



SCHOOL NEWS

Holy Rosary School Family Communication Newsletter

April 5, 2012

Dear Families,

I just spent the most delightful time watching Mr. Secrest's 8th Grade project videos. The students working in small groups created short films showcasing how to cook something from a variety of world cultures. They were really creative, informative and funny at the same time.

As I finished watching those videos, I stopped to chat with Mrs. Whetham, who was busy putting up a project that the 7th Graders had done. They created some very well executed crosses in a project entitled, Liberation and Hope, that will be on display in the school corridor next to her room.

You may have heard that Mr. Ritscher's Chess team took first place at a recent chess tournament- Congratulations to Connor, Adam, JJ, Michael and Max and of course their coach, Mr. Ritscher. Stop by and see the trophy on display in the school office.

The 6th Graders got back from their overnight trip with a great amount of good spirit despite the rain. Three cheers to the teacher mentors and chaperons, Mrs. Kesterson, Ms. McLaughlin, Mr. Schreck and Mr. Ritscher as well as the parent drivers. It was a change in trip venue from a sailing trip to a horse camp, which seemed to be a hit with the kids.

I invited the Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Technology to join our faculty meeting Wednesday afternoon. She will share her thoughts and perspectives with us to help bring us to a deeper understanding of current trends revolving around curriculum development particularly around Common Core Standards and data

analysis.

I wish you a very special and blessed Easter; one that brings with it the full measure of joy that comes with the knowledge of our Risen and Living Savior, Jesus Christ.

Sincerely,

Michael Cantu,
Principal
Holy Rosary School

EXTRA! EXTRA! READ ALL ABOUT IT. HEART Auction tickets are selling like hotcakes. Tomorrow, Friday April 6th is the LAST DAY to purchase Auction Tickets at the Early Reservation price of \$75. Go online (LINK to www.heart.holyrosaryws.org) to purchase now before the price jumps 15 clams to \$90! Or return your RSVP card and payment to the school office by Friday April 6th.

Please note: When purchasing tickets online, be sure to purchase your party tickets at the same time. The system will not allow you to purchase tickets at different times using the same name. However, if you already purchased your auction ticket and you'd like to go back online to purchase Bingo or Dance party tickets, please consider using your child's name. For auction party dates & times see party fliers online at Auction Downloads (LINK to downloads page www.heart.holyrosaryws.org/forms.html)

Heart Auction Fund-An-Item: Tuition Assistance

Relying on the generous support of our own community, Holy Rosary School strives to make a Catholic education affordable to all through our Tuition Assistance Program. The need for Tuition Assistance is very real for many HRS families. Please consider supporting the Fund-an-Item this year and help us grow the Tuition Assistance fund to support

fellow HRS families in need...so their children can grow with your children. Our goal this year is to raise \$25,000 for Tuition Assistance. If you would like to contribute to the Fund-an-Item now, please go online to donate (LINK to RSA tickets page <https://auctions.readysetauction.com/holyrosaryschool/tickets/buy>). Tickets website: scroll down to the bottom of the tickets page and select "Fund-an-Item: Tuition Assistance" from the additional donation pull-down menu.

Auction Volunteers Still Needed

No lollygaggin' dewdroppers, please! We are looking for more hardworking volunteers who can hit on all sixes and help out before and after the big event.

- Thursday Evening, April 26th: Decorations Set-Up (Please, no 8th graders for this shift)
- Friday Morning, April 27th: Silent Area & Dining Room Set-up
- Saturday Night, April 28th: Clean-up

Please go to the HEART Auction website (LINK to volunteers page) to sign-up, thank you!

8th GRADE SERVICE HOURS:

Need the perfect job for your hard working 8th grader? Well, HOT SOCKS! We've got the shift for you! We'd love to have some 8th grade help on Thursday, April 26th for Auction Set-up. Please contact auction-volunteers@holyrosaryws.org for more information. Thank you!

Auction Party Presale

Listen here, flappers and philosophers. The PARTY PRESALE has begun! Get a wiggle over to the HEART Auction website (LINK to www.heart.holyrosaryws.org) to sign-up for this year's fabulous Auction Parties.

Please note: When purchasing tickets online, be sure to purchase your

party tickets at the same time as your auction tickets. The system will not allow you to purchase tickets at different times using the same name. However, if you already purchased your auction ticket and you'd now like to purchase Bingo or Dance party tickets, please use your child's name.

Party purchases may also be paid for with cash or check through the school office. Simply print off the Party RSVP sheet at ([LINK www.heart.holyrosaryws.org/forms.html](http://www.heart.holyrosaryws.org/forms.html)) and turn your check in to the school office.

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

Before You Start Puttin' On The Ritz, Ya Gotta Build It!

A huge thank you to all those guys & dolls who gave up their Saturdays to help paint, cut and create the decorations for our platinum-plated theme.

