



# SCHOOL NEWS

Holy Rosary School Family Communication Newsletter

October 10, 2013

This week our new SmartBoards are being installed and we are preparing the iPads that arrived for our third grade class rooms. Technology is growing at Holy Rosary. What the future holds in this area is very much up for discussion all over the country. Some Schools institute a BYOD (bring your own device) policy as education attempts to update and improve its interactions between students and technology in the great adventure of learning. Time will tell what the future holds, but we are called upon, in the meantime, to make wise decisions based upon present needs and realistic abilities.

Two families have asked me to look into the institution of a study hall as part of our BASE program. This would be more for grades 5-7. I think it would be for the hours of 4:00-6:00. If someone is in BASE it would be for free ----well what you are already paying ----- if someone is just interested in this the fee would be \$7 per hour. It would be for Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday of each week. The fee would have to be paid in advance for one month and non-refundable so we can work out a working schedule. It would be staffed by a present BASE employee, an eighth grader, or a staff member. It would be up to parents to help their children understand that this is an academic time during which homework, long term projects, or studying is being done. If you are interested in this please just email me with your name and the number of children you want involved. Or let Donna know. But please do it within the next ten days. I would need at least seven to make this work.

It was great to be honored with the presence of a number of the Dominican Sisters when we did the "Living Rosary" on Monday. They were moved as the children thanked and greeted them as they were leaving the Church. I look forward to our major celebration with them on Saturday October 26th at 1:00. I hope you can all come and celebrate with them and with our Archbishop.

I will "snail mail" the newsletter for October, along with the Annual Report for the School. I think you will find it of interest. If people do not feel like it is worth the time, effort, or cost I ask you to let me, or one of the Parents Club Officers or School Commission members know.

Have a wonderful weekend. Thank you for all you do, and thank you for all you are ABOUT TO DO!

George

## **From Father John**

### **GOD IN EVERY PERSON'S LIFE.**

Pope Francis continues to capture the world's imagination. Recently he had some things to say in preparation for the annual observance of Respect Life he said:

"Even if the life of a person has been a disaster, even if it is destroyed by vices, drugs or anything else ---- God is in this person's life .... Although the life of a person is a land full of thorns and weeds, there is always a space in which the good seed can grow. You have to trust God".

In another presentation he said: "Jesus teaches us to care for life because it is the image of God, who is absolute life. We can't announce anything else but life from the beginning to the end. All of us must care for life and cherish life with tenderness and warmth ... to give life is to open our heart and to care for life is to give oneself in tenderness and warmth for others, to have a concern in my heart for others .... Caring for life from beginning to end. What a simple thing, what a beautiful thing. So, go forth and don't be discouraged. Care for life ---- your own and others: it's worth it".

Or as we say at the end of every Mass "Go forth in peace to love and serve God and one another".

May God bless and renew your life.

Fr John.

#### MAGAZINE DRIVE UPDATE:

The Centennial Magazine Drive Update

#### DID THE SUPER GATORS “SAVE THE DAY” AND SELL \$125,000 IN MAGAZINES?

The preliminary counting is looking good! Final results will be delivered at the closing assembly tomorrow (Fri.10/11).

We hope to see you at 2:15 at Lanigan Gym!

If we made our goal, we will earn a half-day on Friday, Feb. 14th!

The CLOSING ASSEMBLY - It will be a loud and exciting event. We will announce the top sellers and grades, the classes with 100% participation and the top sellers will play “Deal or Wheel” for fabulous prizes and gift cards! All are welcome! (tomorrow at 2:15)

Prizes will come home on Friday - gift cards and cash prizes will come home later.

Please be sure to watch out for those valuable free dress passes and other prizes tomorrow!

#### ORDERS WITHOUT STUDENTS:

Wilson, Wayne

Family Fun Center – Save the date: Fri. 11/15 (many chaperones will be needed. Stay tuned!)

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The Family Fun Center award is for individual students selling 25 (siblings 40 orders) or more.

Prizes! Non-cash prizes will be distributed tomorrow. Please email Carrie Bendzak @ [carriebendzak@comcast.net](mailto:carriebendzak@comcast.net) with any prize related problems. She can fix anything, so there’s nothing to worry about!

Still selling online? You can continue to support our school and make your sales online at [www.aphearst.com](http://www.aphearst.com). (school code: ROSARY). Online orders at this point will only count towards the FFC field trip. Individual prizes have already been sorted.

