



SCHOOL NEWS

Holy Rosary School Family Communication Newsletter

February 6, 2014

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

Last week was a great experience and a great success from beginning to end. The school mass before the Open House was well attended and we received a great deal of positive feedback. The Open House found people of all ages wandering thru the hallways and taking it all in. Everyone appreciated the many displays that were available for the people to enjoy.

The days of appreciation dedicated to parents, students, staff and the wider community were a big hit. The special "Outreach Day" where students and staff brought food, clothing, and baby supplies to the Church was a huge success. We will probably see more of those as time goes on. Father Madigan prayed with the students and staff. He stressed the strong connection between our faith and acts of charity for those in need. He then blessed everyone. After the Church service, the eighth grade students delivered food to our Saint Vincent program, diapers to the Baby Corner, and clothing to both Chief Seattle Club and Saint Francis House. On this day a number of students went to various businesses to thank them for their support. There were local businesses and bigger businesses like Starbucks and Microsoft. That proved to be a wonderful educational event.

The Grandparents Lunch was a wonderful event. There were 209 people in attendance. When asked if they preferred the old format or the new one only 41% responded. Of the responses 57% preferred the old way and 43% preferred the new way. I have not officially asked the staff yet and I will report back when I get the results. I will also be asking for parent input. The event brought in \$8631 in donations thus far.

There was a very spirited volleyball game between the eighth graders and the staff. All I will say on that is that I think the staff is aging and the eighth graders have big smiles on their faces! We may have some mandatory P.E. classes for the teachers. Who knows? We may even have an eighth grader teach them. ☺

We also had an "all school" spelling bee as part of the week's activities. The winner for Grades 1-4 was Aidan W. and the runner up was Jonathan S. For grades 5-8 the winner was Mike H. and the runner up was Alex M.

REGISTRATION

Registration is under way. All the new registrations were due last Friday. Current family registrations are starting to come in. We still have room in next year's kindergarten class.

TIME FLIES

Just think --- it is already February. This is officially the second half of the year. We have come so far and done so much, but there is still a good deal left. Let's all grab onto that rope and help pull us through to the end. The more people that are pulling, the lighter the load, the easier the task and the smoother the journey. We need to finish up registration, and the Annual Fund, put on the Auction, re-ignite the Centennial Drive, and get ready for graduation. Let's all join in and do our best for the sake of the school and our children!

From Father John

SEAHAWK PLAYER ON WHAT HE GETS FROM MASS;

SEAHAWK FANS: WHAT DO WE GET FROM MASS?

Rookie Luke Willson relies on sound philosophy and theology for peace of mind.

Many people think of football as a purely physical endeavor. Seattle Seahawks' rookie tight end Luke Willson sees it differently. Even before majoring in philosophy at Rice University, Willson had been accustomed to methodically thinking his way through sports and life in general.

This practice is now more important than ever, with all of the distractions leading up to the Super Bowl on Feb. 2, in which Willson's Seahawks will be facing off against the Denver Broncos.

The 24-year-old Windsor, Canada, native continues to rely on a solid philosophical and theological foundation for being the best football player — and man — he can be.

Luke Willson spoke of his Catholic upbringing in the days leading up to the Super Bowl: Everyone I've spoken to who has been in the Super Bowl has said the actual game is just like any other, but the increased media hype can be a problem. How have you dealt with all the hype?

There's definitely a lot of media attention, and people like to make it seem as if this is the most important thing ever. I don't put a lot of weight into all the attention, though. All the buildup doesn't really serve to make the quality of the game better. It's more productive to be on an even keel and just take things as they come.

My whole thing is not to over-try. That's a huge temptation for all athletes: to get so psyched up that you actually hurt your chances of doing well. You become tense, and you're not really yourself. That's why you just need to relax, play your game and not try to press things.

We came here to play football, and that's what we'll do. It's not about all the extraneous stuff; it's about playing as a team. That's what we've done all season, and it's great to be a part of such an outstanding team that has gotten this far.

If you weren't playing football, what would you be doing?

I would probably be playing baseball. I actually got to do just that for a little while last year. After completing my degree at Rice University, I played an extended minor-league spring season for the Toronto Blue Jays.

