



SCHOOL NEWS

Holy Rosary School Family Communication Newsletter

April 11, 2013

He is Risen! Jesus Lives!

Dear Families,

I would like to share an exciting curricular update. As you know if you have been following this column, I have led the faculty through an process of studying our Math program over the last two years. We have built upon the work already done during the accreditation preparation three years back when the faculty completed a Math in-depth study. The teachers are very enthusiastic about these efforts and their active participation in the process has been exemplary. Our current Math program has produced very strong results as evidenced by our study of Holy Rosary graduates and our historical standardized test scores, but it is time to take the next step into the Common Core and to further enhance our academic excellence.

Phase I- (2010-11) Math in-depth study: a curriculum in depth study is an excellent analysis process and a brilliant way to start looking at any particular area of the curriculum. The Holy Rosary teachers under the guidance of Dr. Peters did a great job with this foundational piece and it was a great starting point as we began looking at the change from State of Washington standards to the Common Core Standards.

Phase II- (2011-2013) Last year into the present- further analysis of Math data, graduate placements, faculty sent to in-services, our 3rd/4th grade teachers started the I-pad integration Math application ideas learned at an in-service, we gathered and studied Math text samples and on-line resources aligned to Common Core. Faculty Common Core Math training by Torrey Volk, a Common Core Math curricular expert. Two parent meetings on Math, one in the fall and one in the spring. Teachers begin to re-align and incorporate Common Core assessments.

Findings: First action step-we will replace our Saxon texts for Grades 3, 4, 5, 6 with a series aligned to the new Common Core. Next year is a transition year and this will be further discussed at the Parent Math Meeting on May 9th. Depending upon student evaluation data, we will offer up to two Algebra classes and one pre-Algebra class next year. We will switch the placement test for 8th grade placement to the spring. The Bridges Math program in the primary grades will remain in place for now, the Glencoe series in 7th and 8th align well with Common Core and will remain in place. A new Algebra series aligned to the Common Core has been purchased and will be in place for 2013-14. There will be ongoing developments that will be shared over the next couple of years as the positive benefits of the Math Common Core standards begin producing higher levels of student performance.

Phase III- (2013-14-2014-15) Full alignment with Math Common Core, at some time in the future, a new standardized test (still under development) will be adopted by the State of Washington and Holy Rosary School will do the same. We are on target with the State of Washington implementation schedule.

For more information, put this date in your planner-

Parent Math Meeting

**Thursday, May 9th, 2013
7:00PM**

School Hall

Presenters: Torrey Volk, Michael Cantu

As we complete these steps, I expect that the fruits of these efforts will ensure Math program improvements, which will benefit our students now and well into the future. I look forward to seeing you at the Math Meeting in May.

Michael Cantu,
Principal

PARENT'S CLUB CORNER

Reception Hosted By Parent's Club Tuesday April 16

Come meet our new interim principal, GEORGE HOFBAUER (www.georgehofbauer.com), at a special reception hosted by Parent's Club. Join us in the school hall on Tuesday, April 16 from 6:30 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Enjoy refreshments as Mr. Hofbauer shares his insights and perspective on his coming year at Holy Rosary School. Don't miss this opportunity!

***Childcare is not provided for this reception.*

Continue SHOPPING using our Holy Rosary [Amazon.com](#) link! REMEMBER the sky is the limit!

Our Holy Rosary community has raised over \$5500 using the Amazon link. Don't forget to share the link with your friends and family everywhere!

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.

For more information on available positions:

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

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

Auction News

AUCTION SPIRIT DAY - Friday, April 12th!

Grab your hats and get ready for race day! The Heart Auction Spirit Day is rounding the corner! This year's theme: Kentucky Derby! On Friday, April 12th, come dressed in Kentucky Derby attire! Hats, bright colors, anything horse-related goes! It's going to be a great day at the races!

VOLUNTEERS:

The HEART Auction needs your volunteers help!!

We need to fill out the following volunteers slots fast:

- Distribution and security
- Set up
- Clean up

<http://heartvolunteers.holyrosaryws.org/cgi-bin/WebObjects/HRSAuction>

- Seamstress *

*Sewers and sewing machines wanted! Basic sewing skills and your machine are all that is required. Please contact Nicole Herdener with questions nherdener@gmail.com ASAP

All volunteer hours for the Auction are included in the 2012-2013 school year. Please support the auction and donate your time. Volunteering is easy!

CHECK OUT OUR ONLINE CATALOG:

Start browsing the catalog on Bidpal...

<https://cloud.bidpal.net/Portal/bpe23474/catalog/items.html?itemType=2>

A few images will be uploaded in the next few days

GROUP BIDDING OPPORTUNITIES:

Get organized and pull your money for these amazing group experiences at the live auction!

