



# SCHOOL NEWS

Holy Rosary School Family Communication Newsletter

January 10, 2013

Dear Families,

This week, I would like to introduce a two-part series that focuses on our marvelous Kindergarten program. I have been so impressed by our Kindergarten program. I thought that you might want to share in my recent conversation I had with four of Holy Rosary's finest! This week the focus is on KA, next week it will be on KB.

Mrs. Clarke and Mrs. Madsen, Kindergarten-A

Questions:

*How long have each of you worked at Holy Rosary and how long have you worked together?*

Mrs. Clarke: I brought my oldest daughter to kindergarten here at Holy Rosary back in 1997 so in many ways I feel like I have been here forever. I started working here as a sub in 2003, working mainly in the upper grades and library. In 2004, I joined the faculty as the KA teacher. Mrs. Madsen and I are in our fifth year together.

Mrs. Madsen: As Mrs. Clarke mentioned, we are in our fifth year together and both of us are looking forward to many more.

*What do you like best about working with kindergarteners?*

Mrs. C: It is hard to pinpoint exactly what I like best about teaching kindergarteners, but it would probably be watching them develop into readers. I am always amazed by how much they achieve over the course of the year, when you consider that many of the children come in with a tenuous understanding of the alphabet and most leave reading!

Mrs. M: There are so many fantastic things I love about working with kindergarteners! Their innocence and eagerness to learn is magnificent. They are so excited to be at school each day and bring so much personality and joy to our classroom.

*How do you manage all those little angels?*

Mrs. C: Management at any grade is very much the same—setting your expectations and then following up with gentle reminders. I try very hard to create a positive learning environment using this technique and for the most part I would say it works!

Mrs. M: Mrs. Clarke does a great job with classroom management and I have witnessed what a talented skill this is. The children thrive from it and grow academically, spiritually and socially.

*How has the kindergarten curriculum developed over the years?*

Mrs. C: Kindergarten has changed only slightly in the last eight years as many 7<sup>th</sup> graders can attest. They did many of the very same activities we do now. The number of sight words has increased to 100!

*What are some of the highlights each year?*

Mrs. C: There are so many highlights, but one of my favorites has always been the kindergarten tea, because it is the first time I get to see the children together as a class. I am also a big fan of the “friendly beasts” and the leprechaun shenanigans every St. Patrick’s day.

Mrs. M: Many highlights including: mastering the alphabet, learning to read, the Thanksgiving feast, and of course, the Mother’s Day Prayer Service.

*Why do you think Holy Rosary is such a special school?*

Mrs. C: I don’t think I can put into words how much Holy Rosary means to me. I feel as though this community helped me raise my children whom I am so proud of. It is also where my husband and I met so many of our best friends. What a gift!

Mrs. M: Holy Rosary School shines with community spirit! It is such an amazing and bonding Catholic environment that I am proud and honored to be a part of.

Wow! I hope that you have enjoyed getting a brief insight into our Kindergarten program through the words of two wonderful educators who are treasured members of our faculty at Holy Rosary School.

Sincerely,

Michael Cantu,  
Principal

**Holy Rosary School  
Catholic Schools Week  
2013**

***Building Community/Shaping Lives***

*Book Fair is open from Sunday 1/27 at 9:00 until after the 9:30 Mass the following Sunday, 2/3*

**Sunday 1/27/13: Open House.***Celebrate Renewal in our Faith.* Students attend Mass in perfect uniform; many students serving as lectors, greeters, altar servers, at all Masses. Open House tours begin after 9:30 Mass. Open House closes at 12:30

**Monday 1/28/13:** *Celebrate Holy Rosary School Pride.* Students wear Gator gear/CYO sports jersey/uniform colors or any HRS t-shirt or sweatshirt with sweatpants or pajama bottoms. We will have a "read-in" and Bingo activities for the students.

