



SCHOOL NEWS

Holy Rosary School Family Communication Newsletter

December 5, 2013

FROM THE DESK OF THE PRINCIPAL

CENTENNIAL GALA

Holy Rosary School's Centennial Gala took place on Saturday evening, November 30th at SODO Park and it was a fantastic success. Nearly 200 parents, parishioners, alums, alumni parents, alumni teachers and school staff attended, raising nearly \$20,000 for our Centennial Campaign.

Throughout the evening, we were reminded of our history through a display of one hundred photos representing the past one hundred years, we paid tribute to the amazing people through a short program and we were served a wonderful meal.

Father John Madigan opened the celebration with a prayerful tribute to the community. Ted Mohrbacher acted as the Master of Ceremonies.

Michelle Rhodes Wardian gave a moving speech about what Holy Rosary has meant to her, as an alumna and a parent. She recognized all alumni and presented a special award to Virginia Hoyt Usher who is 91 years old, was in the second graduation class of the girls high school and joined the gala celebration!

Tammy Savage expressed the community's deepest gratitude for the gift of Catholic education given by our outstanding faculty and staff. Sue Harris accepted the award on behalf of all, past and present, faculty and staff. Kris Brown was honored for her charismatic leadership over 25 years. Due to a family emergency, Kris was unable to attend, so the award was accepted on her behalf by Matt Secrest, a Junior High teacher and her nephew.

Sister Gretta Woodlock and Sister Catherine Pendergast represented the Dominican Sisters of Tacoma and made a special presentation to the school, which was accepted by Principal Hofbauer.

An award was then presented to the Holy Rosary Parish in recognition of their century long support and partnership. Father John Madigan accepted this award on behalf of the parish community.

Principal George Hofbauer offered concluding remarks in which the *\$2,000,000 Five Year Capital Campaign* for the school was announced. The evening continued with dancing and live music.

A special thanks goes out to Nancy Helms, Susan Cooper, Pam Pare, Laurel Waltier, and Tammy Savage for organizing this truly magnificent event.

ANNOUNCEMENT

We are happy to announce one more pregnancy on staff! Our Art Teacher, Kelsey Wong is pregnant with twins. She will continue teaching until early April.

EARLY MORNING SUPERVISION

I received a request from a parent a few weeks ago asking to see if anyone would be interested in an early morning supervision for their children between about 8:00 and 8:15 in the Social Hall. Parents would have to volunteer to supervise so there would be no cost. I had no responses to this so I will not be perusing it any further.

STUDY HALL

About seven families signed up for study hall for the last two months. The charge was around \$6 per hour. It was offered two days a week right after school. The days were Tuesday and Thursday. A staff member acted as the monitor. I will be offering this again for January and February. There will only be a few additional spots open. If you are interested please contact me at my email

ghofbauer@holyrosaryws.org

DONATIONS

Traditionally December and January are major giving months. Many parents have pledged on line when they signed up for registration, but remember you have to go in and release that payment to make sure it takes place. It is only after that payment has been made that you can apply for matching funds with your employer, and you have to do that paperwork. Please feel free to contact me if you want to do something in terms of our Centennial Campaign or our Annual Fund.

GALA TALK

A number of people have asked for the talk I gave at the "CENTENNIAL GALA". I will be posting that in my blog, which is attached to our weekly newsletter.

SPEAKING OF NEWSLETTERS

I had asked for thoughts as to whether or not I should continue mailing the monthly special newsletter I "snail mail" out. There has not been an overwhelming response to date. There have been two families that have said no and three that have said yes. As I had said before, I leave this in the hands of the School Commission, which meets today. I will be doing a December Newsletter.

CHRISTMAS TREE LOT

It is off to a fantastic start. "Black Friday" saw the largest number of trees ever leaving our lot. And they were all paid for! But keep in mind that there are fewer selling days this year so help push the program. Every dollar counts. Actually every penny counts!!!!

SNOW DAY REMINDER

Holy Rosary School will follow the Seattle Public School system when it comes to announcing closure for snow. BASE will be closed on days that Holy Rosary School is closed. If the Seattle schools announce a late start, Holy Rosary School will start one hour later than it usually does. BASE will not open on late start days.

