



SCHOOL NEWS

Holy Rosary School Family Communication Newsletter

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Dear Families,

As I have previously shared, our faculty is hard at work to re-align our Math and Language Arts curriculum maps to match the new Common Core standards. I would like to share some very exciting news. The next generation of Science standards is currently in development and will be published later this year. As with Language Arts and Math, the new standards will place emphasis on core concepts and will align themselves to performance expectations and concrete measurement. Holy Rosary School will engage in studying these standards as soon as they are published.

Earlier this year, I enrolled our school in the National Science Teachers Association. Among other benefits, this brings our school into contact with the latest trends and developments in the area of Science instruction. Professional journals are critically important in any profession, this is true as much **in Education as it is in Medicine**. With our membership, we receive two levels of journals, one primarily aimed at K-5 and the other 6-8. We will also take advantage of periodic webinars directed toward teacher development in the Sciences. Last year, I started a curriculum committee strand studying our overall Science curriculum. There is great enthusiasm among the faculty in this area. This committee group will be very beneficial to us as we move forward and bring the topics into general faculty discussions and planning. I am sending two of our teachers, Mrs. Helling and Mr. Schreck, to the Puget Sound Educational Service District for a presentation on the new Science standards. I am putting together a fact-finding team to visit the West Seattle STEM school. What we learn, we will bring back into our building. I am sending Mr. Ritscher to a renowned regional Science Convention next month to provide him with an opportunity to enrich his teaching, which by the way, I think is excellent already!

Where does Holy Rosary stand as of last spring according to the Iowa Test of Basic Skills compared to the national averages? Based upon national averages, Holy Rosary students are in the upper end of the spectrum. I am so proud of our students and the wonderful teachers that have achieved these results. The other significant factor in our achievement is our parent community here at Holy Rosary and the importance you place on education and in honoring our teachers. My aim is to ensure that Holy Rosary School grows beyond the excellence we already enjoy to an even higher place that provides for your children in all their educational needs.

Sincerely,

Michael Cantu,
Principal

Touched by Mercy; Moved by Love.....Fr. John Madigan,

Pastor

LOVE

Once upon a time, all feelings and emotions went to a coastal island for a vacation. According to their nature, each was having a good time. Suddenly, a warning of an impending storm was announced and everyone was advised to evacuate the island. The announcement caused sudden panic. All rushed to their boats. Even damaged boats were quickly repaired and commissioned for duty. Yet, Love did not wish to flee quickly. There was so much to do. But as the clouds darkened, Love realized it was time to leave. Alas, there were no boats to spare. Love looked around with hope.

Just then Prosperity passed by in a luxurious boat. Love shouted,

"Prosperity, could you please take me in your boat?" "No," replied Prosperity, "my boat is full of precious possessions, gold and silver. There is no place for you." A little later Vanity came by in a beautiful boat. Again Love shouted, "Could you help me, Vanity? I am stranded and need a lift. Please take me with you." Vanity responded haughtily, "No, I cannot take you with me. My boat will get soiled with your muddy feet." Sorrow passed by after some time. Again, Love asked for help. But it was to no avail. "No, I cannot take you with me. I am so sad. I want to be by myself." When Happiness passed by a few minutes later, Love again called for help. But Happiness was so happy that it did not look around, hardly concerned about anyone.

Love was growing restless and dejected. Just then somebody called out, "Come Love, I will take you with me." Love did not know who was being so magnanimous, but jumped on to the boat, greatly relieved that she would reach a safe place. On getting off the boat, Love met Knowledge. Puzzled, Love inquired, "Knowledge, do you know who so generously gave me a lift just when no one else wished to help?"

Knowledge smiled, "Oh, that was Time." "And why would Time stop to pick me and take me to safety?" Love wondered. Knowledge smiled with deep wisdom and replied, "Because only Time knows your true greatness and what you are capable of. Only Love can bring peace and great happiness in this world."

The important message is that when we are prosperous, we overlook love. When we feel important, we forget love. Even in happiness and sorrow we forget love. Only with time do we realize the importance of love. Why wait that long? Why not make love a part of your life today?

LENT: Brown Bag Fridays for St. Martin de

Porres

We will have our third collection day on Friday, March 8th.

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

****Since lunches can be refrigerated and are often eaten on the same day, perishable items such as sandwiches and fruit are OK.***

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

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



The home stretch for donations is here!

