



SCHOOL NEWS

Holy Rosary School Family Communication Newsletter

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From the Principal

Alumni Highlight

Each year, we recognize a graduate of Holy Rosary School who exemplifies the values that underlie Catholic education. Holy Rosary School goes beyond rigorous academics to educate the whole child, imparting the social and moral ethics required to be successful in life.

On Saturday, January 26, 2014 during the opening mass for Catholic School's Week, we had the honor to award Virginia Hoyt Usher (class of 1941) and Father Jerry McCloskey (class of 1938) as the Holy Rosary Distinguished Alumni for the Centennial Year 2013-2014.

Virginia Hoyt was born and raised in West Seattle and was a Holy Rosary parish member from an early age. She graduated in 1941 in the second graduating class of Holy Rosary's all girl high school. She was a senior class officer and a member of the yearbook staff. After graduating, she married, raised four sons, and worked as a secretary in the labor union industry. After retirement and some years of travel, she returned back to West Seattle and lives just a few blocks away from Holy Rosary. Her granddaughter, Aimee Wickler, currently attends Holy Rosary and her grandson, Adam Wickler, graduated from Holy Rosary last year and currently attends Kennedy Catholic High School. Virginia is so proud that her grandchildren have had the opportunity to share in the same Catholic school education at Holy Rosary as she did so many years ago.

Father Jerry McCloskey was born in Seattle, WA, on April 25, 1938 and lived in West Seattle until the age of fifteen. He was baptized at Holy Rosary Church on May 15, 1938 and attended Holy Rosary Grade School from 1944 until his graduation in 1952. After graduating from O'Dea High School, Father McCloskey entered the seminary, attending both St. Edward's and St. Thomas Seminaries. He was ordained a priest in the Archdiocese of Seattle in 1964.

Father McCloskey has served in many parishes throughout the Archdiocese of Seattle including St. Patrick's Seattle, Sacred Heart Bellevue, St. Francis of Assisi in Burien, Our Lady of Sorrows in Snoqualmie, Mt. Virgin and St. Paul in Seattle and St. Gabriel in Port Orchard. He has been "retired" since 2003.

Father McCloskey's blog offers wonderful evidence of his life in West Seattle and Holy Rosary: families, images, stories, teachers, report cards, and celebrations. This blog reminds us of the expression "the more things change, the more they remain the same". Visit www.jerrymc.com.

Visit Mr. Hofbauer's blog to read his reflections delivered during Catholic Schools Week Sunday Mass. <https://gator.holyrosaryws.org/principal>

Auction

Party of the Century!

Join us on Saturday, April 5 for The Party of the Century! Ladies, time to polish your pearls. Gentlemen, let's dust off that skinny tie and dress to impress! The Party of the Century has gone retro! We're adding some mid-century, swanky style to the celebration. From start to finish – this will be the hippest event HRS has ever seen.

Auction Sponsor of The Week:



Dr. Christine Tweedy (Holy Rosary Parishioner and school mom)

Auction - Family Procurement!

Thank you all who donated to the Heart Auction! We received an incredible selection of items! This will be an Auction to remember!

The class with the highest donation value was 3B!
At \$ 8,167.90, Mrs. Meland's class wins a free dress day!!! (Date TBD)

Deadline extension –Tomorrow, Friday (1/31) taking item donations until 12pm. Cash donations only after that.

Follow this link to donate: www.heart.holyrosaryws.org

Q. How do make a cash Donation?

A. Follow the instructions on the Auction site as if you entering an item. When you get to the RSA portal you will have the option of making a monetary contribution.

Q. What is the amount for the minimum contribution?

A. \$125 or more per family

Q. What if I made an item donation of \$95?

A. You will need to make a cash donation of the difference (\$30)

Would your business like to sponsor our school auction?

Contact Kamila Kennedy at kkennedy@holyrosaryws.org

Sign up shifts to help with the HEART Auction will be up on 2/06. Stay tuned!

Important Dates:

February:

2/21 - 1st curb-side drop off

2/28 - 2nd Curb- side drop off

2/28 – All Auction Items due to school

March:

3/06 - Auction Invitations go home (early bird - \$75 a person)

School Survey

Thank you for taking the time to complete the school survey. Attached are the results.

<http://www.holyrosaryws.org/fce/13/attachments/2014-01-30/ParentSurveyJan2014.pdf>

Parents Club

Happy Catholic Schools Week, HRS!

Our next HRS Happy Hour and Parents Club meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 27th. Mark your calendars and plan to join us!