HOLY ROSARY TREE LOT UPDATE:

The Christmas tree lot opened last weekend and has been selling lots of trees, wreaths and garlands. Check out the variety of the trees <http://treelot.holyrosaryws.org/product.html>

LIMITED EDITION CENTENNIAL ORNAMENT:

On December 11th the limited edition Centennial ornaments will also be available for sale at the lot. Would you like to pre-order one? Download this form and send into the school office ASAP. [insert form]

DOOR HANGERS:

[insert door hanger picture]

Last week students brought home 6 door hangers each. This is the second year this great fundraiser is using this great marketing tool while offering a sweet \$5 coupon. Please make sure to have your

kids cover your neighborhood with them. I am sure your supporters will appreciate the discount! Please return any unused door hangers back to the classrooms.

TREE LOT SPONSORS:

The tree lot team would like to thank the sponsors for the lot this year. The support of **Velling Dental, Alki Lumber and Sorensen Orthodontics** is greatly appreciated!

Thank you!

TOMORROW – Dec. 6TH AT 6 O’CLOCK IN LANIGAN GYM

Let’s spread some holiday cheer and have a fun-filled evening for the entire family! 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 caroling, 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 support our school and have your family picture taken.

Still would like to volunteer at the tree lot?

The shifts are going fast. Please check this link often for availability.

[insert sign up genius link]

“CLICK FOR HRS” on [Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com) Christmas Classroom Competition Tally

The top 5 classrooms through Cyber Monday are: 3B, 4A, 5B, KB, and KA

Christmas Program News! Our annual Christmas Program will be happening on **Thursday, December 12** in the church, beginning at **6:30 PM** with a performance by our school band under the direction of Ms. Frances McKamey. Following the band, each class will perform. In response to requests made last year, doors will be open earlier, beginning at **5:30 PM**. Please see that your child reports to their classroom no later than **6:00 PM**. Students are to wear their "Sunday best" - (no jeans, etc. - please consult the handbook for general guidelines). Seats will be reserved for families of Kindergarten students, as well as those who bid for the front row seats at the Auction last year. Finally, this is a graded performance with required attendance. If for some reason your student is unable to attend, please contact Ms. Mudge directly at jmudge@holyrosaryws.org Thank you & blessings to you and yours for a very Happy Advent!

The season of Christmas music is here! The Holy Rosary School Band (gr. 6-8) is eager to share our music with you on **December 12th**! Band members are asked to arrive in the church at 6:00p.m. This is a graded performance/attendance required.

Thank you for your cooperation!

Miss McKamey

Hour of Code - Our entire school will be participating in an “Hour of Code” during Computer Science Education Week (Dec. 9-15) next week. This is a worldwide event with millions of students

participating and spending one hour learning the basics of coding. See <http://hourofcode.org> for more details!

Dollar for Free Dress Philippine Relief

Thanks for your generosity, we raised \$1057.98! All proceeds will be given to Sr. Juanita Kiakial to send to her Order in the Philippines for typhoon relief.

Give the Gift of Safe Shelter - Noel House Programs' 2013 Holiday Card

Holy Rosary Women's Shelter's host program Noel House sells holiday cards every year to raise funds for their program and their 4 off-site volunteer run shelters (Holy Rosary being one of them). Every night, Noel House Programs provides shelter and food for 250 homeless women in our community.

For a suggested minimum donation of \$10.00, **each 5" x 7" Holiday Card you purchase ensures that a woman has a safe place to sleep and a nutritious meal.**

Cards will be for sale:

- **December 6th from 6 – 8 p.m. at the Holy Rosary Christmas Tree Lot Celebration of Trees (Lanigan Gym).**
- **December 7th after 5 p.m. Mass**
- **December 8th after 9:30 a.m. Mass**
- **December 14th after 5 p.m. Mass**
- **December 15th after 9:30 a.m. Mass**

Contact Nancy Stillger at nstillger@gmail.com for more information or to arrange for purchase at another time.

