



# SCHOOL NEWS

Holy Rosary School Family Communication Newsletter

January 24, 2013

Dear Families,

As we get closer to our weeklong celebration of Catholic Schools Week, I could think of no better way of approaching it than to focus on and share my interview with our longest serving member of our faculty, Mrs. Diane Blanco. In fact, Mrs. Blanco is serving in her 30<sup>th</sup> year right here at Holy Rosary School!

Q- What was Holy Rosary School like when you first joined the faculty? Has it really been thirty years?

Holy Rosary School was much smaller thirty years ago! We were a single grade school with about fifteen staff members, all of whom were able to sit around the table in our lunchroom for teacher meetings. I cannot believe it has been thirty years since I began my teaching career, all in grade one; I am a lifelong member of Holy Rosary Parish and was thrilled to be hired at the school. At the time, I was a proud Husky graduate from UW and a newlywed of just four months!

Q- Who was the pastor and principal at that time? Were the Dominican nuns still teaching in the school?

Father James Mallahan was our dear pastor at the time. He was a lovely man, cherished by all, who married my husband and I and baptized our two daughters. I was saddened yet honored to attend the celebration of his life at his funeral Mass. Our principal when I started was Mr. Patrick Paylow, who led HR for two years. There were five nuns on our staff when I began teaching, all deeply devoted models of our faith, who were always present to impart the Catholic foundation and tradition.

Q- What has changed in teaching 1<sup>st</sup> Graders over the years?

The biggest change has probably been the addition of new technology. Thirty years ago, I was responsible for operating the film projector, a tape recorder and the record player.

Q- You show by your teaching a deep love of your profession, especially the children, how do you retain such a fresh and positive attitude?

It must be the work of the Holy Spirit!

Q- Holy Rosary is so blessed to have such a high number of faculty and staff that have served the school for many years-of the present faculty, who are some that joined you in your early years here?

In my early years, I worked with Maggie Judd, Margaret Whetham, and Sue Harris, but as parents! Each of these women had darling first graders, and were active participants in our Parent's Club and Parish before they joined our school staff.

Q- What do you think makes Holy Rosary School such a special place? What are your fondest memories?

Holy Rosary Parish and School have always been a special place, my home. I have a lifetime of beautiful memories, but most fondly of the many, many wonderful families that have been a part of our community over the years. It is especially fun to share in their lives, and now run into them in and around West Seattle. It is my sincere pleasure to serve our Holy Rosary community for all of these years. God has blessed me greatly.

Wasn't that beautiful, from such a wonderful person! Next week, during Catholic School's Week, I am going to share Archbishop Sartain's reflection on the meaning of Catholic Schools Week. I will then pick up my column thread the following week to share more of these interviews with our faculty!

Sincerely,

Michael Cantu,  
Principal  
Holy Rosary School

**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.

*The greatest gift is a portion of thyself. - Ralph Waldo Emerson*

**As part of Catholic Schools Week, all grades will be participating in the following service projects.**

**Kindergarten:** Spiffing up the Church pews and hymnals

**1<sup>st</sup> Grade:** Make Valentines for St. Vincent de Paul

**2<sup>nd</sup> Grade:** Make 'Pillow Notes' for the ladies at the weekend shelter

**3<sup>rd</sup> Grade:** Deliver cards and gift baskets to neighboring schools

**4<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Deliver certificates to West Seattle businesses

**5<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Deliver primroses to our Holy Rosary neighbors

**6<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Make cards for our Parish Staff

**7<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Make "School Pride" Quote Cards for Grandparent Lunch decorations

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Grandparent lunch set up and clean up

#### **Book Fair Notice**

The Book Fair opens Friday, January 25! This year's science theme relates so well to the many science and social studies activities displayed in the halls of Holy Rosary, adding to the festivities of Catholic Schools Week. Scholastic has created a website for us, so use this link for "all things book fair" such as the hours of operation as well as an explanation of all the various activities. Volunteers are still needed, especially on Wednesday, January 30 during the Grandparent luncheon. If you can help, please sign up here. As we begin to incorporate the Common Core State Standards, we need to increase the nonfiction resources available, both from print and electronic sources. The profits from this fair will be used to begin the purchasing of these new resources. Thank you for your continued support of literacy at HRS!

