



# SCHOOL NEWS

Holy Rosary School Family Communication Newsletter

February 16, 2012

## **Service Hour Transition Amendment**

### **Preface:**

In an effort to better accommodate Kindergarten families into the service hour cycle, a shift from one reporting cycle to another took place this year. Unintentionally, this presented challenges in maintaining adequate support of volunteer fund-raising efforts. In forecasting the impact of a potential shortage of available volunteers, the auction committee alerted us to what they saw as an impending crisis. We substantiated this through an analysis that included a survey of parents. Further, the school made an appeal, which partially answered the need to fill needed positions but still left serious concerns concerning auction staffing. The financial impact of the auction on the operating budget required careful study of the problem, which the School Commission undertook.

### **Summary of Plan:**

I think what we have is a two year transition rather than a one year transition from the old reporting period to the new. I also think it important that we remind ourselves of what volunteer hours are, and what they mean. The community aspect of this school is one of the aspects that helps make this an outstanding school. Teachers put in an extra effort and go beyond their call of duty and thus set a standard of excellence at Holy Rosary; but we can all clearly see that this is also what the parents do and have done,

all in an effort to better serve Jesus Christ and in doing so better serve the needs of the children here. As I stated above, many parents now and in the past have gone well beyond the requirements. From my experience at four schools, this is especially true of those parents that facilitate successful auctions. Auctions are labor intensive and heavily depend upon parent leaders at the helm of key sub-committees.

Our current parents that are serving on the auction committee in key roles have asked for help in achieving success. Not their success but the success of the auction, which directly impacts our program for the children of Holy Rosary School. They already go beyond the call of duty and I trust that they will continue to do so if we respond in their hour of need. I feel it right and just to respond to their request. I fully accept that there are different reasoned points of view. There are valid concerns in the variety of directions we could take. But there always are in tough decisions.

**If after prayerfully considering their participation in this year's auction, parents that have already clocked their required hours may opt to:**

***Clock up to 15 hours toward next year.***

***Key project leads who put in 50+ hours during the auction after March 1<sup>st</sup> may after prayerful consideration, clock up to 25 hours for next year pending their help in securing replacements should they choose to turn over their positions. This can be worked out through the committee.***

This is a **one-time amendment** that allows us to adjust to the circumstances that we need to address. While I think it will impact us next year, I have concluded that this should be minimal. I trust in this community and in those that have cared enough to go beyond the call, I believe that in seeing that we acknowledge the challenge and have offered up a plan that respects the valid concerns of the auction committee-that we will not go wanting. This has been a school community based upon the trust and good-

will that has always been part of this storied school. I think it is in the best interest of the school that we embrace this decision, and move forward toward a successful auction now and into the future. I want to thank the School Commission members for all their thoughts and input in this process. It has been invaluable in helping us move forward. I would also like to thank the auction committee for their service to our school, for their patience while we worked this out and for speaking up in time for us to consider and plan and finally to set a course for success now and into the future.

Thank you,

Michael Cantu,  
Principal  
Holy Rosary School

### **Academic Corner**

I am going to add this feature to the EFC, I will not post every week, but you will find it as an active column to help give you a better picture of my efforts and the efforts of the teachers and staff in the area of curriculum and instruction- Thank you and I hope you find it helpful, let me know what you think-  
Michael Cantu, Principal

At this week's faculty meeting, Ms. Darcy McLaughlin will be presenting information on the All Kinds of Minds program. She will be encouraging her fellow teachers to continue to explore and develop our academic programs that take into account the latest research on differentiated education. I am looking to re-invigorate the work already begun in this area.

We are currently planning to arrange for additional training for the teachers in their use of the Smart Boards. This training (this spring) will take place here at school and will be in an interactive format. The expectation is to facilitate greater use of the Smart Boards in their lessons.

Quite a number of teachers have taken advantage of training opportunities this year and the school will continue to support them to allow them to attend workshops that enable them to develop their teaching abilities. Mrs. McFaul is our coordinator of the Title II funds that finance the majority of these workshops.

I established working curriculum teams at the beginning of the year. We are now well underway in a variety of ways. This is intended to not only improve teacher collaboration, but instructional improvement, through the use of a structured discussion and outline throughout the year and into next year in the case of Language Arts.

One aspect of my strategy to move the school forward this year is to be very present in the classroom. This I have done and will continue to do. This gives me a chance to not only see, understand and evaluate, but also to commend students and teachers in their learning environment. Obviously, this is a big school with seasoned and valued teachers. Relationship building is linked to instructional improvement, as I serve as a sort of academic coach to both students and teachers. As I get to better understand the teachers and their gifts and talents, I can adopt strategies to help them to better serve the children of Holy Rosary.

