



# SCHOOL NEWS

Holy Rosary School Family Communication Newsletter

October 31, 2013

## **FROM THE DESK OF THE PRINCIPAL**

Last Saturday was a smashing success. As a community we helped the Dominicans of Tacoma, who founded our school, celebrate their 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. It all began with a wonderful Mass at 1:00 and a fantastic reception followed in the Lanigan Gym. The Archbishop was our main celebrant at the mass with many priests from the Archdiocese assisting him. Our Pastor, Father Madigan, was happy to welcome everyone to the service and invite them over for the reception. The sisters were very happy with the entire day, and we were all honored to host them and be a part of the celebrations. They expressed great joy with all the children's artwork on the nuns. Many of the staff helped with everything, but special thanks goes out to Margaret Whetham.

This year our Grandparents lunch will take place on January 29<sup>th</sup>. It will be a little bit different than it has been in the past. To avoid the overcrowded situation the grandchildren will not be eating with the Grandparents. They will be called down to get their Grandparents and take them on a tour after they have been entertained and served. There will be a light solicitation at this "free lunch" which people can respond to then, or later. The donations will be part of this year's Annual Fund. If you want your grandparents to receive an invitation, please click on this link

<http://www.holyrosaryws.org/grandparents-signup.html> to complete the form.

## **GIVING UPDATE**

Thus far 264 pledges have been made to this year's Annual Fund for \$121,037 in pledges. Of that \$52,413 has been paid. Thirty six of those pledges were made by Holy Rosary Staff totaling \$14,098. In addition to the Annual Fund we have had 19 pledges made to the Centennial Drive for a total of \$241,350. The payments of the Centennial total \$4,800. Slowly but surely progress is being made. A big thanks to all who have made their commitments. Please remember if you are making payments thru the accounts you have with the parish you have to actively go in and make sure your bank releases those funds.

Have a great Halloween. Be safe and be good. See you in Church on Friday!!!!  
George

## **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 November 1st. If you have questions or comments, please feel free to send email to [HRSCENTENNIAL@LIVE.COM](mailto:HRSCENTENNIAL@LIVE.COM).

## Tuition Assistance

### **Fulcrum Tuition Assistance - Apply Online Starting November 1st**

The application for Tuition Assistance for the 2014-15 school year will be available on-line at <http://www.fulcrumfoundation.org/tuition> on November 1st. Please follow these instructions and note that in addition to submitting an application on-line to Fulcrum, paper copies of the completed application and paperwork must be delivered to Rufina at Holy Rosary School by January 10, 2014:

#### Online Application Procedure

- Make a copy of page 1 and 2 of your 2012 Federal IRS 1040, 1040A, or E-file printout for the financially responsible parent(s) or guardian(s). Note: 2012 W-2 forms are not acceptable. Do not send originals. If you do not have 1040 documentation, have your school principal approve a letter of special circumstances (see Part D-3 of the application). Be sure to sign your tax forms. This is often overlooked, especially with E-filing. Fulcrum will not accept un-signed forms.
- If you have Non-Taxable Income (Part C-3), copy the applicable documents such as 1099, federal or state aid, alimony or child support.
- Under 'School,' select Holy Rosary, Seattle and enter your information in Part A to D. A printout is produced at the end of the submission process. If you discover an error after submission, submit a new application and destroy the incorrect printout. Please do not enter names in ALL CAPS.
- Sign the online printout in Part E.
- Staple the signed application, in front of copies of the financial documents from step 2 and 3.
- Make a copy for your records, if desired. Copies will not be returned by the Fulcrum Foundation.
- Deliver or mail the complete application package to Rufina at Holy Rosary School by January 10, 2014.
- If you have students in both elementary and high school, you will need to complete the elementary (K-8) and high school (9-12) application forms. These grants are awarded separately by the Fulcrum Foundation.

\*Fulcrum does not accept handwritten applications. If you need help completing the application or you have questions, ask Rufina Miller to assist you. She may be contacted at (206) 937- 1488, ext. 211 or email:[rmiller@holyroaryseattle.org](mailto:rmiller@holyroaryseattle.org)

## Parents Club

### **Magazine Drive - Family Fun Center Prize – Friday Nov. 15th**

**Permissions slips went home last week – Please turn them in, if you haven't yet.**

If you think your child should have received a permission slip please contact Marcia at [marciametcalf@gmail.com](mailto:marciametcalf@gmail.com) and she'll send you a permission slip if you have any other questions, contact Cindy at [cindywingo66@gmail.com](mailto:cindywingo66@gmail.com).

