



# SCHOOL NEWS

Holy Rosary School Family Communication Newsletter

March 15, 2012

## Academic Corner

Dear Families,

As we approach spring and planning for next year is underway, I thought it might be helpful for you if I outlined what my goals and objectives have been and what I think we will need to continue to focus on moving forward. In part, this addresses some comments that were made in the parent survey and I want to thank those that participated in the survey as it will help me better address your concerns and or recognize areas you, the parents, feel are areas of strength.

Let me start from the beginning:

First and foremost, I invested a good amount of time and effort at getting to know and understand this school. The focus here: teachers and staff, the students, the parents and the parish community. This is ongoing and I think you will agree, it will take time to see the full fruits of this. Clearly, I see that the school will benefit from a sustained commitment at the helm. I have made that commitment.

My passions in school administration are varied, but right at the top of my list, is curriculum development and instructional improvement. Holy Rosary School is blessed with a stable, professional and highly gifted faculty. They are open to growth and have demonstrated this in the past. I recognize this, but I also see areas for improvement and the good news is that there is a willingness to embrace this here on the faculty. My first step in this effort dates back to September when I established curriculum teams based upon my own reflected study and the reports from the accreditation study. This format will continue because it works well with highly experienced faculty. The fruit from their work will translate into better teaching because they,

the faculty will play a central role in shaping outcomes stemming from professional conversations. I will prompt, coach and summarize with them as we move forward.

Among the curriculum teams is a group working on test data and test assessment. Another group is working on best practices and the work of researcher, Robert Marzano. Our whole faculty is working on our Language Arts curriculum and the intervention programs we have in place. I want to probe those to analyze effectiveness. As you may remember from a few weeks back, we have a Math team. We have a Science team, a Schoolwide Learning Expectations team and finally, a Catholic Identity team. All Kinds of Minds is a separate effort, but we are arranging enrichment training for the faculty. A few weeks back, Ms. McLaughlin, Mr. Mohrbacher, Mrs. Heuer, Mrs. Harris and Mr. Barker led a faculty discussion on the AKOM program. We contacted St. Joseph School, who has also worked extensively with this program, to engage them and listen to their insights (a cross fertilization effort is what I call this sort of thing). AKOM is derived from earlier work done by Harvard University developmental psychologist, Howard Gardiner. I want to look into other research work currently being done along these lines to perhaps supplement what we are doing. This will be ongoing.

Part of what we will be doing on March 23rd will be working in our groups. During another part of our meeting, we will be looking at your input on the parent surveys to gain additional perspectives in these areas of the curriculum.

Thank you,  
Michael Cantu,  
Principal

## **A Word From Fr. John**

**"When Your Hut's On Fire"** The only survivor of a shipwreck was washed up on a small uninhabited island. He prayed feverishly for God to rescue him. Every day he scanned the horizon for help, but none seemed forthcoming. Exhausted, he eventually managed to build a little hut out of driftwood to protect himself from the elements, and to store his few possessions. One day, after scavenging for food, he arrived home to find his little hut in flames, with smoke rolling up to the sky. He felt the worst had happened, and everything was lost. He was stunned with disbelief, grief, and anger. He cried out, 'God! How could you do this to

me?' Early the next day, he was awakened by the sound of a ship approaching the island! It had come to rescue him! 'How did you know I was here?' asked the weary man of his rescuers. 'We saw your smoke signal,' they replied. The Moral of This Story: It's easy to get discouraged when things are going bad, but we shouldn't lose heart, because God is at work in our lives, even in the midst of our pain and suffering. Remember that the next time your little hut seems to be burning to the ground... it just may be a smoke signal that summons the Grace of God. P.S. You may want to consider passing this on, because you never know who feels as if their hut is on fire today.

### **Quotes From Fr. John**

"In Ireland the inevitable never happens and the unexpected constantly occurs".

Sir John Mahaffy.

"I'm troubled, I'm dissatisfied, I'm Irish".

Marianne Moore.

### **Parish Reconciliation Day March 31:**

Catholic Church practice from earliest times has been to confess to a priest at least once a year but more often if there is serious sin so that it does not get a hold on us. The Sacrament is available every Saturday from 3:30 – 4:30 pm in church in a confessional that allows for anonymity on one side and open to the priest on the other side – as posted on the doors.

On March 31 Reconciliation will be available from 10:00---11:30 am with several priests available to choose from.

3:30 – 4:30 Regular Confession time.

At 8 pm there will be a live dramatized Stations of the Cross followed General Reconciliation with no priests available.

Take time to experience the wonderful experience of the forgiveness of God in this way if you have not done this for some or many years.

Holy Week Triduum Celebration and Easter Sunday.

Thursday April 5 --- Sunday April 8. Join us to celebrate the highlight events of our Liturgical year.

Parish All Hands Gathering.

