



SCHOOL NEWS

Holy Rosary School Family Communication Newsletter

April 19, 2012

Dear Holy Rosary School Community,

For many of our families, and yours may be one of them, our before school and after school program is critically important to you. Our Base director, Donna Jerge-Nass, has worked very hard this year to make improvements in a variety of ways adding structure, supervision, and an infusion of new activities along with the kind care she has always provided. In addition, we have hired on great new staff this year, and they are-Linda Myers and Tracy Thirdgill, who have joined Bruno, Barbara Sims and Camille Hair, our long-time Base staffers to form a wonderful team I am proud of.

I wanted to add one more staff member to complete the team and we have just done so. I asked her to introduce herself and she wrote the following. If you get the chance, please give her a warm 'Holy Rosary' welcome!

Rowing not drifting,

Michael Cantu,
Principal

My name is Julianne Gueco and I'm very excited to be working at Holy Rosary School. I attended Catholic School from elementary school through high school and graduated from the University of Washington in 2008. Right after I graduated, I served for 2 years in Chicago, Illinois and all throughout the U.S. for a Catholic organization called Couples for Christ Foundation for Family and Life. I love being involved in my

church and community. I also enjoy playing and watching sports. I was a gymnast when I was younger and, recently, was the assistant coach at Kennedy High School for their gymnastics team. I look forward to my work with BASE at Holy Rosary and hope to strengthen the program and be helpful in any way possible.

Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. In all circumstances give thanks, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Important ITBS Update

The ITBS standardized test will continue to be administered through April 30. It is especially important that students arrive to school well rested and on time during this testing window. Please make every effort to avoid morning appointments during these last weeks in April if at all possible. Thank you.

1A Prayer Service - Tomorrow's prayer service presented by 1A 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.

TOMORROW, FRIDAY APRIL 20TH: LAST CHANCE FOR AUCTION TICKETS

It's time to jump, jive and wail, ladies and gents. Hurry, because you don't want to miss this platinum-plated gala event! TOMORROW, Friday, April 20th is your last chance to purchase your Auction tickets. Go online to the HEART Auction website to purchase your tickets or return your RSVP card and payment to the school office by Friday! Contact auction-reservations@holyrosws.org with questions, thank you!

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.

AUCTION CATALOGS HOME TODAY!

Check those backpacks, Auction Catalogs come home today with your eFC carrier. All those attending the HEART Auction should receive a catalog! Start your planning now, mark the items that catch your eye and be sure to bring your catalog with you to Puttin' on the Ritz!

Volunteers Needed

LIVE Decorations Set up - Thursday 4/26 5:30 pm start time. Help turn the gym into a 1920's ball room.

Silent Auction Set Up - Friday Morning 4/27 8:30am till noon. Meet in the school hall. Drop your kids off, and help us until they are dismissed at noon. Great way to get a few hours towards next year!

Live Auction spotters - Saturday night 4/28. You get to be a part of the auction action! This job works with the auctioneer team to make sure all the bids are caught. Very fun and lively job!

Go to the decorations page on the auction web site to sign up.

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!

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). 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.
She's the Cat's MEOW!



Meet "Millie" - The Prohibition Pup

She is a 'sweet-as-pie' Goldendoodle puppy, 12 weeks old and ready for a home! Goldendoodles combine the wonderful traits of a Golden Retriever and a Poodle resulting in a terrific family dog that simply wants to please. "Doodles" have wonderfully soft, non-shedding fur and can live easily with family members who have mild allergies. Goldendoodles are intelligent, obedient and very social. So buy little Miss Millie tonight and you'll have an incredible new addition to your family.

Value: New Best Friend

Donated by: Mackay & Wiegand Families and Friends of Holy Rosary

BINGO PARTY WITH THE TEACHERS!

It's back again: **BINGO BASH** with the teachers!! Last year, the Bingo Bash was the TOP grossing auction item and we teachers hope to reach that goal again and raise lots of money for our wonderful school, all while showing the kids a great time!

