

SCHOOL NEWS

Holy Rosary School Family Communication Newsletter

December 13, 2012

Dear Families,

As this will be our last newsletter leading into the holiday, I am going to include my Christmas message this week. I think that something I saw written on a brown bag 'lunches of love' left in the office to be delivered across the street to the rectory for distribution to the needy, sums up what we are hoping to achieve in preparation for Christmas.

On the outside of the bag, happy faces are neatly arranged next to a series of golden stars all carefully drawn with felt marker. In the top left corner of the bag done in red ink, making it stand out prominently, is another happy face with the following inscription written just below it-

I Love you

From,

Santa and God

Need I say more, such simplicity; pure goodness- whoever the child is who wrote this and prepared this lunch, gets it!

Merry Christmas,

Michael Cantu, Principal Holy Rosary

TREE LOT UPDATE:

GOING, GOING, ALMOST GONE! Those beautiful trees are going fast and if you haven't gotten yours yet, you better hurry! We've had robust sales – thank you HRS community for getting the word out there and delivering those door hanger coupons! We had our final delivery of fresh trees yesterday, but if sales hold strong, we anticipate that we *may* SELL OUT of trees as early as Saturday afternoon. If that happens, Sunday shifts will help clean up and take down. Thank you for your continued support!

PARENT'S CLUB CORNER

Holy Rosary Tree Lot!



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES are still available at the Tree Lot.

This is the most "FUN" way to fill fundraising hours! <u>Please volunteer</u> to make this school and community fundraiser a success!

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

<u>Volunteer for the Holy Rosary Tree Lot</u> and help make a difference this holiday season!

"CLICK FOR HRS" on Amazon.com



Since Thanksgiving Holy Rosary has raised over \$1,500 and this amount is growing every day. There are 2 more weeks of shopping until Christmas! The top 5 classrooms in sales are: 2B, 5A, 1A, 3A, and 2A. Keep up the holiday cheer on Amazon.com, and give 7% back to Holy Rosary school, plus the classroom that raises the most money gets a PJ pizza party in January!

Continue to 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 <u>Amazon flyer</u> that came home with your child this week to view classroom links or find the classroom link below.

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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 <u>Parent's Club page</u> or the <u>Parent's Club Archives Page</u>.

From the School Commission

The School Commission held its December meeting/holiday celebration on Thursday, Dec. 6 and approved the November meeting minutes which can be found *here* (please add hyperlink to School Commission minutes page). During

the meeting, we recognized teachers Tauna Evans, Sara Velling, Meg Peterson, and Sr. Juanita Kialkial for the incredible job they do with our Preschool. The Preschool is only a few years old, but it has already been a great addition to HRS and these four teachers do an excellent job of integrating the new students and families into the HRS community and preparing them for continued success in kindergarten and beyond. Thank you four for all you do. The School Commission wishes all families, faculty, and staff of HRS a peaceful and enjoyable Advent and Christmas season. We look forward to 2013 and the continued success of our school and community. The next open School Commission meeting will be Thursday, February 7. As always, if you have any questions, ideas, or suggestions, please reach out to me or any member of the *School Commission* (please add hyperlink to School Commission page).

Thanks,
Patrick Kennedy
School Commission President

Christmas Program Thursday December 13th 6:30 (In The Church) Please have your child in their classroom no later than 6:00 pm This is the schedule for the Christmas pageant.

Please note these are approximate times for the schedule but the start time is 6:00. Please contact Janet Mudge at jmudge@holyrosaryws.org if you have any questions.

Band: Get ready; the Christmas Program is almost here!! December 13thth/6:30p.m./Church

Band members (gr. 6-8) will be performing! Instrumentalists need to arrive *no later than* <u>6:00p.m.</u> This is a graded performance. Attendance is required.

We look forward to sharing our music with you!!

Miss McKamey

2013-14 Holy Rosary School Intent to Register

Please let us know if you intend to register a <u>new</u> student for Preschool, Kindergarten or 1st-8th Grade for the 2013-14 school year by Wednesday, December 19th. The following link below will take you to the Intent to Register Form. This form provides us with a headcount for planning purposes as we go into the enrollment season in January. Thank you for your assistance.

http://www.holyrosaryws.org/intent.html

Applications for enrolling new students to Holy Rosary School will be available in the main office and online at www.holyrosaryws.org starting Wednesday, January 2nd. If you have questions regarding our enrollment process, please contact Kimberly Tish, Registrar at ktish@holyrosaryws.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@holyrosaryseattle.org
Thank you

Blanket Drive

Blankets and Backpacks - Luke S. is collecting new or gently used blankets and backpacks for the homeless as part of his service project. If you have any blankets or backpacks that you aren't using please put them in the bin marked "blankets and backpacks for the homeless" in the main hallway by the school hall. Please drop by your donations by December 19th.

