



SCHOOL NEWS

Holy Rosary School Family Communication Newsletter

April 18, 2013

Dear Families,

Well, the horses have reached the starting gate for the 34th annual running of the Holy Rosary Heart Auction! See you Saturday for this important and exciting event!

Take care,

Michael Cantu,
Principal

DO YOU BUILD A BRIDGE OR A FENCE?

How does our Catholic identity help us in everyday life? It is a great question to ask on a daily basis because if I could see that it is not beneficial why would I practice it? The following story may help understand why it is such an important part of life.

Once upon a time two brothers, who lived on adjoining farms, fell into conflict. It was the first serious rift in 40 years of farming side by side, sharing machinery, and trading labor and goods as needed without a conflict.

Then the long collaboration fell apart. It began with a small misunderstanding, grew into a major difference, and finally it exploded into an exchange of bitter words followed by weeks of silence.

One morning there was a knock on the older brother's door. He opened it to find a man with a carpenter's tool box.

"I'm looking for a few days' work," he said. "Perhaps you would have a few small jobs here and there I could help with?"

“Yes,” said the older brother. “I do have a job for you. Look across the creek at that farm. That’s my neighbor; in fact, it’s my younger brother. Last week there was a meadow between us and he took his bulldozer to the river levee and now there is a creek between us. Well, he may have done this to spite me, but I’ll do him one better. See that pile of lumber by the barn? I want you to build me a fence—an 8 foot fence—so I won’t need to see his place or his face anymore.”

The carpenter said, “I think I understand the situation. Show me the nails and the post-hole digger and I’ll be able to do a job that pleases you.”

The older brother had to go to town, so he helped the carpenter get the materials ready and then he was off for the day.

The carpenter worked hard all that day—measuring, sawing, and nailing. About sunset when the farmer returned, the carpenter had just finished his job.

The farmer’s eyes opened wide, his jaw dropped. There was no fence there at all. It was a bridge—a bridge stretching from one side of the creek to the other! A fine piece of work, handrails and all—and the neighbor, his younger brother, was coming toward them, his arms outstretched, saying, “You are quite a fellow to build this bridge after all I’ve said and done.”

The two brothers stood at each end of the bridge, and then they met in the middle, taking each other’s hand. They turned to see the carpenter hoist his toolbox onto his shoulder. “No, wait! Stay a few days. I’ve got a lot of other projects for you,” said the older brother.

“I’d love to stay on,” the carpenter said, “but I have many more bridges to build.”

Can our celebration of the Risen Christ help us to build bridges rather than fences this Easter?

Fr John.

PARENT’S CLUB CORNER

The next Parent Club Happy Hour will be May 15th at 6:30pm.

Continue SHOPPING using our Holy Rosary
Amazon.com link! REMEMBER the sky is the limit!

Our Holy Rosary community has raised over \$5900 using the Amazon link. Don't forget to share the link with your friends and family everywhere!

Land's End information.

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 DOORS OPEN AT 5PM ON SATURDAY!!

Parade to Post sounds as the Fastest 2 Minutes in sports is right around the corner.

A few last minute reminders and requests:

CATALOGS

Catalogs went out on Friday to all of our ticket holders. Start planning your attack on some items. Are you going to Mexico for your next vacation? Whidbey Island for a girl's yoga retreat? A weekend with the boys in the islands? So many choices to satisfy your desires.

The Silent tables are overflowing with your bounty! The choices are amazing and delightful.

Don't forget many of our items are designed for you and friends to buy together. So now is the time to plot your strategy

DESSERT AUCTION

Sweet Charity – Dessert Auction: Bring on your tasty treats. Proceeds from the dessert auction benefit the school.

Dessert Questions: Deyette Swegle auction-dessert@holYROsaryws.org.

VOLUNTEERS:

Thank you, Thank you, Thank you for the most recent sign ups. We can use your help Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday with set-up and clean up, distribution, office staff. Check the Heart Auction site for available slots. Thank you for your help.

****Special Offer** Auction Night Clean up – DOUBLE HOURS!!!**

RAFFLE TICKETS:

Tuition Raffle ticket are selling like hotcakes. The tickets are \$100 and are capped at 100 tickets so get your tickets ASAP!! Tickets cannot be sold on-line so download the form and turn in your flyer today!!

The 50/50 auction shares the proceeds with you and the school. Tickets are \$25, these tickets are unlimited!! The more we sell the more you WIN!!

Raffle Questions: Angela Nichols jan81697@msn.com

BINGO BASH AND BLAST WITH THE TEACHERS - Sign your children up now!

The BASH is designed for Kindergartners through 5th graders and the BLAST is designed for 6th-8th graders. Each event

involves bingo, games, music, food, teachers, and PRIZES! It all happens Friday, May 3rd from 6-8 pm and you can sign up as many of your children as you like.

Drop off at 6, pick up at 8! The BASH is \$25 and the BLAST is \$30 and all proceeds support our school. The teachers love this event as will your children! Reserve your spot right now at: <http://tinyurl.com/hrs-bingo>. While on this page, please check out the other "per person" parties your child will love!

FUND-AN-ITEM(S) - The School Hall will get a much needed audio/visual

makeover! Funds go to a ceiling-mounted projector, mounting system and rack, microphones and microphone repair, control station, and amp repair. Everyone will benefit from this upgrade! We'll also get two SmartBoards installed for the two teachers who currently do not have them and a Teacher Wish List will benefit all teachers who need that "something extra" for their classroom.

