



# SCHOOL NEWS

Holy Rosary School Family Communication Newsletter

May 9, 2013

Dear Families,

One day a year is not enough to acknowledge in a special way, how important mothers are to our society. As a principal, I can attest to the positive impact they have in the educational efforts we engage in. The love, support and indeed the nudging they provide to their children make our work at school and the success we see in students that much more possible. From an educator's point of view-thank you.

Here at Holy Rosary we see how the mothers play a significant role in multiple ways from the key roles they hold on various committees and groups to their support of teachers and most important of all in their presence. Holy Rosary School and indeed all of our schools are indebted to you.

As you know, the month of May is a month in which we also honor in a special way our Blessed Mother. This tradition of honoring Mary has deep roots in our Church, most especially in the Middle Ages. Historians have pointed out that this societal attribute contributed significantly to the civilizing of our culture. It links clearly with a more advanced level of civil respect for the role of women and mothers.

Well, here is to all of the moms: Happy Mothers Day! Thank you for all that you do for our children, our families, and our society. I think I speak for the Dads when I say, we could not raise these kids without you!

Michael Cantu,  
Principal  
Holy Rosary School

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Remember to mark your calendar for Parent Math Meeting night May 9<sup>th</sup> 7:00 pm

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## **Friendly Reminder From The Office**

Students who need to leave during the day for any type of appointment must be signed out by a parent or guardian. During the school day, students may not leave school grounds without being signed out and accompanied by a parent or legal guardian. Thank you for your cooperation with this matter. Jennifer and Janise

### **LAST PARENTS' CLUB GATHERING OF THE SCHOOL YEAR!**

Please join us for our last Holy Rosary Happy Hour of the school year on Wednesday, May 15th at 6:30pm. We will be showing appreciation for our volunteers and raffling off our end-of-the-year FREE REGISTRATION FEE!

SCHOOL UNIFORMS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR EXCHANGE AT THE MEETING - Now is the time to pass on your gently used uniforms and exchange them for uniforms for the upcoming school year.

**Indieflix presents**

### **FINDING KIND the DOCUMENTARY FILM**

**WHEN- May 19 or 20 at 7pm**

**WHERE - School Hall**

All 5th-8th grade mothers and daughters are invited to join us.

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT MOTHER AND DAUGHTER VIEW THE MOVIE TOGETHER.**

Please visit <http://www.kindcampaign.com/documentary/> to view the trailer.

Filmmakers Lauren and Molly set out in a cross country journey of discovery and education. Interviewing women and girls along the way about their lives and experiences, the two find, among all of the unique personal stories, some universal truths about growing up as girls. Finding Kind is a document of that journey, and of the filmmakers' quest to take these experiences and find a common ground of kindness and mutual respect. In addition to all of the individual girls and women who share their personal experiences about girl-on-girl bullying, they include interviews with respected experts and authors in the fields of psychology, education, and the interrelationships of women and girls.

# Holy Rosary Volunteer Opportunities

## HOLY ROSARY SCHOOL NEEDS THE GIFT OF YOUR LEADERSHIP!

### DID WE MENTION...NO TRACKING VOLUNTEER HOURS FOR AN ENTIRE SCHOOL YEAR!

After the very positive response to our **Holy Rosary Happy Hour** this year, Holy Rosary School needs your help in continuing to keep it on its path to success. In order to do that, we need parents to fill the three vacant board positions we have for the 2013-14 school year! If you know of anyone who loves to have fun and meet lots of great people, please encourage him/her to apply for Vice President, Secretary or Treasurer!! Or better yet, consider stepping into a role yourself!

We are looking for fun leadership to join the Parents' Club Board. Please complete and return your application to the school office by *Friday, May 31<sup>st</sup>*.

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 \(PDF\)](#).

**Graduation is coming up.....**don't forget to SHOP using our Holy Rosary **[Amazon.com](#)** link!

- Holy Rosary has raised \$6500 using the Amazon link.
- Don't forget to share the link with family and friends!

