



SCHOOL NEWS

Holy Rosary School Family Communication Newsletter

December 12, 2013

FROM THE DESK OF THE PRINCIPAL

NO MORE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER MAILING

The School Commission had their December meeting last week. The topic as to whether or not I should continue to write, print and mail my MONTHLY newsletter was discussed. It was decided because of the school's tight budget and our attempt to be "green" that, for now the monthly newsletter will be discontinued. I will try to write the information that I would have written in that COMMUNICATION ----- in this weekly newsletter.

Pre-School

It is not 100% worked out yet but I believe the Pre-School and Pre K programs will be changing a bit for next year. The Pre-K program, which is taught by Tauna Evans will probably increase to five days a week. The total tuition increase will probably be 10% for that. We do not know, at this time, if there will be any changes in the Pre-School (also called ¾ programs) yet. All of this thinking comes from conversations we have had with staff and with parents who are presently involved in the program, or who look forward to joining the program.

WE HAVE A WINNER!

Congratulations to Malia in grade three (3B). She won an essay contest at the Post level for the VFW. Her essay was then forwarded to the VFW district level where she also won an award. There will be a special ceremony for her at the VFW on January 4th where they will present her with recognition. Her essay may be forwarded to the state level.

FAMILY PHOTO CHRISTMAS CARDS

Thank you for so many of you who have sent us your family photo Christmas cards. We are posting them on the door to the staff lounge. It is not too late to send yours in. You can just drop them off in the office. If you want, feel free to just post them on the door yourself!

GIVING UPDATE

Annual Fund	289 pledges*	\$131,497 pledged	\$70,739 paid
Centennial Fund	23 pledges	\$253,650 pledged	\$11,331 paid
Parish Stewardship	396 pledges	\$678,379 pledged	

*41 staff have pledged to the Annual Fund

Annual Fund Testimonials from Holy Rosary Families:

In this Advent and Christmas season we are called upon to reflect upon the blessings we have received and in how we can share our gifts with others. One of the blessings that our family is most thankful for is the gift of the Holy Rosary School community. I believe many of you feel the same way. This community was built over the past 100 years by the hard work and sacrifice of the many Dominican sisters and the dedicated lay teachers who followed them. They selflessly devoted their lives and their livelihoods to building this school and community. We are the recipients of this gift. We are also the stewards of this gift. And we must now decide whether we will rise to the challenge of preserving this gift for future generations.

The aging grounds and school building present financial challenges that must be met in the near term: most significantly, replacement of the play structure and roof. We need to set aside money to provide in-service training to our teachers so they can continue their tradition of excellence. And we need to build an endowment that will make the gift of Catholic education at Holy Rosary available to more. As Pope Francis has reminded us, Jesus has called us to build a “home of all, not a small chapel that can hold only a small group of selected people.”

At this moment in Holy Rosary School’s history we are being called upon to meet these challenges. Our actions today can secure Holy Rosary School’s future. The Centennial Campaign is how we meet this challenge. Money donated to this campaign is restricted to these purposes: replacing the play structure and roof and completing the replacement of windows, providing in-service training for our teachers, and building the Father Mallahan Endowment. The time to act is now. Please prayerfully reflect on what Holy Rosary School means to your family and on what your contribution to this campaign will be, and make your pledge. John and Ann Summers

Annual Fund Testimonials from Staff:

The Kindergarten Doors

Seventeen years ago, we brought our oldest child to the Kindergarten Doors to meet her teacher, Mrs. Crockett in KB. In almost exactly six months, we’ll be attending our last graduation as Holy Rosary parents. No doubt, our time as Holy Rosary school parents will end in much the same way it began, with a few tears and a smile!

We brought our children to Holy Rosary for a Catholic education. They’ve left with that and so much more; an incredible thirst for learning, the confidence to move on to the next step – whatever that might be, an enriched faith life and life-long friends. At Holy Rosary, our children have each experienced first-hand what it means to care, to work hard and to overcome hurdles. The level of commitment and compassion modeled for them by the staff at Holy Rosary has become the benchmark as they launch their own paths in Catholic high school, college and beyond.

