



SCHOOL NEWS

Holy Rosary School Family Communication Newsletter

February 28, 2013

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The Word Among Us

Results of the Catholic High School Admissions Process

Holy Names Academy

22 accepted. Nine of whom, have been admitted with Honors and a Scholarship; four more with Honors

Kennedy Catholic

26 accepted *

Seattle Prep

17 accepted *

O'Dea

5 accepted *

Bishop Blanchet

15 accepted *

*Holy Names is the only school listed above that shares their Scholarship and Honors with admission data with us, the other schools mail that directly to the families of the students.

We will be graduating a class of 53 students this year. Exceptional results, that speak well of our overall program, our excellent teachers and staff as well as you, our parents and families!

Dear Families,

I started by sharing the results of our 8th Grade Catholic High School admissions results. I am so proud of these students, as all our faculty and staff are. I would like to point out that they are not only academically solid but have also displayed wonderful leadership qualities. The impressions that they formed with the interested applicant families at our Open House event three weeks ago continue a long history of positive results. I think that every family I interviewed commented on how impressed they were with our 8th Grade tour guides during Open House.

We have made great progress in shaping up our school over the last year. Thanks to the efforts of many in our community, we have a newly painted gym, new cubbies for the kindergarten, a new cubby for the 3rd grade, more fresh paint in the interior of the school including the school office and health room, a new tiled floor in the health room, new desks for the school offices, and we got the front of the school sidewalk project done! I want to share the latest improvement, which was accomplished through the generosity of one of the members of our school community together with some school funds. The school drinking fountains on the 2nd floor became a real function challenge for our plant manager, Mr. Scott Stoffen. Scott does a marvelous job keeping all the mechanical aspects of our school working, but Scott and the plumbers met their match with our old drinking fountains. Over the last six months, he would fix them, only to see them break again. I think what was happening was unintentional-when the kids filled their water bottles they were twisting the nozzles to align with the opening in their water bottle and snapping the internal fittings of the drinking fountain. We needed to replace them, but these were not in the budget. As Scott and I looked for a fix, I was approached by a wonderful person whose husband works for a company that ended up giving us a grant for top quality drinking fountains with a built in water bottle filler! I ordered them immediately and they were installed last Friday afternoon. Nintendo is the company that provided the funds. The person who works for the company wishes to remain anonymous. Thank you both!

Two more mentions this week:

I want to commend the Parent's Club for generating such participation this year-great work with the conversations and presentations that have been truly wonderful. Come to the Parent's Club meeting tomorrow night to see what all the excitement is about. I understand that the refreshments are a real part of the success!

Last year, the Auction produced great results including raising significant funds for our tuition assistance fund. Those funds have made a vast difference to many of our families. This year, the appeal to help support those in need will once again be during the dessert auction, please earmark that appeal. Your generosity of time/treasure/talent has made a difference for many years-thank you.

This year's auction team has made great strides filling all the key roles and is planning and working busily behind the scenes. Our auction continues to be our most significant fund-raiser in our budget. If you are not already involved, now is the time to step up to make sure we have another great effort this year. Thanks to all of you already involved in all the aspects of the auction-as we know, it is for the worth of causes: the children of Holy Rosary School who all deserve our best effort!

Take care,

Michael Cantu,
Principal
Holy Rosary School



Win, Place or Show...It is time to place your bet for the Kentucky Derby Auction.

April 20, 2013

Donations Due: Friday, March 1st – EXTENDED DEADLINE

Family Donation Commitment: \$125

Action: Donate to the Heart Auction ([Heart Auction Link](#))

Action: Buy your Raffle Tickets (Angela Nichols)

Action: Drop off your donated items

Reminder: Your donations drive our success.

*Enter your donation into the Heart Auction site. Drop your donation off in the HRS office – ***remember to label the donation!!*** Curbside drop off for auction items are Friday, March 1 and 8.

We are in the donation home stretch!

Start bringing in your items on Friday. Procurement team members will be on the rails to grab them from you at drop off.

Friday, March 1st is the last day to donate an item. After Friday, we will only be accepting cash donations.

Thank you to all who donated the last two weeks, free dress passes are on their way to you in your carrier's folder.

Please contact Tara Colagrossi, Family Procurement.

