



SCHOOL NEWS

Holy Rosary School Family Communication Newsletter

January 17, 2013

Dear Families,

This week, I would like to conclude a two-part series that focuses on our marvelous Kindergarten program. As I mentioned last week, I have been so impressed by our Kindergarten program, especially the ladies who have put so much of their talent, energy and love into our program. So here is the conclusion of my recent conversation I had with two of Holy Rosary's finest! This week the focus is on KB.

Mrs. Crockett and Mrs. Everett, Kindergarten-B

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

Mrs. Crockett: I have worked at Holy Rosary for 13 years. This is my second year working with Mrs. Everett. As a parent, I came to Holy Rosary School in 1993 when our oldest daughter started in second grade. Our fourth child will finish here in 2016, which gives Matt and I 23 consecutive years of parenting at Holy Rosary School! That must be some kind of a record!

Mrs. Everett: This is my tenth year working in Kindergarten at Holy Rosary School. I was fortunate to have Mrs. Crockett as my daughter's kindergarten teacher at Holy Rosary and I was the room parent that year.

What do you like best about working with kindergarteners?

Mrs. C: The opportunity to witness their sheer delight and enthusiasm in the whole kindergarten experience with everything new and exciting!

Mrs. E: They are so enthusiastic about everything, they are so honest and they keep you in the moment. They have such individual personalities and I so enjoy getting to know each and everyone of the children. It is amazing how much they grow and learn throughout the year.

How do you manage all those little angels?

Mrs. C: I manage my class with clear expectations, gentle reminders, and lots of praise and enthusiasm for positive steps in the right direction.

Mrs. E: I worked in pre-school for ten years before my position here at HR so I am very familiar with little ones. Mrs. Crockett does an excellent job of teaching class rules and I support and reinforce them.

How has the kindergarten curriculum developed over the years?

Mrs. C: I have recently returned to kindergarten after teaching other grades. My previous experience was in a half-day program where students learned their letters and sounds. Now we are teaching high frequency words and the students now attend all-day. It is a big change, but the children are doing well.

What are some of the highlights each year?

Mrs. C: Star of the Week; 8th Grade Buddies; chanting and reading the Christmas Program; getting to know the specialist teachers. My highlight as a teacher is watching the students grow into a caring classroom family throughout the year. When they graduate, they are kind and respectful students, ready for the new experiences awaiting them in 1st grade!

Mrs. E: I love the first day of school! The holidays are also always fun especially the Christmas Program. I would also add, Catholic Schools Week and Kindergarten Graduation.

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

Mrs. C: Our students are surrounded by people who genuinely care about them. They always act with the individual child's best interest in mind. The staff does everything they can to set the students up for success and infuse kindness and Christian values at every opportunity.

Mrs., E: I love the sense of community at Holy Rosary. The parents and students become like family. We also have an excellent staff. Being able to integrate faith and spirituality into the curriculum is very important to me.

I hope you have enjoyed this two-part series as much as I have preparing it. I love to turn the attention to our faculty and staff who do such an incredible job with your children. Holy Rosary School is truly blessed to have such community within the Holy Rosary Parish.

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, 8th Grade vs. Faculty Volleyball game @ 1:45

Sunday 2/3/13: *Celebrate and thank our Parish.* 8th 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: Reading Gives You Super Powers

Plans are being made to celebrate reading during Catholic Schools' Week. We are asking for help to set up, decorate, pack up, and cashier during this fund raising activity. Extra cashiers and helpers are truly needed during the Grandparents' Day on Wednesday. The goal is to be the "Nordstrom" of book fairs so please consider being a part of this activity. Grandparents' Day offers so many opportunities for sharing conversations around books, school, memories and dreams for the future. Set up on Thursday, January 24 and pack up on Sunday, February 3. Cashiers are needed every day. Please use this link to volunteer. In next week's eFC you will learn about some of the funny contests and activities that will help each create excitement and some great memories. Please plan to be a part of these memories. Thank you.

<http://www.SignUpGenius.com/go/5080E4AA4AC22A64-cswjanuary>

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@holyrosaryws.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 30 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 or call 206-933-5942. Looking forward to hearing from you.

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080D44ADAB28A46-volunteer>

Grandparents Day Schedule

Grandparent's and Special Friends Day Wednesday, January 30th
First group (child's last name A– L)

10:00 am : Arrive and meet children in school hall

10:15 Prayer service in church

10:45– 11:15: School tour and photos

11:20: Luncheon in Lanigan Hall (Your lunch will be lovingly provided by your grandchild.)

Second group (child's last name M– Z)

12:00: Arrive and meet children in school hall

12:15 Prayer service in church

12:45– 1:15: Luncheon in Lanigan Hall (Your lunch will be lovingly provided by your grandchild.)

1:20 –1:50: School tour and photos

Open Enrollment: Preschool - 8th Grade

We are currently accepting applications for the 2013-14 school year. Please stop by the school's main office to pick up an application packet or download an application from our website. (please link to www.holyrosaryws.org/forms.html)

All applications and fees are due to the main office by Friday, February 1, 2013. Please contact Kimberly Tish, Registrar, with further questions: ktish@holyrosaryws.org

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@holyroaryseattle.org
Thank you.

BASE News

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.

