



SCHOOL NEWS

Holy Rosary School Family Communication Newsletter

November 29, 2012

Dear Parents,

I was talking with Mrs. Judd this morning about the importance of conversation. This was in the context of how the elderly have so much to give; to pass along; to enrich and regrettably, we are all getting away from family meal-time where these conversations commonly took place. There is an art to conversation and I shared with Mrs. Judd my astonishment that goes back many years now, to the time when I first travelled to Ireland and listened to the conversations among all levels of their society.

Perhaps not with the same clever twist of phrase, or the lyrical use of words strung together with the aid of strong Irish tea or Guinness, there are many very good conversations going on within our school building right now that are centered on academics. We are building on an already strong foundation, but planning, holding discussions, implementing new strategies and programs while studying the new challenges ahead all of which are indicators that we are not standing still. Faculty members are serving or have recently served on accreditation teams (Mrs. McFaul, Mr. Barker, Mrs. Harris). This allows us to not only help other schools in their process to improve, but to see fresh ideas other schools are utilizing-a cross fertilization process proven in history to be highly effective at sparking growth. I strongly support this and I will be serving on a team in the spring. The Parent Club has played a significant role in sparking conversation and in building community this year. Parent volunteers continue to play a significant part in our success-thank you for all you do!

Last week a group of us met to discuss our Catholic identity; on December 4th we will present a report on the work we are doing on our Math program. We are very engaged as a faculty studying our whole Language Arts program. We are studying how best to use standardized test data and coming developments linked to the new Common Core. I just joined the National Science Teachers Association, which among other things, will allow our teachers to attend webinars to promote their growth as teachers and will promote discussions to enhance Science instruction on all levels. I just authorized the purchase of a QOMO, a less expensive Smart Board alternative, for Mrs. Wong that will really advance her ability to teach Art. These shared bits of information are but a sample but it is intended to be a broad sample of the conversations that are sparking growth-thank you for being part of this process and for your trust.

Happy Advent, may it be a period of spiritual growth for you and your family.

Michael Cantu,
Principal
Holy Rosary School

Math Informational Night. There will be a Math Informational Night for all interested parents on Tuesday, December 4 from 6 to 7PM in the School Hall. We will be sharing general information about the math program K - 8 as well as data gathered over the past 3 years of our math in-depth study. Unfortunately, there will be no childcare for that evening.

PARENT'S CLUB CORNER

Attention Parents! Our students need your support!

*******Holy Rosary Tree Lot Now Open!*******



This is the most “FUN” way to fill fundraising hours!

Help spread “Holiday Cheer” with friends and family while raising money for our school and local charities: [Hickman House](#), [West Seattle Food Bank](#) and [West Seattle Helpline](#). Did you know that Holy Rosary School has donated more than \$30,000 to these charities over the past 5 years?

[Volunteer for the Holy Rosary Tree Lot](#) and help make a difference this holiday season!

TREE LOT DOOR HANGERS

In an attempt to boost sales and increase our charitable donations, we are trying something new this year. Each of your children will be bringing home 5 door hangers this week, all of which may be decorated to add a personal touch. We are asking that every hanger be hung on the doors of your closest neighbors. If you or your child is not comfortable doing this, please return the door hangers to the front office so we can have them distributed by others. On the other hand, if you are interested in passing out more than 5 hangers you will find plenty more in the front office.

THE FIRST ANNUAL HOLY ROSARY TREE FESTIVAL

Join us for our first annual “Holy Rosary Tree Festival” on Friday, November 30th from 6pm-9pm.

Invite your family and friends for festive treats, crafts/activities for the kids and a LOT of holiday cheer! A professional photographer will be there to take free digital family photos. THANK YOU to **Filmateria Productions** for providing the photographer.

“CLICK FOR HRS” on [Amazon.com](#)

Earn money for your child’s school by simply doing what you’re already doing...shop! With just one extra click you can help raise BIG dollars for our school. Share the link for your child’s classroom with family and friends and ask them to “Click for HRS.” There are absolutely no hidden costs/fees associated with this program. See the Amazon flyer that came home with your child this week to view classroom links or find the classroom link below.

CLASSROOM LINKS	
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2A	2B
3A	3B
4A	4B
5A	5B
6A	6B
7A	7B
8A	8B

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Next Parent’s Club Meeting

The next Parent’s Club meeting will be on Tuesday, January 15th at 6:30pm.

For more information on Parent's Club or to access meeting minutes, visit the [Parent's Club page](#) or the [Parent's Club Archives Page](#).

NEEDED: TALENTED COSTUME MAKERS FOR THIS YEAR'S PLAY! March 14th and 15th the Holy Rosary Drama Elective is putting on the Pied Piper. We desperately need your help in gathering/making costumes for our 7th and 8th grade students. Most of these costumes are rather simple (townspeople) but a few are more complex. If you would like to contribute to a great cause **WHILE EARNING SERVICE HOURS**, please contact Mrs. Carlsen at dcarlsen@holynosaryws.org. We can't wait to work with you!

Yearbook Orders - Thank you for supporting our Yearbook program by ordering a yearbook. We are no longer able to accept orders, but if you missed the deadline there may be extras available at the end of the year. Thank you.

