



SCHOOL NEWS

Holy Rosary School Family Communication Newsletter

September 13, 2012

Dear Parents,

We are off to a very strong start. I want to thank all the parents for making sure your children have their supplies as well as their good attitudes for learning! I also want to acknowledge the hard work of our teachers and staff who prepared classrooms and readied their plans of study.

I wanted to bring to your attention a temptation that is growing over the past few years and that is to take vacations during conference period. As I said, it is a temptation and one with plenty of attraction. If at all possible, please avoid this temptation. I say this in the interest of both the students and the teachers. One of the hallmarks of Holy Rosary School is the deep respect parents have for our teachers. It makes it very difficult on our teachers in their efforts to serve the students, when they are not able to meet with parents at the beginning of the year during regularly scheduled conferences. Thank you for taking this into consideration.

Included below, you will find the schedule for Back to School Night. I look forward to seeing you on this special evening.

Sincerely,

Michael Cantu,
Principal

Back to School Night
Thursday, September 20th, 2012
Holy Rosary Gym

Building Community/Shaping Lives

6:00-6:40- Social sponsored by our Parent Club in the Gym

6:40- Formal Welcome and Prayer- Father Madigan, Pastor

6:50-Parent Club

7:00-School Commission

7:10-Introduction of the teachers-Principal

7:20-Principal remarks

7:40- 1st Classroom session

8:00-passing period

8:05-2nd Classroom session

8:25-passing period

8:30-3rd Classroom session

WestFest News

VOLUNTEER SIGNUPS ARE LIVE!

Keep those blow up rides inflated for the kids (and you in the beer garden)! Sign up for Games & Rides shifts and earn 1.5 hours for every hour worked!

MIX FUN, FITNESS AND WESTFEST

Attention Cross Country Running Gators! If you bring a friend with you to practice today, you will receive 1 ticket for the Kids' Games for each friend that comes!

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.

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 with questions.

WRISTBAND SALES

The presale is over, but if you missed out, you can buy your bands at WestFest for \$10 for Friday, \$15 for Saturday, or \$25 for both.

T-SHIRTS

T-shirts will also be sold onsite during WestFest so if you lost yours over the summer, gear up again!

RAFFLE TICKET SALES

You could win a pack for Mom, Dad or a Kid in your family! Prizes range from: toys, beer, fish'n'chips, coffee, frozen treats, 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!

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 Slack'n'Slide – 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!

Extra Time In Your Day During WestFest?

If you unexpectedly find yourself with an extra hour or two (or more!) we will gladly take your help at WestFest! Please come to the Information Booth at any time and we will match you up with a task that needs to be done.

MAKE WAVES WITH MAGAZINE ORDERS! Are all of you **MAKING WAVES** with magazines sales? Our first Turn In Tuesday had sales totaling \$14,710...a very solid start but we still need to **MAKE WAVES!** We are hoping for a **Record Breaker** next **Tuesday** on our way to our goal of \$125,000. Those hot-dogging **4th Graders** sure know how to **MAKE WAVES** – they were in **1ST place** in total magazines sold in week one! Way to go **4TH Grade!** Our opening assembly last Friday – where we all went to Surf Town Holy Rosary was most excellent – everyone enjoyed watching our “surfers” show us how to **MAKE WAVES!** Who will win our “**WAVE COMPETITION**” and be crowned “The Big Kahuna” – we’ll have to wait and see! Thank you to everyone who participated and made it so much fun!

As always, check out the school website for *all* magazine information, but remember...you can **order online** by going to **www. aphearst.com** and entering school code **wc2897 or ROSARY**. Type in the student name and grade. No need to submit paperwork for online sales, we’ve got it all counted. **We have 3 more Turn In Tuesdays left!** For paper orders, please remember to **keep the pink copy** and **submit the white and yellow copies** and money to your student’s classroom. Also, please double-check your math so we don’t have to follow up with you and your customers. **PLEASE REMEMBER – NO COUPONS!** **Reminder: PAPER ORDERS ON TUESDAYS MUST BE TURNED IN BY 8:30 A.M. AND OUR CUT OFF FOR ONLINE ORDERS TO BE COUNTED IS MONDAY NIGHTS AT 9 P.M.** If orders come in later, they will be included in the following weeks count.

Dudes and Dudettes – *we need you to help us tally next Tuesday*. Meet out in front of the school right after drop off!

Lastly, a **HUGE** thank you to **Kathleen Stoll** for giving us her time and incredible talent to transform our school with decorations and work with our “surfers” in our assembly! Thank you to all of you who are out there selling! Without everyone contributing large and small, we would not have a successful fundraiser.

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@hol/rosaryws.org.

Mangia Bene, Vivi Felice!!!

"Eat Well and Live Happy"... By joining us at the Annual Italian Dinner. A huge THANK YOU to Tim Williams, dad to a new HRS Kindergartener Harper Mae, for volunteering his culinary talents! Traditional pasta, salad, bread, wine and good company will be served.

When: Saturday, September 29th - 6:15pm

Where: Lanigan Gym

Cost: \$40 per family, \$12.00 per adult, \$8 per child (3 years & under free)

Click here (ENTER LINK) to download a flyer or look for one to be sent home next week. Completed reservation flyers should be returned to the main office with payment by Tuesday 9/25.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Would you like to help at the Italian Dinner? We need Servers and Dishwashers - all staff earn fundraising hours for their time! Please contact Maria Taylor at (206) 909-3736.