The auction could not happen without you! Thank you, thank you!!!

Sweet Charity – Dessert Auction

The Puttin' on the Ritz affair is fast approaching and we are seeking your sumptuous creations. If you would like to donate a dessert for the auction, check your Auction fliers that came home with your eFC carrier earlier this week or go online to the [HEART Auction](http://www.heart.holyrosaryws.org) website and download the Sweet Charity form. Please complete and return the bottom portion to the main office. Questions please email Deyette Swegle at auction-dessert@holyrosaryws.org. Thank you!

Lego Robotics Update

Wow, what a response! There is definitely excitement about Lego Robotics at Holy Rosary. For the Junior First Lego League team (Junior FLL, grades K-3) there are 35 students who expressed

interest. For FLL (grades 4-8) there are 31 students who would like to be involved with Lego Robotics. That is fantastic news!

Here is the not-so-fantastic news. Only 3 parents have signed up to be coaches/mentors. This program cannot happen without your help! Teams consist of up to 10 kids, and there is at least one coach per team. There can be many mentors per team. No special expertise is needed, just patience, dedication and a willingness to learn alongside the team. Coaches facilitate the process without providing solutions. You provide guidance, structure, encouragement and a fun experience. There is a LOT of support available for new coaches: <http://www.firstwa.org>

- The Program runs from September through November
- Teams attend Lego Robotics meetings after school twice a week for 1 to 2 hours

Based on our current adult sign-ups, we will be able field one Junior FLL team and possibly one FLL team.

Registration for FLL (grades 4-8) is early May, so we need to hear from you parents who want to make this happen. Remember, the actual program doesn't get started until late summer (or sooner, depending on your level of enthusiasm!), but we need your commitment NOW. Our kids want this to happen – let's make it happen! Email: lego-robotics@holynosaryws.org

Now the money part... Each team will have an initial start-up cost of around \$950 with returning years costing around \$460. Grants from companies such as Boeing, Starbucks, T-Mobile, etc. will help us cover all or part of that cost. If you or your company can help, please let us know. Any costs not covered by grant money will be shared among students on each team. Email: lego-robotics@holynosaryws.org.

Purchase Ultrakey - Parents can now purchase Ultrakey at a 40% discount (about \$24) by using the code and link on the HR Technology page. Visit <http://gator.holynosaryws.org/tech/ultrakey/> for more information.

A big "thank you" to the following group of people for their help with Father/Daughter Glow Bowl;

Fred Zimmer, Frank Newman, John Laks, Theresa Westlund, Margo Sepanski, Tammy Simmons, Karen Schrantz, Amy Thorsen, Sharon Eldridge, Anne Connell, Shelly Bundy,

Christine Tweedy and Katherine Gudge!!

We couldn't have done it without you!

Eva Newman and Laurel Zimmer

8th Grade Pizza Lunch – Friday April 20th

All pizza orders must be received by Tuesday April 17, or your child will not receive pizza and you will need to pack a lunch.

See Attached Flyer

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.

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.

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

Camp Sealth: Registration open for summer overnight camps AND spring horse day workshops – campers have fun outdoors, make friends and learn skills they value throughout life. Contact us at: 206 461 8550 or 800 451 CAMP.

Day Camps: Registration open for week-long day camps in Seattle,

Bothell, Renton, Auburn/Federal Way, Issaquah, Port Orchard (Camp Niwana) and Vashon Island (Camp Sealh). Sing songs, explore science, cook over a campfire, enjoy arts and crafts and games.

Get Camp Fire... Get Leadership! Join us, and KING5's Jesse Jones, for our annual leadership breakfast on May 22!

A Child Becomes announces it's 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

The Drama Department of Seattle Lutheran High School will present "Don't Drink the Water" by Woody Allen.

Synopsis: Axel Magee is the bumbling son of a U.S. ambassador in a small communist country in the 1960's. When a family of American tourists is targeted by the government, Axel must spring into action to set them free. With help of a priest, who also happens to be an

amateur magician, and the rest of the colorful staff at the embassy, Axel works to attempt a daring escape.

The performance times will be on the evening of Friday, April 27, at 7:30 p.m. and the afternoon of Sunday, April 29, at 2:30 in the Seattle Lutheran High School gym, located at 4100 SW Genesee Street. Admission is \$5.00 for adults, \$2.00 for children ages 7-14, and children under 7 are free. For more information call the school office at 206-937-7722.

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.

April 4	Lenten Prayer Service
April 6	Good Friday – Stations of the Cross11:00 AM (12:00 Dismissal)
April 9 -13	Easter Break –No School
April 17-27	ITBS Testing
April 20	Friday Prayer Service
April 27	Noon Dismissal (Auction Set-up)
April 28	HEART Auction
May 3	8th Grade Pictures
May 4	BINGO BASH