Parents' Club Corner

Thanks to all who attended the Holy Rosary Parent's Club Happy Hour!
Thank you to Kennedy Catholic High School for providing our January raffle prizes.
We appreciate and want to thank Admiral Menchie's for donating our February raffle prize and for providing \$5 gift cards for each student of the winning class with the most parents in attendance at our January meeting. Please see the attached flyer for some fun Menchie's anniversary events. Happy 1st Anniversary Menchie's!

THANK YOU for supporting our Holy Rosary School Community!

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@holyroaryws.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@holyroswaryws.org. That way the auction team will not approach these businesses and we can minimize duplicate contacts.

Congratulations to Eliot Evans!

Eliot participated in the VFW Patriot's Pen Essay Contest. He won first place for Jr. High Students at the West Seattle Post and 2nd Place for the Greater Seattle/Vashon Post. Congratulations, Eliot. Holy Rosary School is very proud of you.

\$1 On One Update: The school collected \$301.70 for January. Thank you so much for your generosity and for supporting our students in Uganda! This is how much each grade collected:

K \$52.26	1st 65.11
2nd. \$13.75	3rd \$23.08
4th \$26.50	5th \$15.00
6th \$10.00	7th \$31.00
8th \$35.00	

SAVE THE DATE

MOTHER/DAUGHTER PAJAMA PARTY

Friday, February 1st is the Mother/Daughter Pajama Party at the school hall! Party starts at 6:30 and ends at 9pm. Get ready to have a fun time and enjoy music, games and more! Admission is a donation of new pajamas, package of socks or new toys which will be donated to Treehouse. Pizza, drinks and snacks will be available for purchase. Please RSVP to danettecarufel@hotmail.com by January 30th. This party is in support of a 7th grade service project.

*****FATHER/DAUGHTER GLO BOWL MARCH 8*****
*****More details to follow later*****

Lego Robotics Tournament Update

What a season it has been! The "A" Team (Sherri Chun and Paul Zarkowski) and Team TNT (Chris Frei) went to the FLL Lego Robotics regional qualifying tournament last Saturday. Overall we had 3 teams complete this year; Marypat Smucker's team competed in the Dec. 8 tournament. All of our teams did fantastically well! In addition to the Robot Game, the kids were evaluated on FLL Core Values and Teamwork, Robot Design, and the Senior Solutions Project Presentation. The boys worked hard this year, and it really showed. The team would like to thank mentors Brian Knox, David Redenbaugh, Patrick Amrine, and Brian McGaughey for the incredible time spent sharing their programming and building expertise. A huge thank you also to Coach Chris Frei, who gave countless hours of his personal time to working with our boys. Look for us at the Feb. 28 Parents Club meeting - you might even see some robot action!

ADULT CONFIRMATION

Bishop Elizando will be here Monday evening, April 22nd 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@holyroaryseattle.org. JM

Valentine Dinner & Dance

*Gather your friends and join us for the
Holy Rosary Valentine's Dinner & Dance*

*Una Serata d'Amore
An Evening of Love*

Saturday, February 9, 2013

*Begin the evening with a renewal of your wedding vows
at the 5 pm Mass*

*Followed by a catered dinner and dancing in the School
Hall*

\$90 per couple - Festive Formal Attire

*Complimentary childcare can be arrange at your home
with 7th & 8th grade Holy*

*Rosary students wanting to earn service hours. Please
contact Paula Thiel*

*at thiel@quidnunc.net to obtain a list. This must be pre-
arranged by February 9th.*

*If you would like to share a table with specific
couples, please contact Paula with your request.*

*Reservations are available ONLINE at
<http://www.holyrosaryseattle.org/index.cfm?load=page&page=340>
or following all Masses January 12/13 and 19/20,
or available in the Rectory office.*

Questions - contact Paula Thiel



At thiel@quidnunc.net

Or 206-724-8482

Holy Rosary Irish Dinner

The leprechauns are hard at work again preparing for the Holy Rosary Irish Dinner and they need your help!

This year's dinner will be held on Sunday, March 17th (St. Patrick's Day) – and we need your help with the following:

Saturday, March 16th - 6:30pm-8:30pm – Set Up

Sunday, March 17th – 3:00pm – 7:00pm – Set up, Greet, Serve, Additional Help

Sunday, March 17th – 7:00pm – 8:30pm – Clean up

If you are interested in volunteering for any of the above, please go to the volunteer website at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/508084DA4A82FA02-holy>.

We are also looking for someone who would like to shadow us this year and take over the Irish Dinner next year. If you are interested, please reach out to Christy and Jodi at HolyRosaryIrishDinner@gmail.com.

In the meantime, stay tuned for more information about the Irish Dinner!!!

Jodi Foisy & Christy Tobin-Presser

Community Postings

Knights of Columbus to Sponsor Youth Free Throw Competition:

Show off your basketball skills. Our Lady of Guadalupe Council Knights of Columbus is sponsoring a free throw competition for all boys and girls ages 10-14. It will be held Saturday February 2 at 10:00 a.m. at Our Lady of Guadalupe gym 3410 SW Myrtle St. Each boy and girl age group champion will be eligible to advance to the District Competition to be held in February. You must provide proof of age (birth certificate)

CYO Night At Bishop Blanchet:

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 25th 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 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)

-  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 7th **School Commission Meeting (open meeting) 7:00**
-  Feb 8th **Mid Trimester Reports go out**
-  Feb 22 **Kindergarten Testing**