[Insert flyer]

CHECK OUT ONE OF OUR AMAZING IN-KIND SPONSORS:



Wallflower Custom Framing located in West Seattle, Washington. Wallflower offers professional custom picture framing and creative design expertise, as well as provides a gallery setting for original art and photography, showcasing local artists. <http://wallflowercustomframing.com/index.html>

Thank you Courtney for your support with Holy Rosary School's Class projects!

TICKETS:

Get your tickets for the Kentucky Derby affair!

<https://cloud.bidpal.net/Portal/bpe23474/tickets/preview.html>

Available until Friday April 12th pending availability

Seating questions? Christina Mastrangelo @ christina@klineplace.com

SWEET- CHARITY DESSERT AUCTION:

Our Kentucky Derby affair is fast approaching and we are seeking your sumptuous creations!

Please return the form to the school office.

<http://www.holyrosaryws.org/fce/12/attachments/2013-03-28/DessertFlyer2013Auction.pdf>

Questions? Deyette Swegle auction-dessert@holyrosaryws.org.

HATS

Still looking for your Kentucky Derby hat? Barbara Creager, designer at Babette's Hatworks, will have a selection of fancy hats available at next Tuesday's parents club meeting 4/16. Preview her

designs at www.babetteshatworks.com. A 25% discount is available to Holy Rosary school parents and their guests for this event. Also enjoy free shipping on orders reserved through her website. To reserve a hat or ask questions, contact her at babette.creager@gmail.com or call 306.608.9223.

DONATED ITEMS TURN-IN :

Please get your physical item donation to the Holy Rosary Office this week. Make sure that you label your donation with your first and last name. Thank you!

Donation questions: Kristin Bentler gkbentler@comcast.net

RAFFLE TICKETS:

Tuition Raffle - 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 Raffle - 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 \$1,500.00.

Questions? Angela Nichols jan81697@msn.com

School Commission

School Commission Openings: School Commission has two openings for the 2013-14 school year. School Commission is an advisory group of parents that works with the principal and pastor on policy-related issues. Examples of ongoing issues on which the Commission collaborates are the school budget, fundraising, health and wellness, technology, and the school's strategic plan. We do not make decisions regarding personnel or curriculum. The Commission meets once a month and each member is assigned to one or two subcommittees. Each commission members serves a 4-year term. If you enjoy working with others in a collaborative setting, and would like to use your talents to help Holy Rosary School continue to move forward, please consider applying. Those with a finance background are particularly encouraged to apply. The application is attached here. **[insert link]** The deadline for submitting the application is May 9. If you have any questions, please contact Ann at ann.summers@kingcounty.gov.

Pizza Lunch!

Remaining pizza lunches for the year are as follows:

4/12

5/10 & 5/31

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

Any questions - please contact Jocelyn Antilla at 5antillajs@gmail.com

Spring Class Photos April 16.

Class and individual pictures will take place on Tuesday April 16. Perfect uniform is required for the class picture. Students may wear free dress for the individual photos.

Talent Show

Talent Show Permission Slips Are in the Office!

Permission slips and lyrics are due by *Friday, April 26th!*

Directions for completing the form:

*PLEASE TURN ALL PERMISSION SLIPS IN PERSON TO Mrs. Heuer or a leadership representative (who will be in the office between 8:15 and 8:25 A.M. each day starting this Thursday, April 11th).

More specific details are provided on the permission slip.

We look forward to seeing the talented students of Holy Rosary School!

Spark Yoga & Creative Arts

Please download the registration form and flyer from the school website.

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.

Bartell's "B" Caring Card

Holy Rosary School will be entered into a \$500 cash drawing for every 25 new supporters that sign up for a Bartell's "B" Caring Card from March 15 to May 31st. The "B" Card is a reward card you show at the checkout stand, the school receives up to 4% of your purchases from Bartell's. Applications will be available at the next Parent's Club Meeting or pick one up at Bartell's.

Living Stations of the Cross

We would like to thank the Eighth Grade Students who presented the Living Stations of the Cross on Good Friday. The prayerful scenes, readings, and music helped all of us walk with Jesus that morning. A very special Thank You to Mrs. Harris for coordinating this very special experience for our school and parish community.

Jesus - Harrison

Mimes - Rachel, Ruby, Haley, Reagan, Eliot, Kyle

Readers - Olivia, Roman, Ashley, Genevieve

Singers - Helen, Olivia, Claire

Presider - Father John

Accompanist - Mrs. Whetham

Coordinator - Mrs. Harris

CYO News

Track and Field 2013

Track is right around the corner! Brooks Truck sale will again be available for all Holy Rosary families with discounted shoes and spikes! I invite all of you, parents included, to check out this unique opportunity. Shoes are for men, women, and children. Sale will be after practice at Hiawatha. Further notice on actual day TBA.

