



# SCHOOL NEWS

Holy Rosary School Family Communication Newsletter

September 19, 2013

Tuesday night we held our second open forum on the “Principals White Paper”. It was both lively and well attended just like the first one. Good discussions are taking place. A better understanding of our programs, our financial realities, and our basic structure is evolving for everyone. And a good amount of productive discussion is taking place throughout West Seattle. The “hits” and downloads on the “White Paper” have made it the hottest item on our Website in our history!

Solicitations are taking place for the Centennial, the Annual Fund for the School, and (for those who are parishioners) for the 2014 pledge to the Church. Kamila Kennedy and Alicia Sands have joined with me forming a team of solicitors. If anyone else is interested please let me know. I am sending out letters asking for an appointment and explaining what it is for. I then follow up with an email asking for an appointment. If anybody wants to beat me to the punch ----- please feel free to contact me for a meeting. My email is [ghofbauer@holyrosws.com](mailto:ghofbauer@holyrosws.com)

One of the things that is coming out of our meetings is a growing awareness of how important substantial responses to the school’s Annual Fund are. That is a tax deductible way to keep everyone and---- keep improving our programs without substantial tuition increases. Please think about that, and even consider increasing what you have pledged if you are capable.

The iPad program I have written about in my monthly newsletter will be initiated, for now, for third grade. If the Annual Fund generates enough I hope to do something for fourth grade.

The Magazine Sale program is right on track. We have \$37,734 in orders and we are headed to \$125,000. So go! Go! Go! I have purchased mine.

As Father John said at mass, all the classrooms have mission cups. We will be collecting for the Dominican Sisters Retirement Fund. That is the order that founded Holy Rosary School. The children are bringing in their gifts. One parent asked about checks. They are tax deductible, and they should be written out to Dominican Sisters. A mass of celebration with the Archbishop will be held on Saturday October 26, 2013 at 1:00 at Holy Rosary Church. Please come. Bring Alumni friends. A reception will follow in our Hall.

Remember to get your tickets for the Centennial Gala Celebration on Saturday November 30th. It will be a fantastic event. You do not want to miss it.

Tuesday is my “walkabout day” when I observe teachers. I have seen only exceptional teaching, attentive students, and engaged learning. I saw a number of math classes where our new texts and lessons were being used. I believe it will prove to be a fantastic investment for a fantastic program.

Some information for your consideration:

Tuition this year for one student is \$5,256 in parish  
Tuition for one student this year is: \$8,125 out of parish  
Cost to educate one child this year is \$7,615

Have a wonderful three day weekend -----at WESTFEST!!!!!!!

GEORGE

## Magazine Drive Update

### Week 3 – Sep. 19 (submit 9/17 at 12pm)

#### SUPER HEROES WANTED FOR MAGAZINE ORDERS!

Way to go Holy Rosary Super Heroes! The second TURN IN TUESDAY just brought us to \$37,734. We are half way into our drive and we need your SUPER POWERS to save the day and meet our goal of \$125,000! The Kindergarten Class did it again! They are in the lead for the second consecutive week. The 3rd graders came in second place, followed by 2nd graders with the third place. Great job!

DON'T STOP SELLING!!!

Questions? Check out the school website [insert link] for all magazine information.

#### THERE ARE 2 WAYS TO ORDER:

##### 1) By going online:

- Log on to the site: [www.aphearst.com](http://www.aphearst.com)
- Click on "Shop Now"
- Enter Holy Rosary's School Code ROSARY (or WC2897)
- Enter your student's name
- Start shopping and follow the directions to complete your order

Cut off for credit for each week is 9 p.m. on Monday evenings (don't worry, if you miss the cutoff, your order will be counted next week).

No need to submit paperwork for online sales, we've got it all counted.

##### 2) Paper Order (Tuesdays!)

- Inside each catalog there are order forms
- More order forms, catalogs & envelopes are available at the school office
- Keep the pink copy
- Submit the white and yellow copies and money/check to student's classroom
- Please double-check your math

We have 2 more Turn In Tuesdays\* left!