That was my first experience as a professional athlete, and I found it be very helpful for learning how to conduct myself on and off the field.

Outside of sports, though, I might be writing something philosophical. I majored in philosophy, so I'm into thinking things through, with the aim of being a better, more complete person. It's kind of a mind-body wellness that takes into account the whole

person. That fits in well with Catholicism, which is a sacramental religion. It's a mix of spirit and matter. The Church sees the human person not just as a soul alone, but a body-and-soul combination.

Have you always been able to connect your Catholic faith with sports?

My faith is a huge part of who I am today, and it always has been huge, ever since I was a child. My siblings and I were raised to believe what the Church teaches and to act in certain ways. Clear demarcation of right and wrong made decision-making pretty easy. That's incredibly helpful for pursuing excellence in life, because you see what's truly valuable and worth sacrificing for and also what you shouldn't even bother to give attention to.

It's an irreplaceable thing to be raised in the Catholic Church, where you have the teachings of Jesus passed down through the centuries. His goal is our eternal salvation, but even if you look only at the earthly benefits you get from being Catholic, they're amazing. The peace of mind that comes from being in God's will is awesome. I'm very grateful for the Catholic upbringing I had. Without it, I wouldn't be anywhere near where I am today. Not even close.

Do you have a favorite Catholic book?

Outside of the Bible and Catechism of the Catholic Church, there are many others. One that I have with me now is called Catholic Christianity: A Complete Catechism of Catholic Beliefs Based on the Catechism of the Catholic Church by Peter Kreeft, a professor from Boston College. The book is not meant to be a replacement of the Catechism, but a summary of sorts.

Dr. Kreeft has a way of organizing and explaining things that makes them very accessible to laymen. He's very precise and insightful, which helps clarify misconceptions you might have. I've read some of his other books, which in turn have led me into reading works of C.S. Lewis, such as Mere Christianity and The Screwtape Letters.

Do you have a patron saint?

I'm named Luke, so St. Luke the Evangelist is someone who's been a patron from way back. So has St. Paul. Later on, when I was confirmed, I chose St. Sebastian, a patron of athletes, as another heavenly helper. I have a medal with his image on it and also one of St. Michael the Archangel.

As any Catholic should, I also have a devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary, who is the Queen of Angels and Saints. I pray the Rosary, which is a powerful way to remain in

the heart of the Church. Mary's entire existence is centered on Jesus, so when we ask for her intercession, we're allowing ourselves to be sanctified in Christ.

All the sacramentals of the Church have that same goal: greater union with Christ. In addition to the Rosary, other things that are great to use include prayer cards, scapulars and holy water. They're not only expressions of our faith, but means for increasing our faith.

You attend Mass with other members of the Seahawks, such as Dan Quinn. Why is the Mass important to you?

Wherever you go in the world, the Catholic Church is the same. Whether I'm at Mass in Ontario, Houston, Seattle or anywhere else, it's the same Mass. Some of the externals will be a little different, but even if it's in a language you don't know, the core of the Mass — the very heart of what it is — is the same. That's because the Mass is essentially a re-presentation of the life of Jesus, and Jesus is unchangeable.

From the readings of the Old Testament, where Jesus is prefigured, to the readings of the New Testament, where he walks the earth, to the actual sacrifice that happens on the altar, it's all about Jesus. He's the one who sanctifies and unifies us, no matter what differences we might have.

This guidance received in Mass is incredibly important, and it's awesome to have it all capped off by receiving the body of Christ.

The whole team doesn't attend Mass, but we do all pray in the locker room before games. That connection is important for playing as well as we can.

Camaraderie is all the better when it not only has a social component, but a spiritual one.

After we've prayed in the locker room, I pray alone in the end zone before the game. I thank God for getting me that far and ask for his guidance and protection on that day. I'm incredibly blessed to be where I am, so I can't help but acknowledge that and ask for God's continued assistance to do what I'm supposed to do.

Adapted from an interview.

Alumni Highlight (move to Alumni corner)

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.

Auction

Party of the Century! 

