



SCHOOL NEWS

Holy Rosary School Family Communication Newsletter

November 21, 2013

FROM THE DESK OF THE PRINCIPAL

THANKSGIVING

Since this will be our last communication before Thanksgiving I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of you the very best on the upcoming wonderful holiday. I do this on behalf of the entire Holy Rosary Staff. This is a special time of year when we can each reach deep inside and tap into the "attitude of gratitude" that exists within each and every one of us. We all have so much to be thankful for. We have so much to celebrate. Our blessings are indeed abundant if we stop and think about them. A spirit of appreciation for all that we have and all that we are brings an inner sense of peace and security as it brings a smile to our face. Acts of kindness and generosity, and the fostering of relationships and rekindling of friendships easily and naturally flow out of that spirit. And in that spirit I thank all of you who have done so much for this school and this community.

Next stop ----- CHRISTMAS!!!!!!!

STAFFING

We are experiencing one of those challenging years. They come along from time to time. A number of things have come up in the lives of a number of our staff that have called for mini leaves. Luckily we have a good number of experienced substitute teachers who have risen to meet the challenges. Mary Simpson has taken some time to take care of her aging mother. Darcy Carlson had a baby boy. She has decided against returning to her position so Sara Whetham will be continuing on in her position as the sixth grade teacher. Penny Semandiris is helping with her father. Megan Heuer, who recently had a baby, will be returning soon. Diane Blanco is taking some time to take care of her husband who recently had a motorcycle accident while on duty as a police officer. All are in our prayers, and soon we will be back to normal.

UPDATE

Annual Fund	pledges to date 276	pledged to date \$126,957	Paid to date \$68,313
Centennial Fund	pledges to date 23	pledged to date \$253,650	Paid to Date \$4,800
Parish Stewardship	pledges to date 215	pledged to date \$366,550	Paid to date N.A.

Dollar for Free Dress Philippine Relief Tuesday November 26

Please bring a dollar or other donation to wear free dress. All proceeds will be given to Sr. Juanita Kialkial to send to her Order in the Philippines for typhoon relief.

Grandparents & Special Friends Lunch Reminder:

Please remember to register by tomorrow November 22 for your guests to receive an invitation.

REGISTER YOUR GUEST(S) HERE: [online form](#)(insert link)

Invitations will be mailed during the first week of December.

Paper forms are also available. Questions? Email us at gplunch@holyrosaryws.org

Tree Lot

Celebration of Trees

December 6th @ 6 o'clock

At Lanigan Gym

Let's spread some holiday cheer and have a fun-filled evening for the entire family! Everyone is welcome!

Spread the word to your friends and neighbors to come buy their Christmas trees, wreaths and garlands from Holy Rosary. They will see our vibrant community at its best.

There will be a Blessing of the Trees by Fr. John, we will have treats and beverages for adults and kids, crafts and professional photography on hand to record these memories!

Come to support our school and have your family picture taken!

The HOLY ROSARY SCHOOL Christmas Tree Lot will be open from

Nov 29th - Dec. 15th

Hours of Operation:

Nov. 29th (9 am- 9 pm) Black Friday

Weekends (9 am- 9pm)

Weekdays (2pm – 9pm)

Visit the website www.treelot.holyrosaryws.org

The **HOLY ROSARY TREE LOT** will be open in the same location (the parking lot next to Lanigan Gym) from Friday, November 29 through Sunday, December 15.

Have you signed up yet? Shifts are filling up fast!!!! Volunteer sign-ups are **now** available online. Please see the list of dates that each grade is responsible for filling below. Visit: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4CAAAA2BA3FC1-volunteer> to sign up!

CLICK FOR HRS" on [Amazon.com](#)

Since October 2012, when Holy Rosary began leveraging Amazon as a school, we have raised \$10,000! Keep up the holiday cheer on [Amazon.com](#), and give an average of 7% back to Holy Rosary school. The classroom that raises the most money gets a PJ pizza party in January! Continue to earn money for your child's school by simply doing what you're already doing...shop! With just one extra click you can help raise BIG dollars for our school. Share the link for your child's classroom with family and friends and ask them to "Click for HRS." There are absolutely no hidden costs/fees associated with this program. Classroom links can be found in 3 locations: [The Amazon Flyer](#), Classroom Links below, or on each classroom home page. (Insert Link)

HOLY ROSARY PARENTS CLUB

Thank you to everyone for coming to our Parents Club meeting on Tuesday evening. We know that everyone is busy and we truly appreciate each of you taking the time to join us.

We had more than 110 parents sign in and we had representation from all 18 classrooms. We also have a Parents Club first – we have a 4 way tie for highest attendance! We had 15 parents sign in from each of the following classrooms: 1A, 2A, 3A and 5A. Each of those classrooms will get a popsicle treat and a coffee beverage for their teacher. Way to go!

White Paper recommendations 2, 3 and 5 (relating to minimum registration fees and tuitions for the school and preschool) were processed and the Parents Club board will be voting on these same recommendations soon. Those results will be posted on the website.