I am committed to moving this school forward!

**SAY IT AIN'T SO!**

Our annual St. Patrick's Dinner has been bitten by the snakes this year and is biting the dust but only for this year. The parish calendar was too full when we were trying to plan as well as the calendars of those trying to organize it. We have recently been receiving calls from many who were looking forward to this annual event and I am very sorry to disappoint all for whom this has been one of the social events of the year for family and friends.

We will make it a priority to revive St Patrick next year.

We have also been looking for a new date for the Mardi Gras wine tasting event of last year that generated a following and The Chan family have agreed to sponsor it again this year on Saturday evening June 9 at 6 pm in the Hall. Mark your calendar and plan on a driver at the end of the evening as there will be 100 wines to sample along with food to provide soakage!

If you were going to give time to these events I would gladly ask you to redirect energies to the Heart Auction on April 28; it is one of our biggest fund raisers of the year and will play a huge part this year in helping to provide scholarship money to help keep families in our school.

### **SPRING TRAINING!**

I fell off the exercise wagon before Christmas and I have just restarted the tough climb to get back on. We all know how hard it is to make regular exercise a part of our lives and it is even tougher to recapture the energy to get rid of those pounds that have migrated on to various parts of the body from the dishes they were on when I first saw them! The questions are always the same: Why do I eat this much? Why do I stop exercising? How can I get back on track? How long will it take to get the extra pounds back off the body?

Some people find inspiration at the beginning of the year; others get going as we get into nicer weather and outdoor exercise is more inviting. I find Lent to be the most motivating time for me when I can really get into Catholic Spring Training! I want to be ready for the Catholic World Series!

The Catholic training regime is the opposite to the baseball approach: this begins with Spring Training, then the long season with the World Series at the end of the season. The Catholic approach begins with the Spring Training of Lent, goes right into the highlight of the Liturgical Year --- The Triduum and Easter Sunday and then we begin the long season of the rest of the year reaping the benefits of the first two parts of this exercise.

Ash Wednesday, Feb 22 is the opening day of Spring Training when we give up and take on whatever is needed to get ready for the World Series of the Triduum on April 5, 6, 7 and Easter Sunday on April 8. The longer season of living out the Christian Life begins on Monday April 9 and ends whenever God lets us know that our life at bat is over.

Join us on the roster on Ash Wednesday. If you have fallen off the spiritual wagon --- or never seriously got on it ---- there is great support and encouragement in numbers and joining in with others who are doing the same thing. In the exercise gym I have heard people say you have to do 21 days straight to begin to make exercise a habit on your schedule: in the spiritual gym we say it takes 40 days to establish a spiritual habit.

The prayers of Ash Wed say: "Now is the time"! As with any exercise, physical or spiritual, there is no time like the present.

Come train with us!

Carpe Diem.

Fr John.

## **Puttin' on the Ritz**

**AUCTION UPDATE: LAST CHANCE TO ENTER YOUR ITEMS ONLINE!**

Hey there flappers and fellas, we've now passed the February 13th online donation deadline! For those who already contributed your loot – WE THANK YOU! You're the bee's knees. If you haven't, it's time to boogie woogie!

This is the LAST CHANCE to enter donated items online! Click on our HEART Auction website to enter your online donation today! <http://heart.holyrosaryws.org>. We appreciate all of your fabulous donations.

It takes EVERY SINGLE family to make this event a platinum-plated success.

### NEED A HAND WITH DONATION IDEAS? DON'T FRET!

We have a WISH LIST of items that we are looking to gather. Simply contact [auction-procurement@holysary.org](mailto:auction-procurement@holysary.org) if you're interested in helping out with specific items or if you have additional questions.

### SMOKIN' NEW AUCTION ITEMS THIS WEEK

- A rustic waterfront cabin in Doe Bay on Orcas Island
- A skating birthday party for 15 at White Center's finest Southgate Roller Rink
- A cozy night's stay at The Inn at Vineyard Lane on Bainbridge Island
- A warm, cozy night curled up with your new Kindle Fire

### AUCTION DECORATIONS WORK PARTIES

This year's auction decorations are going to be better than ever. We can't wait to get started painting, building and creating amazing decorations for our upcoming auction. And we need you!

Come join us, we have 3 dates for you to choose from:  
March 10th, March 24th, or March 31st.  
Meet in the school hall  
9am till 3pm (or for as long as you can stay)

Come to one, or come to all three. The more who come, the sooner we'll get done!  
Please contact [auction-operations@holysaryws.org](mailto:auction-operations@holysaryws.org) if you can join in the fun.  
(No creativity necessary!)