No more paper orders can be accepted.

#### **Book Fair**

The Scholastic Book Fair will arrive at HRS just in time for Conferences. Before we can offer a pleasant shopping experience to all the families, volunteers are needed to help set up the book fair on Thursday, October 17 from 3:00 - 4:30. Then, on Sunday October 27 from 10:30 - 12:30 volunteers are needed to pack up the book fair, returning the space to a library ready for students on Monday morning. If either of these dates fit into your schedule, please email Mrs. Harris. [sharris@holyrosaryws.org](mailto:sharris@holyrosaryws.org)

The volunteers transform the Library into a book store with thousands of new books for sale from every genre imaginable. Please plan to stop by before or after your conference. Siblings are encouraged to remain in the library browsing, reading and shopping during their brother's or sister's conference. Thank you for your support of reading!!!

### **Centennial Time Capsule Ceremony Friday morning at 8:25 October 11th.**

As a special centennial event, the 8th grade class is creating a time capsule with items special to the year 2013. We hope to blow the minds of the HRS community of 2063, 50 years from now, the prescribed open date. Each grade level will contribute something to the capsule, and this Friday morning in the school hall, we'll hold a small time capsule ceremony to celebrate our past and look toward our future.

**The 2013-14 CTY Talent Search** sponsored by **Johns Hopkins University Center for Talented Youth is underway.** The purpose of the Talent Search is to identify, assess and recognize the academic abilities of highly capable students. To qualify, a student must score in the 95th percentile or higher on a subtest of a nationally-normed test, such as ITBS. Qualified students are offered the opportunity to register for the SCAT test (grades 2-6) or for the SAT or ACT (grades 7-8). A variety of services and opportunities are offered to students after they test. If you are interested in pursuing this opportunity for your child, more information can be found by visiting the website: [www.cty.jhu.edu/talent](http://www.cty.jhu.edu/talent). You may determine your child's eligibility based upon last year's ITBS scores. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mrs. McFaul at [mjmcfaul@holynosaryws.org](mailto:mjmcfaul@holynosaryws.org). Application forms may be obtained in the school office or on-line at the CTY website. There is a cost of \$39 payable to CTY/JHU to register, and additional fees to the testing agency.

### **SCHOOL COMMISSION**

**Safety committee volunteer:** School commission is looking for a parent volunteer with law enforcement experience to work with the school safety committee. The committee is currently made up of school and parish staff members, and meets periodically to review safety procedures. If you are interested in this volunteer opportunity, please contact Ann Summers at [ann.summers@kingcounty.gov](mailto:ann.summers@kingcounty.gov).

### **FROM THE OFFICE**

#### **Lunch Milk Volunteer:**

The office is looking for a parent who can volunteer every Monday, Tuesday and Friday in the lunch room. If you are not able to do all those days just one day would be greatly appreciated! If you are interested, please call Janise in the office 937-72-55 or email at [jjordan@holynosaryws.org](mailto:jjordan@holynosaryws.org)

#### **Student-Parent-Teacher Conference Sign-Up!**

We're looking forward to meeting with all students and parents during conference week. (Kindergarten conferences are parents and teachers only.) Please remember to sign up for conferences by clicking on the link that was sent out Tuesday evening. If you need it sent again please let the office know.

Thanks

#### **Pizza Lunch Reminder!**

The next pizza lunch is Friday October 18<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Safe Environment Class**

If you missed the Safe Environment training on September 17<sup>th</sup>, there will be another opportunity to attend a class at Our Lady of Guadalupe on October 12<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am. You can register at [www.seattle.setanet.org](http://www.seattle.setanet.org)

**WestFest Wrap Up:**

The WestFest Committee would love to hear your thoughts on the event this year. Please take a moment to fill out the online survey and give us your feedback! We will collect responses and work to make WestFest even better next year! (Survey link is on the school website.)

Thank you,  
The WestFest Committee

**MOTHER-SON GLOW BOWL**

**Are you ready for some bowling fun with your son(s)?? Then mark Friday, October 18th on your calendar.**

**Simply print out the attached PDF form and return it to the school office no later than THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2013.**

**WHEN: Friday, October 18, 2013**

**WHERE: West Seattle Bowl**

**THEME: Football: wear your favorite NFL or college football jersey.**

What's included: pizza, drinks, cookies, fun colored hairspray, and of course a fun night of bowling.

