



SCHOOL NEWS

Holy Rosary School Family Communication Newsletter

March 14, 2013

FOR LENT FOR LIFE

Christ, Be Our Light

Dear Families,

The 3rd Grade Native American reports and projects are a real highlight this week. They will be on display on the 2nd floor between the two 3rd grade classrooms for the next week or so, stop by and take a look. The Native American Unit has been a remarkable success. Love those projects!

Based upon a successful Open House event, the work of our resoundingly wonderful registrar, Kimberly Tish, our extraordinary Office Administrator, Jennifer Hazzard and her front office multi-tasker, Janise Jordan, our totally amazing teachers, the best school website in Seattle (a special thanks to Mike Go), our 8th Grade tour guides, our parents who are our best marketers, Scott and his custodial crew who made it all shine and my own personal effort to meet with each applicant family, enrollment for next year is trending up, with a modest increase in enrollment forecast for next year. We will continue to work hard to solidify the enrollment numbers between now and the start of the next school year, but I believe we have every reason to be optimistic. Despite the economy, Holy Rosary has continued to compare favorably to the overall enrollment trend in the Archdiocese of Seattle. We added our newest student to Mrs. Simpson's class this week-welcome to the Holy Rosary school community.

The auction team is now in full throttle! Please support our auction team in their work and keep the success of our auction in your prayers. From what I understand, last year, our auction set the all-time mark. They set the bar high, and this year's team has set its sights!

Sincerely,

Michael Cantu,
Principal

A Word From Fr. John
FROM PLAYING TO PRAYING
AND
FROM PRAYING TO PLAYING!
AND BACK AGAIN.

On Tuesday morning I was working out on the exercise equipment at the gym in front of a collection of TV sets ---- the only place I get to watch any TV during Lent! On the two TV's directly in front of me, one carried replays of segments of recent college basketball games particularly Gonzaga and the other screen was showing the procession of Cardinals into the Vatican to begin the process of voting for the next Pope. The whole row of TVs had one or other of these scenarios and I thought about what this meant in our lives as I looked back and forth between the screens.

There is play time and prayer time in our lives and many things in-between. The people of India have a saying that compares a human being with a house that has four rooms: they are the physical, mental, emotional and spiritual and they contend that to be a complete human being we have to keep each room well aired out. This means that we need to spend some time in each room otherwise the building will be unbalanced.

As I watched parts of the basketball games there were scenes from all phases of that event from coaches pep talks and directives to the kids racing up and down the court and making shots from a variety of positions on the court. There was also the inevitable scenes of ecstatic joy and great frustration and sorrow. It's all part of the game.

On the other screen I watched Cardinals filing in to the Sistine Chapel singing the Litany of the Saints ---- connecting to a long tradition of people who have gone before them on this journey and asking their intercession, and then singing the prayer to the Holy Spirit asking the guidance of the Spirit of God on what they were about to do.

Both scenes were so different from each other as to be surreal as I continued my exercise yet both have a significant place in our lives as a Catholic people. The questions it brings up for me is: what influences our lives and how do we allow them to be shaped. What gives us our identity as a Christian Catholic people of God. To

spend all of our available time on either one or the other extreme wouldn't make for a balanced life or identity. If we want an identity that includes faith, hope, love, forgiveness, kindness and compassion so that these are demonstrated on the playing field for fun or for a livelihood we need to gather in and sing and pray as the Cardinals did.

I am hoping for Gonzaga to finally crack the Final Four --- what an achievement that would be ---- yet I am praying even more attentively that the newly elected Pope will be divinely inspired to be the leader we as a church in the world need at this time in our troubled history when there are so many more people ---- including Catholics --- who are watching the sports channel than ever watch the religion channel. What we watch consistently will shape our identity the most and even if we identify as Catholic that identity will limp badly like an injured player who has to leave the game because he can't continue.

Keep both screens going but do watch the one that helps shape your spiritual identity!

Fr John.

LENT: Final Brown Bag Friday for St. Martin de Porres

We will have our last collection day on Friday, March 15th. Please refer to the list below for specific toiletry items being collected.

Thank you so much for your participation in this important service activity.