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

We will have our second collection day on Friday, March 1st. 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. 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)**

\$1 on One Begins Next Week! All next week, March 4th – 8th, is our \$1 on 1 for Uganda. We encourage students to bring \$1 to their homeroom next week to support our Ugandan students. Thank you so much for your generosity!

PARENT'S CLUB CORNER

Holy Rosary Happy Hour

Join us tonight for REFRESHMENTS and a SUNNY SAFARI ART WALK from 6:30pm-7pm. Stroll through the school and see what our creative students have been up to lately.

[Parent's Club](#) business will follow from 7pm-8pm.

- Executive Board members and our [School Commission](#) President and Vice President 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](#).
- Lego Robotics/extracurricular activities update
- Yearbook program discussion and an opportunity to order a yearbook

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](#).

Safari Art Walk - This Thursday before the Parent's Club meeting come take the Safari Art Tour during the Holy Rosary Happy Hour! Lions, cheetahs, elephants, giraffes, and other African safari animals have invaded our school in the most artistic and creative way. Your childrens' artwork from grades K-7 will be displayed on the school hall walls for you to view up close and personal, so no need to bring binoculars. The safari "tour" runs from 6:30-7:00 and you'll also get a preview of our 2012-2013 yearbook "Safari To Success". There will be a chance to win a free yearbook as well! Students from the yearbook elective, along with

the Yearbook teachers, Mrs. DeFeo and Mr. Barker, will be speaking briefly. We hope to see you there this Thursday! ROWR!

Click, Shop, Support through Amazon.com!

Our Holy Rosary Community has raised over \$5,000 since October by clicking on our Amazon links for purchases. Who would have thought that fundraising would be as simple as a click?!

Holy Rosary Volunteer Opportunities

Parent's Club is looking for enthusiastic people to join the 2013-14 team! The following positions are OPEN:

-Vice President

-Secretary

-Treasurer

We strongly encourage anyone to apply for a position. Please complete and return your application to the school office no later than **Friday, April 26, 2013**. Questions regarding the positions or your application can be directed to any of the current Parent's Club Executive Board Members.

(insert link to application here)

For more information on available volunteer positions:

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

Last chance for Father/Daughter Glow Bowl tickets!!

The registration deadline for the Father/Daughter Glow Bowl has been extended to TOMORROW!

Friday, March 1st is the LAST day to register, as we are a week out from the event.

DON'T MISS OUT! This is a really fun and popular event for dads/daughters.

This year's theme: Western

Registration forms can be found at the Parent's Club meeting tonight, in the school office or download the flyer here (add hyperlink like on the eFC). All forms and payments must be turned into the office by Friday.

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

BrainPOP, BrainPOP Jr. and BrainPOP Spanish - Holy Rosary has a subscription to BrainPOP -

<http://www.brainpop.com>, <http://www.brainpopjr.com>, and <http://esp.brainpop.com> - which is a wonderfully engaging and enriching learning tool. It's appropriate for students in grades K-8 and offers information on hundreds of topics. Holy Rosary pays for school access which enables student logins from 7:00 am to 5:30 pm. The username and password cannot be posted online, so email Mr. Barker if you're interested. Thanks!

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.

The Drama Play

The 7th/8th Drama Elective is performing their rendition of *the Pied Piper* on Thursday, March 14th and Friday, March 15th at 7 pm in the HRS School Hall. All HRS community members and friends are invited to attend. Entry is free (donations appreciated and accepted)! We are excited to show you what we've been working on the past 6 months. Costumes, sets, acting, music and dancing promise to delight! We hope to see you all there.

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

Tuition Assistance Applications from SMART Tuition Aid Analysis are now available in the school office. Now that your Fulcrum application has been submitted, this is the second step. Please pick up an application form and follow the directions provided in the packet. The applications may be submitted at any time but the deadline is April 15, 2013. If you have questions, contact Jennifer MacDonald at 206-937-1488, ext. 211 or jmacdonald@holynosaryseattle.org Thank you.

B.A.S.E.

Attention B.A.S.E. Parents

Remember to hand in your calendars for March. B.A.S.E. is open all day on March 22nd and is covered under the 10-month contracts. Good Friday is a noon dismissal and we will be open here but there will be no field trip. Remember no hot lunch is served on noon dismissal days.