PLEASE REMEMBER – Subscriptions costing \$100 or more count as 5 for individual prizes.

Reminder: PAPER ORDERS ON TUESDAYS MUST BE TURNED IN BY 8:30 A.M. AND OUR CUT OFF FOR ONLINE ORDERS TO BE COUNTED IS MONDAY NIGHTS AT 9 P.M. If orders come in later, they will be included in the following weeks count.

Calling all super heroes!

## **Parents Club**

Please plan to join us on September 26th, just one week from tonight, for our first Centennial HRS Happy Hour and Parents Club meeting! Our social hour will begin at 6:30 p.m. and we will start our business portion of the meeting promptly at 7 p.m.

Complimentary childcare will be in the library beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Thank you to everyone who supported HRS and purchased our Centennial spirit shirt! They were delivered to your youngest child's classroom on Tuesday and hopefully they are sporting them today to show their school spirit! For those of you that purchased a commemorative mug, your coupon for a free beer at West Fest went home on Wednesday. We plan to distribute the mugs at our meeting.

We hope that all of you had an opportunity to attend one of the White Paper discussions. In preparation, for our continued processing of the strategic plan at our first meeting, you will be receiving a survey. We want every parent in our community to have an opportunity to be heard as we process these important and impactful changes. Please take a few minutes to participate.

Here is our agenda for our meeting:

- Opening prayer
- Parents Club general business
- Fundraising update (Centennial Dinner, West Fest, magazine drive and tree lot)
- Discussion/Processing of Project 20/20 – HRS strategic plan  
(Specifically recommendations 1, 6, 8, 9, 10 and 11)

Our processing of these recommendations will include asking you to let us know your agreement/disagreement on each point. We will do this by having colored cards. This will give your Parents Club board an opportunity (in addition to reviewing your survey results, emails, notes, etc.) to see how the community is feeling before the board votes and sends the recommendations to School Commission.

We look forward to kicking off our Centennial year and see you next week!

You can always email us at [parentsclub@holyroaryws.org](mailto:parentsclub@holyroaryws.org), drop a note in our box located in the office or email one of the board members.

## **MATH PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT: WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 2<sup>nd</sup> 6:30 in the School Hall.**

Please mark your calendar to learn more about our new program.

## **WestFest News & Updates**

Can you feel the excitement—like the feeling of fall in the air, WestFest is finally here!

Excitement is building for this year's event. We have an announcement for something BIG at Westfest! Thanks to "Sock Man Stan," we will be selling G-Wear City Socks, you know, the cool ones with the Seattle skyline on them? Besides wearing a sweet looking pair of socks, the bonus of this deal is that ALL of the profits come right back to Holy Rosary! That's right, you can 'stock(ing)' up for birthdays, Christmas, or just put a pair on your favorite Seattle feet! While supplies last, they will be on sale in the gym.

Our raffle baskets are overflowing with awesome, comforting, caffeinated, delectable, and all-around spectacular gifts! Buy a ticket for the basket you want to win—maybe put a ticket in for each one! Head to the raffle table in the gym to increase your chances of winning, or you can stop one of the friendly mobile sales people to buy a handful of tickets.

Get those cakes and other assorted sweet treats baking for the Cake Walk! You can earn an hour for each confection baked, up to four for the school year. Covered items can be delivered to the school hall or gym

Friday afternoon, Sept. 20th, or Saturday morning, Sept. 21st. Contact Krista Zeissel @  
picinichkrista@gmail.com or Jennifer Durante @jennifer@durantetax.com with questions.

Thank you to everyone who stepped up to volunteer for shifts—we know you will be helping to put on a memorable event! There are just a few shifts left (especially for junior high students), so please check the website if you have a spare couple of hours! Find your shift at  
<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0B45A8AB2BA64-westfest>  
Pray for great weather and we'll see you at WestFest at 6pm tomorrow night!