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

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



Big hats, beautiful dress, seersuckers suits – spring is here and the horses are dancing. The Kentucky Derby Heart Auction is right around the corner. Lay your bets down and buy your ticket.

Your invitation to the most talked about event of the year is here.

Invitations will be in your child's folder **today Thursday, March 14th**.

WINNER'S CIRCLE:

Congratulations to classroom 1A, Mrs. Nark, they earned a free recess by having the highest donation % \$9000.00. Thank you to all who donated. Mrs. Nark's class earned an extra recess from the Auction Procurement Team and Mrs. Nark earns a quiet half hour and the warm beverage of her choice.

*Recess date to be determined by Mrs. Nark and the Auction Volunteers.

INVITATIONS AND TICKETS:

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.

Seating questions: Christina Mastrangelo christina@klineplace.com

Invitation questions: Kimberly Tish ktish@holynosaryws.org

VOLUNTEERS:

****Needed: Parent with wood working skills** to build a small fence & balcony for the stage.**

Please contact Nicole Herdener nherdener@gmail.com

We know that people have been chomping at the "bit" to sign up for auction volunteer opportunities. The sign up link is now LIVE and we need volunteers! Don't say "Naaaayyyy" and sign up now at the link below. Many options are available. Thank you!

<http://heartvolunteers.holynosaryws.org>

If you have questions about the volunteer role feel free to contact the leader of that group.

Wait Staff volunteers please contact: **Marcia Metcalf** marciametcalf@gmail.com and **Kaiti Grassley** kgrassley@hotmail.com our logistic chairs

DECORATIONS:

Decoration Party Saturday, March 23rd 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

RAFFLE TICKETS:

The gate just opened and the Tuition Raffle is off to a great start, but wait another raffle is coming out of the gate. The 50/50 raffle will be giving Tuition Raffle a run for your money. Who will be the winner of over \$5000.00 prize or a wreath of cash that night?

The tuition raffle has a limited number of tickets being sold, be one of the 100 ticket holders. You do not need to attend the auction to win the year's in-parish tuition!

50/50 is not a new raffle but has been racing for your dollars for many years. This year the 50/50

raffle tickets will be selling for only \$25.00 per ticket, unlimited number of tickets will be sold but you will need to be attending the auction to win!!! Last year's winner won more than \$1500.00.

Download and turn in your flyer to get in on these races. [Tuition Raffle](#), [50/50 Raffle](#)

Have you made a cash donation to this year's HEART Auction?
That gift could be matched by your employer!
If you work for a matching gift company, please submit your auction donations to be matched and make your generosity go even further to support our great school!

REGISTRATION FOR 2013-2014.

Registration packets for the 2013-2014 school year will be sent home with the youngest student in each family on Wednesday, March 20th. Please remember that in order to retain a spot for the 2013-2014 school year, you must be current with all tuition, tithing, band and HEART auction obligations. Also, if you are a member of the parish you must have a "2013 Parish Stewardship...time, talent, treasure" card completed and on file at the parish office. These cards are available in the school or parish office. Questions, please call Jennifer MacDonald at the rectory office at 937-1488, ex. 211.

The registration fee must be paid online and all contracts are due to the school office by Wednesday, April 10, 2013. If you do not plan to return to Holy Rosary school next fall please call the school office. Thank you!

School Commission

The School Commission met on March 7th for our monthly meeting. During the meeting, we recognized Bruno Tarabochia for all that he does for Holy Rosary. Bruno is a true Jack of all Trades as he regularly moves between keeping the traffic flowing before and after school to running the Bingo at Westfest to officiating CYO sports. Bruno, thank you for your dedication and generosity to Holy Rosary. In addition, we approved the February meeting minutes which can be found [here](#). The first half of the meeting was led by John Vair as he presented the proposed 2013/14 Budget and Tuition that the finance sub-committee recently completed. It was endorsed by the School Commission and I will be presenting this to the parent community at the **Budget and Tuition Presentation** on March 19th at 6:30 in the School Hall. If you are interested, please attend. After the finance discussion, Chris Henggeler gave a summary of the technology inventory that he and Jon Barker did a few weeks ago. This is a big accomplishment and will allow us to better track our technology resources. As mentioned last month, the School Commission approved moving forward with creating a small group consisting of parents, staff, Adcom, and SC members to further analyze the different possibilities for improvements to the

playground. Next steps will include scheduling an open meeting to obtain feedback from the community and forming the small group that will drive progress on this goal. We will communicate the date once it is confirmed.