\*The Family Fun Center is a reward for students that sold 25 or more magazines (40 per family)

**Thanks again to all that participated and made a difference for our school!**

## **SCHOOL COMMISSION**

Upcoming Open School Commission Meeting. The first open School Commission meeting will be held on Thursday, November 7, at 6:00 p.m. in the school library. Members of the community are welcome to attend. The commission will be handling some regular business as well as voting on recommendations 1, 6, 8, 9, 10 and 11 from the White Paper. Community members will have the opportunity to address the commission with comments before the commission breaks into executive session for the voting. If you have any questions, please contact Ann Summers at [ann.summers@kingcounty.gov](mailto:ann.summers@kingcounty.gov).

## **FROM THE OFFICE**

### **Morning Drop Off Reminder**

Please do not use the alley behind the church or rectory for drop-off in the mornings. There have been a few close calls!

Thanks

### **Illness Policy**

It is our goal to keep the school environment as healthy as possible for all the students. A reminder that students should be kept from home if:

- they have a fever of 100 or higher must be fever free for 24 hours.
- they have vomiting or diarrhea during the night or morning and should be kept home for 24 hours from the last episode.

Thank you.

### **Pizza Lunch Reminder!**

The next pizza lunch is Friday, November 8.

## **Toiletry Drive for Holy Rosary Women's Shelter & Union Gospel Mission**

Girl Scout Junior Troop 40699 is collecting Toiletry items November 1 to December 6 for the Holy Rosary Women's Shelter and the Union Gospel Mission. Please drop off full size or travel size shampoo, conditioner, soap, shaving cream, razors, toothbrushes, toothpaste, floss, lotion, cough drops, etc. in the boxes located in our main school hallway and also in the back of the church. If you have any questions, please email Deyette at [dsweple@holyroaryseattle.org](mailto:dsweple@holyroaryseattle.org). Thank you for your donations!

**OCTOBER OUTREACH** – We collected \$2236.76 for the Dominican Sisters on the special free dress day! Thank you for your generosity.

## **Community Notices:**

### **Open House at Kennedy Catholic High School Tuesday November 5.**

Kennedy Catholic High School— Leading the Way in Learning, Faith and Leadership!

Visit our Open House! Tuesday, November 5 from 6:30-8:30pm. Tour our campus; see our new Science

Lab; meet current students, talk to our teachers, hear the string ensemble perform and get to know Kennedy Catholic. Discover what Kennedy Catholic High School has to offer you!

Applications for Admission are due January 13, 2014. Questions? Contact Sarah Dahleen, Director of Admissions, [dahleens@kennedyhs.org](mailto:dahleens@kennedyhs.org)

### **Keeping Our Kids Safe**

Hope Lutheran is hosting a workshop on child safety on November 5 from 6:30 – 8:00. All are welcome to attend.

(insert flyer)

### **Holy Rosary PreK Mom looking for a Mother's Helper**

Holy Rosary Preschool mom looking for Mother's Helper to come to her home (short walk from Holy Rosary) Monday through Friday after school until 6pm beginning November 25th (off Thanksgiving and that Friday). Mom is having surgery and is in need of some assistance for a few weeks with her 2 children (ages 3 and 10 months). Duties would include playing with the children, walking, feeding, changing clothes/diapers, etc. Position could be shared by more than one student (alternate days). Please contact Megan at (206)755-5909 if interested.

### **Sponge**

Ni hao and hello! Learning is in full swing at Sponge, but it's not too late to join the fun in Mandarin classes this fall! Our current unit, Check-Up, centers around vocabulary and phrases related to expressing our feelings and emotions, identifying body parts, and visiting the doctor. Native-speaking teachers guide students through a curriculum devoted to active learning that places language in context through games, stories, art 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!

I hope this works for you! Let me know if there are any questions I can answer -- I'm always available!

Katiana Yeo

Elementary Program Assistant, Sponge

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

The West Seattle Cheerleaders will be holding a Mini Cheer Camp Monday, November 11, 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.

### **Northwest Boychoir**

Auditions for the Northwest Boychoir will be Saturday November 2. Boys 6-9 years old are eligible to

audition. For more details go to [nwchoirs.org/auditions](http://nwchoirs.org/auditions)

### **Upcoming Dates to Remember**

- ❖ **Nov 8 – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Pizza Lunch**
- ❖ **Nov 11 – Veterans Day No School**
- ❖ **Nov 19 – Parent Club Meeting 6:30**
- ❖ **Nov 20 2<sup>nd</sup> grade field trip Chicken Little @Langston Hughes Performing Arts**
- ❖ **Nov 22 – Prayer Service (2B)**
- ❖ **Nov 27 – First Trimester Ends**
- ❖ **Nov 27 Thanksgiving Mass 8:45**
- ❖ **Nov 27 – Noon dismissal Thanksgiving break begins**
- ❖ **Nov 30 – Centennial Gala! 5:00 pm**
- ❖ **Dec 12 – Christmas Program**
- ❖ **Dec 12 – Existing Families Intent to Return Forms Due**
- ❖ **Dec 12 – First Trimester Report Cards**
- ❖ **Dec 20 – Half Day Christmas Break Begins**
- ❖ **Jan 6 – School resumes**