## School Commission

The School Commission met on May 2<sup>nd</sup> for our last business meeting of the year. During the meeting, we recognized **Kaiti Grassley, Nicole Herdener, Marty Sumner-Johnson, Kamila Kennedy, Jodi Mass, Maura McCann, Marti McGaughey, Marcia Metcalf, and Molly Ward** for the incredible work they did as this year's auction chairs. As auction chairs, they put in many, many hours, both day and night, planning, preparing, organizing, and driving this year's auction. It was a fantastic evening and is a huge benefit to Holy Rosary as our biggest fundraiser. Thank you ladies for your dedication and support of HRS.

In addition, we approved the April meeting minutes which can be found [here](http://www.holyrosaryws.org/forms/School_Commission_Minutes/2012-13/2013-04-11SchoolCommissionMinutes.pdf) ([http://www.holyrosaryws.org/forms/School\\_Commission\\_Minutes/2012-13/2013-04-11SchoolCommissionMinutes.pdf](http://www.holyrosaryws.org/forms/School_Commission_Minutes/2012-13/2013-04-11SchoolCommissionMinutes.pdf)). Ann Summers presented the 3 new members of School Commission for next year: **Terry Burns, Brett Conway, and Christine Tobin-Presser**. Brett and Christine were able to join the meeting. We are thrilled to have such great new members for next year.

Finally, the School Commission passed four motions in support of the financial health of the school heading into next year. These include the following: 1) We approved a Centennial Campaign of \$2,000,000 that will include items such as replacing the Big Toy, replacing the school roof, completing the replacement of the school windows, and building the Fr. Mallahan Endowment Fund; 2) We approved to increase the target for the Annual Fund for the 2013-14 school year to \$200,000; 3) We approved that the

incoming interim principal, George Hofbauer, and/or others will meet with parents regarding a one year pledge to the Annual Fund, a three to five year pledge to the Centennial Campaign, and a reaffirmation of their pledge to the Parish (if they are parishioners); and 4) We approved that members of the School Commission will be first in line to meet with the interim principal to make these pledges.

Much more detailed information around these motions and how each family can participate will be coming over the next few months. The School Commission fully supports Mr. Hofbauer in formulating a strategic plan that will ensure the financial health of Holy Rosary School now and in the future. Once the plan is finalized, we look forward to helping communicate it and driving it to success. Thank you for your support of the School Commission and Holy Rosary School this year.

Patrick Kennedy  
School Commission President

## **Auction Survey**

Dear Families,

Please help us make next year's auction even better by completing this brief auction survey:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/2013postauction>

Whether you attended or not, the auction chairs would love your feedback.

Thank you.

Alicia Sands  
Development Director

## **Talent Show Update**

### **Talent Show Beach Theme!**

Next Friday, May 17th, is Holy Rosary's Talent Show! We are so excited to see the talented and gifted students here at Holy Rosary. The spirit day will be a summer/beach theme, so students are encouraged to show their spirit! Students are encouraged to wear bright colors, sunglasses, sandals, and anything summer-themed. :) Flip flops and baseball caps are allowed for this spirit day. Remember that tank tops, shorts, and skirts must follow the HRS dress code requirements. We look forward to this special day!

### **The Talent Show Start Times**

*The start times are tentative and subject to this week's auditions.*

Act I: HRS school band and grades K-4th - 9:30 start time

Act II: Grades 5th-8th - 1:30 start time

## **Be an Ambassador Family**

If you would like to be an ambassador family for our new incoming families for the 2013-2014 school year, please sign up online here.

[http://www.holyrosaryws.org/ambassador\\_reg.html](http://www.holyrosaryws.org/ambassador_reg.html) Thank you to the families who have

already volunteered! We still need many more! If you have any questions, please contact Kimberly Tish. You can find more information regarding Holy Rosary Ambassador Families through this link. [http://www.holyrosaryws.org/ambassador\\_families.html](http://www.holyrosaryws.org/ambassador_families.html) Thank you

### **Recess Duty 2013 – 2014**

(Please download the attachment from the school website.)