Questions: Call Michelle Porth (206) 937-0288 or Betty Golubiec (206) 932-6507

**Cost: \$40 for mother and first son, each additional son is \$5 extra. If you are "adopting" a son from another family, the cost for each son you adopt is \$20.**

***\*\*Lanes will be filled on a first come first served basis. The sooner you turn your form in to the school office, the better chance that you will get to bowl with the friends that you have listed. We will make every effort to accommodate requests for bowling partners. (insert glow bowl flyer)***

**Centennial Gala for Holy Rosary School****CENTENNIAL GALA UPDATE**

We thought you might want to know... 181 tickets have been sold for the gala, 46 to alumni and past school families, 12 donated to teachers by present school families and to 1 special guest from the graduating class of 1941 (yes, she is 90 years old!). If you'd like to sit at one of our CLASS TABLES with parents from a particular grade level, please note that grade level (ex. Kindergarten) on your response card or in the host field when you purchase your tickets online: <http://gala.holyrosaryws.org>. The deadline for purchasing tickets is OCTOBER 31st. If you have questions or comments, please feel free to send email

to HRSCENTENNIAL@LIVE.COM .

## **FROM THE FUNDRAISING CORNER**

### **Christmas Tree Lot**

Believe it or not but we are only 83 days away from Christmas! Wow!

The Tree Lot committee is already planning for another successful year!

The Class Volunteer Shifts will be:

11/29 - 7th grade  
11/30 - 1st grade  
12/1 - Kindergarten  
12/6 - 6th grade (kick off event)  
12/7 - 3rd grade  
12/8 - 2nd grade  
12/14 - 5th grade  
12/15 – 4th grade

Mark your calendars and stay tuned for a sign up link soon.

Holiday Cheer! There will be a kick off event on Dec. 6th at 6pm in Lanigan gym.

The Holy Rosary Tree lot gives a portion of the proceeds to Hickman House, WestSeattle Help Line and the West Seattle Food Bank.

Tree Lot Chairs:

Pat Galvin and Bill Skibitzke

### **1% Receipt Program with Thriftway**

We are 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 all your support.

**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<sup>th</sup>.

## **CYO**

### **CYO Basketball**

Greeting Parents,

I will be taking over duties as Basketball Coordinator from Albert Rangel this year. Albert- Thank you for all of your years of support here at Holy Rosary. Holy Rosary has always had a wonderful CYO Basketball program and this year should be no different. I am very excited about the upcoming 2013/2014 CYO Basketball season.

Please come join us for another exciting season of Gator Ball. The online registration site is now open for you to go in and register <http://holyrosary.bonzidev.com/home.php>. The deadline to register is October 18<sup>th</sup>. Any late registrations after October 18<sup>th</sup> will be accepted on a space availability basis. Registration will include the cost of the uniform. If you have a uniform from last year that your son or daughter can still use, you will have the choice to forgo ordering a new uniform and reduce the registration fee by \$25.00. You'll need to input the uniform number during the registration process in order to forgo the new uniform order.

Parents, we have most of our returning coaches from last year, but there are still some open positions in 4<sup>th</sup> grade and some assistant coaching roles may be available.

The 2013-2014 registration fees are 4<sup>th</sup> Grade - \$70.00, 5<sup>th</sup> Grade - \$85.00, 6<sup>th</sup> thru 8<sup>th</sup> Grade - \$91.00  
Here are some dates to remember:

The tentative schedule is as follows:

October 18<sup>th</sup> - Registration Deadline  
October 23<sup>rd</sup> - Team's Practice Schedules will be decided  
October 28<sup>th</sup> - Practices will begin  
November 16<sup>th</sup> - Games begin.

For more detailed information about the overall CYO basketball season, go to <http://www.seattlearchdiocese.org/athletics/default.aspx>. Any questions regarding the Holy Rosary program please send me an email or give me a call.

Kale Paulson  
HRS CYO Basketball Coordinator  
[kalepaulson@gmail.com](mailto:kalepaulson@gmail.com)  
206 459-0539

#### CYO Cross Country:

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The 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade championship is on Sunday, October 13<sup>th</sup> at 1:00. All meets are at Lower Woodland Park. Our team end of season BBQ is on the 10<sup>th</sup> of October, immediately following practice at 5pm All K-3 participants will get awards! If your last name starts with A-L please bring a salad or chips and M-Z please bring a dessert. Questions? Please contact Heather Slee at [hrrxcountry@gmail.com](mailto:hrrxcountry@gmail.com).

