



SCHOOL NEWS

Holy Rosary School Family Communication Newsletter

August 17, 2012

Dear Holy Rosary School Families,

As we begin a new year it is always a good idea to ask for God's blessing for each of our children, their families as well as our faculty and staff that in what we do, we bring glory to God.

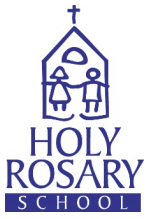
We begin the year full of hope and optimism knowing that it is a long road from September to June, one filled with events both great and small but most important of all- the learning and growth for our students. The community of Holy Rosary is a very special and unique part of each success story that we will all have a chance to participate in and be a part of this year.

The summer work team worked especially hard to get the school building ready to provide a positive physical environment for the students. I think you are going to be pleased to see all the improvements. With Mary Wiseman's departure, we lost a wonderful person in the front office, but I am pleased to say that I hired a wonderful person to fill that role, Mrs. Jennifer Hazzard. Her introduction letter is included in the packet today. Another critical position was filled over the summer. We now have a Development Director, Mrs. Alicia Sands, who comes to us with a wealth of experience. Very positive-thank you to the Development Committee for their hard work through a lengthy process.

This is meant to be a short letter, so I will sign off, but let me add-I wish each of you all the best and thank you for placing your trust in us to provide a Catholic education for the most precious gift you possess-your children- have a great year!

Sincerely,

Michael Cantu,
Principal



Dear Holy Rosary Families,

Hello, my name is Jennifer Hazzard and I'm so happy to be part of the Holy Rosary School staff.

I'm married with two children and my family resides on Queen Anne. My children attend St. Anne School. Henry is starting seventh grade and Claudia will be in fourth. We love St Anne's and really feel a part of the community.

My husband, John and I both grew up in Minnesota and met in college. When we first married 20 years ago, we decided to move to Seattle from Albany, NY when he had a chance to transfer his territory as a pharmaceutical rep. We really love the Seattle area and feel this is now our family's home.

Prior to having children, I spent time at various Seattle companies. I worked at Muzak as a customer service representative and later moved into the HR department. I later became a direct marketing coordinator for an internal sales team with GE Financial Services.

After I had my son, I chose not to return to work. When Claudia started Kindergarten, I decided to work part time and match my kid's school schedule. For the past four years, I ran the hot lunch program at Our Lady of Fatima School.

I have done a lot of volunteering at St. Anne. I have been room parent, helped in the classroom, assisted in the front office, and have been a volunteer cross country assistant coach. St Annes has a very large school auction and I have helped procurement, decorating, and auction item tracking. I also co-chaired the Parent's Club with two other moms.

When I'm not busy with school and parent duties, I enjoy reading, cooking, eating out, exercising, and spending time with friends and family.

I look forward to a great first year at Holy Rosary School and getting to know everyone in the community.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Hazzard
Office Administrator

Communication From the School: Again this year we will be communicating with families Entirely through our web site www.holyrosaryws.org. Every Thursday, a newsletter from the school will be posted on our web site and will be the primary means of communication from the school to the family. We strongly encourage you to **Read** these communications. Forms will be available for download on the web site.

Class Assignments: Letters to students from their classroom teachers are enclosed in the summer mailing. Class lists will be posted on the Kindergarten front doors Friday, August 17th. There will be no changes to the classroom assignments.

Online Payments: If you haven't already, please go online to create a profile and set up your tuition schedule for the year. You will be able to make school payments online, i.e., milk, yearbook, pizza lunch, etc. Please contact Jennifer MacDonald if you have any questions, concerns or you need assistance. Thank you.

Classroom Supply Lists are available on the school website. Please make sure your child has the necessary items on the first day of school.

Comfort Kit guidelines are also available on the school website under “School Forms and Other Downloads”.

The Kindergarten Tea will be held on Thursday, August 30th at 10am in The School Hall. Please call the school office if you have not received an evite.

Back to School Coffee for all parents will be hosted by Parents Club on Tuesday, September 4th, the first day of school. Please stop by the school hall starting at 8:15 for coffee and conversation.

First Week of School Schedule: The first day of school is Tuesday, Sept. 4th. Dismissal is at noon for grades 1-8 and at 10:00am for Kindergarten. On Wednesday, Sept. 5th school dismisses at 2:15pm for grades 1-8 and noon for Kindergarten. On Thursday, Sept. 6th Grades 1-8 will dismiss at 3:00pm and Kindergarten will dismiss at noon. Friday, Sept. 7th is a noon dismissal for everyone.

Professional Development For Staff: School dismisses at 2:15 p.m. **every** Wednesday for staff meetings and professional development.

Drop-off/Pick- up: We ask that you observe the following for everyone’s safety and convenience. Please DO NOT EVER park along 42nd Avenue in front of the school during morning drop off between 8am – 8:30am. Drivers should never leave their vehicles when dropping off in front of the school or in the alley. Please use the crosswalks. If the traffic manager directs you please follow the instructions immediately. Also please remember that the HEART Auction parking spot is always reserved for the family who purchased it; please do not park in or block that space at any time.

Important School Forms: Please complete and return the enclosed forms by the first day of school: 1) Field Trip Driver 2) Milk Order 3) Immunization Form Grades K & 6

Back To School Night for Parents is scheduled for **Thursday, September 20th in Lanigan Gym**. We will begin at 6:00 pm for food and fellowship. The evening provides the best opportunity for you to meet your children’s teachers and find out about classroom goals and learning expectations.