**Tuesday 1/29/13:** *Celebrate Catholic School-Service projects.* All-school primrose planting, jeans day.

**Wednesday 1/30/13:** *Celebrate Grandparents/Special Friends and Family.* Grandparent Luncheon

**Thursday 1/31/13:** *Staff appreciation/Celebrate Lifelong Learning.* PATS breakfast, Spelling Bees, Invention Convention, Pyramids, Science Fair

**Friday 2/1/13:** *Celebrate school community/Honor our Students.*  
Spirit Assembly @ 9:30, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade vs. Faculty Volleyball game @ 1:45

**Sunday 2/3/13:** *Celebrate and thank our Parish.* 8<sup>th</sup> Graders will speak at the Masses. All students encouraged to wear Gator gear at Mass. Book Fair ends after the 9:30 Mass.

### **Opening Masses for Catholic Schools Week**

We invite students to participate in our parish Masses that will open our Catholic Schools' Week celebration by volunteering to serve as greeters, readers, ushers, gift bearers, and bulletin distributors. Please follow this link for additional information and to sign up your child or children. Thank you.

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080E4AA4AC22A64-student>

### **Book Fair Notice**

(insert logo & link here)

Catholic Schools Week celebrates reading as we continue to encourage everyone to read every day. The Scholastic Book Fair will return to the library, giving all students and their families the opportunity to choose some great books, and hopefully their selections will motivate them to read more. If you're "all booked up" you will be able to shop online. As with any good, very large party, volunteers are essential. Please consider using your "super power" and volunteer. The signups will be available next week. The Book Fair is a recognized fund raiser for HRS and the profits are used to purchase resources for the library.

### **Grandparents & Special Friends Day Invitations Form**

It's not too late to turn in the invitation form so we can invite your Grandparents & Special Friends to this wonderful celebration! We will be sending invitations to the grandparents, special friends and relatives who you list on this form. Click here (link to attached pdf) to download an extra form or check in the main office. If you have any questions about this event, please contact Alicia Sands, Director of Development at [asands@holynosaryws.org](mailto:asands@holynosaryws.org) Thank you.

### **Grandparents Luncheon Help Needed**

We're one day closer to spring, though you wouldn't know by looking outside. This means that we're one day closer to our annual Catholic School's Week Grandparent Luncheon, which will be held on Wednesday, January 30, 2013. If you need more hours, please join me in preparing for this important and much loved event. We can use as many volunteers as we can get. Setting tables, picking up balloons, filling water glasses or wrapping those beautiful primroses - we have a variety of jobs to choose from. We will need volunteers for Tuesday Jan 29 for set-up from 6pm - 7:30pm and on Wednesday, January 1 starting after drop-off until about 10am and also during the lunch from 11:15 until 1:45pm. There will be many shifts and flexible times. If you would like to dedicate your time to making this a wonderful memory for our beloved grandparents, please contact Allyson Schreck [allysonschreck@hotmail.com](mailto:allysonschreck@hotmail.com) or call 206-933-5942. Looking forward to hearing from you.

(insert volunteer sign up link here)

## Volunteers Needed:

### Set Up Night Before – 4:00 on

- Supplies to gym – Need 5 people to bring supplies to gym – 1 hour commitment
  - o 4:00 – 5:00
- Tables – Need 10 people to set tables with table clothes, cups, napkins, salt & pepper, etc – 2 hour commitment for each volunteer
  - o 5:00 – 7:00 – 5 spots open
  - o 7:00 – 10:00 5 spots open
- Pansy Wrapping – Need people to wrap the tissue and tie the ribbon around the pansies and bring them to the gym – 2 hour commitment from each person
  - o 12:00 – 2:00 – Need 3 people
  - o 2:00 – 4:00 – Need 3 people
  - o 4:00 – 6:00 – Need 3 people
- Balloons – someone to pick up balloons at Safeway and arrange on the tables – person with a van – 4 hour commitment
  - o 3:00 pick up
  - o 4:00 – 5:00 set up

### Day of Set Up

- Fill carafes with water
- Coffee maker and manager – 2 people per session
- Desert Tray organizers – 4 people per session

