



# SCHOOL NEWS

Holy Rosary School Family Communication Newsletter

January 26, 2012

Dear Families,

I am deeply impressed by the work of our Parish AdCom (Administration Commission) group. What is AdCom, you might ask? For those of you that don't know, they are a group of people who meet regularly to study, discuss and take action to ensure that our physical plant is kept up as well as to plan for long-term building and grounds needs. Not glamorous, but oh so important and highly effective.

AdCom is the group that has taken on the task of guiding the beautification project that was the 'funded item' at last year's auction. The good news is that the plans are now in place to move forward with much needed work in front of the school. I believe that we will see this work begun and completed over the summer. It includes more than we thought possible with the funds we raised. But, thanks to good planning and the generosity of those who will do the work we will complete much more. Updated information on this will be shared in the spring.

## **Important Parent Survey Information**

You will see a link to a parent survey in today's eFC.

[https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/HRS\\_Parent\\_Survey\\_2012](https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/HRS_Parent_Survey_2012)

You can expect that we will do one of these every year to give you an opportunity to give feedback in this format (survey monkey).

The results from this survey will be used by the School Commission, the Parents' Club as well as the school administration

to better plan and serve our school. Most of the questions are the same as the survey done in 2009 to enable us to compare and measure progress. Your input needs to be completed by February 10th. Thank you in advance for your participation.

Sincerely,

Michael Cantu,  
Principal

### **DISCOVERING YOUR SACRED STORY.**

Last Sunday Fr William Watson spoke at all the weekend Masses inviting us to participate in a sacred story prayer journey though the course of the year. Each participant will be offered the opportunity to discover his/her own sacred story through a simple daily spiritual practice of 15 minutes.

We can all too easily resort to thinking that “I’m only human” and that sacred story only occurs in the bible and maybe in some very holy people but not us. This is not true: the story of every human being is sacred but we don’t always recognize it mostly because we have not been trained to look in the right place or in the right way. Fr Watsons offer is to show us the way to access this deepest part of us that is often drowned out in the noise and rush of life. His proven contention is that while the process looks difficult it isn’t and the effort put forth brings very spiritually fulfilling results.

The three things that that appear most challenging about buying in are:

1. Beginning by writing a narrative of your life to date and bringing it to the Sacrament of Reconciliation.
2. Setting aside 15 minutes in your day to do the prescribed prayer.
3. Doing this for one year.

Do any of these have to be deal breakers that would prevent you from signing up for the program? Is there anything you wouldn’t trade for the opportunity to make a satisfying connection with God and to get in touch with the self you were created to be but may

not have yet found? Talk to anyone who has made the space for these things in life and hear what a difference it has made.

There are no shortcuts to greatness or to success in life: not in our friendships, nor our professional lives not in sports and not in our relationship with God. When you look at the truly great people that we read about in the Bible you can see the journey they had to take to become who they were created to be. From Abraham to Moses to David to John the Baptist to St Paul: if there might have been any exception to the journey it would have been Jesus. But it said of him “he grew in wisdom and stature and favor with God and man”. He was not an exception to the process either.

He himself would go on to say: “A student is not above his teacher but everyone who is fully trained will be like his teacher”. When we go beyond thinking or saying I can’t find the time to the realization that we make the time to face what seems difficult or scary like Reconciliation and approach it like we approach a new exercise routine ---- doing it consistently for a period of time so that it becomes a habit ----- we will become more like Jesus. We will take our place in the greater story we have been created for.

There are no shortcuts but there is a great reward to engaging with the process under a priest who has the credentials and the experience to take us to a deeper relationship with God. Are you willing to give it your best shot? As Fr Watson said last weekend; he doesn’t want perfect Catholics just willing imperfect ones. For this reason I am signing up and I invite you to join me.

Contact Patrick Barredo in the parish office for the application forms.

See you on the road to Heaven!

Fr John.

**Free Puttin’ on the Ritz dress pass. Tomorrow is the last day!**

Submit your HEART Auction donation online by Friday, January 27<sup>th</sup> and all the children in your family will receive a free Puttin’ on the Ritz dress pass! If you have ordered an item from one of the HEART Auction registries as noted below, please enter your item information online at <http://www.heart.holyrosaryws.org/donate> to receive your dress pass(es).

## **Need donation ideas?**

If you are still looking for the perfect donation, you are in luck! We are still looking for some perfect donations! How about:

Choice Mariner, Seahawk or Sounders Tickets!

Fore!!!! A roaring round of golf.

A stay at your Northwest Getaway – we love vacations.

Limo Service: No jalopies here, a s-t-r-e-t-c-h would be swell!

Snowboard, snowshoes and roller blades, scooters.

A weekend ski stay at Crystal Mt. including a ride on the new Mt. Rainier Gondola, dinner at the Summit house.... Or, a snowshoe trek?