Track and Field starts next Tuesday, April 16th at 5 PM and will be held every Tuesday and Thursday until the last week of May. Meets are all on Saturdays in May except Memorial Day weekend.

IMPORTANT!! Athletes must be in 4th grade-8th grade and cost is \$30.00 per athlete. Third graders may participate if we have less than 8 4th grade boys or girls.

Please sign up on the Holy Rosary CYO Bonzi website and use the email that you want to be reached at for all updates and meet schedules. I have "no" times for meets at this time. Also, please let your athlete know that participating in the meets whether it be field or running or both is extremely important. We look forward to a great season and guarantee high quality coaching as well as a great experience for everyone. There are a total of 4 meets with the 5th one being the 8th grade pentathlon, on Mother's Day.

Our coaches are: John Slee, Larry Swegle, Ken Smith, Katie Cunningham, Ralph Pooler and myself. Head Coach, Shelley Neal 206-941-1399

Parish News

Congratulations to our Neophytes— Sofia F., Alyce H., and Emma H., they received the Sacraments of Baptism, 1st Eucharist, and Confirmation at the Easter Vigil.

(Photos on school website)

SECOND GRADERS INVITED to SING on MOTHERS' DAY!

The Holy Rosary Children's Choir, directed by Paul Dolejsi, is in its TENTH year! Each year, Second Graders are invited to join the Children's Choir and sing for Mothers' Day! This year, the choir will sing at the 9:30 mass on Sunday, May 12. Our first practice is *Tuesday, April 23.*

The Holy Rosary Children's Choir is a 'parish' choir, open to all parish children, whether they go to Holy Rosary or any of our local schools. Accommodations can be made for schools with late afternoon dismissals.

This is a wonderful opportunity for our Second Grade students to see what it's like to sing in the Children's Choir—for free! Our goal is to have lots of boys and girls excited to sing for their Moms. And if we get enough boys to sing, they can have their own special part to sing! Is your singer shy? Come with a friend!

The choir sings for Christmas and Easter and many other special masses. Children learn how to sing well, how to sing together, how to cantor or solo, and how to sing harmony! Most importantly, they also learn how to be music ministers, whose role is to lead and support the singing of the assembly!

Practices are on Tuesdays, April 23, 30 and May 7, after school from 3:15-4pm in the CHAPEL. Holy Rosary BASE kids are escorted back to BASE as needed.

Please RSVP by email to:
Paul Dolejsi, Children's Choir Director
pdolejsi@holyrosaryseattle.org
Or leave message at parish office: 935-3853

Please download the flyer from the school homepage.

Community Postings

2013 West Seattle 5K Run/Walk

Looking for a great way to keep that New Year's fitness resolution and help our local WSHS? Register for the 2013 West Seattle 5K Run/Walk! This year's race will take place May 19th at Alki Beach. Take advantage of early discount registration fees! The first 100 participants are automatically entered in a drawing to win a new pair of running shoes from West Seattle Runner. Help celebrate the 5th anniversary of this PTSA fund raiser! Register now at www.WestSeattle5K.com

Bishop Blanchet Spring Performance

From April 26 through 28th, Bishop Blanchet High School will be performing the musical, *The Children of Eden* at the Moore Theater.

The children of Eden (music and lyrics by Stephen Schwartz, and book by John Caird) tells the story of the book of Genesis beginning with Adam and Eve, and their sons, Cain and Able, moving on to Noah's ark and the flood. The musical uses the Bible as its plot base while it deviates in many ways.

Summer Camps at Bishop Blanchet

Please download the flyer from the school website.

Kennedy Catholic Summer Camps

Below you will find a link to the Summer Camps being held at Kennedy Catholic High School. These include: Football, Boys Basketball, Girls Basketball, Girls Volleyball, High School Band and Elementary School Band. The link will take you to a web page with all the dates, times and fees, along with registration forms for each camp.

<http://www.kennedyhs.org/SummerCamps2013>

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.











Part Time Receptionist/Secretary

West Seattle lawyer looking for part time receptionist/ secretary, daily from 8:30am to 12 noon.

Needs to have Microsoft Word familiarity. Legal experience not required.

Send resume to 5639 California Ave SW, 98136 or fax to 206-932-1987.

Upcoming Events

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|  April 12 | 8th Grade Pizza Lunch |
|  April 16 | Spring Class & Individual Picture Day (class perfect uniform) |
|  April 20 | HEART Auction! |
|  April 22 | ITBS Make Up |
|  April 23 | School Mass |
|  May 1 | May Crowning Mass (7th Grade) |
|  May 2 | 8th Grade Photos |
|  May 1 & 2 | 6th Grade to Miracle Ranch |
|  May 7 | Poetry Café (2nd Grade) |
|  May 9 | Parent Math Night Meeting 7 pm |