As new Kindergarten parents 17 years ago, we were laser focused on our own little girl’s milestone as she began her formal schooling. We didn’t give it much thought at the time, but it was through the financial sacrifice of the many families before us that those Kindergarten Doors were open to our family. We are so very grateful for their generosity.

As the realization sets in that a chapter of our lives is closing here at Holy Rosary, we also realize that as ‘an Alumni family’, a new chapter will begin. We look forward to continuing our commitment of financial support of this special school through the Annual Fund and Centennial Campaign; our way of holding those Kindergarten Doors open for more families in the years ahead. If you haven’t already, please consider joining us in these efforts.

With deep appreciation for the support of this wonderful community,

Mary Jo and Brian McFaul

For me Christmas time is a nice time to reflect upon all the blessings in my life. I have a healthy family, a warm house to live in and I work at an incredible school! I'm grateful for my job but feel especially blessed to be a part of the Holy Rosary School community. This is a very special place. I see on a daily basis the dedication the teachers have to each and every student and how they want every student to succeed.

I wholeheartedly encourage everyone to contribute to the Annual Fund to secure Holy Rosary School's future. I'm glad I had the opportunity to contribute to the fund. No amount is too little. Thank you for considering.

-Jennifer Hazzard
Office Administrator

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 lot has only 4 more days left!

The Holy Rosary tree lot will be open until Sunday Dec. 15th!
There is still time to swing by the lot to get a tree, wreath or garland.

Limited Edition Centennial Ornaments

The ornaments have arrived! If you pre-ordered please pick up your ornament in the school office. We still have ornaments available for purchase at \$20 each. There will be a table set up in the back of the church before and after the Christmas program (Thursday 12/12).

Last week we had a wonderful gathering at Lanigan Gym. Thank you all for coming and supporting this fundraiser and three local charities (<http://treelot.holyrosaryws.org/charities.html>). It was great to see so many school and parish families having a great time.

Special thanks go to our Parents Club board for sponsoring our beverages and treats, to the Rosario-Contratto Family for the photos, to the Pedersen family for the Salty's gift certificates, the 6th grade parents and the McGaughey family for the magic that happened in the kitchen.

Many volunteers helped throughout the night with set up, serving and lots of clean up. A big shout-out goes to Scott Stoefen for all the technical support!

The raffle winner was Charise Addicks (Salty's brunch for 2) and the Hammington family (Ghirardeli chocolate basket).

For pictures taken that evening, visit this website to download your photos:

<http://filmateria.smugmug.com/Holidays/Holy-Rosary-Christmas-Tree/n-Mz4Jq>

“CLICK FOR HRS” on [Amazon.com](#) Christmas Classroom Competition Tally

Less than 2 weeks of Christmas shopping left for the Amazon for the Class room competition!

Tips: Gift Cards sold on Amazon count (Amazon Gift Cards, Nordstrom Gift Cards, Starbucks Gift Cards....etc) if you want to stock up for your future buying or gifts for others, buying your auction item now on Amazon, share the links with your family and friends!

The top 5 classrooms through Dec 9th are: KB, KA, 3B, 1B, and 3A

Top classroom will get a PJ and Pizza party in January!

Christmas Program News! Our annual Christmas Program will be 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@holynosaryws.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



2014 News:

Party of the Century!

Heart Auction, April 5th

Family donations will be open right after the Christmas Break, on **January 6th**. An **Amazon** wish list is up and running. If you choose to shop from the wish list, have item(s) shipped to your home address. We will be taking items in January!

