



SCHOOL NEWS

Holy Rosary School Family Communication Newsletter

March 22, 2012

Dear Families,

In today's newsletter, I wanted to focus on the Art and Music curriculum at our school. I spoke with Mrs. Wong (Boys) and Ms. Mudge and I would like to share their responses. Next week, I will interview Ms. McLaughlin and how she prepares the students for the annual plays. I remain strongly committed to the Arts in the curriculum and it is great to share the thoughts of these valued teachers.

Sincerely,

Michael Cantu,
Principal

Academic Corner: The Arts at Holy Rosary

Mrs. Wong, you were recently married and you hosted the Art Show. How did you balance all of this?

It has been a busy year and the excitement of my recent wedding was great, but to top everything off with another successful Art Show was icing on the cake! I married my high school sweet heart on the eighteenth of February. We both went to Eastside Catholic High School and reunited after going to different colleges. I am now Mrs. Wong and it is very cute to hear the kids call me by my new name. To balance all of these different events I had great help from Gretchen Stephens,

grandmother of Kaleigh and Corey Hinthorn, as well as many other great parent helpers and my parents and husband Mike. I also learned so much from the show last year that I knew I needed to get organized and started early.

Where did you study Art and when did you know you wanted to be an Art Teacher?

My passion in art really blossomed in high school. Glenda Stallcop, my high school ceramics teacher, believed in my abilities and encouraged me to continue art as a career. Her belief in me led me down this path. I studied Art at Santa Clara University in Northern California. My professors were incredibly inspirational and the art community there is very close knit. I was encouraged to study abroad and decided upon Florence, Italy. In Italy I was blessed taking a course in Fresco Restoration and studied under Lorenzo Casamenti who helped restore the Last Supper. I also took Digital Photography and Sculpture classes that really expanded my knowledge of three dimensional arts as well as Art History. After returning from Italy I specialized in metal sculpture and ceramics. When I graduated from Santa Clara I returned to Seattle to obtain a Masters in Teaching at Seattle Pacific University.

What value do you see in Art Education?

Children that are educated in the Arts have a huge advantage over children who are deprived of these crucial skills. Involvement in the arts is associated with gains in math, reading, cognitive ability, critical thinking, and verbal skills. Arts Education also improves motivation, concentration, confidence, and teamwork. In my class there are so many life lessons learned, especially in working with others towards a common goal. Since students sit at table groups they are constantly working together and sharing materials that teach great cooperation and communication. Students are also challenged to really become creative in ways they might not have thought possible.

What is your vision for Art Instruction at Holy Rosary? What are our areas of strength and what do you think we need to enhance?

My vision for our future is to expand the program to cover more mediums and technology that caters to graphic arts, digital

photography as well as a full Art History course offered to the upper school students. Holy Rosary's strengths are our students. We have incredible talent as well as motivation and eagerness to learn. The biggest hurdle is the lack of technology and use of a Smart board access to project images, conduct interactive activities and present demonstrations that could really take lessons to the next level.

Ms. Mudge, you have served here for many years. When did you start and how did you develop your passion for Music?

Holy Rosary School has blessed me with the privilege of teaching music for over 13 years now. It's something I have appreciated from the beginning and continue to recognize as a worthwhile opportunity in exposing children to a variety of musical experiences. My family was very musical and encouraged me in developing the use of my singing voice, learning to play various musical instruments, and utilize other musical talents such as dance and acting in musical theater.

You recently began graduate studies in Music. Tell us about the program you are in and how you see this benefiting your teaching and ultimately, the students here.

Last August I entered Lesley University's Master of Education in Curriculum and Instruction: Integrated Teaching Through the Arts program. I have enjoyed completing the first three courses of this cohort format and happy to report that I am almost one-third the way through! This program enhances the individual creativity of teachers and serves as advanced training for educators to integrate the arts into the school curriculum. I truly appreciate this program as it allows me to gain skills that transfer directly to the music classroom. Through experiential learning in the arts, my teaching skills are strengthened and I'm becoming a more imaginative, reflective, and creative teacher. Each course addresses innovative strategies for differentiated learning, critical literacy, the application of state and national standards, assessment, and the application of technology and multimedia.

Many schools have eliminated the Arts from the school curriculum, why do you see this as shortsighted? How can we further develop our Music program here?