DONATIONS:

The Auction Procurement Team sincerely, genuinely and enthusiastically thanks you for your donations. As we get the Catalog ready for print we are unable to log in future items for donations. Going forward donations will need to be in cash. You can enter those donations on-line at the Heart Auction site or deliver a check to the HRS office.

Families who have forgotten their donation will receive our "Oops" Letter reminding them donate. If you receive this letter in error please feel free to send us an email.

Maura McCann Jozaitis mauramccann@msn.com and Kamila Kennedy kennedykamila@yahoo.com

FINAL Curbside pick-up Friday, March 8th please bring us your auction items. **ALL** Auction donations are due to the school by Friday, March 29th for packaging and display preparation.

INVITATIONS AND TICKETS:

Invitations will be in student folders after March 14th.

Tickets are available for purchase on-line \$75per person/\$150 couple and RSVPs will also be included in the invitation.

Table seating and special requests can be entered on the invitation and also in the on-line ticket section.

Ticket prices will rise after March 30th to \$90per person/\$180 couple.

DECORATIONS:

Decoration Party Saturday, March 9th 11:00am: We can't wait to get started painting, building, and creating amazing decorations for our upcoming Kentucky Derby auction. And we need you! The more that come the sooner we get done! Meet in the school hall. NO CREATIVITY NECESSARY. Enthusiasm Welcome.

Nicole Herdener, Decorations Chair, nherdener@gmail.com, Molly Ward, Operations Co-Chair, molsvernon@yahoo.com, and Marty Johnson, Operations Co-Chair, marty98116@gmail.com

Time to place your bets . . . Raffle tickets for free tuition are still on sale. 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.

http://www.holyrosaryws.org/fce/12/attachments/2013-02-21/2013_Tuition_raffle_flyer.pdf

Parent's Club Corner

Holy Rosary Gives Back to the Community!

Holy Rosary Tree Lot donation checks were presented at our last Parent Club meeting to [West Seattle Food Bank](http://www.westseattlehelpline.org/), <http://www.westseattlehelpline.org/> and [Salvation Army Hickman House](#).



Visit the West Seattle blog article:

<http://westseattleblog.com/2013/03/the-holiday-gifts-that-keep-giving-holy-rosary-tree-lot-donations-presented>

Congratulations to KB for winning the Ice Cream Floats! Mrs. Crockett's class had the highest attendance of parents at the Parent Club Happy Hour and meeting.

Thank you to the 107 parents that participated in our last Parent Club Happy Hour and Sunny Safari Art Walk.

Click, Shop, Support!



Continue to use the Amazon links on our Holy Rosary website to help raise money for Holy Rosary School. Our Holy Rosary Community has risen over \$5,000 since October by clicking on our [Amazon link](#) for purchases. Fundraising as simple as a click!

Holy Rosary Volunteer Opportunities

Parent's Club is looking for enthusiastic parents to join the 2013-14 executive team! The following positions will be OPENING.

- Vice President
- Secretary
- Treasurer

We strongly encourage ALL PARENTS 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.

For more information on available positions:

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

- [Download Parent's Club Application Form \(PDF\)](#).

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](#).

The Drama Play

Spotlight

The Drama Elective is in need of a spotlight for their upcoming *Pied Piper* performances. Before renting some expensive equipment, we wanted to reach out to you to see if anyone either owns or has access to a spotlight we can use. Please contact Darcy Carlsen if you have any information: dcarlsen@holyrosaryws.org. Thank you!

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.

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.

Holy Rosary Irish Dinner

It's Back!!

The Holy Rosary Irish Dinner

Sunday, March 17th, 2013

6:00 p.m.

Lanigan Gym

Bring your family and friends for an evening of traditional Irish fare, entertainment and spirits! All ages are welcome - family fun for everyone!

Traditional Irish fare catered by Husky Deli!

Entertainment provided by the Irish Comerford Dancers!

Space is limited and this event sells out quickly! Register today at:

<http://www.holyrosaryseattle.org/index.cfm?load=page&page=340>

http://www.holyrosaryws.org/fce/12/attachments/2013-03-07/2013_Irish_Dinner_Announcement.pdf

http://hrs.site/website/fce/12/attachments/2013-03-07/2013_Irish_Dinner_Registration_Form.pdf

[Register online.](#)

Glow Bowl

Thank you for your overwhelming response. We are SOLD OUT for Father/Daughter Glow Bowl 2013!