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

#### **Parish Children's Choir to Sing and Celebrate World Mission Sunday!**

The Holy Rosary Parish Children's Choir is preparing to sing on Sunday, October 20<sup>th</sup> at the 9:30 mass. It will be World Mission Sunday, so we'll sing lots of fun rhythmic songs from around the world!

Our next rehearsal is Tuesday, October 15<sup>th</sup> in the Parish Chapel from 3:00-3:55pm. Cantor practice from 4:00-4:20pm in the Church for microphone training at the ambo.

**CHOIR AMNESTY!** Many kids have had challenging schedules this fall with Cross Country, Altar Server training, etc. This is your chance to still join the choir and sing on fun and festive World Mission Sunday!

For more info, email Paul Dolejsi, Director <pdolejsi@holyrosaryseattle.org> or leave a message at the parish office 935-8353.

### **Children's Liturgy of the Word**

Children's Liturgy of the Word...This Sunday, October 12th, 9:30AM Mass

We had a great start for Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW) at our 9:30AM Mass last weekend with 85 Preschoolers to 4th graders attending! CLOW is for all Holy Rosary Parish children, ages 4 years old to 4th grade at our 9:30AM Mass. There is no cost or enrollment required. CLOW children and adult Volunteers are dismissed by the Priest at the 9:30AM Mass and return after the Homily.

Please note, Preschoolers and Kindergarteners registered for Faith Formation classes will stay for Sunday School lessons instead of returning to Mass. We do welcome and need adult Volunteers as Assistants which can count for your General Volunteer time at the School. If you are interested in volunteering once a month or you have any questions, please email Deyette Swegle at dswegle@holyrosaryseattle.org

Sunday Nursery Open October 13th for 9:30AM Mass

Our Nursery opened last Sunday for our 9:30AM Mass with 9 kids in attendance. The Nursery will be open year round except for when it falls near a major holiday. The Nursery is available for children ages 1 to 4 years old. If you've never visited the Nursery, it's located in the Holy Rosary Preschool in the Parish Center basement. Go to the Parish Center entrance off of Genesee Street and look for the Nursery signage.

Please note, childcare professionals will be on staff to care for your children. We still welcome parent volunteers, please contact Nursery Coordinator, Amanda Roberts to schedule. Hours count toward the School's General Volunteer hours. Please be prepared to pick up your child immediately after Mass (please do not go to Coffee & Donuts first).

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Nursery Coordinator, Amanda Roberts (nursery@holyrosaryseattle.org) or Deyette Swegle at dswegle@holyrosaryseattle.org.

Mom's Group Starts Friday, October 11th, 9:30-11:00AM in the Parish Center.

Please join our brand new moms group, "Moms in Christ." Our first meeting will be Friday, October 11th from 9:30AM-11:00AM in the Parish Center. This new group, Moms in Christ, will be focusing on strengthening our spiritual foundation, finding peace through prayer and celebrating motherhood. Our beginning discussions will center around the book, "The Domestic Church", by Donna-Marie Cooper O'Bolye. All moms are welcome.

Childcare will be provided for those 1 year old and older. To drop-off children in the Nursery please enter the Parish Center door off Genesee St. Babies can stay with Moms during the meeting. If you are planning to attend or would like more information, please email us at moms@holyrosaryseattle.org so we can plan for childcare needs ahead of time. We look forward to seeing you!

### **Community Notices:**

#### **Seattle Prep Volleyball Night!**

CYO volleyball player are invited to watch a high school volleyball game at Seattle Prep on October 17th at 7:00pm.  
Seattle Prep versus Bishop Blanchet.

#### **Drum Lessons**

West Seattle Drums offers private lessons on drum set and snare drum. Call Mike Grueter at 206-938-3563 for lessons or visit our web site for more information. Special offer for Holy Rosary students, get one introductory lesson for free!

[<http://www.westseattledrums.com/>](http://www.westseattledrums.com/)

### **Spark Yoga for girls** (Veterans Day Event Flyer)

### **West Seattle High Cheer Camp**

The West Seattle Cheerleaders will be holding a Mini Cheer Camp Monday, November 11th in the West Seattle High School Gym from 10:00am to 1:00pm.