It is difficult to hear of schools that have cut their Arts programs for the sake of budget. We are so very fortunate to afford a variety of specialist classes here at Holy Rosary. Research supports that the arts provide a powerful means to improving general education and Holy Rosary is no exception to this as seen in our testing scores and graduate placement. The arts invite students to be active participants in their world rather than mere observers, drawing the student into stretching their imaginative thought processes, teaching self-discipline, communication, and craftsmanship. Inevitably, the arts convey a sense of time and place that transports students, helping them go beyond mere facts to experience the past in a more personal way. To have a classroom specifically designated for music and equipped with a Smart Board is true blessing. Grant monies from our school families have graciously funded most all of our musical instruments and resources. We can maintain an interest in conveying the value of the arts to our children and the importance and benefits that our specialist classes provide. Continued support from the parent community, administration, and faculty is valued and much appreciated, and witnesses our joint commitment to the arts.

I understand that we will be once again have a Advent Music program. Have you already started planning for this? How busy do you get around the Christmas season?

Planning for next year's program typically starts with a review of the previous years program soon after its completion. Advent is a meaningful time in our liturgical calendar and choosing appropriate repertoire is an enjoyable process. In past years each grade has performed an Advent-themed and a "fun" seasonal song, as well as a grand finale number. In years past, we have coordinated with the school band and performed a musical selection together. With the pre-Christmas rush upon everyone including Holy Rosary School, the load is lightened a bit with the annual holiday program helping to get people in the "Christmas spirit". There is nothing that is more rewarding in my job than watching the kids use their talents. I'm so grateful to have a part in making this come about for our community!

St. Martin de Porres Lunches – Thank you to all who have contributed to this service project these last several weeks. We would like to especially thank our drivers: Erika Baier and Maura McCann.

Our final collection is next Friday- March 30

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

Important ITBS update: The ITBS standardized test will be administered from April 17 - April 30. It is especially important that students arrive to school well-rested and on time during that 2 week testing window. Please make every effort to avoid morning appointments during those last two weeks in April if at all possible. Thank you.

Last Chance For Father/Daughter Glow Bowl!!!

The event is next Friday, March 30 from 5-8 pm.

Please turn in your form and payment to the office by Thursday, March 22nd. Extra forms can be found in the office.

We are looking for a few helping hands for this fun event!

Thanks-

BASE Parents Please look for field trip forms for Friday, March 23rd next to sign out sheet. If you have taken a field trip form, return the form and payment before Friday. If you have not done so at this point be prepared to sign and pay by Thursday, March 22nd. No drop-ins the day of field trip. Thank you Donna

HOT SOCK! AUCTION TICKETS ON SALE TODAY!

Auction invitations were sent home with your Holy Rosary student. Check those backpacks, you won't want to miss this gala event of the season.

Ticket sales are available through the HEART Auction website, just click on "tickets" (TICKETS LINK) to make your purchase today! Remember, reservations are made on a first come first serve basis. Your reservation specialists can assist you with questions at: auction-reservations@holyroaryws.org.

AUCTION PARTY PRESALE:

The PARTY PRESALE has begun! Get a wiggle to the HEART Auction website (TICKETS LINK) to sign-up for this year's fabulous Auction Parties.

- 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, 8th Grade Boat Trip.
- ...And much, much more! Go to ticket sales page of the HEART Auction website and use the drop-down menu to find the party of your choice.

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 volunteer shift signup.

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

-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.

-Photographer’s Assistant- Be there to catch the action...you would assist the photographer catch all the swanky guys and dolls fancy flair. 3hours

DECORATIONS WORK PARTY:

Aw Applesauce, you missed the 1st auction decorations work party.

Jump on the trolley and join us for our next one this Saturday, March 24th at 9am in the school hall. Signup to volunteer online!

Decorations Team could use some white latex paint- if you have any laying around, you can drop off in the office or contact auction-operations@holyroaryws.org.

DONATION UPDATE:

Tick tock, Big Spenders! It’s almost time to return to the Roarin’ 20’s for the auction fun. All of your swell auction items are due to school by Friday, March 30th. Please turn in your donation to the school office, marked with your donation and donor information. It takes every single family to make this year’s HEART Auction a platinum-plated success. We thank you!

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK:

Gosh you are Swell! Our Sponsors of the Week: Sorensen Orthodontics (LINK) and ExOfficio (LINK).

West Seattle resident Dr. Travis Sorensen continues to support the Holy Rosary HEART Auction again this year. Visit Sorensen Orthodontics website or stop in to their office on California Avenue where Dr. Sorensen is working on those Holy Rosary smiles.

At Holy Rosary School when you hear ExOfficio(LINK), you think Steve Bendzak. The generosity that the Bendzak family shares with Holy Rosary School is indeed a reflection of HEART working at its best. Steve is ExOfficio's General Manager and a perfect fit for a company with a tag line that reads, "for the adventurous spirit". Thank you Steve and ExOfficio for continuing to support the HEART Auction!

Thank you again to our Sponsors of the Week: Sorensen Orthodontics & ExOfficio!

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.

Notes from the Band!

Our talented musicians are hard at work!