<http://bookfairs.scholastic.com/homepage/holyrosaryseattle>

#### **PARENT'S CLUB CORNER**

**Thanks to All Who Attended the January Parent's Club Happy Hour!**

We had outstanding attendance with over **100** parents signed in! The winning class with the most parents in attendance was 3A! Students in 3A will each receive a Menchie's gift card. 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. Please see the [attached flyer \(PDF\)](#) for some fun Menchie's anniversary events.

## **Congratulations!**

**Jennifer Durante and Mora McCann were the lucky winners of our January raffle prizes donated by [Kennedy Catholic High School](#).**

**THANK YOU to the local businesses that support our Holy Rosary School Community!**

## **Holy Rosary Volunteer Opportunities**

For more information on available positions:

<https://gator.holyrosaryws.org/parentsclub/volunteer-opportunities/>

## **Click, Shop, Support!**

Our Holy Rosary Community has raised over \$4,500 since October by clicking on Amazon links for purchases. Who would have thought that fundraising would be as simple as a click!

## **Next Parent's Club Meeting**

The next Parent's Club meeting will be held on Thursday, February 28th 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.

## **Heart Auction**



And they're off...As we promised at the Parent's Club Meeting our 2013 Auction Site is *UP AND RUNNING!*

The Heart Auction Link here on the school website <http://heart.holyrosaryws.org> will link you to the new and improved 2013 Auction Site.

New functionality on the Heart site will be available as we go.

- Family Donations – available on line TODAY!
  - Sign up on line with your donation item or contribution.
    - Don't forget that the contribution is \$125/family this year
  - Need some ideas? See our wish list packages below. Grab some friends and make a fantastic package!

- Bring your item to the school office or wait for curbside pick up (March 8-18)
- Auction Ticket Purchase – available in mid-February
  - Save-the-date: April 20, 2013
- Auction Party Purchase – available in mid-February
  - Bingo Bash
- Auction Volunteering – available in late-February

Thank you and Welcome to Beth Hamilton and Haley Martin-Hampton, our new 2013 Distribution Chairs.

#### Auction Donation Suggestions:

Parties – theme parties, karaoke, class parties, barbeques, and a Kentucky Derby or Triple Crown Party

Sports – tickets (Mariners, Sounders, and Seahawks), a golf weekend, and an après ski event

Services – family photography session, home or closet organizing, interior design or landscape design.

Nights out- babysitting, West Seattle night on the town, restaurant gift cards, Symphony, Ballet, or Plays.

#### Featured Auction Volunteer Position:

Are you proficient in HTML and CSS? Do you love image editing applications? Help us make this year's auction website as extraordinary as our school!

Implement and code design elements into the auction site. Limited hours, flexible time, behind the scenes. Counts towards fundraising volunteer hours.

Contact Alicia Sands: [asands@holyrosaryws.org](mailto:asands@holyrosaryws.org)

\*\*\*\*\*Save The Dates\*\*\*\*\*

Sept. 7th – Holy Rosary Golf Tournament

Fri/Sat. Sept 20th-21st - WestFest

Sat. Sept. 28th - School Centennial Celebration

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#### Reminder From The Office:

If your child is sick or if you are going to be gone please notify your teacher as well as the front office. For safety and efficiency reasons it is important that both are notified.

#### School Commission

Please take the fundraiser survey. School commission would like all families to take the following short survey regarding our fundraisers. The survey only takes 3 to 5 minutes to complete, but the information that you provide will be important for future decisions regarding our fundraising model. Please use the following link to access the survey:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/fundraising1-2013>

The survey is anonymous, unless you wish to include your name in the comment section. The survey will be open for two weeks, until Thursday, February 7. Your participation is greatly appreciated. If you have any questions, please contact Ann at [ann.summers@kingcounty.gov](mailto:ann.summers@kingcounty.gov).

## HONOR BAND 2013

THANK YOU TO ALL THE STUDENTS THAT AUDITIONED. *WE ARE PROUD OF YOU!*  
CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING BAND MEMBERS SELECTED TO  
REPRESENT OUR SCHOOL IN THE 2013 HONOR BAND!