Wednesday April 18 in the Gym. 6 pm Food and Beverage: 6.30 --- 9 pm The Life and Ministry of Holy Rosary.

## **St. Martin de Porres Lunches**

**St. Martin de Porres lunch collection dates:**

3/16 Lunch/ toiletries (sample size)

3/30 Lunch/toothbrush/toothpaste (sample size: please keep items separate from lunches)

## **DONATION UPDATE**

**Last Chance! Our final curbside drop-off service is tomorrow -- Friday, 3/16.** Got auction loot cluttering up the joint? Well, we've got an offer you can't refuse! Look for the dames and dolls in the feather boas from 8-8:30 am at the front curb or back alley. They'll be happy to take that loot off your hands. REMINDER: All donated items are due to the school by Friday, March 30.

A big THANK YOU from the auction donation team. We appreciate everyone's contributions to make this year's HEART Auction a platinum-plated success.

## **ONLINE PARTY PRESALE – Ain't That the Bees Knees!**

Starting next week, we're offering all of you fine fellas and fabulous flappers the chance to go online for presale sign-ups for all of the swell Auction Parties. Look for the following parties next week when the ticket sales open on the HEART website.

- **For kids:** Bingo Bash (grades K-5), Bingo Blast Plus (Grades 6-8th), Dance Party (grades K-8th)
- **For Parents:** 2nd Grade Mexican Fiesta, 4th Grade Fish Fry, 6th Grade Wine Tasting, 8thGrade Boat Trip

## **AUCTION ACTION!**

Pssst...big fella...Are you lookin' to get in on the Auction Action? Check out

these Auction Night jobs and then head on over to the online shift sign up (Volunteer Link).

- **One Bid Board** – Oversee the one-bid board and make sure people understand how to play. 3 hrs.

**Live Auction Prize Distributor**- this job works with the MC and spotter to award each live auction winner with a special acknowledgement. Great job for a personable female. 3 hours

- **Barrel House Wine Toss Game** – Organize the players, bag and replenish the winning wine bottles. 2 spots open, great for a couple or 2 friends. 3 hrs.
- **Raffle Tickets** – Roam the silent auction, be social, sell, sell, sell the raffle tickets. 3 hrs.
- **Table Closing**- This job is to watch over the silent auction tables and help ensure all items are getting bid on. When the table closes, secure the bid sheets and return them to the office for billing. This job is great for a group of friends or couples. 3 hrs.
- **Silent Auction Runner**: This job is assisting the BIG CHEESE and auction co-leader during silent auction on various jobs. 3-4 hrs.
- **Bouncer**: “Hey, pal. What’s the password?” This job is to greet guests at check in, but here’s the catch -- you must be comfortable playing a character. This is best suited for a larger man who means business. 2 ½ hrs.
- **Spotter** – This LIVE AUCTION job is great for someone who wants to be in middle of all the action. Entails working with the MC team to help point out potential bidders during the live event. 3 ½ hrs.

## **Sponsor of the Week:**

This week Christine Tweedy of Westside Children’s Dentistry and Sandy Brown of Windermere Real Estate are the Puttin’ on the Ritz Sponsors of the Week (link to sponsor page)! As business owners, parishioners and parents of Holy Rosary School students they are part of your Holy Rosary family. Thank you Westside Children’s Dentistry and Sandy Brown Windermere Real Estate for your continued support and generosity!

## **A Special Grandpa**

There was a wonderful grandfather when I was principal in California who really made a positive impact on the life of his grandchild but also on the lives of all of us at that school. I see we have a grandfather cut of the same cloth here at Holy Rosary School. His name is Dave Bauman and he is the grandfather of the Dahleen triplets. He is here everyday rain or shine helping with yard duty, checking equipment and even did a stint as crossing guard for a couple of weeks this year. Thank you Dave, on behalf of all of us.

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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.

**Reminder: THREE MORE WEEKS 'TILL TRACK STARTS and the ST. Patrick's Day Dash is on Saturday the 17th!**

Also the 3rd ANNUAL BROOKS TRUCK LOAD SALE after our practice is APRIL 3rd at 5:30. Open to any Holy Rosary Families. Don't miss this opportunity to stock up with running gear!

Prices are much lower than retail. For example, if a shoe is priced \$50.00, it is probably \$110.00 retail. There will be many sizes and styles in the under \$50.00 range.

Tell your friends.

Practice starts at 4:30 and ends at 5:30 for the first day.

All practices there after are: Tuesdays and Thursdays 4:30-6:00 PM at Hiawatha.

Running shoes expected and proper comfortable running attire. No school uniforms.

No cell phones used during practice. Phones stay in back packs until after practice

Light carbo snack ((toast and peanut butter or bagel) after school and drink before workout. No junk food or McDonalds please. It will effect how kids run.