School Commission

The School Commission met on April 11th for our monthly meeting. During the meeting, we recognized Scott Stoen for all that he does for Holy Rosary. As plant manager, Scott leads a team that keeps Holy Rosary running at optimum capacity, which can definitely be a challenge for such an old building. Scott is the go-to person for many of us when we are trying to set up meetings or prepare for an event. Scott, thank you for all you do for Holy Rosary. In addition, we approved the March meeting minutes which can be

found *here* <http://www.holyrosaryws.org/forms/School_Commission_Minutes/2012-13/2013-03-07SchoolCommissionMinutes.pdf>. Fr. John presented George Hofbauer at the beginning of the meeting and we had a very nice introduction to him and a time for Q and A. We also had an update on the Heart auction and are looking forward to this big event. Finally, we had a good discussion on the need for parent volunteers for things such as the auction and leadership positions for next year's Parents Club and School Commission (more specific information on applying for these positions can be found in this eFC). I ask each parent to reflect on your particular talents and what you can bring to HRS to help maintain its level of excellence. So many parents give in so many different ways and we are very thankful for this as this is what makes our community so vibrant. But for this to continue in a sustainable way, we need new people to step up and bring their talents and ideas to these open positions. I can say from personal experience that you will enjoy the people you work with and it is a great and rewarding way to have a lasting impact on Holy Rosary School. Thanks to each of you for your consideration of applying for one of the open positions.

The next School Commission meeting will be May 2nd from 6-8pm in the school library. It will be an open meeting which means we invite anyone who is interested to attend.

As always, if you have any questions, ideas, or suggestions, please reach out to me or any member of the *School*

Commission <<http://www.holyrosaryws.org/commission.html>>.

Thanks,
Patrick Kennedy
School Commission President

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. [http://www.holyrosaryws.org/fce/12/attachments/2013-04-11/School_Commission_Application_2013-14.pdf] The deadline for submitting the application is May 9. If you have any questions, please contact Ann at ann.summers@kingcounty.gov.

Pizza Lunch!

Ordering is now open for the next Pizza Lunch, scheduled for Friday, May 10th. **The last day to order online for this lunch will be Friday May 3rd.** 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 an ice cream bar.

Remaining pizza lunches for the year are as follows:

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

8th Grade Graduation & Class Photos May 2nd.

The 8th grade graduation photos will be on Thursday May 2nd. The students must dress up for the photos. Graduation dress code.

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!

BAND NEWS!!!!

A trip to Hawaii = FUN! Watching a winning Mariners game = FUN!

Attending the Kennedy Elementary Summer Band Camp = FUN, FUN, FUN!

July 8 – 12th @ Kennedy Catholic High School. Registration forms will be handed out soon. You can also go to our website: www.kennedyhs.org !

What's happening now?

ALL band members are preparing for the May 15th Band Festival – Kennedy Catholic H.S. Please look for permission slips for this graded/required performance from your child!

Don't forget our very own Talent Show on May 17th!

The Holy Rosary Band will also be giving an in-house concert to the 4th graders in May!!

WHEW!! There is excitement in the air!!

B.A.S.E.

B.A.S.E will be held in the Parish Center on Thursday afternoon and Friday morning. B.A.S.E is closed Friday afternoon due to auction set up. There is a summer sign up sheet for the last two weeks in June. We usually are very busy and I may need more staff so please sign up and return ASAP.

We are looking for fabric. B.A.S.E has two sewing machines and they are used regularly so dig out that great fabric that you have never used. Thanks Donna. The new phone number to call during B.A.S.E hours is (206) 226-3478.

Math-a-thon

Scores of students are completing their math problems and collecting their pledges. Now, it is time to bring the donations to school and give them to a homeroom teacher or Mrs. Harris. The first batch will be sent to St. Jude Hospital on Friday, April 26, then the second batch will be forwarded on May 3. Thank you for your continued support of the children at St. Jude Hospital.

Spark Yoga & Creative Arts

(Please find registration form & flyer in the 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.

CYO News

Track and Field 2013

Track registration ends May 2nd before the 1st meet.

We have the Brooks Truck load sale date set!!! Tuesday April 23rd at 6:15 after practice at the track. Sizes from kids to adults. Greatly reduced priced Running shoes for training and competition. Remember spikes are for 7th and 8th grade only races and high school. This is unique to Holy Rosary parish and school due to my BROOKS ID Coaching contract and not available for outside the school or parish. Hope to see a lot of you!
Shelley Neal achildbecomes@gmail.com

Track and Field started 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 eight 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

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@holynosaryseattle.org
Or leave message at parish office: 935-3853

(Insert flyer)

Pray for our Confirmation Candidates

Please pray for the following teenagers and adults who are preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on Monday, April 22 at 7pm with Bishop Eusebio Elizondo.

Christian Almeida	Jack Auter	Dawn Baber
Michael Blatner	Karen Boardman	Kathleen Chapman
Katy Clarke	Carrie Diedrich	Maggie Downer
Riley Duffy	Derek Esses	Kiana Hammington
Alex Kane	Joey Kane	Anna Lewis
Cole Madison	Sarah Matthews	Chet Merklin
Anthony Parker	Kristina Ratigan	Spencer Schulz
Kayla Searle	Maria Sheldon	

Pilgrimage to St. James Cathedral
(insert pdf)

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 years' 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 **(insert flyer)**

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 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 9 | Parent Math Night Meeting 7 pm |
|  May 15 | Parent Club Meeting |
|  May 15 | Elementary Band Festival at Kennedy HS at 2:15 |
|  May 17 | Talent Show |