



SCHOOL NEWS

Holy Rosary School Family Communication Newsletter

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TO EVERYTHING A SEASON.

The book *A SPIRITUALITY OF TIME* has these reviews: "The moment you say, I haven't got time, time has got you".

"Time has us on the hook and we can't deny it. Time is reeling us in towards one deadline or another".

"Our days are numbered and the author Bonnie Thurston helps us to see this as a blessing rather than a curse. Receive and relish the gift of time". We are all in the same boat when it comes to finding time. God has given us the time and we are invited and challenged to manage it. There are only so many things we can do with the time we have; will we choose and continue to choose what helps or hinders our lives? Will it be heaven or hell?

The parents of three college aged kids told me recently that if they could take back the grade school and high school days of their kids lives they would do a lot less driving them around to all kinds of activities and engage them in more personal life skills which they see as woefully lacking as they now try to manage their college lives. How could they have broken in to the demands and expectations of those years to do what they now see as something vital that they neglected?

How do any of us break in to what is running us ragged and leaving us with run out lives?

The church offers us the season of Lent every year based on the forty days Jesus spent in the desert to help focus his life. We get 40 DAYS to use the age-old supports of prayer, fasting and intentional charitable giving to help us overcome to obstacles to becoming our best and lovable selves.

It begins on Ash Wednesday Feb 22 and runs to Easter Sunday April 8. Can you make an intentional choice to engage with God and this community of faith to use the gift of time in a different way? We are

offering Fr William Watson's Sacred Story Institute as a tool to help you engage your inner life and your deepest self. It can take you there if you want to go there.

What approach would help? A parishioner recently sent me a testimony from a young Mom with two little ones under the age of three that describes her desire for the Word of God in her life.

"Oh the rich, satisfying, savory Word of God! There is nowhere else where we can find such nourishment, such deep satisfaction other than the pages of God's precious Word. They are worth feasting on! They are not only our soul's nourishment; they are life to our whole body. Unless we literally digest God's Word we are merely reading it as any other book on the shelf. It has got to become something we simply cannot live without. The Holy Spirit within us bears witness directly with the spoken Words of the Father. Therefore, we must allow the Spirit to plunge Scripture deep into the recesses of our soul, filling it so full that we are overflowing with overwhelming joy and sheer delight! A filling that quickens every cell in our body and causes our hearts to beat furiously in anticipation of a Divine encounter! It ought to be our life's calling to know Him, to want nothing more in this life but to be near Him, and to seek Him above all else. We must desire to bear His Name in such a way that we simply cannot have a conversation without telling of His unfailing love and faithfulness to us. When Scripture becomes part of who we are, doing this will become effortless".

Let's let the old adage, "You are what you eat" become true for us according to Your Word, Lord!

Take time to receive and relish time this Lent; make personal and family plans with this season and the use of time in mind. Pray for the grace of a heart that yearns for God's word like this young Mom and let His be the guiding light.

Fr John.

Puttin' on the Ritz – Auction Donation Update

Online donations due Monday, February 13th! Attention all you hep cats! Online

donations are due Monday, February 13th. Remember that all donated items need to be new and total \$125 or more. Your generous donations are what make this event the big daddy-o of them all when it comes to school fundraising. So get your item entered online this weekend.

The sweet life. The grade with the highest donation value entered by February 13th wins an ice cream party.

This year's donations are 18 karat! Take five and check out the feature items this week. Jet off to Cabo San Lucas for a 7 night stay at Villa La Estancia luxury condos in Cabo San Lucas. This 2,000+ square foot condo features 2 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms and a garden view. Get away with the family or spend a week with friends...the suite sleeps 8. Take a sneak peek: <http://www.estanciocabo.com/vle/2b/1208>.

NEW stuff that is sure to blow your top -- 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®istryType=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=3E36S7ZP MQ4WC>). 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.

Reminders: 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.

Thank you. It takes the entire Holy Rosary family to make this platinum-plated gala event a success. You all are the cat's meow!

Catholic Schools Week

Another Catholic Schools Week is in the books and by all accounts it was one of the best at Holy Rosary!! We would like to extend our deep

appreciation to all who hammered out the details for weeks in advance. Your efforts really paid off! Special thank you to the following:

Patrick Barredo for practicing with student readers and leaders for the weekend Masses.

Currie Baker and **Carl Baber** for coordinating the Open House reception.

Carol Ann Joyce and **Lisa Roach** for providing a beautiful PATS breakfast for the staff.

Allyson Schreck for coordinating the Grandparents' Day Luncheon.

Scott, Phuc and **Hoa** for hours of set-up and clean –up.

We are so grateful to all who contributed toward making the week a fun and meaningful experience for our families and special guests.

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 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 12th. Thank you in advance for your participation.

Sincerely,
Michael Cantu,
Principal

HRS Distinguished Alumnus

Last week, Holy Rosary School proudly recognized Denise Davis as our 2012 Distinguished Alumnus. Denise Winch Davis attended Holy Rosary School from 1967 – 1975. After graduating with her 8th grade class, she continued to serve the Holy Rosary community during high school and college as a CCD (Religious Education) teacher. She was also an active member of the “Teen Club” at Holy Rosary Parish and was honored to represent Holy Rosary as the CYO Christmas Ball Princess in 1977. After graduating from Seattle University in 1983, she has held a variety of teaching and substitute teaching positions in Archdiocesan schools but primarily at St. George, Holy Family and Holy Rosary. Denise has been an active member of the Holy Rosary Parish choir since 1976 and assisted with the Children’s Choir from 2003 – 2011. During her 18 years as an “HR- mom,” Denise co-chaired West Fest, founded the HR Moms Group, and helped on the Confirmation Prep Team. She continues to stay active in the parish through her participation on the Marriage Prep Team and in the parish choir. Some of her proudest moments at Holy Rosary were seeing all four of her children graduate from her alma mater.