WestFesters, as a special treat from a local business & friend to Holy Rosary, Hotwire Coffee will create a special WestFest drink--for every beverage purchased they'll give \$2 back to Holy Rosary! So if you need a jolt to make it through all the fun & activities at WestFest, pop on down to Hotwire for a boost! Flyers with the discount will be found in the gym, next to the pizza sales corner!

Here's the entertainment line-up:

Friday September 20 6:00pm Full Life Crisis - Rock and pop from Holy Rosary's rockin' pops

7:30pm Tupelo - Rock 'n' roll with country soul

Saturday September 21 11:00am Best In Show - Your pets on display

12:00 noon Magician Ray Ejarque - A Holy Rosary dad with the magic touch

1:00pm Hail the Kings! - Amateur Elvis tribute artist revue

2:00pm Slack and Slide - Easy listening acoustic artistry

3:30pm West Seattle's Got Talent! - Your skills on stage

6:00pm Special Guest

#### **FROM THE FUNDRAISING CORNER**

Thank you for your responses and commitment!

The following roles are still open:

Magazine Drive 2014

- Chair (shadow)
- Decoration

HEART Auction 2014 - get involved now!

- Procurement Chair

If you have any questions regarding any of these roles, please contact:

Kamila Kennedy @kkennedy@holyroaryws.org

**OCTOBER OUTREACH** – Students will be asked to bring in a dollar for our monthly 1 on 1 collecting for Uganda. Also during the entire month of October we will be collecting donations for the Dominican Sisters with a special Free Dress donation on October 18.

#### **NEW THIS YEAR! OCTOBER CONFERENCES: ONLINE SIGN-UPS**

The sign-up process for Fall conferences will be ONLINE this year! Log-in information and instructions will appear in next week's eFC.

#### **NOTES FROM THE OFFICE**

##### **Picture Day**

Picture day is Tuesday September 24. Students may come to school wearing free dress.

## **Family Handbooks**

Check your children's backpacks, the Family Handbooks went home today! Please remember to sign and return the front page and return to the office by October 4<sup>th</sup>.

## **Discovering Chess 2013-14**

For the 14th year I'm pleased to offer an after school chess class here at Holy Rosary. I have so enjoyed teaching a game that I love and seeing the kids become better and better. For the last couple years we have participated in numerous local chess tournaments and have done well.

One of the things I really like about chess is that it teaches many qualities that help in an academic setting. Planning ahead, self-discipline, creativity, spatial organization, calculation and more are all part of chess. Here are the details. We will meet in my room (7A) from 3-3:45 on Tuesdays and Thursdays starting on October 1st. Checks this year will be made out to the school and because of this the price will be slightly different: \$25 per month if attending two days a week and \$12.50 per month if just attending one day a week. I'm open to taking any ages. All I ask is that they be able to sit and focus for the 45 minutes of class. There's no official sign up; just send your kids to my room on the day we meet. Email me with any questions at [mrirtscher@holyroaryws.org](mailto:mrirtscher@holyroaryws.org)

Thanks, Mike Ritscher

## **Pizza Lunch!**

The first Pizza Lunch is October 4<sup>th</sup>! **The deadline to turn in your order and check is September 25<sup>th</sup>.**  
(link to order form)

## **Italian Dinner**

Si Mangia Bene, Vivi Felice!!!  
Join us at our annual ITALIAN DINNER,

When: Saturday, Sept. 28th -6:15p.m  
Where: Lanigan Gym

Cost: \$ 40 per family, \$12.00 per adult, \$8 per child (3years & under free)  
(insert flyer)

Thanks for the great response to the volunteer request we have enough volunteers for the Italian Dinner  
– Maria Taylor

**Online CYO Sports** player and coach registration is available on our Holy Rosary Parish website.  
<http://holyroary.bonzidev.com/home.php>

## **CYO Cross Country:**

Cross Country registration is now open! Please use the link on the School Forms and Other Downloads Page (CYO is at the bottom) to register. Cross Country is for ALL students, kindergarten through 8th grade. Our first practice is Thursday, September 5th, from 4-5p.m. at the south parking lot of Lincoln Park. Practices will continue every Tuesday and Thursday from 4-5 until October 10th. For those of you who like to plan ahead, the first meet is on September 22nd, the second meeting is on September 29th, the K-3 championships are on October 6th with the 4-8 grade championships wrapping up on October 13th. Our season has 11 practices and 3 meets - yes cross country is a great sport, you don't even have to make the practices as long as you are getting some running in during another sport (soccer). If you have any questions please contact Heather Snee at [hrrxcountry@gmail.com](mailto:hrrxcountry@gmail.com).