K-5th grade kids will have a great time learning fun cheers and making crafts with the Westside cheerleaders. Campers will receive a tee shirt, pom poms, official team hairbow, picture of themselves with the cheerleader of their choice AND perform as an honorary West Seattle Cheerleader at an upcoming home basketball game!

The cost of this camp is \$50. More information about the cheer camp and a printable registration form attached.

Registration paperwork and payment are due by November 5, 2013. Space is limited so register early to ensure your spot.

Contact Melinda Fredricks at (206) 940-6033 or [melindafredricks@comcast.net](mailto:melindafredricks@comcast.net) or Christina Ruzzine at [caruzzine@seattleschools.org](mailto:caruzzine@seattleschools.org) if you have any questions.

### **Parents Night Out - Child Sitting**

WSHS ASB will watch and have fun with the kids so the parents can go out and have fun too!

Friday October 18th from 5:30-10:00pm

This event is for kids ages 3 (potty trained) -11.

Cost is \$25 per child or \$20 with 2 or more cans of food that will be donated to the West Seattle Food Bank.

This includes pizza, snacks, Halloween themed crafts, games and movie!

Many of the sitters are CPR trained.

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

Check in at the WSHS commons/lunchroom.

This event is hosted by the WSHS Sophomore class ASB and we can't wait to have fun with your kids! Thank you for supporting West Seattle High School.

### **Stage Struck**

Come join the fun at Stage Struck this fall! Sing, dance and act to some of Broadway's best!!

Stage Struck is sponsored by the Allied Arts Foundation, a non-profit association.

(insert flyer)

### **Northwest Boychoir**

Auditions for the Northwest Boychoir will be Saturday November 2nd. Boys 6-9 years old are eligible to audition. For more details go to [nwchoirs.org/auditions](http://nwchoirs.org/auditions)

### **Sponge**

Ni hao and hello! Language classes are starting at Sponge -- come and join the fun with us for Mandarin class this fall! We are dedicated to providing a fun, immersive introduction to world languages for children, all with your child's boundless energy and curiosity in mind. Every lesson revolves around active learning, with native-speaking teachers leading students through an engaging curriculum of games, stories, art projects and music. Sponge is excited to be offering Mandarin for K-4th students at Holy Rosary. Visit [www.spongeschool.com](http://www.spongeschool.com) for more information and to register. Feel free to email Sponge at [info@spongeschool.com](mailto:info@spongeschool.com) with any and all questions! Register today and secure your spot in class!

### **More to do with Your Mornings!**



After you've dropped off your students for school, consider joining us and putting some energy into your body through the practice of yoga in a peaceful and intimate setting, under the guidance of a well-trained yoga instructor.

Introduction to Yoga at SoundYoga (5639 California Ave SW)

Thursday  
9:00 – 10:15am  
October 24 – November 14  
or  
November 21 – December 19  
\$48.00  
(New to SoundYoga? Your first class is FREE)

- Learn Yoga postures, breathing techniques, and meditation practice
- Lots of individual attention
- Perfect for beginners of any age

Call our office at (206) 938-8195 or email at [info@soundyoga.com](mailto:info@soundyoga.com) to register. Feel free to bring a friend! Classes fill up quickly, so act soon.

SoundYoga offers morning classes 7 days a week. Check out our website for more details [www.soundyoga.com](http://www.soundyoga.com)

#### **Upcoming Dates to Remember**

- ❖ **Oct 10<sup>th</sup> - Pre-Parent-Teacher Conference Mass**
- ❖ **Oct 11<sup>th</sup> - Magazine Closing Assembly**
- ❖ **Oct 16<sup>th</sup> - Remlinger Farms – 1<sup>st</sup> grade**
- ❖ **Oct 18<sup>th</sup> – Free Dress for Dominican Sisters donation**
- ❖ **Oct 18<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Pizza Lunch!**
- ❖ **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<sup>th</sup> – Dominican Mass 1:00 with Archbishop ALL WELCOME**
- ❖ **Oct 29<sup>th</sup> – Picture Retake**
- ❖ **Nov 1<sup>st</sup> – All Saints Day Mass**
- ❖ **Nov 8<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Pizza Lunch**
- ❖ **Nov 11<sup>th</sup> – Veterans Day No School**
- ❖ **Nov 19<sup>th</sup> – Parent Club Meeting 6:30**
- ❖ **Nov 20<sup>th</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> grade field trip Chicken Little @Langston Hughes Performing Arts**