Have questions regarding family donations? Please contact Angel Sorensen angel_sorensen@hotmail.com and Tara Colagrossi taracolagrossi@hotmail.com

IMPORTANT PROCUREMENT DATES:

- **Online donations open - January 6th**
Week 1 incentive: Get your online donations in during the first week, by January 10th, to enter a drawing for a FREE ticket to the Auction!!
- Online donations closed - January 24th (last day)



To volunteer contact Kamila Kennedy at kkennedy@holyrosaryws.org

Volunteer Opportunity:

Distribution Coordinator – one or two people to work a few hours the week prior to the auction and the weekend of the auction. The distribution coordinator is responsible for set up, organization and distribution of purchased items after the online auction and night of event. Dates to block in your calendar would be April 3, 4, 5 and 6. You can get all your fundraising hours in one weekend!

Hour of Code - This week we kicked off Computer Science Education Week with an Hour of Code! All classes are participating - Kindergarten through 8th grade. There are tutorials for every level at code.org and I encourage students to participate out of the classroom. Mrs. Harris and I will be integrating coding into our technology curriculum from now on. Also, there are so many free and available opportunities for students to learn it outside of school as well. I'll be posting these on my technology website (<http://gator.holyrosaryws.org/tech>) in the near future. (insert pictures)

From the Development Office

Congratulations to Odessa Durante, whose beautiful painting will be featured on Holy Rosary thank you cards. (picture attached if it is possible to include that.)

Thank you to all of the students who submitted their terrific artwork!

Stuffing volunteers needed for alum mailing- if you have anytime this week or next to stuff and label

envelopes, please contact Alicia Sands, Director of Development. This work counts for fundraising hours! asands@holyrossaryws.org or 206-226-8176

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 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. 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. " We will 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 .

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@holyrosaryws.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.

Girl Scout Toiletry Drive Update

Thank you from Girl Scout Troop 40699 for supporting our Toiletry Drive. Sunday, December 8th, our Jr. Girl Scout Troop along with another West Seattle Jr. Troop, 40890, invited 60 Girl Scout Brownies to Holy Rosary School Hall to participate in our Toiletry Drive for the Union Gospel Mission and our own Holy Rosary Women's Shelter. By the end of the evening we had filled 5 boxes of toiletry items for the Women's Shelter and another 10 for the Union Gospel Mission. That evening the two Junior Troops also hosted a massive Cookie Exchange. Each Scout donated 1 dozen Cookies which added up to 83 dozen or 996 cookies for the two shelters. Each Scout also made Christmas cards which were delivered with the cookies. All in all it was a fun Girl Scout event where each Scout was able to practice one of the GS promises, "Make the World a Better Place"! (insert picture)

Sponge Language School

Ni hao and hello! Give your child the gift of language this holiday season. At Sponge, we strive to encourage lifelong interest in language, people, and culture. Our current unit, Games and Activities, centers around vocabulary and phrases related to talking about hobbies and favorite things to do, playing in a team, and encouraging our friends! 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 for more information and to register. Feel free to email Sponge at info@spongeschool.com with any and all questions! Register today and secure your spot in class.

We've also started registration for our spring in-center session – learn more online, or give us a call!

CYO News

Hello HR Parents,

I know it seems like Basketball just started, but Volleyball will be here before you know it. CYO Volleyball 2014 is just around the corner and it is time to register for another exciting season.

Online registration is now open. Please go to this link to register your child for the 2014 Volleyball Season.

<http://holyrosary.bonzidev.com/home.php>. Students in grades 4-8 are eligible to play Volleyball.

Registration for Volleyball will close on January 10th. Any late registrations after January 10th will be accepted on a space availability basis.

When registering, please pay attention to the uniform options. If you have a uniform from last season and plan to use that again, please indicate this on the form and let us know what jersey number you have. If you plan to order a new uniform, please indicate this on the form and note what size you will need.

All parents who are interested or are planning to coach Volleyball as a head coach or an assistant, will need to register on-line as a coach. If no coaches register for a particular grade, we will not be able to register a team for that grade.