The Holy Rosary community is truly grateful for all that Denise Davis has contributed to our school and parish. Congratulations to our 2012 Distinguished Alumnus!

2012-2013 School Budget Presentation

Mark your calendars now for the 2012-2013 budget presentation. School Commission will present next year's budget on March 1 at 7:00 in the school hall. We will go over where our revenue comes from, what it gets spent on, and how things are changing for next year. I look forward to seeing you there! Childcare will not be provided. Thank you.

Sherri Chun
School Commission President

2012 HRS Father – Daughter Glow Bowl

This year's Father – Daughter Glow Bowl will be Friday, March 30th. Please complete the attached form and return to the school office no later than Friday March 16th to ensure your spot!

Looking Forward to Lent - St. Martin de Porres

Once again this year Holy Rosary students are looking forward to providing lunches and a special toiletry items to the men at St. Martin de Porres shelter on several Fridays during Lent. We will have our first collection day on Friday, March 2nd. Since lunches can be refrigerated and are often eaten on the same day, perishable items such as sandwiches and fruit are OK. We need Parent Volunteers to drive the lunches and a few students to deliver the lunches each week. If this is something you would like to do, please contact Mary W. or Janise in the main office. Thank you!

Martin de Porres lunch collection dates:

3/2 Lunch/Gloves (Men's)

3/9 Lunch/men's socks

3/16 Lunch/ toiletries (sample size)

3/30 Lunch/toothbrush/toothpaste (sample size)

HRS Track and Field

Hello Parents and families. Spring is in the air. The St. Patrick's Day Dash is on a Saturday the 17th this year! My good friends and owners of the event say," record crowds, lots of Green and the real distance, well...never been told...!" So, join me and other CYO coaches for a good warm up race with your kids before Track Season begins.

Our first practice is Tuesday, April 3rd and this will also be the **ANNUAL BROOKS TRUCK LOAD EVENT**; shoes for kids and adults at slashing great prices. Sale starts after practice at 5:30 ish to 7 PM.

All practices there after will be Tuesday and Thursdays from 4:30 to 6 PM.

Track is for 4th thru 8th graders only. Fee is \$25.00 per athlete.

Our coaches are John Slee, Paul Moseley, Larry Swegle, Geralyn

Bertolotti, and Katie Cunningham. We could always use more for field events too: long jump, turbo jav, shot put, high jump (I'm desperate) and relays...Please don't hesitate let me know if you can help us at practice. All meets are on Saturdays in May, except the 8th grade Pentathlon (8th grade only 5 events) which is Mother's Day! Yes, they are long but there are only 4. It is very similar to High School Track meets or Swim meets. We cheer each others events and learn how to race ourselves with time to visualize and really think about strategy. It is great sport for kids who want a more individual aspect rather than playing on a team. (except relays, of course)

Hope to see lots of kids turn out this year. We pride ourselves in our positive and energetic program where kids love practice as well as the purity of the sport of running.

Concerns or ?? again, please let me know.

Shelley Neal, Head Track and Field Coach, CYO Sports Holy Rosary/West Seattle

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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.

Blessings, Currie baker
Parents' Club President

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.

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. 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. 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

7th & 8th Grade Dance @ Kennedy Catholic Saturday, February 25 7–10 pm

Eleven local Catholic Schools are invited and entry is by special permission slip only that will be passed out in the students' classrooms. The cost is \$10 and \$8 with two cans of food for Northwest Harvest. Water, snacks and glow necklaces will be available for purchase. This dance is a fundraiser for Kennedy students going on a mission and immersion trip to Vietnam in June. Contact Kennedy teacher Ms. Vanderplas at vanderplasc@kennedyhs.org with questions. We promise a fun and safe time!

Community Event – West Seattle Hi-Yu Spring Tea

Mark your calendars for the 6th Annual West Seattle Hi-Yu Spring Tea and Silent Auction which will be held on Sunday, March 18th from 2-4:30 at the Hall at Fauntleroy. Tickets are \$25 a person or bring your friends and fill a table of 10 for \$250. Come and support Holy Rosary alum Kayli Schulz who is the 2012 Miss West Seattle Hi-Yu Queen and Jr. Court Princess Elena Kline who is in 4th grade at Holy Rosary. Buy your tickets now and enjoy great tea, company and delicious food provided by caterers and businesses in our community as well as a fun silent auction to help raise funds for our scholarship program and building the float the represents West Seattle in parades throughout the Puget Sound. For reservations, call 206-388-8778 or Lynaiapulido@gmail.com.

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.

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.

Summer Nanny Needed- 2012:

Summer nanny needed for 11 year old girl three days week, 7:30- 4:30 pm. Need someone with a car every day to transport our daughter to activities in West Seattle area. Child loves to play outside, go to the beach and do art /creative activities at home.

Hours needed: 7:30a- 4:30p three days a week. Please call 206-915-8900 or email to: tennis84@comcast.net.

Feb 9	Parent Club Meeting
Feb 13	Auction Donation Commitment Due Online
Feb 17	Half Day for Magazine Sale Reward
Feb 20	Presidents Day -No School
Feb 21	No School
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