



# SCHOOL NEWS

Holy Rosary School Family Communication Newsletter

September 6, 2011

Dear Families,

Well, we got off to a great start this week or as they say in Ireland, we got off to a *grand* start. I want to welcome back all the students and their families to our 2012-13 school year. The theme for this year is:

***Building Community      Shaping Lives***

I would also like to share some of the goals and objectives that I have identified in the curriculum area this year:

Complete the work of the curriculum committees that were formed last year-

(Science; Implement Best Practices of Robert Marzano across the curriculum; Implement the new School Wide Learning Expectations; continue to develop and build upon the work of our Math Committee; Incorporate the findings of our Reading Committee; Continue to study and analyze standardized test data to drive instructional improvement)

The whole faculty will be focused on a detailed study of our Language Arts program. We will do this across the curriculum so that not only will those that teach Language Arts directly but those that teach indirectly have a chance to examine our approach and seek ways to improve. I might add that our Language Arts program is an area of strength at Holy Rosary School but I don't want to become complacent. We will take ourselves to the next level of excellence.

We will continue to build upon the deep understanding our faculty has of the relationship between brain development and effective teaching strategies. Our faculty has a deep appreciation and keen interest in this area and this is a very positive thing from my perspective. This is cutting edge and fits well with the solidity and approach we have at the center of good solid basic teaching, something Holy Rosary School has been great at throughout its history.

We will get a jump-start on transitioning to the Common Core Standards. We will begin with Math and by starting this year; we will be a year ahead in the adoption process. Common Core is the latest development in the standards based movement. These Common Core standards were formed from the best State Standards from across the country as well as input from University experts as well as teachers and administrators. The bar is clearly set, and we will once again exceed, as is our tradition here!

Sincerely,

Michael Cantu,  
Principal  
Holy Rosary School  
Dear Families,

### **BUILDING COMMUNITY: SHAPING LIVES.**

Dear Parents,

At the time of writing we are beginning a new school year. Joyful and sad emotions are running high; there is laughter and there are tears as young parents are dropping their first or their last to our school and still young parents are preparing to graduate their last. This ritual has gone on at our school for almost 100 years which we will celebrate next year with the hope that it will go on for another hundred. The staffing and running of our Catholic schools has seen many changes over the past hundred years but the goal remains the same: to build community and to shape lives. We have reason to feel good about lots of success over the years and we are forever building on that success and we look forward to continuing to do so. The buzz of conversation at many events from opening day in the hall to Westfest to the auction to graduation events to a variety of academic and sporting opportunities say that community is being formed and lives are being shaped.

The other aspect of parish life that builds and shapes us is the spiritual. It is potentially the biggest influence because it connects us directly to the Creator who originally designed us and shaped us to be the wonderful people he had in mind from the beginning. Staying in touch with his design for life by choosing ways to keep him

before us gives the best chance of being built and shaped in his image.

This summer we completed the plans to move the tabernacle back to the center of the church so that we can be intentional about our focus on him when we come to Mass or simply make a quiet visit to the church anytime during the week. This arrangement brings Psalm 95 to life: "Come in let us bow down and worship, Bending the knee before God our maker; For he is our God and we are his people". Let us give the One who originally built and shaped each one of us the opportunity to Build our Community and Shape our Lives; it gives us the best chance to really succeed.

May God bless our year ahead.

Fr John.

## MAKE WAVES with the Magazine Drive!

Are you ready to ***Make Waves*** and surf our way to another record year of sales? We need everyone to ***Make Waves*** with their school spirit and sell those magazines to achieve our goal of **\$125,000**.

**Start Selling Now!** Catalogs, order forms and last years' orders went home this week.

More supplies are available in the School Office. **The Hearst website**

**([www.aphearst.com](http://www.aphearst.com)) is ready for your orders right now!** Here are the simple steps:

1. Log on to the site: [www.aphearst.com](http://www.aphearst.com)
2. Click on "Shop Now"
3. Enter Holy Rosary's School Code **WC2897**
4. Enter your students name
5. Start shopping and follow the directions to complete your order
6. Cutoff for credit for each week is **9 p.m. on Monday evenings** (don't worry, if you miss the cutoff, your order will be counted next week).