The Tango, Charleston, or Shimmy.... How about some Arthur Murray Dance lessons to shake your gam?

Gotta connection to something BIG? Who's your Big Daddy? Bring on the connection.

Pool it! How about hosting a party, dinner or outing with your gang?

If you would like to contribute to a package we already have in the works, contact us at [auction-procurement@holynosaryws.org](mailto:auction-procurement@holynosaryws.org) . We love to plan!

**NEW this Year! HEART Auction Gift Registries:** Please visit the HEART Auction gift registries at [Target. com](http://www.target.com)

([http://www.target.com/RegistryGiftGiverCmd?isPreview=false&status=completePageLink&listId=5H\\_Lhg1n6XySioSiziSKdw&registryType=WD&isAjax=false](http://www.target.com/RegistryGiftGiverCmd?isPreview=false&status=completePageLink&listId=5H_Lhg1n6XySioSiziSKdw&registryType=WD&isAjax=false) )

and [Macy's.com](http://www1.macys.com) (<http://www1.macys.com/registry/wedding/guest/?registryId=685192>) or the [Amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com) wish list

(<http://www.amazon.com/gp/registry/registry.html?ie=UTF8&type=wishlist&id=3E36S7ZPMQ4WC>). Select an item that is just right for your family or pool resources with others to purchase a higher valued item!

## **It's as easy as 1-2-3-4!**

1. Review the wish list or registry.
2. Purchase an item and ship it to your home..
3. Enter your donation online on the HEART Auction website.  
(<http://www.heart.holynosaryws.org/donate>)
4. Print label, attach, and deliver to the office.

**A big *attaboy* to those of you who have already donated! It takes the entire Holy Rosary family to create Puttin' on the Ritz!**

**All School HEART Auction project - Celebrate Holy Rosary Families**

This year, the entire Holy Rosary student family will create an unforgettable art piece to be auctioned at the 2012 HEART Auction gala. The piece will celebrate and represent all Holy Rosary School families.

To create this work of art, we're asking each family to contribute **1 or 2 small objects that represent the spirit of your family**. Objects' height should be no more than 1 centimeter (3/8") and should cover an area of approximately 4 square inches or less. This family treasure can be flat or have depth and can be made of any material (e.g. pewter, steel, plastic, paper, stone). Please email Tiffany Fuentes with questions at [tcfuentes@comcast.net](mailto:tcfuentes@comcast.net) .

Items will be collected on **Wed., February 1**. Please send items in a plastic bag labeled with your family name and note that you will not receive the item back.

### **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/8<sup>th</sup> 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.**

**Service Projects For Catholic Schools Week**

Kindergarten - Tidying the church by dusting and organizing song books.

1<sup>st</sup> Grade -Creating valentines for the women's shelter and Mt St Vincent.

2<sup>nd</sup> Grade -Reading picture books to the Preschool children.

3<sup>rd</sup> Grade - Delivering a small thank you gift to our four neighborhood schools. We're also decorating certificates of appreciation for local businesses in our community.

4<sup>th</sup> Grade -Delivering certificates to local businesses to thank them for their support of our school and community.

5<sup>th</sup> Grade - Writing letters of thanks and giving primroses to our HRS neighbors

6<sup>th</sup> Grade - Writing letters of appreciation to Parish staff.

7<sup>th</sup> Grade - Sanitizing, oiling, organizing and re-stocking the church pews on Thursday afternoon.

8th – Helping to set up and clean up on Tuesday for the Grandparents' Luncheon.

## **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](mailto:allysonschreck@hotmail.com) or call 206-933-5942. Looking forward to hearing from you.

## **Book Fair**

The Scholastic Book Fair - **Book Fair Luau! It's a Reading Celebration!** - is part of an exciting reading event that brings a wonderful selection of fun, engaging, and affordable books to HRS. Reading is vital to children's success, no matter their age. The Book Fair Luau adds excitement to Catholic Schools Week with different contests and drawings each day. Plan to stop by and join this celebration. Volunteers are still needed as we would like to provide a pleasant shopping experience for everyone. If you are interested in earning fund-raising hours, please let Mrs. Harris know. This event is a fund-raiser for the library program, providing monies to purchase new, current, useful resources for our students. Thank you for your continued support of reading at HRS.

**Book Fair Dates:** January 27 - February 5

**Shopping Hours:** 8 - 4 on school days and 9 - 1 on Sundays

**Special Events:** Open House on Sunday; Grandparents Day on Wednesday; Super Sunday Last Chance on February 5.

### **School Commission Open Meeting**

Parents, the next School Commission Open meeting is Thursday, Feb. 2. We welcome you, and would like to hear from you. Please let me know if you would like to participate, and I will get you on the agenda. If you would like to come and just listen, that is fine, too! We will have updates from the 2012 Auction committee, Finance, AdCom, Pastoral Council, BASE, and other standing committees. We will also have a discussion on volunteer service hours. We meet in the 7th grade classroom (on the right, just past the copier room/staff office) from 6:00-8:00. I look forward to seeing you there.