\$1 on One Begins Next Week! All next week, Dec. 3rd - 7th, is our \$1 on 1 for Uganda. We encourage students to bring \$1 to their homeroom next week to support our Ugandan students: Brenda, Elizabeth, Judith, Sam and Rose. Thank you so much for your generosity!

Toiletry Drive for Union Gospel and Holy Rosary Women's Shelter

Holy Rosary Junior Girl Scout Troop 40699 is doing a Toiletry Drive for the Union Gospel and for Holy Rosary Women's Shelter. The Toiletry drive starts this week until December 16th. We need full-size or hotel size toothpastes, toothbrushes, flosses, deodorants, shampoos, conditioners, shaving creams and razors. Please drop-off either at **School (box in main hallway)** or in the **box at the back of the Church**.

Used Coat Drive

We are collecting used coats for the West Seattle Clothesline again this year. With the temperatures dropping as winter nears, are you looking for a place to donate the coats your children have outgrown and the ones you are no longer using? Please consider bringing your clean, gently used coats to school and placing them in the boxes in the hall outside the teachers' lounge labeled Coat Drive. Last year we helped many West Seattle residents in need of warm coats thanks to the generosity of our Holy Rosary parents and students. We will be collecting coats until Tuesday, Dec. 18th. Thank you!

Holy Rosary Christmas Pageant

Christmas Program Time Change: Parents please note the new time for our annual Christmas Program, Thursday, December 13. The show will begin at 6:30 PM, with students needing to arrive and report to their classrooms no earlier than 6:00 PM. More info coming soon... Thank you!

Girls' Night at Seattle Prep

Seattle Prep invites all K-8 girls to attend our women's basketball game on Wednesday, Dec. 5 at 7:30pm. Free admissions for K-8 girls who wear their CYO jersey or their school sweatshirt (and for their parents & siblings)! We will have door prizes, free raffles, and half-time entertainment from our dance team. Please join us for this fun community event and wonderful opportunity to celebrate women's athletics! Questions? Email Jenell Kheriaty (jkheriaty@seaprep.org).

The Application for Tuition Assistance for the 2013-14 School Year will be available on-line at <http://www.fulcrumfoundation.org/tuition> on November 30th. (A link to the application is on the school website under 'School Forms & Other Downloads'.) Please follow these instructions and note that in addition to submitting an application on-line to Fulcrum, paper copies of the completed application must be delivered to Jennifer at Holy Rosary School by **January 31, 2013**:

Online Application Procedure

1. Make a copy of page 1 and 2 of your 2011 Federal IRS 1040, 1040A, or E-file printout for the financially responsible parent(s) or guardian(s). Note: 2011 W-2 forms are not acceptable. Do not send originals. If you do not have 1040 documentation, have your school principal approve a letter of special circumstances (see Part D-3 of the application). *Be sure to sign your tax forms. This is often overlooked, especially with E-filing. Fulcrum will not accept un-signed forms.*
2. If you have Non-Taxable Income (Part C-3), copy the applicable documents such as 1099, federal or state aid, alimony or child support.
3. Under 'School,' select Holy Rosary, Seattle and enter your information in Part A to D. A printout is produced at the end of the submission process. If you discover an error after submission, submit a new application and destroy the incorrect printout. Please do not enter names in ALL CAPS.
4. Sign the online printout in Part E.
5. Staple the signed application, in front of copies of the financial documents from step 2 and 3.
6. Make a copy for your records, if desired. Copies will not be returned by the Fulcrum Foundation.
7. Deliver or mail the complete application package to Jennifer at Holy Rosary School by January 31, 2013.
8. If you have students in both elementary and high school, you will need to complete the elementary (K-8) and high school (9-12) application forms. These grants are awarded separately by the Fulcrum Foundation.

*Fulcrum does **not** accept handwritten applications. If you need help completing the application or you have questions, ask Jennifer MacDonald to assist you. She may be contacted at (206) 937-1488, ext. 211 or email: jmacdonald@holynosaryseattle.org

Thank you.

Dear B.A.S.E. Parents,

A Spaghetti Dinner will be given in your honor on Thursday, November 29th. It will start at 6:00PM in the School Hall. We would like all parents and students of B.A.S.E. to attend. You will be given an opportunity to meet other B.A.S.E. students and parents and learn more about the program.

We look forward to seeing all of you!

Sincerely,

The B.A.S.E. Staff

B.A.S.E.
Spaghetti Dinner

When: Thurs, Nov. 29th at 6PM

Where: School Hall



FREE to all B.A.S.E. Parents and Students

Community Notices

Spark!

Spark! is a unique after school program dedicated to celebrating and empowering middle school girls through yoga and the creative arts.

Join the fun and see what sparks in you!








To bring Spark! To your community or school, please email info@sparkforgirls.com today!

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206 227-6342

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Upcoming Events And Important Dates:

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|  | Nov 30 | Pizza Lunch |
|  | Nov 30 | Advent Wreath Blessing 8:45AM |
|  | Dec. 7 | Report Cards Sent Home |
|  | Dec 10 | Immaculate Conception Mass – led by 1st Grade (8:45) |
|  | Dec 13 | Christmas Pageant |
|  | Dec. 17 | Advent Penance Service (1:25) |
|  | Dec. 19 | Noon Dismiss – Christmas Holiday |