### Clean Up

- Need 6 people to help:
  - o Clean kitchen
  - o Bring pansies to gym
  - o Clean carafes and water jugs
  - o Bring deserts to rectory
  - o Clean off tables
  - o Bring supplies to storage at school

Servers – Need 6 people to serve water, coffee, tea to grandparents during first session

Servers – Need 6 people to serve water, coffee, tea to grandparents during second session

## PARENT'S CLUB CORNER

# Holy Rosary Tree Lot!



A warm thank you to Pat Galvin for chairing the Holy Rosary Christmas Tree Lot this year. Pat was a catalyst for change and with help from the Treelot Elves it was a successful fundraiser. Pat's involvement and passion for the mission helped fuel the treelot success. Thank you for supporting and buying your trees from Holy Rosary. If you were a Treelot Elf, thank you for your crucial volunteer hours. Without either one, our fundraiser could not have been a success!

On behalf of the Holy Rosary School and Parish Community, we wish you and your family a happy, healthy and blessed New Year!

## Holy Rosary and Amazon.com



## Together we did it!

**Congratulations! The class room winner is room 2B raising \$623. They will receive a pizza party and PJ day on Friday January 25th. Honorable mention to classroom 5A in second place raising \$478.**

Since launching Amazon.com referral program on the Holy Rosary School website in October, Holy Rosary has raised \$4,260! During the classroom competition from Thanksgiving through Christmas Day, we raised \$3,475.

Please remember this is a year round program to raise money for Holy Rosary School. All you have to do is remember to click through the school link to Amazon.com every time you shop on Amazon.com.

**Tip of the week:** If you buy your groceries from [AmazonFresh.com](https://www.amazon.com/fresh), you can still raise money for the school when you pay for your groceries using an Amazon Gift Card bought from Amazon.com through the Holy Rosary school link.

## 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](#).

### Used Uniform Update

Used Uniforms will be on display and available at the upcoming Parent's Club Meeting on Tuesday, January 15th. Come stock up for Spring or find something that might have been lost in the Fall! Or maybe someone has grown and you are looking for a bigger size. The

closet is packed and there is lots for the taking. Come one come all!

### **2013 Holy Rosary HEART Auction – Kentucky Derby**

**And They're Off!** We're excited to announce the theme for this year's Holy Rosary HEART auction, **Kentucky Derby – Cocktails and Contenders**

**SAVE THE DATE.** Break out the racing silks and find yourself a fancy hat! This year's HEART auction gala will be an evening of food, fun and frosty mint juleps on Saturday, April 20. For one night, Lanigan Gym will be transformed to the iconic Churchill Downs race track, celebrating the spirit and excitement of The Greatest Two Minutes in Sports.

For more than 30 years, the Holy Rosary HEART Auction has been a fabulous community event. Stay tuned! Whether you feel like joining the revelry amidst the Infield crowd or watching the fun from Millionaire's Row, we'll be sharing more information soon on preparations, donations and participation at this year's sporting spectacular.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! Want to get a horse in this year's race? Here's your chance.**

If you're looking for fundraising hours, consider giving your time and talents to this year's HEART auction. Opportunities available for pre-auction work parties, artists, set up (silent auction, decorating, dining, live auction, lighting, art, etc.), procurement, games, tear down, and much more. Whether you would like to join the fun for just a few hours or many over the next few months, we look forward to working with you.

Please contact [auction-volunteers@holynosaryws.org](mailto:auction-volunteers@holynosaryws.org) if you have questions or you're ready to get involved. Thank you!

Watch for upcoming communications from the auction procurement team about your family's role in making this year's heart auction a great success.

If there are any local businesses you have relationships with and want to procure from as your family donation, please contact Angela Nichols at [auction-procurement@holynosaryws.org](mailto:auction-procurement@holynosaryws.org). That way the auction team will not approach these businesses and we can minimize duplicate contacts.