**\*\*If you register your child on the APHearst website, you are able to send emails to friends and family. They have an easy click to shop and your child automatically gets credit!**

### **Don't Forget**

1. Combo (2 subscriptions offered for a low price) orders count as 1 order.
2. 1 Year Subscriptions costing \$100+ count as **5 orders for individual prizes** only. They will continue to count as 1 subscription for class totals.
3. Lots of digital subscriptions available and most magazine subscriptions allow you to download a digital version with each paid subscription.

**Fundraising Hours!** Meet in front of the school's main doors after drop off if you can help count orders starting next **Tuesday, 9/11!**

**Surf's Up – Holy Rosary style!** Come pick up early tomorrow, 9/7 at 11:00 a.m. in Lanigan Gym as we MAKE WAVES of school spirit. See how Holy Rosary kids MAKE WAVES for their school! ALL ARE WELCOME!

The website's Magazine link is being updated regularly so please refer to it often for any questions you might have regarding coupons, prizes, gifts, cash donations, etc. If you can't find it on the website, email us at [magazines@holyroaryws.org](mailto:magazines@holyroaryws.org)

Thank you for your continued support!

## **WestFest News:**

### **VOLUNTEER SIGNUPS ARE LIVE!**

- Check the WestFest site at <http://westfest.holyrosaryws.org/index.html> and choose from the wide range of options: rides & games, raffle ticket sales, green crew, take down, food booths, tattoo & face paint—there are so many different options to choose from! As an added bonus, if you sign up for shifts for Rides & Games from 6-10pm, you can earn time and a half, that is, 1.5 hours for every hour worked!

### **SET YOUR TASTEBUDS TO 'MAPLE'**

- That's right folks; the Pancake Breakfast is back this year! Served to you after masses this weekend from 8:00 until 11:30 in the school hall, the cost is \$16 for Families, \$5 for Adults, \$4 for Seniors, and \$3 for Kids. Support WestFest and enjoy a hearty breakfast at the same time!

### **DONATE GENTLY USED BOOKS, CDs, DVDs, etc.**

- Drop books in good condition by the stage in the school hall or to Lisa Mosher on Friday night.

### **MIX FUN, FITNESS AND WESTFEST**

- Attention Cross Country Running Gators! If you bring a friend with you to practice on September 11<sup>th</sup> or September 13<sup>th</sup>, you will receive 1 ticket for the Kids' Games for each friend that comes!

### **GET YOUR BAKING GEAR OUT, WE WANT YOUR GOODIES FOR THE CAKE WALK**

- Tasty cakes, muffins, brownies, cupcakes, anything sweet you can dream up will do! Donate covered items to the school hall next Friday afternoon, Sept. 14th, or Saturday morning, Sept. 15th. Contact Krista Zeissel at [picinichkrista@gmail.com](mailto:picinichkrista@gmail.com) with questions.

### **WRISTBAND SALES**

- Good for admission to the rides, there are several ways to get yours! Pre-sale wristbands cost \$8 for Friday night, \$13 for all day Saturday or \$20 for both days. They will be on sale after masses this weekend, or through the flier from your back to school packet. You can always download a form from the website if yours isn't handy.

### **T-SHIRTS**

On sale for the low price of \$10 (and the tan ones are ONLY \$5 while supplies last)! Show your school spirit next Thursday, 9/13 by sporting your new WestFest T! If you haven't gotten yours yet, buy them after masses on 9/8 and 9/9, or via the flier in your school packet, or look for the sales table at Westfest!