Genevieve P. – Flute  
Ashley R. – Flute  
Emma C. – Clarinet  
Maia H. – Clarinet  
Marissa T. – Trumpet  
William McG. – Trumpet  
Corey Z. - Trombone  
Jonathan V. –Percussion  
Sal C. - Percussion

### **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](mailto:danettecarufel@hotmail.com) by January 30th. This party is in support of a 7th grade service project.

### **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](http://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@holynosaryws.org](mailto:ktish@holynosaryws.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](mailto:jmacdonald@holyroaryseattle.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.

**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@holyroaryseattle.org](mailto:jtobin@holyroaryseattle.org). **JM**

**Valentines Dinner & Dance**  
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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





# 2013 + Holy Rosary Father - Daughter Glow Bowl



**West Seattle Bowl**

**Friday, March 8**

**5 - 8pm**

*Theme: Western*

**Who:** All Holy Rosary School Girls and their Fathers (Kindergarten thru 8th Grade)

**What:** A Grand Ol' Time Bowling w/Fathers, Daughters & Friends



**Where:** West Seattle Bowl - 4505 39th Ave., SW

**Cost:** \$35 for Father and one Daughter, plus \$5 for each additional girl in that family. If you are "adopting a daughter" of another parent who is unable to attend, the cost is \$15 for that girl. Cost includes bowling + shoes, pizza, drink, cookie, photo, glow necklace and other goodies.

**Wear:** Yeehaw! Put on your western gear and great ready to bowl!

**Questions?** Call Eva Newman (206) 935 6390 or Laurel Zimmer (206) 245 9124

Please complete & return the bottom of this form to the office w/payment **no later than Friday, February 22.**

Lane requests will be honored on a first-come, first-served basis. This event fills up quickly!



Father's Name (or Uncle's/Grandpa's Name) \_\_\_\_\_

Daughter's Name(s) & Class Per Name (e.g., 2B) \_\_\_\_\_

If more than one daughter, bowl together as a family or girls with their grade levels.

Please circle your preference and which daughter dad should be with.

Total number attending \_\_\_\_\_

Check amount, attached (payable to Holy Rosary School) Check # \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Names of requested bowling partners and class (limit 8 bowlers/lane) \_\_\_\_\_

## 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 17<sup>th</sup> (St. Patrick's Day) – and we need your help with the following:

Saturday, March 16<sup>th</sup> - 6:30pm-8:30pm – Set Up

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

Sunday, March 17<sup>th</sup> – 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](mailto:HolyRosaryIrishDinner@gmail.com).

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

Jodi Foisy & Christy Tobin-Presser

## Community Postings

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JOIN OUR NEW WEST SEATTLE DAISY GIRL SCOUT TROOP!

WHAT: PARENT MEETING for Kindergarten Girls

DATE: Monday, February 4, 2012

TIME: 6:30-7:30pm

PLACE: Holy Rosary School, Main School Hall, 4142 42nd Ave SW Seattle WA 98116

Who is it for? All Kindergarten families who wish to learn more about their girl's troop participation in Girl Scouts. No experience necessary. Children welcome to attend!

Girl Scout annual membership is \$12, financial assistance is available at

<https://www.girlscoutswa.org/get-involved/Join/Pages/Financial-Assistance.aspx>

Please contact volunteer leader Danielle Otey for more information

Phone: (206) 850-1791

Email: [GSTroop43034@gmail.com](mailto:GSTroop43034@gmail.com)

Danielle "Skittles" Otey, Troop #43034 Leader

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

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## 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 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. WSL 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)*

### **Northwest Boys Choir Auditions:**

Open auditions for the Northwest Boys Choir spring enrollment will be held Saturday, February 9, 2013 for Boys who are 6-9 years old. Classes for new members begin in late February

- ✚ 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 15 Half Day Magazine Drive Reward
- ✚ Feb 18-19 Mid Winter break
- ✚ Feb 22 No Kindergarten
- ✚ Feb 22 Kindergarten Testing
- ✚ Feb 28 Parent's Club Meeting 6:30