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!

Give the Gift of Safe Shelter -Noel House Programs' 2012 Holiday Card

Holy Rosary Women's Shelter's host program Noel House sells holiday cards every year to raise funds for their program and their four off-site volunteer run shelters (Holy Rosary being one of them). Every night, Noel House Programs provides shelter and food for 250 homeless women in our community.

For a suggested minimum donation of \$10.00, <u>each</u> 5" x 7" Holiday Card you purchase provides for a safe place to sleep and a nutritious meal for the women we serve.

Cards will be for sale:

- December 15th after 5 p.m. Mass
- December 16th after 9:30 a.m. Mass

Contact Nancy Stillger at nstillger@gmail.com for more information or to arrange for purchase at another time.

Holiday Bake Sale, Friday Dec. 14th, after school.

Your holiday baking is done for YOU! Just stop by the Holiday Bake Sale after school on Friday, Dec. 14^{th.} We will have Christmas cookies, Cakepops, Fudge, Rice Krispy treats, Brownies, Pies, Breads, Cheesecakes, Peppermint Bark and more sold individually and by the dozen. Look for us at pick up in front of the school hall. This sale is being put on by Holy Rosary Junior Girl Scout Troop 44037.

We are in need of deodorant, shaving creams & razors

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 ends December 16th. Please drop-off either at **School (box in main hallway)** or in the **box at the back of the Church**.

\$1 on One Update:

For the month of November we raised \$303.83 for our Ugandan family! Here's a breakdown of how much each class raised:

KA: \$22.00	5A: \$2.00
KB: \$18.75	5B: \$7.00
1A: \$29.00	6A:\$8.00
1B: \$41.95	6B: \$4.00
2A: \$10.83	7B: \$ 51.51
2B: \$13.00	8A: \$15.00
3A: \$ 16.00	8B: \$11.47
3B: \$13.00	
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4A: \$36.52 4B: \$9.00

Thank you for your generosity and for supporting our students in Uganda!

Community Meal

On Sunday, December 16, Holy Rosary will sponsor a meal for anyone in West Seattle who would like to have a holiday dinner. One of the ways you can support the meal is by donating desserts of baked goods. Please bring them to Our Lady of Guadalupe's Parish Hall before 1pm that day. Thank you!

CYO Sports

Hello HR Parents,

I know it seems like Basketball just started, but Volleyball will be here before you know it. CYO Volleyball 2012 is just around the corner and it is time to register for another exciting season.

Online registration is now open. Please go to this link to register your child for the 2013 Volleyball Season. http://holyrosary.bonzidev.com/home.php. Students in grades 5-8 are eligible to play Volleyball.

Registration for Volleyball will close on January 13th. Any late registrations after January 13th will be accepted on a space availability basis.

All Volleyball players will receive new uniforms this year which will be yours to keep and reuse next year. If you are a returning player, please use last years uniform to determine what size uniform to order for this season, remember they do run big.

All parents who are interested or are planning to coach Volleyball as a head coach or an assistant, will need to register on-line as a coach.

The Volleyball 2013 registration fees will be \$70 per player, this fee also includes the pre-season kick-off clinic.

Date Event January 15th Registration Closes

February 13th Registration closes
February 11th Practices will begin
Matches begin

If you have any question about the upcoming season, please don't hesitate to ask. You can also review the season schedule at this link.

http://www.seattlearchdiocese.org/athletics/Sports/Volleyball.aspx

I look forward to a fun and exciting season.

Katie Jergens (206) 510-6816 or k.jergens@comcast.net

Community Postings

TICKETS ON SALE NOW!

SunDance presents "Peter Pan's Neverland Christmas". Join us for another fantastic show starring your very own Holy Rosary dancers! This year our celebration of Christmas takes us to Neverland with Peter, Wendy and the whole gang. You won't want to miss THIS adventure... The perfect way to head into Christmas Break!

December 19th 7:00PM Highline Performing Arts Center

Tickets on sale in the Parish Center right after school on Monday and Thursday or at the theater the night of the show.

Upcoming Events And Important Dates:

♣ Dec. 16 Penance Service 1:25

♣ Dec. 18 Pizza Lunch

♣ Dec. 19 Red/White Day 11:30 sing along (noon dismissal)

♣ Dec20-Jan1 Christmas Vacation♣ Jan. 2 School Resumes

Jan 15 Parent's Club Meeting 6:30 pm
 Jan. 27 Open House (Starts after 9:30 Mass)

↓ Jan. 27- Feb1 Catholic Schools Week

↓ Jan 27 Bookfair Begins

↓ Jan. 30th Grandparents/Special Friend luncheon