Grazie!

A message From Our Technology Specialist: We have migrated the old HRS Families email list to a Google Group. To subscribe, please send an email to: **mailing-list@holyrosaryws.org**. Put the word "subscribe" in the Subject field and include any other email addresses in the body that you would like subscribed. I will add the addresses in bulk, but it shouldn't take more than a day from when I receive your request. We highly encourage you to subscribe so that you can receive our electronic Family Communication letter via email. You'll also receive important updates and last minute notices and details for important information. If you have any questions you can email me directly, otherwise send an email to the above address to subscribe. Thank you. Jon Barker"

eFC Communications: Please send all eFC submissions to efc@holyrosaryws.org. The deadline for submissions for the eFC is Tuesday afternoon at 2:00 pm. Anything received after that time will be included in the next week's eFC.

Individual School Photos: Individual photos will be taken on Tuesday, September 25th. Students may wear free dress this day.

Discovering Chess: Once again this year I'm pleased to teach an after school chess class. I keep seeing studies where chess playing is linked with Academics; helping kids with spatial ordering, forethought, and pattern recognition. I personally enjoy the mix of right brain creativity and left brain logic and order. It has been fun for me to see the kids at Holy Rosary

steadily improve as they grow. Just like past years, I will be teaching the class in my room (7A) from 3-3:45 on Tuesdays and Thursdays starting in October. The cost will be \$20 per student if they attend both days of the week. Some kids prefer to just attend one day a week and in that case the cost is \$10. I am open to all ages, but I've noticed that many young kids really can't sit and play a quiet game after a long day at school, so I leave that up to you to gauge. I'd like to keep it pretty informal- no need for an official sign-up. Just send your child when they want to start and we can go from there. Do email me with any questions here at mrirtscher@holyroaryws.org. Thank you, Mike Ritscher, 7A

Junior First Lego League: If you have signed your child up for the Jr. program (ages 6-9) and have not received an e-mail by today (9-13) please contact me. Carl Baber cdkbaber@mac.com 206 335-2667. We have a wait list right now, but if your child is still interested we encourage you to still sign up since we may have some more coaches added and opportunities for participation in more expos for the students. If any parents are interested or have some time we could always use the help and support for the teams. Thanks.

Wanted One Lunchtime Volunteer: We are looking for one volunteer to help out during school lunches. The position is to dispense milk each Monday from 11:00-12:45.

Wanted Volunteer Needed For Picture Day: We are looking for a volunteer to help on picture day September 25th from 8-1.

It's renewal time for your Safeway Club Card! Safeway Club Cards must be renewed every year between August and November to earn contributions from our supporters.

Emails have been sent with a link to eScrip to renew. If you haven't received these reminders or you would like to register your club card, please contact me tjs3660@comcast.net

Bartell's is also part of eScrip. The school can earn up to 4% of your purchases. Bee cards available at store checkout. This card does not need to be renewed yearly.

Target Red Cards, this program is different then eScrip. Red cards are either a credit card or debit card used to pay for your purchases. You receive 5% off and the school gets 1%. Applications are available at store checkouts or kiosk. Once you get your card it must be registered on Target's website under Take Charge of Education to support Holy Rosary. Any questions? Tjs3660@comcast.net

Sports Page

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 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

Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW)-September 23rd, 9:30AM Mass










Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW) starts on September 23rd at the 9:30AM Mass. You do not need to register for CLOW. CLOW is for all school age children of the parish beginning with preschool. All children are dismissed together to celebrate their own Liturgy of the Word and then return to Mass and rejoin their families following the Homily. If you have a Preschooler or Kindergartener who is not enrolled in a Catholic school, you can register your child online at the Parish website for **Faith Formation for Preschool and Kindergarten** at this link

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/2012PreKCFFCLOW>. Faith Formation (FF) for Preschoolers and Kindergarteners who are enrolled in Faith Formation remain in the classroom for FF lessons after CLOW. All CLOW and FF classes including Preschool and Kindergarten will be in the Parish Center building.

Volunteer for CLOW—We need adult volunteers to assist with CLOW. CLOW runs from September 23rd thru May 5th at the 9:30AM

Masses. Just volunteering for one Mass a month would help keep this vital children's program available for your children. You can still take part of the Eucharist and receive Holy Rosary School Commitment hours. If you are interested or want to learn more about volunteering for CLOW, please email Jennifer Wong at jwong@holyroaryseattle.org –Thank You!

Upcoming Events And Important Date

-  **Sept 13** **Opening Mass 1:45 pm**
-  **Sept 14** **NO SCHOOL – Teacher In Service**
-  **Sept 14/15** **WestFest**
-  **Sept 17/18** **7th Grade Pilgrimage**
-  **Sept 25** **Individual School Pictures**
-  **Sept 18** **2nd Turn in Magazine Day**
-  **Sept 20** **Back to School Night - 6:00**
-  **Sept 22** **Golf Tournament**
-  **Sept 25** **3rd Turn in Magazine Day**