## **First Reconciliation and First Communion Parent Information Night Meeting**

Parents who have a child receiving First Reconciliation and First Communion this year are invited to attend ONE 1-hour Parent Information Night Meeting. Only one parent needs to attend and you can choose from the following dates:

Holy Rosary School Classroom 7B at 7-8PM

1. Monday, September 23
2. Tuesday, September 24
3. Wednesday, September 25

If you have any questions, please contact Jennifer Wong at [Jwong@holynosaryseattle.org](mailto:Jwong@holynosaryseattle.org)

Thanks!

### **Parish Children's Choir**

The Parish Children's Choir is an exciting and integral part of our parish music ministry, helping children to develop their voices and learn how to sing properly, together and solo. What they learn as children provides them with a solid foundation as they grow to become wonderful singers and future music ministry leaders!

Did you know that many of our famous pop singers started singing in church choirs! Did you know that singing can help your child be a better student by wiring their young brains with the new, exciting language of music? Did you know that participation in a church choir can help your child understand and develop prayer, participation and leadership skills to empower them in their spiritual lives?

The Parish Children's Choir is open to students in Grades 3-5 from ALL AREA SCHOOLS (please register with the parish). Practices are on Tuesdays from 3-4PM in the Parish Center CHAPEL. 3rd graders are dismissed at 4pm. Cantor practices for 4-5th graders are from 4 to 4:30PM in the chapel and the church. Older students learn how to cantor, sing solo and harmony.

The Parish Children's Choir sings at mass about once a month, including Christmas Eve and Easter. We'll also do some caroling at the HR Tree Lot and sing for Catholic Schools Week. Second Graders are invited to sing for Mothers' Day as a free preview!

NOTE: Parents can help out and earn school volunteer hours!

Our first choir rehearsal is Tuesday, October 1st, from 3-4pm in the chapel. Registration will be online this year. For info, go to our website: <http://www.holynosaryws.org/childrenschoir.html>

If questions, contact Paul Dolejsi by email <[pdolejsi@holynosaryseattle.org](mailto:pdolejsi@holynosaryseattle.org)> or leave a message at the parish office 935-8353.

### **Community Notices:**

#### **Life Principles Academy Pro-Life Training Conference**

If you are interested in learning about how to promote life in a loving and logical way, please consider attending this informational and inspirational workshop. It is being held in the school hall on Saturday, October 19th, 11:30 - 4:30. It is hosted by Holy Rosary's Voices for Life. The cost is \$35.00 which includes a light lunch. For more information about how to register go to: [www.healingtheculture.com](http://www.healingtheculture.com).

#### **Used Instruments for Sale:**

A former Holy Rosary family has two band instruments for sale. They are offering a saxophone, two years old for \$800 (originally \$1200) and also a snare drum with sticks, stand and backpack carrying case for \$115. If you are interested, please email or call contact Ed Merklin at [ed@merklingdesign.com](mailto:ed@merklingdesign.com) (206) 660-0042.

#### **Internet and Lap-Top Assistance for Low-income Families**

(insert link here)

#### **Sundance**

Dance at Holy Rosary!

Sign up for dance after school at Holy Rosary. Classes practice in the parish center.