We are looking forward to another successful Amazon holiday competition. Thank you to Cathy Moran for kicking things off for us and getting the classroom links set up so we can start shopping at midnight on Thanksgiving Day (Black Friday) through Christmas.

Another big thank you to HRS parents Lori Draper (and her company Melt) for donating delicious caramels, and Michael Taylor (and his Two Brothers Winery) for donating their award winning red blend, Fiore Rosso, to our drawing. Sandy Rottler was the lucky winner in our drawing and took both of those awesome treats home.

If you would like to order either the caramels and/or the wine for your holiday enjoyment or gift giving, please contact Lori (lorldraper@comcast.net) or Michael (mdtorthopa@comcast.net) directly.

Pancake Breakfast with Santa
Pancakes.....Santa.....and Christmas Trees!

*Come join Santa Claus for mouth watering pancakes, ham, and bacon in the school hall on Sunday morning, Dec. 8th from 9:00 am until Noon. Come take a photo with Santa, stay for breakfast (\$15 family; \$5 adult; \$4 senior; \$3 kids), and then step outside to choose your specially blessed Christmas tree or lovely wreath to take home & decorate. Please bring your own camera and your Christmas wishes.
(insert photo)*

FOOD DRIVE

Holy Rosary School is hosting a Thanksgiving Food Drive to benefit the St. Vincent De Paul Pantry this month. Canned and non-perishable food will be accepted in a box in student's classrooms from Monday, November 18th until Tuesday, November 26th. Items that are especially needed include: cereal, crackers, top ramen, canned vegetables, canned fruit, peanut butter, canned ravioli, rice, cake mix, canned soup/chili/beef stew, pasta, spaghetti sauce, macaroni and cheese, boxes of instant oatmeal packets and tuna. Thank you for your generosity and helping to make the holidays a more joyful time for families in need.

Yearbook Deadline!

It's the last chance to order the Holy Rosary Centennial Yearbook! Tomorrow is the last day to return your yearbook order forms to the office or homeroom teacher. We are extremely proud of our yearbooks at Holy Rosary; it's designed and created entirely by our 8th grade yearbook elective using online software and the Adobe Creative Suite. We make no money from the yearbook; the price covers the cost of producing it. \$20 for grades Preschool through 7 and \$25 for 8th grade (includes name stamping) for this 64-page, full-color yearbook. Questions? Contact **Mr. Barker** at jbarker@holyroaryws.org. Download the order form here: http://www.holyrosaryws.org/fce/13/attachments/2013-11-07/2013-Yearbook_Order_Form.pdf

Computer Science Education Week - Grades K-8 will be participating in an Hour of Code (make that clickable to this > <http://csedweek.org>) during Computer Science Education Week - December 9-15. It's a one-hour introduction to computer science, designed to demystify "code" and show that anyone can learn the basics to be a maker, a creator, an innovator. More information to come!



Auction 2014 News – April, 5th 2014

On Tuesday at the Parents Club meeting the auction committee announced our theme for this year....

.... Save the date for ***"The Party of the Century!"*** "This year the Heart Auction will be a **black & white cocktail party featuring an evening of drinks, dinner, dancing, and, of course, amazing items for the bidding.** It will be sure to be a **celebration to remember** for the next 100 years!

And, to add excitement to the auction this year, an on-line auction will be available to all interested prior to auction day. Stay tuned in the coming months for more information so you don't miss out on this historic event!

Wondering why are we talking "Auction" already? The Auction this year (4/05) will be earlier than last year and our online auction will open prior to that (3/21).

- **INTRODUCING THE AUCTION DOC - SIGNED FORMS ARE DUE BACK TO SCHOOL TOMORROW. Friday 11/22**

HEART BUSINESS DONATIONS

Thank you all who volunteered to help procure for the HEART Auction! The Procurement team is complete.

The Procurement team is gearing up to solicit businesses for donations for the 35th Annual HEART Auction; ***"The Party of the Century!"***

If you plan to acquire a donation from a local business please contact the Procurement Team before **NOW**. This will prevent our procurement team from duplicating efforts. Packets for these businesses will be available for you in the school office Monday, **November 25th**.

Please contact Angela Nichols and Jessy Beardemphl at auction-procurement@holyroaryws.org with the business name(s) that you will be Contacting. That will ensure that your name/ family will be in the credits.

THE HEART OF GIVING! The Holiday shopping have barely begun but, in the event that you see a screaming deal while you are out shopping, get a head start on your donation(s) to our auction. Our website will be open for family donation during the first week of January! Christmas is just around the corner! We've all been "nice", so keep us in mind.

From Miss McKamey

Dear Holy Rosary Parents – Sincere gratitude for the special gifts and birthday wishes! Very thoughtful – Thank You!

2014 - 2015 Holy Rosary School Intent to Register for Current HRS Families

Please let us know if you intend to register a **new student** for Preschool, Kindergarten or 1st - 8th Grade for the 2014 - 2015 school year by Wednesday, December 18th. The Intent to Register form is only for current HRS families. The following link below will take you to the Intent to Register Form. This form provides us with a head count for planning purposes as we go into the enrollment season in January. Thank you for your assistance.

