



# SCHOOL NEWS

Holy Rosary School Family Communication Newsletter

February 2, 2012

Dear Families,

Catholic Schools Week is well celebrated at Holy Rosary. There are some marvelous and unique traditions here. The student readers were absolutely marvelous at this past Sunday's Masses. I cannot believe how well they did at their ages before so many people. I guess they will have no problem leading a large meeting in their adult life. Credit goes to the classroom teachers and parents for instilling confidence in them and in helping them prepare for this facet of their future. This is one of the formation aspects that Catholic Schools do exceptionally well.

In witnessing how respectful and kind the kids are here at Holy Rosary School, I have to say this is yet another aspect of our school worth celebrating. I think we could be used for one of those commercials produced by the Foundation for a Better Life. The slogan could be: Live and study like a Holy Rosary student. Pass it on!

The budget planning process is underway and the whole question of service hours and how we will meet the challenge of the transition year. I expect we will have this clarified in the near future. Because it is somewhat of a complex situation, I do think it is going to require some understanding and flexibility to get us through. Because many angles are being considered, we will have had a chance to consider all input in making a decision. Once this process is complete, we need to move forward.

I just finished touring the classrooms; it is one of my favorite things to do as principal. The teachers were all doing a great job presenting interesting lessons, the kids were engaged and learning was evident! Can it be any better than this? Holy Rosary has every reason to celebrate what's right with Catholic Schools!

Sincerely,

Michael Cantu,  
Principal

### **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 Parent 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.

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Michael Cantu,  
Principal

## **The Thanks That Touches Your Heart.**

The Holy Rosary community has had a wonderful outreach commitment for many years. The record of the parish shows a desire and a commitment to serve beyond ourselves. Many thank you messages have been received over the years but from time to time some stand out that touch the heart in such a way that makes it all worthwhile.

Recently we received such a note through one of the agencies that asked for our help with The Giving Tree during Advent. A young woman in Juvenile Detention was the beneficiary of some of the generosity of our parishioners and wrote the following letter that was sent on to us. I want to print it here as a thank you to all who have helped making these Christmas gifts possible.

SEE LETTER ON SCHOOL WEBSITE.

Thank you for being the reason for drawing these sentiments from her heart.

May her expressing them make a difference in herself.

Fr John.

## **New Student Applications for the 2012- 2013 School Year**

New Student Applications for the 2012- 2013 School Year are available online or in the school office. Applications for students New to Holy Rosary are due Feb. 3, 2012.

Students already attending HRS will be receiving registration packets in March. See you this Sunday at the Open House!

## **Puttin' on the Ritz**

### **Donation Update – Keep that Swanky Loot Rollin' In!**

Keep 'em Coming! Thanks to our swell Holy Rosary families, we've rounded up some pretty keen items already. We're talkin' the Real McCoy! Hideaway at a Whistler Condo. Fly off to a San Juan weekend with Kenmore Air. Take an overnight excursion for 2 on Vashon Island. Get a behind-the-scenes look at King 5 TV for 4 guests.

Reminders: Online donations are due Feb. 13th. Note that the 2012 donation commitment level is \$125/family. When purchasing items online from a HEART registry, be sure that your total amount equals at least 125 clams to fulfill your family donation commitment. If you're collecting a donation from a business, be sure to enter it through our HEART website to get your family credit.

Ice Cream, You Scream, We all Scream for Ice Cream! The grade with the highest donation value entered by February 13th wins an ice cream party. Attaboy!

### **Need donation ideas?**

Don't be left holding the bag! If you're still looking for the perfect donation, you're in luck! We're here to help! If you'd like to donate to a package that we have in the works, or have an idea you'd like to run by the donation team, contact us at [auction-procurement@holyrosaryws.org](mailto:auction-procurement@holyrosaryws.org). We love to plan!

**NEW this Year! HEART Auction Gift Registries:** Please visit the HEART Auction gift registries at [Target. com](http://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/registry/wedding/guest/?registryId=685192>) or the 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.holyrosaryws.org/donate>)
4. Print label, attach, and deliver to the office.

Thank you. You all are the cat's meow!

### **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) .

Please send items in a plastic bag labeled with your family name and note that you will not receive the item back.

## **Parents' Club Corner**

Please join us Thursday, February 9th at 6:30pm when our guest speakers will be Debbie Whitlock and Stacey Romberg.

Debbie is an advocate for educating women and families on financial advice. She currently hosts a local radio program, was named “Woman of the Year” by Woodbury Financial Services in 2008 and is very active in the Seattle community.

Stacey has worked in private practice both in Washington, D.C. and Seattle. In addition, Stacey served as a staff attorney for the U.S. Senate, a session attorney for the Washington State Senate and a Pro Tem Magistrate for the Seattle Municipal Court.

We are fortunate to have these dynamic speakers join us at our School and I encourage you to attend.  
Childcare will be provided.

**\*\*\*\*Announcement\*\*\*\*** The Father-Daughter Glow Bowl will be held Friday, March 30th. Details to follow.

Blessings, Currie Baker  
Parents' Club President

## **Sacred Story Institute**

Fr. Bill Watson is inviting the Holy Rosary community to take part in the Sacred Story Institute. Following up on his presentation at Mass a few weeks ago, he wanted to remind us that he is: 1. Not looking for the “perfect” Catholic but Catholics who know they

want to do something new at this time in their lives. He reminded us that St. Ignatius told the early Jesuits to go to the people who know they need some help. That is who Fr. Watson is looking for. 2. He is also looking for people who, like the example of the actor Mark Wahlberg he mentioned, are willing to take 15-30 minutes a day for this yearlong prayer journey. 3. Finally, he is looking for people who want to be a spiritual pioneer who will allow their participation in the Sacred Story Prayer Journey to become a resource for tens of thousands of other Catholics in North America.

To sign up, go to [HolyRosarySeattle.org](http://HolyRosarySeattle.org), and click on “Sacred Story Institute” on the right side of the page.

### **JOIN THE CHILDREN'S CHOIR FOR LENT & EASTER!**

The Holy Rosary Children's Choir sang wonderfully at Sunday mass to begin Catholic Schools Week... and there's more singing to do!

Now is a great time to join the Children's Choir and be part of our Lent and Easter celebrations! The choir begins practicing again on Tuesday, February 7, after school in the chapel from 3-4pm. Choir is open to boys and girls in grades 3-5. Singers learn good vocal production, ensemble singing, harmony parts and also learn to cantor and sing solo's.

Did you know that many great singers began singing at a young age in a church choir? Did you also know that music makes you smarter? Join the choir and see what it does for you! For info, contact Paul Dolejsi, Choir Director: <[pdolejsi@holyrosaryseattle.org](mailto:pdolejsi@holyrosaryseattle.org)>.

## **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@holyrosaryseattle.org](mailto:tdefrancesco@holyrosaryseattle.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@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!

## Community Postings

**Archbishop Murphy High School presents its Spring Musical "Annie Get Your Gun":** Friday, February 24, 7:30pm; Saturday, February 25, 7:00pm; Sunday, February 26, 2:00pm; Friday, March 2, 7:30pm; Saturday, March 3, 2:00pm. All shows at PUD Auditorium 2320 California St., Everett. Ticket Prices: Adults: \$13; Seniors 62+, Students, Children under 10: \$11. For more information and to order tickets, visit the school website [www.am-hs.org](http://www.am-hs.org).

**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).

<b>Feb 2</b>	<b>School Commission –Open Mtg</b>
<b>Feb 9</b>	<b>Parent Club Meeting</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>