### **School Commission**

The School Commission held its January meeting on Thursday, January 3<sup>rd</sup> and approved the December meeting minutes which can be found *here*

[http://www.holynosaryws.org/forms/School\\_Commission\\_Minutes/2012-13/2012-12-06SchoolCommissionMinutes.pdf](http://www.holynosaryws.org/forms/School_Commission_Minutes/2012-13/2012-12-06SchoolCommissionMinutes.pdf). We also recognized Patrick Galvin for the incredible job he did running this year's tree lot. This was Pat's first year heading the tree lot and while we don't have the final numbers yet, the creativity, enthusiasm and leadership he brought to the position created a fun and positive atmosphere. Thanks Pat for your contribution this year and we look forward to hearing the final results. The next School Commission meeting will be Thursday, February 7<sup>th</sup> and it is an open meeting which means everybody is welcomed to attend. We will be meeting in the school library from 6-8pm and so if you have ever been curious as to what the School Commission discusses during our meetings, this is a perfect time to find out. As always, if you have any questions, ideas, or suggestions, please reach out to me or any member of the *School Commission* <http://www.holynosaryws.org/commission.html>.

### **Honor Roll - First Trimester - 2012**

**1st Honors (93% or above in all classes)**

#### **7th Grade -**

Jonathan V.

Haley W.  
Veronica A.  
Grace T.

**8th Grade -**

Martha B.  
Helen D.  
Alajandro F.  
Claire F.  
Regan N.  
Genevieve P.  
Matthew S.  
Olivia D.  
Eliot E.  
Bridget H.  
Timmy R.

**2nd Honors (90% or above in all classes)**

**7th Grade -**

Ben D.  
Cade H.  
Matthew L.

**8th Grade-**

Kimberly A.  
Max B.  
Laura H.  
Roman M.  
Jack P.  
Natalie P.  
Rachel S.  
Emily S.  
Emma G.  
Marla M.  
Jane M.  
Katie H.  
Olivia M.  
Samantha P.  
Ashley R.  
David R.

**Seahawk Spirit Day Friday**

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This Friday to help celebrate the Seahawk victory, we will have a Seahawk Free Dress day. Seahawk jersey's or colors with jeans. The usual prohibitions apply.

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**Deadline for Fulcrum Tuition Assistance Application approaching.** School families intending to apply for tuition assistance for 2013-14 are required to apply to Fulcrum as a first step. The Application is available on-line at <http://www.fulcrumfoundation.org/tuition> . Paper copies of your completed on-line application must be delivered to Jennifer MacDonald 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](mailto:jmacdonald@holynosaryseattle.org)  
Thank you.

**BASE: Please remember to complete and submit monthly calendars by the 25th day of the prior month.** Monthly calendars are available on the school website. We will be charging a late fee of **\$25 beginning in February for calendars turned in after the 25th day of the prior month. We are also requiring you to have a BASE EFT Form on file.** You have the option of automatic withdrawal from your banking account via EFT, or charges to your credit card. Transactions will occur on/around the 15th of each month. The BASE EFT Form is available on the school website.

## **CYO NEWS**

**CYO Pictures** - Is your child in the following CYO sports this year? Soccer, Baseball, Basketball, Track and/or Volleyball? Group photos for these sports will be taken next week for the Yearbook. Grades 5-8 photos will be taken on Tuesday, January 15th from

2:30-3:00. Grade K-4 photos will be taken on Wednesday, January 16th from 1:35-2:15. We appreciate if students are in perfect uniform during these photos. Photos for Cross Country have already been taken. Contact Mr. Barker with questions.