As always, if you have any questions, ideas, or suggestions, please reach out to me or any member of the [School Commission](#).

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.

Drama Elective

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.

THERE'S STILL TIME!!

The Holy Rosary Irish Dinner still has seats available for the dinner this Sunday evening, March 17th!

Doors open at 5:45pm
Irish Dancers will begin at 6:15pm

To register go to <http://www.holyrosaryseattle.org/index.cfm?load=page&page=340>!

Lost & Found From Glow Bowl

Fun was had by all at 2013 Glow Bowl!

Two cowgirl hats were left behind at the bowling alley, a straw hat with a dark brown tie and a dark brown suede hat.

The hats are available for pick up in the school 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.

CYO News

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

7th Grade Service Projects

This school year, our 51 HRS 7th graders have demonstrated that they are **faith-filled Catholics who apply the principles of Catholic Social Teaching** by each completing a service project as part of the religion curriculum.

STUDENTS FED THE HUNGRY: They made lunches and delivered them to *Nickelsville*, *Noel House*, and *St. Martin de Porres' Shelter*; they served breakfast to homeless guests with *Light Under the Bridge* ministry; they cooked and served dinner to guests at *Mary's Place*; they volunteered at *West Seattle Food Bank*; they collected and delivered backpacks stuffed with necessities to homeless men downtown; they made countless *Lunches of Love* for the Holy Rosary rectory outreach, and they served breakfast with the Kiwanis.

STUDENTS SERVED NEEDY CHILDREN: They raised money for the *Treehouse Foundation* and *Art With Heart*, and they volunteered their time at *Westside Baby*, *HRS Base*, *Hickman House* and *Childhaven*; they coached disabled youth through *TOPSoccer*, taught dance lessons for free, and they helped abused children deal with troublesome emotions through *Art With Heart*.

STUDENTS SERVED THE ELDERLY: They helped with bingo at *Mt. St. Vincent*, many served at the *HR/OLG community meals*, and one student shared cheerful company and dinner with an elderly neighbor.

God reward you, 7th graders and your families, for your generous service!



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@ [holynosaryseattle.org](http://www.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@holynosaryseattle.org

Community Postings

Summer Prep at Seattle Prep

Seattle Prep would like to invite all current 5th, 6th and 7th grade students (rising 6th, 7th, and 8th graders) to participate in *Summer Prep*! *Summer Prep* camps are one week long and include many athletic camps along with writing, study skills, science, art, theater, and technology camps and many more! New camps this summer include "Intro to Trial Law" ("Mock Trial" for middle school), "Geometry, Architecture, and Design," "Fizz, Pop: Let's Explore Chemical Reactions!" and several more. We also have many returning favorites such as "Musical Theater" (open to rising 9th graders), "Writer's Workshop," "Smart but Scattered," and "The Human Body" (including the dissection of a cow eye)! Visit www.seaprep.org/summerprep for the schedule, course catalog, and online registration. Email Jenell Kheriaty with questions.

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.












Join us for language camp this summer! Sponge offers half and full day Mandarin and Spanish immersion camps at multiple locations. We help campers build language and cultural competency while having lots of summer fun! Our dynamic, native-speaking teachers will lead campers in crafts, games, sports, and drama. Together we will cook, write, create, and explore!
Camp for Pre-K, K-2nd and 3rd-5th graders will be held at multiple locations around Seattle, Bellevue, and Mercer Island. Go to <http://spongeschool.com/sign-up/summer-camps-2013/> for more information and to register or email us at info@spongeschool.com with any questions.

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!

Upcoming Events

-  **March 14-15 Drama Play "The Pied Piper"**
-  **March 15 St. Patrick's Day Free Dress wear green**
-  **March 15 Pizza Lunch**
-  **March 15 Final Collection for St. Martin de Porres**
-  **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 silent)**
-  **April 1-5 Easter Break (Perfect Uniform)**