Upcoming Open School Commission Meeting.

The second open School Commission meeting will be held on Thursday, February 6, at 6:30 p.m. in the school library. Members of the community are welcome to attend. Any community member who wishes to address the commission should contact the President, Ann Summers at ann.summers@kingcounty.gov in advance.

Centennial Gala

ONE HUNDRED YEARS IN PHOTOS

As part of our centennial celebration, we have collected photos reflecting Holy Rosary School's one hundred year history. Everyone is welcome to view the PDF <attached, the photos online (insert link), or order the actual photo book

<<http://blur.by/1fcMgtu>> Take a look - you may even want to give it as a graduation gift.

<http://gala.holyrosaryws.org/centennial-book.html>

Band News

HONOR BAND 2014

THANK YOU TO ALL THE STUDENTS THAT AUDITIONED. ***WE ARE PROUD OF YOU!***

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING BAND MEMBERS SELECTED TO REPRESENT OUR SCHOOL IN THE 2014 HONOR BAND!

Savannah Waltier – Flute
Caleb Akiyama - Flute
Emma Connell – Clarinet Section Leader
Maia Heffernan – Clarinet
Marissa Tweedy – Trumpet
William McGaughey – Trumpet
Corey Zarkowski – Co – Section Leader/Trombone
Brian Hooks -Trombone
Jonathan Vair –Percussion
Reece Schulz -Percussion
Sal Crockett – Percussion
Aidan Thomas - Percussion

2014-2015 Holy Rosary School Registration for New Families

Applications for NEW students are available in the main office and online. All applications and fees are due tomorrow Friday, January 31 for new students applying to Holy Rosary School. If you have questions please contact Kimberly Tish, Registrar at ktish@holynosaryws.org.

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

Magazine Drive

Questions about magazine drive orders should be directed to:

A.P.Hearst Customer Service:

By phone: [\(1-800-284-9711\)](tel:1-800-284-9711)

Customers can also check the status of their order online at www.aphearst.com Go to "*Check on your order*" on the lower right hand side underneath the Facebook information on the A.P.H. Home page.

If there are still issues, don't hesitate to contact us here in the office. Be sure to leave a message or contact Deb via e-mail. deb@yes-fundraising.com 425-483-6713

CYO News

Support our sports! New Gator CYO Jackets available!

Whether you are teaching, coaching, cheering our teams on, or just want to show your support, this is for you!

We now have a new line of Women's Gator Jackets available for purchase. Ladies Tech Fleece, Water Resistant, Full-Zip, Hooded Jacket with thumb-holes and shoulder side zip pocket!

Please return your order form to the office with checks payable to Norwest Graphics. All proceeds will benefit our CYO program. These jackets are available for adult purchase only and are not considered uniform pieces for students. Samples for fit available. Look for more exciting Gator Gear to come!

Questions? Contact: Kathy Eckelkamp at kathykamp2@gmail.com (See website.)

Parish Notices

Life Principles Academy: Pro-Life Training Conference –



Please consider attending this enlightening workshop hosted by Holy Rosary Voices for Life and Knights of Columbus Holy Family Council.

Saturday, March 1, School Hall, 11:30-4:00. Cost is \$39.00 (includes light lunch, refreshments and materials).

What is "Life Principles"? A unique, comprehensive pro-life curriculum that teaches the ten greatest principles of ethics, logic, and justice.

To register, go to www.healingtheculture.com and click on Life Skills Academy.

Do you enjoy flowers? Two or three dedicated persons are sought to care for the flowers in the church. Volunteers will work together in a team of two to shop for flowers, bring them to the church to arrange in large vases, clean up the previous week's arrangements, water and maintain. This is generally done on Friday morning or afternoon but that could be flexible. No experience is necessary aside from an appreciation of what is beautiful. Volunteers are needed immediately! If interested, contact Paula Thiel (206-724-8482) or Patrick Barredo in the Parish Office.

Celebrating the Presentation of the Lord

At next weekend's Masses on February 1 and 2, we celebrate a feast that only occasionally falls on a Sunday. We remember Jesus' parents bringing him to the Temple in Jerusalem as a baby, . We ask everyone to gather in the School Hall (except for 9.30, when we will gather by the Baptismal Font). During the gathering, we will begin Mass with prayers and blessings which we normally don't pray. We invite you to bring candles from home, of whatever variety, but we do especially encourage you to bring your Baptism candles if you have them; we will have small candles on hand in case you don't bring your own. Then, we will all process into the church together!