Join us on Saturday, April 5th for the 35th Annual Heart Auction!

Ladies, time to polish your pearls. Gentlemen, let's dust off that skinny tie and dress to impress! The ***Party of the Century*** is all about mid-century, swanky style! From start to finish – this will be the hippest event HRS has ever seen.

Auction Sponsor of The Week:

Logo link: <http://soundyoga.com/wp-content/themes/soundyoga/images/soundyoga-logo-500x500.jpg>



Would you like to sponsor the Auction and get exposure to your business? Please contact us at auction@holyrosaryws.org

VOLUNTEER SIGN UP OPPORTUNITIES:

The “work parties” are coming up. They will all be held on Saturdays. No previous experience needed. We will be **getting started on decorations by painting, stapling, cutting and gluing away.**

To sign up click on this link:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0C4CADAB22A20-decoration>

Ready to deliver your auction donation now? Great, bring your items to the school office with RSA label (or family last name) attached.

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)

Bingo Party!

BINGO PARTY OF THE CENTURY
WITH THE TEACHERS!

Bingo BASH and Bingo BLAST with the teachers is back again! Last year, the Bingo parties were the TOP grossing auction item and we teachers hope to reach that goal again while raising lots of money for our wonderful school and showing the kids a great time! It may be earlier than in the past, but all proceeds go towards the auction.

Holy Rosary's staff will throw TWO Bingo Parties of the Century and we're doing it earlier than we ever have – **Friday, February 28th!**

Bingo BASH! – For students in grades K-4! The night includes 10 full rounds of bingo in Lanigan Gym with a variety of terrific prizes for the winners. A BIG MONEY PRIZE will be awarded for the **black-out** game at night's end. *\$25 per student.*

Bingo BLAST! – Perfect for students in grades 5-8 only. The night not only includes bingo, but also trivia, games, dancing, a faster pace and very cool prizes in the School Hall. A BIG MONEY PRIZE will be awarded for the **black-out** game at night's end. *\$30 per student.*

Both bingo parties include a delicious pizza dinner along with more snacks and beverages than your child can eat. There is also great music and between-bingo games!

Both parties happen simultaneously on Friday, February 28th from 6:00-8:00 pm, so it's the perfect time to drop your kids off and have a night out! Also, we're partnering with a few Junction restaurants to give you a discount on your night out. Look for the flyer and permission slip coming home with your child/ren today. Contact jbarker@holyroaryws.org for more information.

2014 Holy Rosary Father - Daughter Glow Bowl

Theme:



SEAHAWKS
SEATTLE

West Seattle Bowl
Friday, March 7
5-8pm

Who: All Holy Rosary School Girls and their Fathers (Kindergarten thru 8th Grade)

What: A Super Fun & Memorable Time Bowling w/Fathers, Daughters & Friends

Where: West Seattle Bowl - 4505 39th Ave., SW - www.westseattlebowl.com

Cost: \$40 for Father and one Daughter; plus \$5 for each additional girl in that family. If you are "adopting a daughter" of another parent who is unable to attend, the cost is \$20 for that girl. Cost includes bowling + shoes, pizza, drink, cookie, photo, glow necklace and other goodies.

Wear: Put on your Seattle Seahawks gear and get ready to bowl!

Questions? Call Eva Newman (206) 935 6390 or Laurel Zimmer (206) 245 9124

Please complete & return the bottom of this form to the office w/payment **no later than Friday, February 28.**

Lane requests will be honored on a first-come, first-served basis. This event fills up quickly!



Father's Name (or Uncle's/Grandpa's Name) _____

Daughter's Name(s) & Class Per Name (e.g., 2B) _____

If more than one daughter, bowl together as a family or girls with their grade levels.

Please circle your preference (above) and which daughter dad should be with.

Total number attending _____

Check amount, attached (payable to Holy Rosary School) Check # _____ \$ _____

Names of requested bowling partners and class (limit 8 bowlers/lane) _____

Catholic Schools Week Thank You's

Thank you for all you did to make Catholic Schools Week a great success!

Sunday Open House and Mass – Thank you students for participating and helping with the Mass. Thank you to the parents that helped with the reception after Mass.