### **Parents' Club Corner**

Mark your calendar now for our February 9th Parents' Club Meeting when Debbie Whitlock and Stacy Romberg will join us.

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/>

We will also be providing a recap of the Christmas Tree Lot and Learning more about the Auction.

If you are interested in helping the Auction be another big success, either the day of the event or prior



to the event, please contact Ann Conway directly at [auction-volunteers@holyrosaryws.org](mailto:auction-volunteers@holyrosaryws.org)

The Auction is more than just a way to get your volunteer hours. It is a critical fundraiser for our school and a great way to meet/work with other parents and have fun helping Holy Rosary. I encourage you to find a way to be a part of it.

I look forward to seeing you all on February 9th. Childcare will be provided.

Blessings, Currie Baker

### **Friday's Prayer Service**

If you can't make it to the Prayer Service this Friday, don't despair! We stream our Prayer Services LIVE on UStream on the Holy Rosary Channel. You can watch LIVE at: <http://www.ustream.tv/channel/holy-rosary-west-seattle>. We've had a few technical problems in the past, but we believe we've got most of them worked out. The broadcast starts around 8:30 every Prayer Service Friday. This week 7B will be leading. Thanks for tuning in!

### **Green Tip**

Tired of the clutter? Starting to feel closed in by all the stuff in your house? Wondering what to do with those dress shoes your 10 year old doesn't fit into anymore? Well, a neighbor is wondering where she can get some dress shoes for First Communion at a good price, and by the way she could use a chair for the daughter's old desk. Solution! Check out Holy Rosary's Swap & Shop site, direct from the home page! It's our own little Craig's list; clear out unwanted stuff and give our Holy Rosary

community members first chance at it. Click the link down the right side of the home page and take the first step to a cleared out house!

## **Holy Rosary School HONOR BAND 2012**

THANK YOU TO ALL THE STUDENTS THAT AUDITIONED. WE ARE PROUD OF YOU! CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING BAND MEMBERS SELECTED TO REPRESENT OUR SCHOOL IN THE 2012 HONOR BAND!

Genevieve P – Flute  
Ashley R – Flute  
Frances W – Oboe  
Sydney G – Clarinet  
Katie R– Alto Sax  
Stephen F – Trumpet  
Kirsten D –Trombone Section Leader!  
Anthony S – Percussion Co-Section Leader  
Jonathan V –Percussion  
Haley W - Percussion

### **HRS families and supporters,**

The 7th/8th grade Drama Elective invites you to enjoy their fantastic rendition of the Magical Land of Oz! We have been working since September to bring this production to you and I promise the acting, dancing, music, and set design will not disappoint!

Performances take place Thursday March 15th and Friday March

16th at 7 pm in the School Hall. Tickets are free so bring as many friends/family members you'd like! Yummy treats will be served during intermission.

We look forward to wowing you!

Miss McLaughlin and the 7/8 Drama Elective.

**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](mailto:tdefrancesco@holyroaryseattle.org)

### **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](mailto: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](http://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**

**Northwest Boychoir** will be holding auditions for new members on Saturday, February 11 by appointment for spring enrollment. Boys ages 6 to 9 are eligible to audition. No previous music training is necessary. Auditions are casual and fun. There are flyers available in the school office with more information or you can go to [www.nwchoirs.org](http://www.nwchoirs.org).

### **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](http://seattlelutheran.org).

Tuesday tours for prospective students are being conducted through the months of January and February. Contact Rachel Bigliardi at [rbigliardi@seattlelutheran.org](mailto: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@holyroaryseattle.org

### **Mustard Seed Corner - January 26**

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

This week we celebrate the Feast of St. Thomas Aquinas on January 28th

Thomas was a quiet student. Some of the other students thought that he wasn't very smart because he didn't talk in class. But they were completely wrong! Thomas was brilliant and became a very important teacher and writer. He wrote about God and Jesus, and about what is true in life and what is not. Thomas loved God very much. He studied, taught and wrote all because of God.

He is the patron saint of students and schools. So it is perfect that we celebrate his feast during Catholic Schools week.

Jan 27          Pizza Lunch- 8th Grade Fundraiser  
Jan 29          School Open House  
Jan 27 - Feb 5 Book Fair  
Jan 30- Feb 3 Catholic Schools Week

<b>Feb 1</b>	<b>Grandparent/ Friend Day</b>
<b>Feb 13</b>	<b>Auction Donation Commitment Due Online</b>
<b>Feb 17</b>	<b>Half Day for Magazine Sale Reward</b>
<b>Feb 20</b>	<b>Presidents Day -No School</b>
<b>Feb 21</b>	<b>No School</b>