<http://www.holyrosaryws.org/intent.html>

Applications for enrolling new students to Holy Rosary School will be available in the main office and online at www.holyrosaryws.org starting Monday, January 6th. If you have questions regarding our enrollment process, please contact Kimberly Tish, Registrar at ktish@holyrosaryws.org

1% Receipt Program with Thriftway

Please do not throw away your 2013 Thriftway receipts. Instead please drop them off in the school office. There is a box placed on the shelf behind the office door. With the Thriftway receipts we submit, we will get back 1% of your shopping back to school through their ongoing 1% Receipt Program. Please shop at Thriftway more often which means more money back to our school.

If you have any questions, please contact Irene Merz at irenemerz@msn.com. Thank you for all your support.

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

Girl Scout Junior Troop 40699 is collecting Toiletry items November 1 to December 6th 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 dswegle@holyroaryseattle.org. Thank you for your donations!

WestFest Survey and Results

Thank you to everyone that took the time and put thoughtful comments in the survey—the committee has read every one! WestFest is highly valued and a cherished tradition to our school & parish. There are a few points we want to specifically mention that we will undertake for 2014: we will work on more widespread community advertising, bring back the book sale, adjust the stage entertainment lineup, review pricing, and evaluate our goldfish ‘prizes’. There are some things we just can’t swing, such as bringing back the haunted house (permitting issue), and having food trucks onsite (the proceeds from our direct food sales represents 1/3 of our profit). We have a LOT to work with and encourage anyone who has the energy to help us, to let a committee leader know—our contact info is in the WestFest link on the school

website: <http://westfest.holyrosaryws.org/contact.html>

And since you are on the edge of your seat, I’ll have you wait no further: our total income from this year’s event was \$33,114.80! That is an increase over last year by **3875.37**! The volunteers’ hard work, as well as our loyal WestFest attendees (the families of Holy Rosary) are the drivers for that success—and we want to thank each and every one of you!!!

Sincerely,
Your WestFest Committee
Courtney Burke
Sarah Katsandres
Kara Klem
Celine Leigland
Marti McGaughey
Colleen Mullany
Sandy Rottler

Childcare Provider Needed

Holy Rosary Parish is looking for a childcare provider to watch children on Friday mornings (9:00-11:30AM) for Moms Group, Mom’s In Christ and possibly Sunday mornings (9:00-11:00AM) for our Church Nursery Program. We are looking for a caring, reliable and active person who can easily connect with children (infant to five years old) and understand their needs.

Preference will be given to caregivers with experience in caring for multiple children of varying ages. Candidates must have first aid/CPR Training, their own transportation, and strong references. Safe Environment Training and a background check will also be required for employment.

If you know of anyone in or outside of our Parish who might be a good candidate, please contact Jennifer Wong at JWong@holyroaryseattle.org or at 206-937-1488 x214.

Wine Sale Benefitting Holy Rosary Outreach Ministries November 24th from 9:00 am– 12:30

The Chan Family has generously donated 200 bottles of wine. Come purchase a bottle of red or white northwest wine. The sale is in the Parish Center and the cost is \$20 a bottle. Holy Rosary’s outreach

ministries provide the most basic necessities to those in need.

Wine Pre-Sale

Will you be out of town this weekend? Still want to buy a bottle of wine to support Holy Rosary? You are welcome to come by the parish office and purchase wine in advance on Thursday or Friday during office hours.

\$20 bottle- grab bag red or white- wine valued up to \$40/ bottle.

Community Notices:

Two Brothers Winery

Two Brothers Winery now has a tasting room open in the lower level of Belli Capelli Salon located at 3902 California Ave SW, Seattle, WA 98116.

The Holiday season is here and what goes better with the holidays than a nice bottle of wine. Please check out my Holiday newsletter for this month's specials. (insert link)

Now through the end of the year we will be donating 15% of all sales to JDRF (Juvenile Diabetes Research Fund), a cause very dear to our heart.

We wish you all a happy holiday season,

Michael Taylor

High School Kennedy Play

Kennedy High School presents Moliere's "The Imaginary Invalid" this weekend. Holy Rosary's own Kaleigh Hinthorn '12 is a cast member in this rollicking comedy. Fast paced, witty and FUNNY! Presented at JFK's Little Theater on campus.

- Friday, Nov 22 at 7:30pm
- Saturday, Nov 23 at 7:30pm
- Sunday Matinee, Nov 24 at 2pm

Tickets:

- Adults \$10
- Students \$8
- Groups of 8 or more \$7 each

Please consider bringing a food as a donation to the local food bank for a \$1 off admission..

Purchase tickets online here: <http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/509627>

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.

Upcoming Dates to Remember

- ❖ Nov 22 – Prayer Service (2B)
- ❖ Nov 27 – First Trimester Ends
- ❖ Nov 27 - Thanksgiving Mass 10:30
- ❖ 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