### AUCTION DECORATIONS ITEMS NEEDED

Auction Decorating Team is looking for white paint, white primer, black paint or silver spray paint and used or new roller paint brushes. If you have any of these items cluttering your garage, we are happy to take it off your hands. You can bring them to the office with auction decorations tag on them. Please contact [auction-operations@holysaryws.org](mailto:auction-operations@holysaryws.org) with any questions. Thank you!

Attention Student Musicians! The upcoming Art Show, March 13, would love to include some student musicians to perform while guests are viewing the visual art on display. Instrumentals (no vocals) would be

best. A piano will be available. Auditions will be arranged on an individual basis. If your child is interested in being part of this special addition to the show, or if you have any questions, please contact Ms. Mudge asap at [jmudge@holyrosaryws.org](mailto:jmudge@holyrosaryws.org) Thank you!

**1B Prayer Service Video Streaming** - Can't make it to Mrs. Blanco's prayer service this Friday? Watch it live online at: <http://www.ustream.tv/channel/holy-rosary-west-seattle> Prayer services are streamed live every Friday. They are also saved in order to be viewed later at the same address.

**Technology Update (A Message from Mr. Barker)** - Thank you all for your feedback on the technology section of the Parent Survey. In the next few weeks I will be addressing your comments and suggestions on my webpage at <http://gator.holyrosaryws.org/tech> and also in the eFC. There was considerable mention of PowerSchool and/or website updates. Holy Rosary has a two-week PowerSchool posting policy. Assignment grades should be posted to PowerSchool no later than two weeks after an assignment or test is turned in. Classroom websites should be updated weekly (by Monday afternoon) and in some cases of homework, daily. Please contact me if there are technical issues with PowerSchool or webpage. Thank you.

### **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)

## **CYO Corner**

Greeting Parents,

I know basketball hasn't ended and volleyball hasn't even started but baseball season will be upon us before we know it. The deadline to register teams is February 17th so I need to know if there is any interest from the 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th grade boys to field teams and if there is any interest from parents to coach. CYO only offers two divisions for baseball. There is a 5th/6th grade division and a 7th/8th grade division. A team can be all one grade if the number of players registered can support it.

Since the boys play on one or more other baseball teams, interest in CYO baseball varies from year to year so before I open up the registration web site I'd like to hear back from the parents and find out if your son is interested. No need to respond if your son is not interested. If I get enough positive responses by Thursday of next week, I'll open up the registration site.

Holy Rosary has CYO Baseball Jerseys and hats that we will issue for the season. We will NOT be buying new uniform like we have for the other sports. Your son will need their own baseball pants but I'm sure you already have plenty of baseball pants in your son's closet.

If we do have interest to field some teams, we will need coaches so if you are interested in coaching, please let me know that too.

The 2012 baseball registration fee is \$70.00

Here are some dates to remember:

February 17th - Registration Deadline

February 28th - Coaches Meeting

March 11th - Games begin

There is plenty of information about the CYO baseball on the CYO website at

<http://seattleooyam.org/programs/cyo-athletics/sports/baseball>

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

Albert Rangel

### **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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**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.

## **Community Postings**

**Wanted:** Good Home for Mature spayed 9-year-old male cat. Owner passed away and the cat is used to being in a single cat household. Interested? Call Vil Slee at (206) 935-1097.

### **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](mailto: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 that represents West Seattle in parades throughout the Puget Sound. For reservations, call 206-388-8778 or [Lynaiapulido@gmail.com](mailto: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](http://www.am-hs.org).

**West Seattle Girls Softball Sign ups**

Register online at [www.westseattlegirlssoftball.com](http://www.westseattlegirlssoftball.com)

**H.Y.P.E. Basketball – Spring AAU League Tryouts**

2nd and 3rd Grade – Mon 2/27 & Wed 2/29 5:30 – 7:00pm

4TH, 5TH, and 6th - Grade – Tues 2/28 and Thurs 3/1 5:30 – 7:00pm

7th and 8th Grade -Tues 2/28 and Thurs 3/1 7:00 – 8:30pm

**Salvation Army CC**

**9020 16<sup>th</sup> Ave SW**

**Seattle WA 98106**

**(206) 767-3150 ext 108**

**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.

<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>
<b>Feb 22</b>	<b>Ash Wednesday Mass – 8:45</b>
<b>Mar 9</b>	<b>End of Second Trimester</b>
<b>Mar 13</b>	<b>Art Fair</b>
<b>Mar 15 &amp;16</b>	<b>Magical Land of Oz Play</b>
<b>March 16</b>	<b>St Patrick's Day Mass</b>