



SCHOOL NEWS

Holy Rosary School Family Communication Newsletter

February 21, 2013

FOR LENT FOR LIFE

PRAY, FAST, GIVE
CRS Rice Bowl

LENT: Brown Bag Fridays for St. Martin de Porres - Volunteer drivers needed!

Once again this year Holy Rosary students are looking forward to providing lunches, (*see note below,) and toiletry items to the men at St. Martin de Porres shelter on Fridays during Lent.

We will have our first collection day on Friday, Feb. 22nd.

Please refer to the list below for specific toiletry items being collected each Friday.

We need Parent Volunteers to drive the lunches and a few students to deliver the lunches each week. If this is something you would like to do, please contact Jennifer H. or Janise in the Main Office.

****Since lunches can be refrigerated and are often eaten on***

the same day, perishable items such as sandwiches and fruit are OK.

Fri. Feb. 22: Brown Bag Lunch and lotion and soap (sample sizes)

Fri. Mar. 1: Brown Bag Lunch and Toothbrush/Toothpaste (sample size)

Fri. Mar. 8: Brown Bag Lunch and men's socks

Fri. Mar. 15: Brown Bag Lunch and deodorant/shampoo (sample sizes)

Due to the short week this week, I'm rerunning my newsletter from last week.

Dear Families,

I wanted to give you an update on our curriculum planning. As you probably know from previous communications, our faculty has been engaged in realigning to the Common Core in Language Arts and Math. In case you missed it, the Common Core is the newest development in the standards movement. We are transitioning from the State of Washington standards to the Common Core. There will be some adjustments in our assessments and the new standards have adjusted some areas of emphasis, but because the Washington State standards are pretty solid already, the transition will go pretty smoothly.

Textbook/Program Adoption

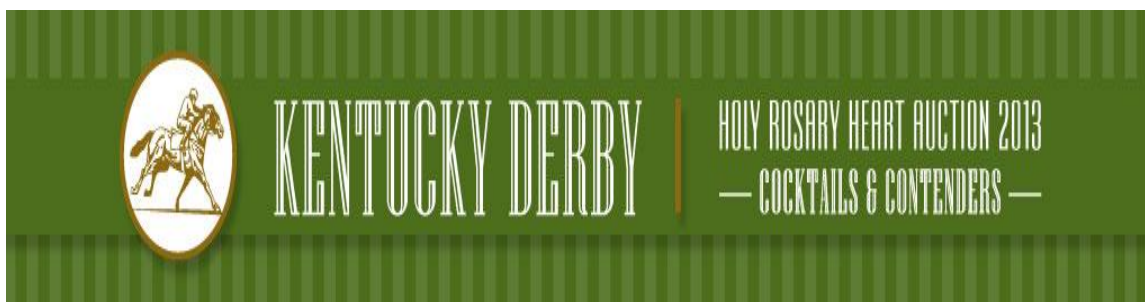
You have probably heard me say that we are going to be adopting new textbooks to both upgrade the textbooks we are currently using in Math and Language Arts as well as in matching up with the new Common Core Standards. Our faculty curriculum committee work is ongoing and quite extensive and we will be in a great place when it comes to evaluating and selecting a series and program. However, the publishers are still developing their new series, thus the deliberate choice to wait until we see the full offerings. I checked with both curriculum experts and the Department of Catholic Schools and both agree that this is the right thing to do. Budget planning to accomplish this began last year and I expect we will begin adoption of some Language Arts materials in time for the start of next year. We are currently examining Algebra texts, also for next year. New Math texts are planned for the 2014-15 school year.

Earlier this year, I had our faculty take a look at Singapore Math. Many of our teachers were already familiar with this program. It is still being considered and I will be sending a team of teachers to visit a school in our deanery that I have been in contact with regarding their adoption of this program. That said, there are other programs we hope to explore especially those that are currently under development to see how well they align with the Common Core. I think it is very important to note that our current Math curriculum has produced very positive results as proven out in our interactive study of graduates and standardized test data. We have made some adjustments to the pace of our Saxon Math instruction, which has been very effective. These changes will take us from a position of strength to an even higher level of curriculum excellence.

We are planning a spring Math parent meeting to present more on all this as well as any developments that emerge in the near future.

Thank you,

Michael Cantu,
Principal



Donations have passed the first turn and are rounding into the second. If you missed our “2 free dress pass” week don’t miss this week for “1 free dress pass”.

All donation between February 18-22 earn each child in the family 1 free dress pass.



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Curbside Pick Up

Friday, March 1 and March 8



Join us at Parent’s Club

Thursday, February 28th at 6:30pm



If you, as a family, are procuring from a business please use this form.