Holy Rosary's teachers and staff will throw **TWO** ultimate BINGO parties--choose the one that is right for your son/daughter. The first is for kids in grades K-5 in the gym. The night will include 10 full rounds

of bingo with a variety of terrific prizes for the winners. *A BIG MONEY PRIZE* will be awarded for the **BLACK-OUT** game at night's end. The second is for students in grades 6-8 in the school hall and will not only include bingo, but also **TRIVIA, GAMES** and very **COOL** prizes! Each Bingo Party will cater to the needs of its age group, providing customized entertainment. The children will not only be served a delicious pizza dinner along with a variety of snacks and beverages, there will be music and fun in-between games! The best part is, you do not need to be there! Drop your children off and have a night out! Why not buy spots for all of your children? Both Bingo parties occur simultaneously--it's perfect! The evening will last from 6:00-8:00 pm in the gym on Friday, May 4th.

Each spot is \$25.00 for K-5, \$30.00 for 6-8, all-inclusive. To purchase spots for your children, you have 3 options:

1.) **RECOMMENDED:** PRE-PURCHASE tickets by going to the auction ticket sales website at <http://heart.holyrosaryws.org>

2.) Print off a BINGO flier from the HRS website and send it in with a check, indicating the number of tickets you'd like to purchase and your child's name/grade level.

3.) **BUY TICKETS AT THE SILENT AUCTION:** you must sign your bid number for each spot desired (ex: for two children, sign your bid number twice). All spots must be purchased by the end of the evening of the auction.

Once purchased, tickets are non-refundable, but may be transferred to other students.

QUESTIONS: Can be directed to Ms. Corrigan at mcorrigan@holyrosaryws.org

THANK YOU for supporting this event and know that you are also helping make this year's HEART auction a big success!

AUCTION RAFFLES – Who's Feelin' Lucky?

Bootleggers Loot 50/50 Raffle: Winner receives half of the proceeds from ticket sales. \$25/ticket. Winning amount will be announced before the drawing.

Tuition Raffle: Winner receives In-Parish tuition for one child! That is a \$5,078 prize!!! \$100/ticket. Go online now at the HEART Auction website to download both of these raffle ticket forms. Return completed forms and payment to the main office. Drawings will be held during the Live Auction, need not be present to win. Please contact Laura Douglas at auction-raffle@holyroaryws.org with any question. Good Luck!

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 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@holyroaryws.org. Thank you!

THE ONLINE AUCTION CATALOG IS NOW AVAILABLE!

Would you like to start planning your strategy to win a special item for yourself or your family? We've arranged your sneak peak of this year's auction items! Whether you want to find that special getaway for a lazy summer day, tickets to see your favorite sports team, or organize your friends to bid on a party, there is something for everyone! Some of the images shown are representations of the actual items, so come to Puttin' on the Ritz to see the real deal!

Visit the Holy Rosary Online Catalog today!

SPOTLIGHT ON LIVE

Spend time with the Principal.... Look at these great opportunities to get to know Mr. Cantu and welcome to the Holy Rosary Community!

Eat, Drink and Be Merry for Eight

Eight of you will join Mr. and Mrs. Cantu and Father John for a fabulous evening at the Hasselbalch home to enjoy a mouthwatering 'Surf and Turf' dinner prepared by Chef Ken. From crab cocktail appetizers to Chateaubriand, Ken and Chris Hasselbalch will dazzle you with flavors. Combine the delicious meal and wine pairings with beautiful views and great company and it will surely be a night to remember.

Value: An evening with fine food and friends.

Donated by: Ken & Chris Hasselbalch

Skip Work with Mr. Cantu

Fore! Three of you will enjoy a round of golf and lunch at the beautiful Glen Acres Country Club with our principal, Mr. Cantu. Glen Acres is Seattle University's home course, host to local tournaments and is often considered to be golf's best-kept secret in Seattle. Work or golf....what will you choose?

Value: Playing Hooky

Donated by: Bob & Currie Baker

Skip School with Mr. Cantu

Take me out to the ballgame AND take me out of school for an afternoon!! Five lucky students will skip school with Mr. Cantu on Wednesday, May 23rd to watch the Seattle Mariners take on the Texas Rangers at Safeco Field. You will travel in style to and from the game in a chauffeured limousine. Boxed lunches will be provided. Let's root, root, root for the Mariners!

Value: Unforgettable

Donated by: Mr. Cantu, The Cunningham & Pooler/Neal Families, & Gourmondo Catering

And... while Mr. Cantu is out having fun your kids can run the show!!!!