Uniform Policy: Students should be in perfect uniform on the first day of school. A copy of the policy and information about purchasing school uniforms can be found on the school website under “Forms and other Downloads” and then click on “Purchasing School Uniforms”. Your full support of this policy helps the staff maximize the educational environment. Thank you for your cooperation.

Hot Lunch: Blue Plate Express will provide the Hot Lunch program again this year. Please see information and menu in the summer mailing or visit their website at www.blueplateseattle.com

BASE: Holy Rosary's Before & School Enrichment (BASE) Program provides for a safe and nurturing environment to students prior to and after regular school hours.

Donna Jerge-Nass, BASE Director

Phone: (206) 719-8921

Email the BASE Director at www.base@holyroary.org

BASE Forms & CalendarsAll BASE forms are available for download in the Forms and Downloads page.

Safe Environment: Once again, all volunteers and employees must complete the Archdiocese Safe Environment training. Listed below are two upcoming training sessions

Holy Rosary – School Hall Tuesday, September 11th @ 6:30pm
Our Lady of Guadalupe – Parish Hall Saturday, September 8th @ 9am

Please register for class at: <http://seattle.setanet.org/>

Background Checks: All volunteers must also have a background check completed within the last three years and on-file in the parish office.

If you should have any questions about Safe Environment training or background checks, please contact Melissa Tuthill, Rectory Office. 206-935-8353.

Immunizations: If you have a child entering Kindergarten or 6th grade, please send in the correct immunization forms indicating they are current with their vaccinations. Washington State law requires that all schools keep accurate immunization records on all students. **Forms are Due the first day of school.**

Medication Policy: Washington State Law requires In order to dispense medication, including albuterol inhalers, EpiPens, etc to your child the office must have an oral medication/prescription permission form authorized by a Licensed Healthcare Provider, who has prescribed the medication and the parent/legal guardian.

The parent/guardian must also provide the medication, which is from a Licensed Healthcare Provider in its original labeled container from the pharmacy. The container must include the name of the student, medication, dosage information and enough medication to be administered at school. For non-prescription medications such as Aspirin, acetaminophen, and ibuprofen the school also needs an oral medication/prescription form signed by a health provider and parent. **No Medication will be given to a child without an oral medication/prescription form on file. Download the oral medication/prescription form from the Holy Rosary website under “Forms and Other Downloads”**

Holy Rosary Golf Tournament: Please join us for the 11th Annual Holy Rosary Golf Tournament to benefit the Father James Mallahan Endowment Fund on September 22nd, 2012. We will have a great day of golf at the West Seattle Municipal Golf Course. The event will include a 4-person scramble, lunch and awards receptions following the golf. Register as a Foursome or register as a single and we will match you up with other parishioners. You can register now on-line by visiting <http://golf.holyrosaryws.org/> and follow us on Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/HolyRosaryGolf>.

Also, you can help make this year even better. Do you own a local business or have a friend who owns a local business? We are looking to add to our list of sponsors and need your help. This is a great opportunity to drive exposure of your business to the Holy Rosary community. Sponsor a hole or donate items for the raffle. Every little bit helps. If interested, please contact us at hrgolf@holynosaryws.org.

Magazine Drive: COWABUNGA! Surf's Up and the 2012 HRS Magazine Drive NEEDS YOU! Want to catch the early wave? The AP Hearst website is ready NOW for your orders - there is no need to wait until school start. Go to www.aphearst.com and use our school code WC2897. Please make sure to indicate the child you are purchasing for. Important Change: Federal Laws have changed and coupons are no longer allowed for fundraising subscription. Please remind your customers that they are supporting our wonderful school and we retain 51% of all proceeds.

Dude and Dudettes are needed!!! We can't have an epic year without some help. Are you ready to get your creative juices flowing? We need help right away with decorations and our opening and closing assemblies. Email Cindy Wingo at cindywingo66@gmail.com if you can help. Kick off assembly will be Friday, September 7th at 11am and our first Turn in Tuesday will be September 11th.

WestFest Rides Wristband Sales: There are less than 2 weeks of school before WestFest this year. Plan now to buy your rides wristbands before the event for big savings! Pre-sale wristbands cost \$8 for Friday night, \$13 for all day Saturday or \$20 for both days. The day of the event prices jump to \$10 for Friday night, \$15 for Saturday or \$25 for both days. Wristbands will also be on sale after Masses September 8th and 9th.

Online CYO Sports player and coach registration is available on our Holy Rosary Parish website. <http://holynosary.bonzidev.com/home.php>

Fall Soccer: We have two teams that require additional support and participation in order to field complete teams: 7th/8th Grade Girls (3-4 players) and 5th/6th Grade Girls (3-4 players.) ***The deadline to register for these two teams is August 20th.*** Open registration continues for Kindergarten and 1st Grade until August 30th. Other grades are still open based on space availability for each particular team. Please contact Sean Coleman, Soccer Coordinator at hrrcyosoccer@gmail.com with any questions.

CYO Cross Country: Cross Country is open registration for all Holy Rosary grades - Kindergarten through 8th grade from now until September 23rd Every participant scores one point for the team so we are looking for as many runners as possible.

Practices start on Thursday, September 6th, and will be every Tuesday and Thursday at 4:00 at Lincoln Park ("south" parking lot). You can do both Cross Country and soccer - practice attendance isn't required! For those of you that like to plan in advance please mark you calendars for the preliminary meets on September 23rd and September 30th.. The K-3 Championship will be on October 7th at 1:00. The 4-8th grade championships will be at 1:00 on October 14th. Please email Coach Heather Slee at sleeh@katewwdb.com if you have any questions about this great sport. We are also looking for some additional assistant coaches and a parent liaison for the team. Run Happy! Coach Heather