This means if you are NOT currently registered, there is no space available.

We are looking forward to an enjoyable evening!

Math-a-thon

Thanks to the third and fourth grade students who helped introduce the St. Jude Math-a-thon last week. There is still time for all HRS students to participate by turning in a permission form and getting ready to answer the math problems. The grade level booklets should arrive by March 15. Mrs. Harris is happy to answer any of your questions.

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Track and Field 2013

Parents and families, Track season is around the corner and I wanted to let you know the dates for practice, meets and price.

We will begin on April 16th. All practices will be on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5 PM to 6:15 at Hiawatha Track. Practices will continue until the end of May with our End of the Year Picnic on Monday June 3rd at 6 PM. The cost for the season is \$30.00 and we ask that track and field participants sign up with the goal that he or she will run in the meets held on all Saturdays in May except Memorial Day

weekend. Be looking for registration information at the end of March. Hope to see lots of kids this year! Head Coach Shelley Neal achildbecomes@gmail.com



Holy Rosary's Mom's Group

For Moms and their children under age 4. *Come meet other Holy Rosary Moms for support, faith, and fellowship! It's free!*

When: Fridays, twice a month, next meeting is March 15th

Time: 9:30AM-11:00AM

Where: Parish Center Reception Room

Questions: Email Deyette at dswegle@ [holyrosaryseattle.org](mailto:dswegle@holyrosaryseattle.org) or sign-up at <http://www.holyrosaryseattle.org/index.cfm?load=page&page=203>

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Holy Rosary Parish Nursery

Open during 9:30 AM Mass

When: Most Sundays at 9:30 Mass (not open during holidays)

Where: Basement of the Parish Center enter thru door on the hill of Genesee St.

What you need to do: Sign-up

<http://www.holyrosaryseattle.org/index.cfm?load=page&page=203>

and drop-off

Cost: Free

Volunteer to Play with Kids and support our Mom's Group:

Love spending time with little ones. We are looking for volunteers to help at our Mom's Group play with children 4 and under. Volunteering qualifies for General Service Hours.

When: Fridays, twice a month

Time: 9:30-11:00 AM

To sign up contact Deyette at dswegle@holyrosaryseattle.org

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@holyrosaryseattle.org

Community Postings

Holy Rosary Junior Troop 40699 along with other West Seattle Troops, is making simple dresses out of pillowcase for little girls in Africa. These dresses will go to girls in orphanages, churches and schools in Africa to help plant in the hearts of little girls that they are worthy. We will be making the dresses on March 25th. We need the following items:

- a new or gently used pillowcase (any size)
- yards double fold bias tape (each dress takes 2 ½ yards)
- 1/4" elastic in light colors

Please put any donated items in the box located in the main School Hallway by Friday, March 22nd. If you have any questions, please email Deyette Swegle at deyette1@comcast.net. If you are interested in learning more, please click on this link to learn about the non-profit organization, Little Dresses for Africa, <http://www.littledressesforafrica.org/blog/> Thank you for your support!

Boy Scouts

The mission of the Boy Scouts of America is to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Scout Law. It is a mission with an impact well beyond the school years. A recent study conducted by Baylor University (Merit Beyond the Badges), found that Eagle Scouts are more likely than men who have never been in Scouting to:

§ Have higher levels of planning and preparation skills, be goal-oriented, and network with others

§ Be in a leadership position at their place of employment or local community

§ Report having closer relationships with family and friends

§ Volunteer for religious and nonreligious organizations

§ Donate money to charitable groups












§ Work with others to improve their neighborhoods

West Seattle Troup 282 meets weekly with regular monthly adventures. Boys who are 11 years or older can become involved now. Some 10 year olds are also eligible if they have earned the Cub Scouting Arrow of Light award or have completed the fifth grade. For more information, contact Laura Meyer (lmeyer@azblue.com).

A Child Becomes is offering 7 Camps this summer for kids aged 5 to 8. Please check out our website achildbecomes.org. There is a link to our Summer Camps on the home page or email Shelley at

achildbecomes@gmail.com with any questions.

Upcoming Events

-  **March 8** **Third 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 27** **Lenten Penance Communal Service 9:00 & 10:30**
-  **March 29** **Good Friday (noon dismissal)**
-  **April 1-5** **Easter Break**