Sign up sheets for Easter break will be put out today. You must sign up and pay by March 15. Easter break days are vacation day. and aren't covered under the contracts. We will not be open Easter Monday, April 1st.

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 S. and Hayley R. 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.

1% Receipt Program with Thriftway

This is a reminder to our Holy Rosary parents that we are still collecting the **Thriftway** receipts to get 1% of your shopping back

to the school through their ongoing 1% Receipt Program. **Please start shopping at Thriftway more often which means more money back to our school.** You may drop off the receipts in the school office. There is a box placed on the shelf behind the door. If you have any questions, please contact Irene Merz at irenemerz@msn.com. Thank you for your continued support.

Pizza Lunch!

Ordering is now open for the next Pizza Lunch, scheduled for Friday, March 15th. The **last day to order online for this lunch will be Friday March 8th.** When ordering online please make sure to leave the payment date at the date the payment system offers you. Online ordering can be found here in Quick Links, “Online Payments” button: <http://www.holyrosaryws.org/>

Treat for this coming pizza day will be ice cream!

Remaining pizza lunches for the year are as follow

3/15

4/12

5/10 & 5/31

Thanks to all for considering supporting this fundraiser for our 8th graders.

Chess Club

We are all very proud that some of our HR chess kids brought back a few trophies from the West Seattle Chess Tournament on Saturday.

For individual grade levels:

1st grade

Giorgio M.- 1st Place

Jake H. - 3rd Place

2nd grade

PJ B.- 4th Place

4th grade

JJ H.- 4th Place

For the 2nd – 4th grades overall level:

Adam J.- 3rd Place

In addition to the above mentioned winners, Connor M. and Giorvi M. also participated in this tournament and the points they scored helped Holy Rosary School bring back **5th Place for the 2nd to 4th Grade Team**, and **4th Place for the K to 1st Grade Team**.

Thank you to Mr. Ritscher for his coaching and guidance with these kids.

(Insert photo here)

Math-a-thon

The Math-a-thon that combines math skills practice for our students while also raising money for St. Jude Children's Hospital begins on Friday. For two decades, the students, families, and friends of our school community have contributed more than \$35,000. This is truly an example that "every little bit adds up". This year, your family may choose to participate in the Math-a-thon. The children will receive the information on Friday, and the booklets will be ordered on Wednesday, so please return the permission slips as quickly as possible. Mrs. Harris will be coordinating this event, so feel free to email her with your questions. Thank you.

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Children's Choir

Singers Needed for Easter Sunday Choir--Come and sing with us!
Wonderful singing by our Children's Choir last Sunday! However, the Children's Choir urgently needs *more singers* for Easter Sunday mass. The goal each year is to have 10 singers from each grade (3rd-4th-5th) to have a strong choir that we can all be proud of. Can you help us get there?

Please consider joining the choir as we prepare for Easter Sunday 9:30 mass!
Our next practice is Tuesday, March 5, from 3:15-4pm in the chapel.

Singing is such a joyful thing! But it needs to be nourished from childhood on up thru the teen years and beyond. Many former Holy Rosary choir members are now singing in their high school choirs! And some have gone on to be song-leaders at their colleges, serving as music ministers, and being active in their faith.

I hope you will consider Children's Choir. And I do hope your child can sing with us this Easter and take a step on the joyful path that singing can

provide! For info, contact Paul.

Paul Dolejsi, Children's Choir director <pdolejsi@holynosaryseattle.org>

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

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

Upcoming Events

-  **Feb 28** **Parents Club Meeting**
-  **March 1** **Second Collection for St. Martin de Porres**
-  **March 8** **Father/Daughter Glow Bowl**
-  **March 8** **End of Second Trimester**
-  **March 14-15** **Drama Play "The Pied Piper"**
-  **March 15** **Pizza Lunch**
-  **March 18** **St. Patrick's Day Mass 8:45**
-  **March 19** **Budget & Tuition Presentation (open to all parents) 6:30-7:30**
-  **March 21** **2nd Trimester Report Cards**
-  **March 22** **No School - Deanery Curriculum Day**
-  **March 29** **Good Friday (noon dismissal)**
-  **April 1-5** **Easter Break**