### **RAFFLE TICKET SALES**

- You could win a pack for Mom, Dad or a Kid in your family! Prizes range from: discounts for glasses, delicious pizza, house cleaning, gymnastics camp, music lessons, and more! You can't win if you don't buy a ticket, and it only takes \$1 per ticket to win! The more you buy, the better your chances! Look for tickets on sale after masses this weekend, at the Pancake breakfast, and around WestFest too.

## SPOTLIGHT ON FOOD

- There will be a new booth this year: Wings'n'Things. where you can enjoy chicken wings with your preferred level of spice or flavor, plus fries, chicken fingers, and Caesar salads.
- The Root Beer Float stand has something special on tap this year: Crater Lake Root Beer fresh from the keg! Stop by and enjoy a pour; with root beer this good, the ice cream is optional!

## WESTFEST ENTERTAINMENT

- Another exciting lineup is forming this year, here's what will keep you entertained during WF:

### Friday

- 6-9:30— Tupelo – Country rock with an exhilarating twang

### Saturday

- 11:00 "Best In Show" Cavalcade of Pets – All pets welcome, with prizes for everyone.
- 12:00 Sundancers Show – A demonstration from the talent at Sundancers
- 1:00 Bret "Elvis" Wiggins – The reigning "King" of the Elvis Invitationals
- 2:00 Brian McGaughey and Friends – Acoustic folk and easy listening
- 3:00 Magician Raymond Ejarque – Magic to astound and amaze you
- 4:00 West Seattle Idol 2012 – Open to all ages and every type of talent
- 6:00 – 9:30 DaCoda - Classic rock and vocal pyrotechnics
- 8:00 Raffle drawing – Cool prizes for the whole family, but only if you buy tickets!

**Summer Reading Challenge:** All students who successfully completed the Summer Reading Challenge should return their completed calendar to Mrs. Harris by Tuesday. Then, the students will receive an invitation to the All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast. If your child does not have a completed calendar and you know that they read for 15 minutes each day of summer vacation, write a note explaining this and have your child bring that note to Mrs. Harris. Meeting this important goal is certainly an accomplishment to celebrate!

**Communication From the School:** Again this year we will be communicating with families entirely through our website [www.holyrosaryws.org](http://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.

**eFC Communications:** Please send all eFC submissions to [efc@holysaryws.org](mailto:efc@holysaryws.org) The Deadline for submissions for the eFC is Tuesday afternoon at 2:00 pm. (To avoid needless delays to the publication of your submission, please do not send it to any other email address.) Anything received after that time will be included in the next week's eFC.

**Back To School Night for Parents** is scheduled for Thursday, **September 20<sup>th</sup> 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.

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

**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 signed by the parent and authorized by a Licensed Healthcare Provider who has prescribed the medication.

The medication, from a Licensed Healthcare Provider must be 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. Please Download the oral medication/prescription form from the Holy Rosary website under “Forms and Other Downloads”.**

**Drop-off/Pick- up:** We ask that you observe the following for everyone’s safety and convenience. Please DO NOT EVER park along 42<sup>nd</sup> 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. Please do not drop off students in the alley behind the rectory.

**Hot Lunch: Blue Plate Express** will provide the Hot Lunch program this year. Please see information in the summer mailing or visit their website at [www.blueplateseattle.com](http://www.blueplateseattle.com)

**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 11 @ 6:30pm

Or

Our Lady of Guadalupe – Parish Hall

Saturday, September 8 @ 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.

Thank you!

**Lost And Found** is now in the Patrol Room. Small items will be in the school office. All items in the lost and found will be sent to Goodwill on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> of every month. Please remind your student to check the lost and found frequently for lost items. Thank you.

**Individual School Photos** will be taken on Tuesday, September 25th. Students can wear free dress this day.

**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.**

### **GATOR GEAR INFORMATION**

On Fridays at Holy Rosary, the students can wear a navy blue or red Gator Gear "hoodie" sweatshirt. Also, if you'd like, you can order Gator Gear sweatpants in grey or navy. However, only the sweatshirts can be worn to school as part of the uniform on Fridays.