Principal and Vice Principal for the Day

You get to decide who will be Principal and Vice Principal for the day. Your children will enjoy declaring a special spirit day; make all the announcements on the intercom; provide special treats and surprises all day long. Mr. Cantu is looking forward to a day off.

Value: Unforgettable

Donated by: Mr. Cantu

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

Thank you to this week's "Sponsor of the Week": Curious Kidstuff, A Great Place to Play and Shop! Aren't they swell!

AUCTION SET-UP HELPER TIME CHANGE REQUEST

Thank you so much to our many auction set-up volunteers. If you have signed up for the 6:00-9:00 Thursday evening shift, we wonder if you might be able to arrive earlier so that we can get our heavy furniture moving done as soon as possible. If not, we will gladly see you at 6:00. Please email Tauna at tevans@holyroaryws.org if you are able to arrive early.

Thank you!
The Auction Set-Up Committee

May is Bike to School Month!

Holy Rosary School and the Cascade Bicycle Club Education Foundation invite you to join our team for Bike to School Month, May 2012

May is Bike to School Month, designed to encourage bicycle commuting, mentor new riders and foster a love of bicycling. When you bike to school with your child you:
Help your child become a safe, knowledgeable and independent cyclist.
Create daily exercise habits that help keep your child active and healthy.
Reduce car traffic and air pollution.

We envision participation in Bike-to-School Month as a family project, one that may also introduce parents to the fun of cycling with their kids! Everyone who rides at least once wins a prize!

So, how do you participate? It's easy! Look for a Bike to School sign up flyer in the school office before May 1st. Please return it to the school office. Have your child pick up a passport calendar in the school

office. At the end of May, you will return this to the school office in order to receive your prizes. If you have questions, contact Tauna at tevans@holyrosaryws.org. For more information check out Cascade's website at <http://www.cbcef.org/bts/index.html>.

Golden Pedal Award!

New for 2012, the Golden Pedal Award will be given to the elementary school with the most participating students!

SECOND GRADERS INVITED to SING on MOTHERS' DAY!

The Holy Rosary Children's Choir, directed by Paul Dolejsi, is in its ninth year! Each year, Second Graders are invited to join the Children's Choir and

sing for their Moms on Mothers' Day! This year, the choir will sing at the

9:30 mass on Sunday, May 13. Our first practice is *Tuesday, April 24.*

The Holy Rosary Children's Choir is a 'parish' choir, open to all parish children, whether they go to Holy Rosary or any of our local schools. Accommodations can be made for schools with late afternoon dismissals.

This is a wonderful opportunity for our Second Grade students to see what

it's like to sing in the Children's Choir—for free! Our goal is to have lots of boys and girls excited to sing for their Moms. And if we get enough boys

to sing, they can have their own special part to sing! Is your singer shy?

Come with a friend!

The choir sings for Christmas and Easter and many other special masses.

Children learn how to sing well, how to sing together, how to cantor or

solo, and how to sing harmony! Most importantly, they also learn how to be music ministers, whose role is to lead and support the singing of the assembly!

Practices are on Tuesdays, April 24, May 1 and 8. All practices are after school from 3:15-4:00 in the CHAPEL. Holy Rosary BASE kids are escorted back to BASE as needed.

Please RSVP by email your interest in the choir to:

Paul Dolejsi, Children's Choir Director

pdolejsi@holyrosaryseattle.org

Or call the parish office at 935-3853 and leave a message. Thanks!

And welcome to the Holy Rosary Children's Choir!

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.

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

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

ParentMap's upcoming lecture

May 1: Talk for Parents of 3rd-7th Graders: "Will Puberty Last My Whole Life?"

Seattle Children's Hospital educators, Julie Metzger and Dr Rob Lehman, host this special evening for parents.

Get prepared for your child's journey through adolescence, with expert advice on essential conversations to have with your child about puberty, sex and growing up. Seattle Children's Theatre, 7pm, \$20. School \$3 discount, enter code: LSSCH12

www.parentmap.com/lectures

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 Sealth). 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.

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 17-27	ITBS Testing
April 20	Friday Prayer Service
April 27	Noon Dismissal (Auction Set-up)
April 28	HEART Auction
May 2	Mass
May 3	8th Grade Pictures
May 4	BINGO BASH