**Holy Rosary School's Official Bike to School Day is this Friday, May 10!** Let's see if we can exceed our record from years past. In addition to the great prizes that you will receive at the end of the month, we have extra special treats for riding on the 10th. These prizes include a special Bike to School Bracelet, a Cliff Bar, and a Free Dress Pass!

We hope to see you at the bike rack on Friday morning!

### **May is Bike to School Month**

Holy Rosary School and the Cascade Bicycle Club Education Foundation invite you to join our team for Bike to School Month, May 2013.

May is Bike to School Month, designed to encourage bicycle commuting, mentor new riders and foster a love of bicycling. When you bike to school with your child you:

Help your child become a safe, knowledgeable and independent cyclist.

Create daily exercise habits that help keep your child active and healthy.

Reduce car traffic and air pollution.

We envision participation in Bike-to-School Month as a family project, one that may also introduce parents to the fun of cycling with their kids! Everyone who rides at least once wins a prize! (attach pdf form here)

So, how do you participate? It's easy! Look for a Bike to School sign up flyer and passport calendar in the school office before May 1st, or download the attachment from the Efc. Please return it to the school office by June 3 at the latest in order to receive your prizes. If you have questions, contact **Tauna Evans**. For more information check out **Cascade's website**.

### **Math-a-thon**

It is not too late to return any Math-a-thon donations to school. We forwarded \$890.00 to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital last week. On May 17 we will send the final batch of donations, so you have time to collect your pledges. On behalf of the children at St. Jude, thanks to the students who completed the math problems and to the adults who helped collect the pledges.

### **Student Art Contest**

Would your child like having their art featured on Holy Rosary thank you cards?

Any student whose art is used will receive a set of notecards featuring their art.  
The only limitation is that it has to be 2 dimensional.  
Submissions can be dropped off at the school office. All originals will be returned.  
Thanks Alicia Sands, Development Director

### **One on One For Uganda Update:**

Thanks so much for your generosity, we collected a total of \$266.63 for the month of May. Congratulations to the first grade, they collected the most money again! Here is how much each class collected:

K - \$63.46	5 <sup>th</sup> - \$7.31
<b>1<sup>st</sup> - 70.46!</b>	6 <sup>th</sup> - \$10.69
2 <sup>nd</sup> - \$14.75	7 <sup>th</sup> - \$29.30
3 <sup>rd</sup> - \$37.63	8 <sup>th</sup> - \$14.32
4 <sup>th</sup> - \$37.63	

### **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](mailto: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 31<sup>st</sup>. 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.

## **Community Postings**

**West Seattle HS Freshman Class Fundraiser**  
**Parents Night Out/Child Sitting - Coming soon!**

Friday, May 17, from 5:30-10:00pm

\$20 per child, ages 4-11

Includes pizza, drinks, snacks, movie, games and crafts

**Reserve your spot today!**

Call Gabby Carufel at 206 935-6517 or email [wshspno@hotmail.com](mailto:wshspno@hotmail.com)

(Holy Rosary graduate)

Check in at the WSHS commons - lunchroom

**We can't wait to have fun with your children!**

### **Summer Technology Camp**

Many years ago when I first started teaching I would take a summer job at Computer Adventures technology summer camps. They are now known as iD Tech Camps and are the leading technology camps in the United States offering classes in App Development, Game Design, Programming, Robotics, Filmmaking, Web Design, Photography, 3D Animation and more. Camps are held throughout the country, including the University of Washington. Check out their website for more information: [www.internaldrive.com](http://www.internaldrive.com)

-Mr Barker

### **West Seattle HI\_YU**

West Seattle Hi-Yu cordially invites you to the Annual Gala  
Celebrating the coronation of the 2013 Hi-Yu Queen, April Davis  
with a Silent Auction and a White Rose Ceremony

Friday, May 10th, 2013

Doors open at 7 PM

OLG Life Center

7000 35th Ave SW

Seattle, WA 98126

Hors d' oeuvres and No Host Bar

Tickets available for \$30 per person or \$300 for a table of 10.