Please, unless you can make most of the meets do not plan for your child to be on the roster. The head count is what places us either **AAA** or **AA**. For example, if 100 kids show up to practice, we are put into **AAA** with schools of similar size. Now if only 50 kids show up at the actual meets, we still have to compete with the larger schools putting us at a great disadvantage. This has happened so often in the past and it is very frustrating.

Now on a positive note, track is a non-cut sport in High School. There is something for everyone. Most of us have had years of experience coaching. We have so much fun coaching your kids. We we are positive energetic people ourselves and absolutely love this sport. Sign up on line now! via the Holy Rosary CYO link.

There are 4 meets plus a pentathlon on Mother's Day for 8th graders only.

**May 5th 10 AM or 2 PM Prelims**

**May 12th 10 AM or 2 PM Qualifiers**

**May 13th 8th grade pentathlon**

**May 19th Championships 12 PM or 10 AM for non qualifiers**

**June 2nd Team Championships 10 AM for AAA or 2 PM for AA**

**End of the Year Awards Party-Picnic Monday June 4th 5 PM Lincoln Park**

**See you on the 3rd**

**Head Coach, Shelley Neal 206-941-1399**

<http://holynosary.bonzidev.com/home.php>

## **FOR STUDENTS IN K-7th GRADE!**

Do you enjoy Legos? How about Robots? How would you like to be part of Holy Rosary's very FIRST Lego Robotics Team next year!? If you are interested, send an email with your name, grade (in the Fall) and any questions to: [lego-robotics@holynosaryws.org](mailto:lego-robotics@holynosaryws.org). Please respond by Friday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>. Don't miss out! Teams will be forming soon! For further information, [CLICK HERE](#) .

## **FOR PARENTS OF CHILDREN IN K-7th GRADE!**

Does your child enjoy Legos? How about Robots? Do you enjoy coaching or being a mentor? How would you like to help with Holy Rosary's very FIRST Lego Robotics Team next year!? If you are interested, please send an email with your name, the age and/or grade you'd be interested in working with, whether you'd be interested in coaching or mentoring and any questions to: [lego-robotics@holynosaryws.org](mailto:lego-robotics@holynosaryws.org). Please respond by Friday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>. Don't miss out! Teams need to be forming soon! We can't do it without your help! For more detailed information, [CLICK HERE](#).

## **Friday, March 16th is deadline for Father-Daughter Glow Bowl!!**

Please turn in your forms with payment to the office.  
We are looking for a few helping hands to join us in this fun event.

Please contact Eva Newman @ (206) 935-6390 or Laurel Zimmer (206) 937-1388

**Technology Update** - Mr. Barker has posted a commentary on keyboarding in the lab and PowerSchool access and limitations for grades K-8. 6<sup>th</sup> grade video projects have also been posted. View at: <http://gator.holynosaryws.org/tech>



**Spring Study Hall!** - Sign ups for Spring Study Hall are ready. Register here: <http://hrstudyhallspring.eventbrite.com/>

## **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.

## **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.

## **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!

## **CHILDREN'S CHOIR PREPARING TO SING JOYFUL ALLELUIA'S FOR EASTER!**

The Children's Choir is preparing a chorus of Alleluia's for Easter! The choir is calling all singers in grades 3-5 to sing at the 9:30 mass on

Easter Sunday, April 8. The choir is open to all parish boys and girls, whether attending Holy Rosary or local schools such as Alki, Lafayette, Schmitz Park or others.

Now is a great time to sing with the Children's Choir! Singers learn how to produce a good vocal sound, how to sing as part of a group and how to harmonize, cantor and sing solo's. By singing on Easter, they'll also learn to see the 'big picture' of our faith and how we all gather together to celebrate Jesus' resurrection on Easter Sunday!

Practices are Tuesdays from 3:15-4pm in the chapel. Cantors and soloists practice from 4-4:30. Allowances can be made for schools that have a later dismissal time. Contact Paul Dolejsi, Children's Choir Director at 935-8353 or [pdolejsi@holyrosaryseattle.org](mailto:pdolejsi@holyrosaryseattle.org). Online info and registration form available at <http://www.holyrosaryws.org/childrenschoir.html>.

## **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](mailto:Lynaiapulido@gmail.com).

<b>Mar 15 &amp;16</b>	<b>Magical Land of Oz Play</b>
<b>March 16</b>	<b>St Patrick's Day Mass</b>
<b>Mar 22</b>	<b>Report Cards go home</b>
<b>Mar 23</b>	<b>Deanery In-Service meeting – NO School</b>
<b>Mar 30</b>	<b>All Auction Donations due to School</b>
<b>Mar 30</b>	<b>Father Daughter Glow Bowl</b>
<b>April 4</b>	<b>Lenten Prayer Service</b>
<b>April 6</b>	<b>Good Friday – 12:00 Dismissal</b>
<b>April 9 -13</b>	<b>Easter Break –No School</b>