the past 4 years, I would love to include them in the portfolio. Please contact me via email: dmclaughlin@holyrosaryws.org.

I really appreciate your help

Darcy McLaughlin

Sixth Grade Teacher/Drama Elective

Knights of Columbus to Sponsor Youth Free Throw Competition

All boys and girls ages 10 to 14 are invited to participate in the local level of competition for the 2012 Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship. The local competition will be held Saturday, January 21st at 3:30 PM, at Holy Rosary School Gym (4142 42nd Ave. S.W.)

The Our Lady of Guadalupe Council and the Holy Rosary Round Table Knights of Columbus are sponsoring this community event. Each boy and girl age group champion will be eligible to advance to the District Competition to be held in February, followed by the State Competition. Participants are required to furnish proof of age (birth certificate, etc).

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 2010 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

VOLLEYBALL REGISTRATION CLOSES FRIDAY, JANUARY 13TH

Please register your player by this Friday, Jan. 13th.. After this date, we will accept players on space availability only.

COACHES must register as well in order to coach the 2012 Volleyball Season.

The link for registration is <http://holyroary.bonzidev.com/home.php>

Please contact Katie Jergens @ k.jergens@comcast.net with questions.

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@holyroaryws.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@holyroaryws.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.holyroaryws.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!

Community Postings

Open House and School Tours for Seattle Lutheran High School

The staff and faculty of Seattle Lutheran High School invite you to join us for an

Open House on Tuesday, January 31, from 6:30-8:00pm. At Seattle Lutheran High School our high academic standards and competitive

sports programs are balanced with character education and spiritual growth. In a day and age where schools measure their success by standardized measures on tests, we define success through Confidence, Hope, Integrity, and Passion, the cornerstones of a Seattle Lutheran High School education. For more information call Rachel Bigliardi at 206-937-7722 Ext. 18 or visit our website at seattlelutheran.org.

Tuesday tours for prospective students are being conducted through the months of January and February. Contact Rachel Bigliardi at rbigliardi@seattlelutheran.org or 206-937-7722 Ext. 18 to schedule a visit.

Adult Confirmation — Spring 2012

The bishop will be here Monday evening, April 30th @ 7pm to confer the sacrament of confirmation. If you are a Catholic adult over the age of 18 who has not yet been confirmed, we will offer a series of sessions beginning February 1st at 7pm in the Parish Center to prepare you for this sacrament. A Catholic is fully initiated into the church with the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. We are inviting any adult Catholic who has not yet been confirmed to prayerfully consider joining us for the preparation and the reception of this sacrament. You may give me a call at 206-937-1488, Ext. 203, to register and/or for any questions you may have. There is an adult confirmation form on our website for you to complete and return to me. Please note that these sessions are for practicing Catholics. If you were baptized Catholic and never raised in the faith and now want to practice your faith or baptized in another Christian faith tradition and now want to become Catholic, we invite you into our RCIA process. Any questions, again give me a call. JoAnn Tobin – jtobin@holyroseyseattle.org

Mustard Seed Corner - January 12

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.)

January - Ordinary Time - the liturgical color is green which symbolizes growth, hope, and life.

This coming week we celebrate the Feast of St. Anthony of Egypt on January 17th

Anthony lived a few hundred years after Jesus did. He grew up in a wealthy family. One day, when he was a young man, he was at church and listened to the Gospel: "Go and sell all you own and give the money to those who are poor." Anthony thought that those words fit him perfectly. He did just that, and he walked into the desert. There he lived for years all by himself, praying, studying and working in his garden. He became so holy, people said his face had a beautiful light about it. He started to teach others about loving God.

Anthony lived until he was 105 years old. In his last year, he had pets and became known for them. In Mexico, and in some Central American countries, children celebrate St. Anthony's feast day by painting stripes or polka dots on cows and sheep! They decorate their chickens and cats with flowers and put clothing on them! (Good luck with the cats.) Then they bring their animals to the church for a blessing.

Jan 16	No School Martin Luther King
Jan 27	Pizza Lunch- 8th Grade Fundraiser
Jan 29	School Open House
Jan 30- Feb 3	Catholic Schools Week
Feb 1	Grandparent/ Friend Day
Feb 17	Half Day for Magazine Sale Reward