School Band: In addition to our study of the Chromatic Scale and Enharmonics, music preparations for spring programs are underway!

Beg. Band: This group has been making wonderful progress! We have several classic melodies under our belt! It is now time to make a transition to actual sheet music!! This is a huge step as they too prepare

to join the School Band in future concerts!

****Parents:** If your child plays a clarinet or saxophone, the reed size should now be 2 ½. Thank you!

Honor Band: What a delightful group! There is a lot of music to prepare! Their commitment to rehearsals is to be saluted!

HOME PRACTICE in all three bands should be happening! Parents: Please help to see that those instruments arrive to class and come home at night. Thank you!!!

Miss McKamey

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@holyrosws.org. Please respond by Friday, March 23rd. 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@holyrosws.org. Please respond by Friday, March 23rd. Don't miss out! Teams need to be forming soon! We can't do it without your help! For more detailed information, [CLICK HERE](#).

Math-a-thon updates

Many thanks to the 57 students who are participating in the Math-a-Thon, solving math problems and helping to raise donations for the children at St. Jude Research Hospital. It is still possible for other students to join the Math-a-Thon group. If the sign up sheet was misplaced, parents may complete a note giving the child permission to participate. Mrs. Harris will give them the grade level book and they can begin. You can also register, complete the math problems, and make donations online by following this link.

<https://waystohelp.stjude.org:443/sjVPortal/public/event/page/displayEventPage.do?eventId=291481&programId=551>. If your child participated online in the past, they will need to register and choose a new login and password each year. The first batch of donations will be forwarded to St. Jude on March 30, the second on April 27 and the

final group in mid-May. If you have any questions, please email Mrs. Harris. Thank you for supporting the children at St. Jude.

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

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. 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

A Child Becomes announces its 14th year of Summer Science Camps. Sign Ups are available now and camps begin the last week of June. Please go to achildbecomes.org and download a registration form and mail back to the school if interested. Age cut off is: your child must turn 5 by June 2012 up to age 8 or end of 2nd grade. New camps, loads of fun, outdoor experiences...come join us this summer! Teacher Shelley Neal, Director

Kennedy Catholic Booster Club invites you to their annual Italian Dinner.

Famiglia Cena Italiana will be fun for the entire family!

Sunday May 6th, 1-5pm in the Kennedy Cafeteria.

Door prizes and activities for the kids.

Tickets are \$15 adults, \$8 Seniors & kids 6-12, free for kids under 5.

Price includes Pasta entree, wine, bread, salad & dessert. Beer will be available for purchase.

Register online at www.kennedycatholiclancers.org/booster or ticket forms available at the parish office.

Come have some fun! Bring Mama, Poppi & Nonna!

See Attached Flyer

Steve Zakuan's Kingdom Hope Soccer Clinic

Please join Steve Zakuani for our first Everett soccer clinic! Come and learn the same skills Steve learned at that age, and help support his organization! Additional Sounder's players will also be on hand to help with the clinic. A great way to support our local Sounders team and have kids spend time with the players.

****THIS SUNDAY****

Sunday, March 25, 2012

2:00 - 4:00 PM

Mariner High School, Everett

Ages 8-12

\$60 includes Kingdom Hope T-shirt

(bring your own ball)

Space is limited

REGISTER TODAY

<http://kingdom-hope.org>

FUN & FITNESS

Children's Irish Dance Lessons

Registration now open for spring session of Irish step dancing classes. Lessons at the West Seattle VFW—just “down the street” near the West Seattle YMCA

Mondays at 4:00-4:45 p.m. OR Thursdays at 5:30-6:15 p.m.

For more information: celticartsnw@hotmail.com 206-935-3225

www.tonycomerford.com

Attend a Fun, Educational STEM Summer Camp Held at the University of Washington!

This summer, students can gain a competitive edge at a fun, STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) technology program, iD Tech Camps. Ages 7-17 create iPhone apps, programs with C++ or Java, robots, video games, websites, and more. These weeklong, day and overnight programs are located at over 60 universities including the University of Washington, UC Berkeley, Stanford, UCLA, Harvard, Princeton Also for teens are 2-week immersive, pre-college summer

programs: iD Programming Academy, iD Gaming Academy, and iD Visual Arts Academy (filmmaking and photography).

Visit www.internalDrive.com for more info or call 1-888-709-TECH (8324) to speak to a Program Advisor. **Save \$60 with code SCHOOL2012 when you register and pay in full by May 2nd.**

Mar 22	Report Cards go home
Mar 23	Deanery In–Service meeting – NO School
Mar 30	All Auction Donations due to School
Mar 30	Father Daughter Glow Bowl
April 4	Lenten Prayer Service
April 6	Good Friday – 12:00 Dismissal
April 9 -13	Easter Break –No School