Monday

Jazz 1- 3:15-4:15

Jazz 2- 4:15-5:15

Wednesday

Crew 3:30-5:00

Thursday

Hip hop 1- FULL

Hip hop 2- 4:15-5:15

Hip hop 3 5:15-6:15

Friday

Open hip hop- 3:05-4:05

Preschool- 4:05-4:45

For more information see [sundancerswestseattle.com](http://sundancerswestseattle.com) to reserve your spot email Miss Dawn at [sun\\_goddess@hotmail.com](mailto:sun_goddess@hotmail.com)

### **SPARK!**

Join Holy Rosary again this fall in welcoming Spark! Yoga and Creative Arts. Spark! is a unique after-school program dedicated to celebrating and empowering middle school girls through yoga and the creative arts. This 8 week program is sure to light the spark in your girl . . . and create a lot of joy along the way.

When? Classes meet on Mondays 3:00p.m. – 5:00p.m, September 23rd – November 25th

(no class on 10/14 and 11/11)

Where? Holy Rosary Music Room, Parish Center

[www.holyrosaryws.org](http://www.holyrosaryws.org)

How much? \$125 + \$85 supply fee

Who? Girls, 11-14 years

Register online at Holy Rosary and for more information, [www.sparkforgirls.com](http://www.sparkforgirls.com)

### **Irish Dance**

Irish Dance

Comerford School of Irish Dance.

Register NOW for fall lessons

Classes at West Seattle VFW for new beginners

Thursdays at 6:15 p.m.

[emailwww.tonycomerford.com](http://emailwww.tonycomerford.com) [celticartsnw@hotmail.com](mailto:celticartsnw@hotmail.com)

(206) 935-3225

## **Sponge**

The world is more connected now than ever! With our Mandarin language classes, you are not only improving your child's knowledge of a new language, but also expanding their worldview and means of understanding and interacting with the world. At Sponge, we believe in active learning. Our classes center around functional vocabulary, immersive learning, and lots of fun! Your child and their native-speaking teacher will sing and dance, make arts and crafts, read stories, and play games to learn new words and phrases.

Classes are for K-2 and 3rd-5th are held after school on Wednesday afternoons. Learn more and register for classes at [www.spongeschool.com](http://www.spongeschool.com) or and contact us at [info@spongeschool.com](mailto:info@spongeschool.com) or 425.274.5188 with any questions. Register now and secure your spot in class!

New, returning, and interested parents are also invited to attend one of our upcoming parent orientations. Visit <http://spongeschool.com/1245/elementary-parent-orientations/> for more information and email us to RSVP!

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### **Upcoming Dates to Remember**

- ❖ **Sept 20<sup>th</sup> - No School Archdiocese Inservice**
- ❖ **Sept 20<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup> – WestFest**
- ❖ **Sept 24<sup>rd</sup> - Picture Day (free dress)**
- ❖ **Sept 25-27<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Ropes Retreat**
- ❖ **Sept 28<sup>th</sup> - Italian Dinner**
- ❖ **Oct 2 - Math Parent Meeting – 6:30 p.m.**
- ❖ **Oct 7<sup>th</sup> - Our Lady of the Living Rosary – 2:00 p.m.**
- ❖ **Oct 10<sup>th</sup> - Pre-Parent-Teacher Conference Mass**
- ❖ **Oct 11 - Magazine Closing Assembly**
- ❖ **Oct 16<sup>th</sup> - Remlinger Farms – 1<sup>st</sup> grade**
- ❖ **Oct 18 – Free Dress for Dominican Sisters donation**
- ❖ **Oct 18<sup>th</sup> - Mother/Son Glow Bowl 5:00p.m.**
- ❖ **Oct 22<sup>nd</sup> - Parent/teacher conferences begin (noon dismiss)**
- ❖ **Oct 23<sup>rd</sup> - Parent/Teacher Conferences (no school)**
- ❖ **Oct 24<sup>th</sup> - Parent/Teacher conferences (no school)**
- ❖ **Oct 25<sup>th</sup> - No School**
- ❖ **Oct 26 – Dominican Mass 1:00 with Archbishop ALL WELCOME**
- ❖ **Oct 29 – Picture Retake**
- ❖ **Nov 1 – All Saints Day Mass**