## **VOLLEYBALL REGISTRATION CLOSES JANUARY 13<sup>TH</sup>**

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.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>
January 15	Registration Closes
February 11th	Practices will begin
February 23th	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](mailto:k.jergens@comcast.net)

**Adult Confirmation:** Bishop Elizando will be here Monday evening, April 22<sup>nd</sup> to confer

the sacrament of Confirmation on our teens and adults. If you are an adult who has not yet been confirmed, you are invited and encouraged to prepare for and receive this sacrament. Catholics are fully initiated into the church with the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. We would love to have you be a part of this process. Our sessions will begin Wednesday evening, January 23, 2013 and continue on Wednesday evenings, with some slight variations, up until April 22nd. Please give me a call at 206-937-1488, Ext. 203 to register or you may email me at [jtobin@holyroseyseattle.org](mailto:jtobin@holyroseyseattle.org). JM

**Valentines Dinner & Dance**  
(Insert PDF)

Valentine's Dinner & Dance

*Una Serata d'Amore*

An Evening of Love

Saturday, February 9, 2013

Festivities will begin with a Vow Renewal  
at the 5 pm Lovers' Mass  
Followed by a night of dinner and dancing  
at the School Hall  
\$90 per couple

Festive Formal Attire

Childcare provided by 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> graders  
available upon request

Reservations available online at  
[www.HolyRosarySeattle.org](http://www.HolyRosarySeattle.org) under "Events"  
or

Following all weekend Masses through  
January 20

Or available in the Rectory office. (Space  
is Limited)

Questions - contact Paula Thiel

At [thiel@quidnunc.net](mailto:thiel@quidnunc.net)

Or 206-724-8482



\*\*\*\*\*SAVE THE  
DATE\*\*\*\*\*  
\*\*\*\*\*Father/Daughter Glow Bowl Friday March 8<sup>th</sup>\*\*\*\*\*

## Community Postings

Bishop Blanchet High School cordially invites all CYO grade school basketball players, along with their parents and coaches, to be our guests at BBHS' "CYO NIGHT" on Friday, January 25<sup>th</sup> at Bishop Blanchet. We invite you to be our guests, receive special recognition, and enjoy an evening of basketball contests on Gilligan-Wilkinson Court. The Braves will compete against Lakeside; Junior Varsity Girls start at 3:15pm, Junior Varsity Boys at 4:45pm, Varsity Girls at 6:15pm and Varsity Boys at 8:00pm. All CYO basketball players are asked to wear their jerseys in order to receive free admission for themselves and their parents on this evening. Please join us as we honor the Catholic youth of Seattle.

### Kennedy Catholic Annual Crab Feed

Kennedy Catholic High School Booster Club will be hosting its Annual Crab Feed Event on Saturday, January 26 2013 from 6:30pm-midnight. We would like to invite your Parish to Attend!! Register online at [www.kennedyhs.org/crabfeed](http://www.kennedyhs.org/crabfeed) or Contact Lisa Branson at 206.226.4440.

*Are you ready for some baseball? Springtime is just around the corner, and West Seattle Little League invites all Holy Rosary boys and girls to play ball in 2013. WSLI features the crown jewel of youth baseball in*

*Seattle: Bar-S Playfield. See the enclosed flyer for more information on how to sign up either on-line or in person.*  
(INSERT WEST SEATTLE LITTLE LEAGUE REGISTRATION FLYER)

**Morning Nanny Available** My name is Natalie Robel, daughter of 2<sup>nd</sup> grade teacher Mrs. Robel. I'm available to help your kids get ready and transport them to school in the mornings. Please contact me for more details. Phone: 206-947-5606 Email: [natalie.robel@bellevuecollege.edu](mailto:natalie.robel@bellevuecollege.edu)

Thank you!

~Natalie Robel

- ✚ Jan 11      **Seahawks Free Dress Day wear Seahawks colors & jeans**
- ✚ Jan 15      **Parent's Club Meeting 6:30**
- ✚ Jan 18      **Pizza Lunch**
- ✚ Jan 21      **Martin Luther King Holiday – No School**
- ✚ Jan 27      **School Open House**
- ✚ Jan 27 Feb 1 **Catholic Schools Week**
- ✚ Jan 30      **Grandparent/ Special Friend Day**
- ✚ Feb 1      **Applications for school year 2013/14 due**
- ✚ Feb 7<sup>th</sup>      **School Commission Meeting (open meeting) 7:00**
- ✚ Feb 22 **Kindergarten Testing**