Outreach Day – Thank you HRS families for providing items to the various charities for Community Outreach Day.

Grandparents Day - Thank you Grandparents for attending the luncheon and to the parents and student volunteers who helped make GP Day run smoothly.

Staff Appreciation Day – Thank you PATS volunteers Ann Conway and Rene Miller for the fabulous breakfast and treats throughout the day.

Scholastic Book Fair – Thank you Mrs. Harris and thank you to the many volunteers that helped at the book fair all week!

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](tel:425-483-6713)

Cub Scouts at the Klondike Derby

This past Saturday (2/1), the Webelo II den of Holy Rosary's own Pack 793 participated in the 2014 Klondike Derby in snowy eastern Washington. This annual event, sponsored by the Aquila District Boy Scouts, is held each year at the LDS-owned Ensign Ranch just outside of Cle Elum. The day-long event consists of six stations: Outdoor Cooking, Knot tying, Snow-shoe Relay, Log Sawing, Figure 8 Race, and First Aid. The boys competed against other dens of the same age to see who will take home the prizes. Ribbons were awarded to the top three finishers in each category. In addition, a final event, dubbed "The Great Race", serves to recreate the historic trek across the frozen tundra of Alaska as all teams compete in an all-out dash to the finish line. The winners of the race get to take home the travelling trophy.

Fifth-graders Adam J., Aiden W., Connor M., Diego C., Giorvi M., and Luca K. comprised the "Snow Hunters" team. Working as a team, they brought home three second-place finishes (Log Sawing, Snow-shoe Relay, and Overall Finisher), three first-place finishes (First Aid, Figure 8, and Great Race), and the "Great Race" trophy! A well deserved "congratulations and great job" goes out to this knowledgeable and speedy bunch of boys!
(insert pictures)

CYO News

Congratulations to the 7th grade boys basketball team. They made it though the first two rounds of the playoffs. The Championship game is this Sunday at O'Dea. The game starts at 1:30, come cheer the Gators on!
Congratulations to:

William D.

Hunter H.

Dillon M.

Joe P.

Eli D.

Tanner E.

Timmy G.

William M.
Andrew W.
Nick C.
And of course Coach Pare & Coach Williams.

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.

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!

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 Marithere at maritheresethomas@yahoo.com.

Community Notices:

Baseball Camp of the Summer!

Please join us this summer (July 22-24, 2014) with 16-year MLB veteran Mike Sweeney (www.mikesweeney.org). The Mike Sweeney Catholic Baseball Camp will be held at Russell Road Sports Complex in Kent, WA. The camp is perfect for all skill levels between ages 8-16. Get more information at www.catholicbaseballcampseattle.com. Registration open on February 15, 2014. The cost is \$300 and will be limited to 175 attendees. Join us for Mass, Confession, and baseball skills development.

Lee's Martial Arts (West Seattle) is offering TWO summer camps this year!

The dates are as follows:

June 23rd- June 27th (9am-3:30)

July 21st - July 25th (9am-3:30)

*Doors open at 8:45am; After camp care is also available.

For ages 4.5 to 12 years old.

These camps have been the favorite of kids for over a decade!

The camp includes:

Tae Kwon Do, Board breaking Acting class, Bowling party, Ice cream social, Kickboxing, Kids self defense, Fire safety, Dodge ball, Korean Speaking and much, much more!!

Early Bird Special Discounts Are Available!!

Feb 1st - March 31st, - \$225.

April 1st - May 31st - \$250

June 1st - Camp date - \$275

Please call or come to the office to register your child . Space is limited and these camps fill up quickly!

Thank you very much!

Instructors Lisa and Joe Skvarla

LMA West Seattle

(206) 938-3375

www.LMAWestSeattle.com

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https://www.facebook.com/pages/Lees-Martial-Arts-West-Seattle/127242757302154?ref=br_tf

West Seattle Girls Softball

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

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, WSLL 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 WSLL 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

- ❖ **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 – Father/Daughter Glow Bowl 6:15**
- ❖ **March 12 – Second Trimester ends**