To especially mark the 9.30 Mass, children from Holy Rosary School and Pre-School will sing some of the songs from the Christmas program to tie into the feast! What a wonderful way to end Catholic Schools Week!

Valentines Day Dinner & Vow Renewal

Valentine's Dinner and Dance and Vow renewal on February 8 All married couples are invited to attend this year's Valentine's Dinner and Dance on February 8. There will be a special vow renewal beforehand at the Saturday 5pm Mass. Visit <http://www.holyrosaryseattle.org/index.cfm?load=event&event=94> to register for the Dinner and Dance!

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 7:00PM to 8:30PM in the Parish Center. Bishop Eusebio Elizondo will be here Sunday, May 11 at the 11:30AM Mass to confer the sacrament of Confirmation for both our teens and adults. For more information or to register for the sessions, please contact JoAnn Tobin at 206-937-1488, Ext. 203, or email at jtobin@holynosaryseattle.org.

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 pm in the Chapel. Those dates will be February 11 and March 11. If you have any questions, contact Ann at jandasummers@msn.com or Maritherease at maritheresethomas@yahoo.com.

Community Notices:

West Seattle Girls Softball

Register now open through February ages 6-15. Register at westseattlegirlssoftball.com. No experience necessary. Practices start in late March. Schedule TBD.

Youth Free Throw Competition

Our Lady of Guadalupe Council Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a Free Throw Competition for all boys and girls ages 10 to 14. The competition will be held on **Saturday, February 1, at 10:00 am** (registration opens at 9:45), at the Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish Life Center (3410 S.W. Myrtle).

Each boy and girl age group champion will be eligible to advance to the District Competition to be held in February, followed by the Regional and State Competition. Participants are required to furnish proof of age (birth certificate, etc).

Marriage Retreats

HIDDEN TREASURE

A Workshop Series to Help You Discover the Amazing Gift of your Marriage

Sundays, February 9 & 23 (Part I)

(Part II dates coming this spring, TBA)

Place: Guadalupe Church, W. Seattle

Cost: \$40 (includes workbook)

Time: 1-4:30 p.m.

You will...

- ◆ *have fun, and deepen love and friendship.*
- ◆ *learn effective skills in speaking /listening.*
- ◆ *assess and discuss major areas of married life.*
- ◆ *learn how to protect the relationship from negative words and behavior.*
- ◆ *grow in faith and understanding of your Sacramental union.*

To Register: Call Robert Fontana @ 509-731-6012 or
email Robert@catholiclifeministries.org

West Seattle Little League registration is now open!

2014 is shaping up to be an exciting year for West Seattle Little League. A new division of play called Double-A Rookies is being introduced and is specifically designed for 8 year old kids moving up from Coach Pitch before playing in the Minors. This division will continue the focus on education and development, and will introduce players to pitching, hitting against kid pitchers, more advanced defensive play, and umpires calling balls and strikes.

Also new for 2014 is a revised Little League rule regarding residency and boundaries. Children that attend schools within the West Seattle Little League boundaries will be able to play in our league even if they live outside the boundaries. This is a wonderful rule change that will enable friends from our schools to play baseball together even though they may live in different parts of West Seattle.

And finally, WSL is honored to have been selected as the host league and site for the 2014 Washington State Little League 11-12 year old All Star Tournament. The tournament will take place in early July at Bar S

Fields. This promises to be an outstanding culmination to the 2014 season with 13 of the best teams in Washington coming to West Seattle to battle for the opportunity to represent the state at the NW Regional Tournament. Many of you may recall our “neighbors” from Lake Sammamish who advanced all the way to the National Semifinals in Williamsport PA last year. Stay tuned.

To learn more about WSL and to register for the 2014 season, please visit the league’s web site at: www.westseattlelittleleague.com or contact us at playeragent@westseattlelittleleague.com.

Upcoming Dates to Remember

- ❖ **January 31 – Kindergarten applications due**
- ❖ **February 6 – Open School Commission meeting 6:30**
- ❖ **February 7 – Kindergarten testing (no school for Kindergarten)**
- ❖ **February 14 – noon dismissal for making magazine drive goal**
- ❖ **February 17 & 18 – no school Presidents Day and mid winter break**
- ❖ **February 21 – 8th Grade pizza lunch**
- ❖ **February 27 - Parent Club Meeting 6:30**
- ❖ **March 5 – Ash Wednesday mass at 8:45**
- ❖ **March 6 – Auction Invitations go out**
- ❖ **March 7 – Mother/Son Glow Bowl 6:15**
- ❖ **March 12 – Second Trimester ends**