To order, just go to the school website, click on "School forms & other downloads." At the very end of all the links, there is a site that says "CYO FORMS." You'll see the Gator Gear order form. Click on it, fill it out and turn it into the school office. We'll process your order as soon as we can, then we'll give the orders to the school office. The 7th/8th grade Leadership elective kids give the "Gator Gear" to your oldest child's classroom teacher. Your child is responsible to bring it home.

Kevin & I have been Holy Rosary Parishioners since 1991, & all 4 of our kids have graduated from Holy Rosary. It's our 16th year at the school!

We are dedicated to serving you in any way we can. If you want the "Gator Gear" to be a gift, just let me know and I'll arrange to give the order to you.

Please email us if you have any questions. Plus, we'll process team t-shirts, sweatshirts, sweatpants, hats, etc. for any of your CYO or other teams.

Our email is [kmpadon@comcast.net](mailto:kmpadon@comcast.net), work email [kevin@norwestgraphics.com](mailto:kevin@norwestgraphics.com)  
Home phone 206-938-4387, work phone 206-938-0141

Thank you, Kellyann & Kevin Padon

## **Sports Page**

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

### **CYO Cross Country**

Cross Country registration is open for all Holy Rosary grades, Kindergarten through 8th, 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 your 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](mailto: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



### **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 reception 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](mailto:hrgolf@holynosaryws.org).

### **Italian Dinner**

We are looking for one or two volunteers to make pasta and sauce. Steve Hulsman, the cook from past years is unable to cook this year. Without a cook or cooks, there will be no Italian Dinner. Please contact Maria Taylor ASAP at (206) 909-3736.

### **USED UNIFORMS AVAILABLE:**

**Looking for some additional sweatshirts or an extra pair of pants? Used uniforms will be set out this Sunday, September 9th during the West Fest Pancake Breakfast and AFTER 9:30 am mass. Please come look if you are in need. For anyone who is not familiar with the program – it is a FREE exchange. If anyone has uniforms to pass along, we will also be taking donations.**

### **Sponge Mandarin Chinese Classes**

Ni Hao! Being able to communicate in another language is an important part of global competency, and the earlier you start the better!

Sponge is excited to be offering Mandarin for K-2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> students at Holy Rosary during the 2012-2013 academic school year. The engaging curriculum from Sponge focuses on building comprehension and communication skills. Dynamic native-speaking teachers lead students entirely in the target language with activities, music, and drama. Sponge is offering classes on Wednesdays after school. Visit <http://spongeschool.com/sign-up/> for more information and to register; email Sponge at [info@spongeschool.com](mailto:info@spongeschool.com) or call us at 425.274.5188 with any questions. Register now and secure your spot in class!

## **Community Postings**

### **West Seattle Drums:**

We offer private lessons on drum set and snare drum. Call Mike Grueter at 206-938-3563 for lessons or visit our web site for more information. Special offer for Holy Rosary students, get one introductory lesson for free!

<<http://www.westseattledrums.com/>>



## **Included in This eFC**

- ✚ Westfest wristband order form
- ✚ Westfest T-shirt order form
- ✚ Westfest Flyer
- ✚ Sponge Mandarin Flyer

## **Upcoming Events And Important Dates:**

- ✚ Sept 7 Magazine Sale Assembly - 11am – Lanigan
- ✚ Sept 7 Noon Dismissal
- ✚ Sept 8 Band Instrument Rental Meeting 12:00pm– Our Lady of Guadalupe
- ✚ Sept 11 First Magazine Turn-In Day – 8:30am
- ✚ Sept 13 All School Mass – 1:45pm
- ✚ Sept 14 No School – Teacher Excellence Day
- ✚ Sept 14/15 Westfest
- ✚ Sept 17/28 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Pilgrimage
- ✚ Sept 25 Individual School Pictures
- ✚ Sept 20 Back to School Night - 6:00pm Lanigan
- ✚ Sept 22 Golf Tournament
- ✚ Sept 26/28 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Retreat