The Volleyball 2014 registration fees will be \$90 per player if you order a jersey, or \$15.00 discount if you have a jersey, this fee also includes the pre-season kick-off clinic. The Clinic will be offered on Friday evening Feb 7th (boys) and Saturday Feb. 8th (girls).

Date	Event
January 10	Registration Closes
February 7/8	HR Volleyball Kick Off Clinic
February 10th	Practices will begin
February 22th	Matches begin

If you have any question about the upcoming season, please don't hesitate to ask. You can also review the season schedule at this link. <http://www.seattlearchdiocese.org/athletics/Sports/Volleyball.aspx>

We look forward to a fun and exciting season.

Katie Jergens (current and outgoing coordinator) and Patrick Dowd (incoming coordinator)
(206) 510-6816 or k.jergens@comcast.net

Children's RCIA Please pray for Holy Rosary Students Olivia P., Eric C., Gabriel K., and Emi L. as they are received into the Church as Catechumen this Sunday, December 15th, in the Rite of Acceptance. These students are preparing to receive the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and 1st Communion at the Easter Vigil this school year.

Adult Confirmation For those adults (anyone out of high school) who have not yet been confirmed, Holy Rosary will be offering a series of sessions beginning Wednesday evening, Feb 5 from 7 to 8:30pm in the Parish Center. Bishop Eusebio Elizondo will be here Sunday, May 11th at the 11:30 am Mass to confer the sacrament of Confirmation on both our teens and adults. For more information or to register for the sessions, please contact JoAnn Tobin @ 206-937-1488, Ext. 203, or email at jtobin@holyrosaryseattle.org.

Vacuum Donation

Most baby-boomers will remember a knock on the door from the Kirby vacuum salesman. Many people, like my parents, at one time or another succumbed to the pitch and bought the large, heavy, over-powered units that were a real workout to use. While they make great institutional cleaning vacuums, most ended up in storage or were replaced for more manageable lightweight vacuums. If by chance you still have a Kirby and would like to donate it to the Parish we could definitely put it to good use. Any condition is fine as long as the motor still runs. Feel free to drop it off at the rectory or school. Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays! Scott Stoefen, Plant Manger

Community Notices:

West Seattle Hi Yu 2014 Junior Court Queen Bianca

Bianca C, 5th grade student at Holy Rosary School, was chosen to be the West Seattle Hi Yu 2014 Junior Court Queen on Monday night. She along with 2 princesses and a Senior Court will represent the West Seattle Community in parades and other events throughout the region.

Senior Court applications are being taken now through December 20th for young adults ages 17-23. Scholarships will be awarded. Please check out the Hi Yu website for an application and more information. <http://www.westseattlehiyu.com/applications-1/misswestseattlehi-yuscholarshipprogram>

Lee's Martial Arts would like to cordially invite you to Parents Night Out!

This event will be from 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM this Friday night December 13th! Its a great opportunity to catch up with friends and family or to go out and do some last minute Christmas shopping! The kids will be given dinner and there will be plenty of games to keep them busy as well as a movie and popcorn too!.

Price is \$30 per child or \$50 for siblings

Please RSVP to Lisa Skvarla @ 206-938-3375 Space is limited! See you Friday!!

Happy Holidays from Lee's Martial Arts!

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Faith & Family Night Seattle U Basketball Game

Seattle University is celebrating local and regional area churches and their impact within the community, as the Men's Basketball team takes on Pacific Lutheran on December 15th.

Join other churches within the Seattle area for a fantastic Faith and Family night to spend with your community.

We are offering a buy one get one free ticket offer for this game to groups of 15 or more. Also, any organization purchasing 100+ tickets to the game will receive an additional 100+ tickets to another game of your choice. Hurry because tickets are in limited supply!
(insert flyer)

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**
- ❖ **Jan 26 – 31 – Catholic Schools Week**
- ❖ **Jan 29 – Grandparents Day**