



SCHOOL NEWS

Holy Rosary School Family Communication Newsletter

March 8, 2012

Dear Families,

My family attended the annual Mardi Gras event at our home parish on 'Fat Tuesday', a couple of weeks back. The Knights of Columbus provided homemade pizza, we had a wonderful presentation on Blessed Mother Teresa followed by a prayer service in the Church. The DRE gave the presentation on Mother Teresa (see the picture of my daughter with a Mother Teresa doll) and she read one of my favorite prayers. I want to share that with you today, it is called Do it Anyway.

Sincerely,

Michael Cantu,
Principal

Law of the Garbage Truck

One day I hopped in a taxi and we took off for the airport.

We were driving in the right lane when suddenly a black car jumped out of a parking space right in front of us.

My taxi driver slammed on his brakes, skidded, and missed the other car by just inches! The driver of the other car whipped his head around and started yelling at us.

My taxi driver just smiled and waved at the guy. And I mean, he was really friendly. So I asked, "Why did you just do that? This guy almost ruined your car and sent us to the hospital!" This is when my taxi driver taught me what I now call, "The Law of the Garbage Truck."

He explained that many people are like garbage trucks.

They run around full of garbage, full of frustration, full of anger, and full of disappointment.

As their garbage piles up, they need a place to dump it and sometimes they'll dump it on you. Don't take it personally.

Just smile, wave, wish them well, and move on.

Don't take their garbage and spread it to other people at work, at home, or on the streets.

The bottom line is that successful people do not let garbage trucks take over their day.

Life's too short to wake up in the morning with regrets, so..... "Love the people who treat you right. Pray for the ones who don't."

Life is ten percent what you make it and ninety percent how you take it!

This is an email I received recently and as I am digesting it for myself I thought I would share it with you. Lent is a good time to ponder messages like these.

Fr John.

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. Since lunches can be refrigerated and are often eaten on the same day, perishable items such as sandwiches and fruit are OK.

Martin de Porres lunch collection dates:

3/9 Lunch/men's socks

3/16 Lunch/ toiletries (sample size)

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

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@holynosaryws.org Thank you!

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.

PUTTIN' ON THE RITZ: AUCTION NEWS

Donation Update: Curbside Turn-in TOMORROW -- Friday, 3/9

Curbside Turn-in. Have you been holding onto your auction loot? Well, we've got a ring-a-ding-ding deal for you! Here's the low down -- Friday morning is Curbside Turn-in Day.

For families with auction items to hand over, keep an eye out for the dames and dolls collecting auction items between 8-8:30am Fridays, March 9th and March 16th. To make things easy as pie, they'll be waiting curbside in front of the school and in the back alley during morning drop off.

ALL ITEMS ARE DUE TO SCHOOL BY FRIDAY, MARCH 30.

Thanks a million for all of your donations. Every family's participation will make this year's HEART Auction a platinum-plated success!

Auction Decorations Work Parties

Believe me, pal! This year's auction decorations are going to be the bees knees. We need your help to start painting, building and creating the amazing decorations that will transform the school into a platinum-plated gala event – Roaring 20's style! And we need your help. Creativity is optional, but no killjoys allowed! We have 3 dates 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 more fun it will be and the sooner we'll get done!

Go to the HEART website to volunteer.

Please contact auction-operations@holyroaryws.org with any questions.

Auction Decorations Items Needed

The Auction Decorating Team is looking high and low for:

- **white paint**
- **white primer**
- **black paint**
- **silver spray paint**
- **used or new roller paint brushes**
- **30 poker chips**

If you have any of these items cluttering your garage next to your new Model A Ford, we are happy to take them off your hands. You can bring them to the office with auction decorations tag on them. Please contact auction-operations@holyroaryws.org with any questions. Thank you!

This Week's HOT Donations – Hideaway/Getaway

Hey, big spenders! Take a look at just a few of the swanky Grab-A-Getaways that are part of this year's Live Auction.

- Escape to the scenic mountain retreat at Sun Mt. Lodge
- Soak in the spectacular water views at the Inn at Port Ludlow
- Live in the lap of Seattle luxury at the Fairmont Olympic Hotel
- Enjoy the urban boutique hotel experience Hotel Andra
- Bask in the Golden Era of Hollywood during your stay at the Hotel DeLuxe in Portland

Sponsors of the Week!

The foundation of Holy Rosary School is built on the support of our entire community and once again your commitment is what will make this year's event Jump, Jive an' Wail!

There are only 7 weeks remaining until we step back in time to the Jazz Age for this year's Puttin' on the Ritz gala celebration. In these remaining weeks, we'd like to extend a big "Thanks Pal!" to all of our Auction Sponsors who have generously contributed to the 33rd Annual HEART Auction. Visit the Sponsors page on [the](#)

[HEART website.](#)

This week we have two Sponsors of the Week who are simply the cat's meow. Please help us recognize these West Seattle business owners and Holy Rosary parishioners -- Chris Dormaier of [Sound Yoga](#) and Tim Law of [Law & Law](#) . Thank you Chris and Tim for your contributions of time, talents, and sponsorship of Puttin' On the Ritz!

Lego Robotics Coming to Holy Rosary!

FOR STUDENTS IN K-7th GRADE!

Do you love Legos? Are you interested in computers and technology? Are you a fan of Robot Wars? Holy Rosary is starting a First Lego League team and we want you to join us!

Before setting our teams up for next year we need to learn how many students might want to participate. If you think you might be interested, take a look at what you'll need to commit to and then talk to your parents. If they approve, ask them to send an email to lego-robotics@holyrosws.org by Friday, March 23rd.