Used Coat Drive

Winter is here and once again the West Seattle Clothesline is in need of warm used winter coats for both children and adults living in our community. Please consider donating your clean, gently used coats here at school by placing them in the box in the school hallway. Your generosity is greatly appreciated by the Clothesline and its clients!

Come Pray the Rosary with Us. As we celebrate 100 years of Holy Rosary School, we believe it is fitting to revive that tradition of community members joining together to pray. Please join us on Monday, December 9, at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Center Chapel to pray the Rosary. (Robert Fontana's weekly Advent series on Pope Francis will follow at 7 p.m. in the Parish Center.) Whether you regularly pray the Rosary, or have never experienced the beauty of the Rosary before, we would love to have you join us. No prior knowledge or experience is needed, and all ages are welcome. As

Blessed Pope Pius IX said, "Give me an army saying the Rosary and I will conquer the world. " If you can't join us in December, we plan to gather each month on the second Tuesday at 7 p.m. in the Chapel. Those dates will be January 14, February 11 and March 11. If you have any questions, contact Ann and jandasummers@msn.com or Maritherese at maritheresethomas@yahoo.com .

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)***

Grandparents and Special Friends Lunch -Invites went out!

We sent invitations to 230 grandparents right before Thanksgiving. And the RSVPs have started to arrive! Check with your grandparents and specials friends to make sure they have received theirs. Please let us know if they have not. Missed the deadline to register your guest? No problem, send us an email at gplunch@holynosaryws.org and we will make sure they receive it. RSVPs are due on Dec. 23rd.



Auction 2014 News – April, 5th 2014

Party of the Century!

A couple of weeks ago, over 450 letters went out to businesses and the community support is pouring in. A team of volunteers is already following up with these donors. If you would like to procure a donation from a business you know, here is the business letter with our Tax ID number [Insert link] and triplicate forms are available in the school office.

Family donations will be open right after the Christmas Break, on January 6th, and an Amazon wish list is being created:

http://www.amazon.com/gp/registry/wishlist/ref=cm_wl_search_2?ie=UTF8&cid=A39Q1WILUO16W1

If you shop from this wish list, have item(s) shipped to your home address. We will be taking items in January!

We will need the support from our entire parent community to make ***The Party of the Century*** another smashing success on April 5th!

Important Procurement Dates:

1. Online donations open – **January 6th**
2. Online donations closed – January 24th (**last day**)
3. Curbside Donation Drop-off service: Friday, 2/21
4. Curbside Donation Drop-off service: Friday, 2/28
5. Donations DUE to School: February 28

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

For HRS families do you have a NEW student applying to Holy Rosary School?

Please let us know if you have a Preschool - 8th Grade student NEW to Holy Rosary that will be applying for the 2014-15 school year. 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. Please complete this form by December 18th. Thank you for your assistance.

2014-2015 Holy Rosary School Registration for New Families

Applications for NEW students will be available in the main office and online starting Monday, January 6th. If you have questions regarding our enrollment process, please contact Kimberly Tish, Registrar at ktish@holynosaryws.org.

***Please note, do not complete this form for currently enrolled students. Registration for current students will begin in March 2014. Thank you.

Fulcrum Tuition Assistance - Apply Online NOW

The application for Tuition Assistance for the 2014-15 school year is now available on-line at <http://www.fulcrumfoundation.org/tuition>. 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 sent to Rufina Miller at Holy Rosary School by January 10, 2014.

Sundance presents: "Willy Wonka's Christmas Spectacular"

Come watch the Holy Rosary after school dance program in a one of a kind performance of Willy Wonka Monday December 16th at Highline Performing arts center. Show starts at 7:00pm, doors open for seating at 6:30.

Golden tickets available during dance classes in the parish center or at the door the night of the show.

\$10 adults

\$5 kids

Oompa-Loompa's age 5 and under are free!

Cash only please

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.

Childcare Provider Needed (Paid Position)

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.

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

Upcoming Dates to Remember

- ❖ Dec 12 – Christmas Program
- ❖ Dec 12 – First Trimester Report Cards
- ❖ Dec 18 – Existing Families Intent to Return Forms Due
- ❖ Dec 20 – Half Day Christmas Break Begins
- ❖ Jan 6 – School resumes