[Heart Auction Business Procurement Forms](#)

Time to place your bets . . . the gates will be open on this year's free tuition raffle at the Parent's Club Happy Hour on February 28th. Come prepared to buy your tickets. Only 100 will be sold and we expect them to sell out long before auction night. You know this is your year to win!

*\$100/ ticket *drawing held April 20th *need not be present to win.

(Insert link here)

PARENT'S CLUB CORNER

Join us Thursday, February 28th for the next Holy Rosary Happy Hour! Enjoy REFRESHMENTS and an ART WALK from 6:30pm - 7pm. Stroll through the school and see what our creative students have been up to lately. The parent's club meeting will follow from 7pm-8pm.

- Executive Board members and our School Commission will discuss the Future of Fundraising at Holy Rosary School.
 - Holy Rosary tree lot donation checks will be presented to West Seattle Food Bank, West Seattle Helpline and Salvation Army Hickman House.
 - LegoRobotics program discussion.
 - Yearbook program discussion and an opportunity to order a yearbook.
- Do you have any questions you'd like to have addressed at our meeting? If so, please submit your question in writing to the Parent's Club box in the office *no later than Wednesday, February 27th*.

Our February raffle prize winner will receive a **\$25 Menchie's gift card!**

The classroom with the highest number of parents in attendance will earn **ice cream floats!**

DON'T FORGET! Free child care is always provided in the school library and each parent earns a general volunteer hour for attending.

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](#).

Need fundraising hours? Looking for assistance with a decorations project. Work can be done from home!!!! Contact Nicole Herdener at nherdener@gmail.com for more details.

Holy Rosary Volunteer Opportunities

For more information on available positions:

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

2013-2014 School Budget & Tuition Meeting

Mark your calendars now for the 2013-2014 budget presentation. School Commission will present next year's budget on March 19th from 6:30-7:30 in the school hall. We will go over where our revenue comes from, what it gets spent on, and how things are changing for next year. I look forward to seeing you there! Childcare will not be provided. Thank you.

Patrick Kennedy

School Commission President

B.A.S.E.

All Kindergarteners enrolled in B.A.S.E. are invited this Friday to spend the day with us. We will be studying transportation and a field trip will include a bus ride.

Think Summer. B.A.S.E. is currently enrolling students for B.A.S.E. summer camp. Open Monday – Friday 7am – 6pm. We will have weekly themes and plenty of field trips. Two of our favorite students Matthew Sasonoff and Hayley Richmond will be joining us as junior counselors so sign up for a summer of fun. You may sign up for one week or the entire summer starting June 17th and ending August 30th.

Milk Volunteer Needed

We are looking for a volunteer that can help with dispensing milk from 11:00 – 1:00 on every Monday and Friday. We're looking for one person to take both days or two people to take one day. If you're interested, please contact the front office.

Father Daughter Glow Bowl

Friday, March 8th

Our numbers are low so we extended the sign up deadline to March 1st. Please get your registration to us ASAP!

Download the Flyer here:

<http://www.holyrosaryws.org/fce/12/attachments/2013-01-31/Father-Daughter-GlowBowl.pdf>

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

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@holyrosaryseattle.org. **JoAnn M. Tobin**

Community Postings

West Seattle Girls Softball Ages 6-15

Hello parents and coaches - just a reminder that registration is open and runs thru February 28th. Even though the season itself does not start for a few months, it is important for everyone to register their daughter(s) so we can sort out teams, uniforms, schedules, etc. This will ensure a smooth start to the season. Below you will find key dates for the season. We are also working on final dates for a pitching clinic and time for the league at the K-Center batting cages. Although updates will be sent via email you can also find them on the league website and our Facebook page. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to email the league at wsgsregistration@hotmail.com. Below is the link to our website.

www.westseattlegirlssoftball.com

Don't forget to like us on Facebook.

2013 dates

Registration Ends - Feb 28

Practice Begins week of March 25

Season Opens - April 22

Upcoming Events

✚ Feb 22	Kindergarten Testing
✚ Feb 22	First Collection for St. Martin de Porres
✚ Feb 28	Parents Club Meeting
✚ March 8	Father/Daughter Glow Bowl
✚ March 8	End of Second Trimester
✚ March 11	St. Patrick's Day Mass 8:45
✚ March 12	Pizza Lunch
✚ March 14-15	Drama Play "The Pied Piper"
✚ March 19	Budget & Tuition Presentation (open to all parents) 6:30-7:30
✚ March 21	2 nd Trimester Report Cards
✚ March 22	No School - Deanery Curriculum Day