- **The Program runs from September through November**
- **Attend Lego Robotics meetings after school twice a week for 1 to 2 hours**
- **Actively participate with the team and have FUN!**

For more detailed information on the FLL program for K-3 students (Junior FLL), [click here](#). For FLL information for Gr. 4-8 students, [go to this section](#).

Be sure to also check out some of Lego League videos.

FOR PARENTS OF CHILDREN IN K-7th GRADE!

Holy Rosary is looking to start our First Lego League team in September and we are actively searching for Coaches and Mentors! First Lego League is a great opportunity to get kids excited about Science, Technology and Engineering. The program allows kids to use their creativity to solve a real world problem while gaining skills in team building and technology.

Coaches. What's required to be a Coach? NO special expertise is needed, just patience, dedication and a willingness to learn alongside the team. Coaches facilitate the process the team follows without providing the solution yourself. You provide guidance, structure, encouragement and a fun experience. Teams consist of up to 10 kids and typically meet twice a week for 1-2 hours Sept.-Nov. to design their robot for the competitions in December. Coaches are provided with a detailed handbook and various online workshop options.

Mentors. How about contributing as a Mentor? Mentors work with the team in their area of expertise for at least one meeting. Mentors provide valuable one on one interaction and serve as resources in their specialties. In addition to having the needed expertise the most important quality for a Mentor is someone who enjoys working with young people and wants them to learn. Possible Mentor contributors include:

- Engineers
- Science Professionals
- Graphic Artists
- Carpenters
- Programmers
- Marketing Experts

The competitions start in the first week of December. Here are a few more important dates:

Early May Registration opens for FLL (First Lego League for grades 4-8).

Early August Registration opens for Jr.FLL (grades K-3).

Mid to Late Sept. Registration closes.

It is recommended to register early as slots fill up quickly.

Early September Challenge is released.

First week of Dec. Project completion.

Dec.-early Jan. Competitions

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If you're interested in coaching a team, being a mentor or have any questions, please email lego-robotics@holynosaryws.org . Please respond no later than Friday, March 23rd so we can determine if we can start the league and how many teams we can accommodate!

Don't miss out! Teams are forming soon!

This program cannot happen without your help!

3B Prayer Service - Tomorrow's prayer service presented by 3B will be streamed live beginning about 8:30 at Holy Rosary's UStream channel at: <http://www.ustream.tv/channel/holy-rosary-west-seattle>. Miss the live stream? Watch it later at the same channel.

Technology Update - Mr. Barker has posted a commentary on keyboarding

in the lab and PowerSchool access and limitations for grades K-8. View at: <http://gator.holyrosaryws.org/tech>

2012-2013 Budget Presentation

For those who missed last week's budget presentation, the summary slides are presented here. Thank you.

Sherri Chun

REGISTRATION FOR 2012-2013.

Registration for next year's school year will begin soon. Please remember that in order to receive registration papers; you must be current with all tuition, tithing, band and other parent commitment obligations. Also, if you are a member of the parish you must have a "2012 Parish Stewardship....time, talent, treasure" card completed and on file at the parish office. These cards are available in the school or parish office. Questions, please call Thea De Francesco at the rectory office at 937-1488, ex. 211.

Centennial Celebration

Interested in helping us celebrate 100 years of excellence in education at Holy Rosary School? Please join me Sunday, March 11th for the first organizational meeting in the School Hall directly after the 9:30am Mass. If you can't make it, not to worry, additional days and times will be coming soon. Or contact me at centennial@holyrosaryws.org. Alumni, parents and friends of HRS are equally welcome. Karen Kuhar

Be an Ambassador Family

If you would like to be an ambassador family for our new incoming families for the 2012-2013 school year, please sign up online here. Thank you to the families who have already volunteered! We still need many more! If you have any questions,

please contact Kamila Kennedy. You can find more information regarding Holy Rosary Ambassador Families through this link. Thank you.

Parents' Club Corner

We currently have an opening for Vice President for Parents' Club for the 2012/13 School Year. As Parent's Club Vice President you will serve on the Parents' Club Board, School Commission and have the opportunity to participate in other important committees such as Development.

This is a great chance to get more involved and help be a part of what makes Holy Rosary such a great and strong community.

For more information please contact Currie Baker at curriebaker@yahoo.com

Next Parent's Club meeting will be tonight, March 8th at 6:30pm and we are trying something different.

The first half hour of the meeting will be general Parents' Club business and then from 7:00 to 8:00 Kim Estes will be back to discuss "Tween Safety."

You must pre-register for Kim's portion of the meeting aimed at ages 10 - 14. The link to register online: <http://holyrosarytwins.eventbrite.com/> The discount code is "Holyrosarytween" and that takes \$20.00 off the ticket price. "enter promotional code" is located just above the green "order now" button.

Blessings, Currie Baker
Parents' Club 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!

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 Bertelotti, 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

Community Service

DeAnna Fredrickson, an 8th grade student, is helping out the Pediatric Interim Care Center in Kent Washington by collecting donated items. There will be donation bins around the school for your kids to drop off supplies that you would like to donate. Here are some of the items they need:

White or pastel cotton or terry sleepers w/ snap front. Size: preemie, small, medium
Extreme Need!

Latex Examination Gloves (powdered / non-powdered) Medium size Extreme Need!

White or pastel Gerber 30" x 40" Cotton Thermal Receiving Blankets

Johnson's Baby Shampoo or Baby Powder with cornstarch

If you want to know more about the Center, please visit their website at <http://picc.net>.

Community Postings

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.

Mar 9	End of Second Trimester
Mar 13	Art Fair
Mar 15 & 16	Magical Land of Oz Play
March 16	St Patrick's Day Mass
Mar 22	Report Cards go home
Mar 23	Deanery In-Service meeting – NO School
Mar 30	Auction Donation due to school
Mar 30	Father Daughter Glow Bowl