Online: [www.westseattlehiyu.com](http://www.westseattlehiyu.com)

Mail checks to: West Seattle Hi-Yu Summer Festival  
PO Box 16130, Seattle, WA 98116-0130

Pre-paid reservations are encouraged for this event.

Past Court Members - please let us know what year(s) you participated in, bring your memory book to share and wear your tiara.

Hi-Yu has promoted the West Seattle Community for over 79 years through summer festivals such as Summerfest, Seafair and other local events. This year we are combining the auction, coronation and White Rose Ceremony into an Annual Gala. The auction raises funds for our scholarship program to help the young women attending colleges. Also, financial support keeps the only community owned float visible in parades like the American Legion Parade, 4th of July

Burien Parade and Seafair Torchlight. This year's theme is, Alki Deep - An Undersea Adventure, promoting the beauty and life beneath the waters of Puget Sound.

Come see 2012 West Seattle Hi-Yu Queen, Kayli Schulz (Alumni of Holy Rosary '08 and Holy Names Academy '12) crown 2013 Queen, April Davis (Alumni of Holy Rosary '09 and soon to be, Blanchett '13) and induct her and her court, Junior Queen Madison Stanley-Jones, Princess Olivia Efird, Princess Emily Galvin, and Princess Winter Williams into the White Rose Cermeony, an event reserved for women and past court members only. Men will see this ceremony for the first time and be part of history. We encourage past court members to bring their scrapbooks to share their experiences and fond memories with new court members.

### **Summer Camps at Bishop Blanchet** **(Please download the flyer from the school website.)**

Attention Music Students and Parents:

We invite you to participate in the new music camp happening this summer at Bishop Blanchet High School. The camp is an intensive 5-day learning experience for middle school band, orchestra, and choir students, with a performance for friends and family on the final day. The camp runs June 17<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup>, 9AM – Noon at Bishop Blanchet High School. To register, please fill out the attached form. For more information, please contact Sean Richarz, [sricharz@bishopblanchet.org](mailto:sricharz@bishopblanchet.org).

### **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 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade students (rising 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> 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 9<sup>th</sup> graders), "Writer's Workshop," "Smart but Scattered," and "The Human Body" (including the



dissection of a cow eye)! Visit [www.seaprep.org/summerprep](http://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](http://achildbecomes.org). There is a link to our Summer Camps on the home page or email Shelley at [achildbecomes@gmail.com](mailto:achildbecomes@gmail.com) with any questions.

## **Lees Martial Arts Academy**

Download flyer from the school website.

## **Open Auditions for the Northwest Boychoir**

(insert flyer)

### **Upcoming Events**

✚ May 9	Parent Math Night Meeting 7 pm
✚ May 10 <sup>th</sup>	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Pizza
✚ May 11 <sup>th</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade First Communion Mass 10:00 am
✚ May 15	Parent Club Meeting
✚ May 15	Elementary Band Festival at Kennedy HS at 7:00
✚ May 17	Talent Show
✚ May 21	Poetry Café (2 <sup>nd</sup> grade)
✚ May 22	Bake Sale (4 <sup>th</sup> grade)
✚ May 23	Space Needle (3 <sup>rd</sup> grade)
✚ May 24	Field Day (noon dismissal)
✚ May 27 <sup>th</sup>	Memorial Day (no school)
✚ May 31 <sup>st</sup>	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Pizza Lunch
✚ June 1 <sup>st</sup>	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Mass & Graduation Dinner
✚ June 6 <sup>th</sup>	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation 7:00 pm
✚ June 7 <sup>th</sup>	Kindergarten Graduation 10:00 am