



# SCHOOL NEWS

Holy Rosary School Family Communication Newsletter

March 27, 2014

## **CURRICULUM DECISION**

The “White Paper”, which is the beginning of a Strategic Plan, among other things, offers a direction for curriculum updating and revision. This year we instituted a new math program, and it is going very well. This year we took the year to study Language Arts programs. The staff centered its concentration on three major programs. They were Houghton-Mifflin’s Journeys, McGraw Hill’s Wonders, and Pearson’s/ S.F.’s Reading Street. They are all great programs that are aligned with the Common Core. They offer challenging academic materials demanding increased rigor on the part of the students. After a great deal of discernment which culminated in our full day workshop last Friday we selected Journeys. And in grades 6, 7, and 8 we decided upon the Houghton-Mifflin program for that age level which is called Collections.

This year we are also discussing our next step in technology. The teachers are investigating it as a staff and there is parent/staff committee looking into it under the leadership of our technology teacher. As I see it there are two major concepts we are looking into. One deals with what device or devices we use at which grade level. One deals with the systems we use and how we use them. And finally there is the question of properly budgeting for the program. As I have been having discussions and personally thinking about this I am coming to a personal conclusion that an additional full time IT person may not be the answer to our needs. I know that has not yet been voted on as a proposal in the “White Paper”. I believe we may be able to satisfactorily address our needs in this area by contracting with someone or some firm on an “as needed” basis. I would see the budget eventually being able to address this rather than an additional tuition increase above and beyond normal tuition increases.

I am very excited about our curriculum area of focus next year. It will be science. We are already beginning to investigate it. I see a new science curriculum being adopted for the 2015-2016 academic year. I believe it, combined with the recent math adoption will result in our being a STEM school.

Planning should result in action and that action should lead to improvement. I fully believe that is happening at Holy Rosary. What is good is becoming better.

## **FRAUD UPDATES**

Please remember that updates and all past contact information on the IRS, credit, loans, Archdiocesan sponsored meetings, social security and identity theft are being kept both in the main office on the long desk and on our website. The office has a hard copy of everything so you can take notes. My personal experience leads me to believe it is best to contact everybody before you move to a credit freeze. Once that is done it can be difficult to prove who you are to the other people and systems you are trying to check in with. There can be a great amount of frustration. Just do not try to do everything at once and in one sitting. Do one thing a day. It is better for the heart. And, again, I am sorry for everything we are all going through. I look forward to someone being arrested.



2014 HOLY ROSARY HEART AUCTION

**Only 9 days until the Party of The Century!**

Join us on Saturday, April 5<sup>th</sup> for the 35<sup>th</sup> annual Holy Rosary Heart Auction.

**GET YOUR AUCTION TICKETS NOW! Reservations close on Monday, April 1<sup>st</sup>**

*Ladies and gentlemen, it's time to get your tickets to this retro affair. Reservations close on Monday, April 1, so head over to the following link and get your tickets now.*

<http://auctions.readysetauction.com/holyrosaryschool/home>

Questions regarding seating and reservations?

Please contact Christina Mastrangelo at [christina@klineplace.com](mailto:christina@klineplace.com)

**ONLINE AUCTION – 3 days left !!! Closes on Mar. 30<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm**

**FREE DRESS PASSES - Bid on 5 items by Friday, March 28th at 9:00PM and receive one pass for each child in the family.**

**As easy as 1, 2, 3**

1. Follow this link

<http://auctions.readysetauction.com/holyrosaryschool/home>

2. Click on the **BID ONLINE** button on the left

3. To shop, click on the **ONLINE** category located on the left side navigation bar

**RAFFLE SALES– Are You In?**

**Tuition Raffle tickets are selling like hotcakes!**

**The tickets are \$100 each and we're only selling 100 tickets, so purchase yours ASAP!! \$5,000 in tuition is the prize-don't miss out!**

The **50/50 Raffle** shares the proceeds with you and the school. Tickets are \$25 or 5 for \$100. The number of tickets sold is unlimited!! The more we sell the more you WIN!! Remember – this is a “must-be-present-to-win” item!

Turn in your forms and money today to the office with your school registration!!

Raffle Questions: Kristin McMahan [kristinsmcmahan@comcast.net](mailto:kristinsmcmahan@comcast.net) 206-550-7294

### **AUCTION PARTIES:**

The “auction parties” are super fun and big fund raisers for our school. Each year, they bring in more than \$10,000 to Holy Rosary School!

**The youngest child in each family will be bringing home auction party flyers today. Check those backpacks!**

### **For Kids:**

- **Dance Party** (grades K-8<sup>th</sup>) with Sundance Teachers  
\$35 each; Friday, May 2<sup>th</sup>, 6-8:30 P.M.

### **For Parents:**

- Centennial Mexican Fiesta at the Velling residence.  
Saturday, May 17<sup>th</sup>, 6 P.M. - \$50 each/ \$100 a couple

### **For Families:**

- **7<sup>th</sup> Grade Families only** - Parent and Child Volleyball Party  
Friday May 9<sup>th</sup> 5-7P.M. - \$30 each parent or child

Send your RSVPs and checks into the school office. An envelope is set up in the office already. Questions regarding the parties? Please contact Marti McGaughey [martimcgaughey@comcast.net](mailto:martimcgaughey@comcast.net)

**[See 3 party flyers in website.]**

## **Sizzling Summer Latin Party** (must be present to win!)

Do not miss this unique party with a delicious pig roast and all the fixings provided by West Seattle's Pecado Bueno Restaurant. There is no better way to kick off summer than this party, surrounded by great friends, delicious food, lively music and gorgeous views of Elliott Bay. Saturday, June 14th at the Brown/McGovern home.

So raise your paddle at the live auction and join us!

[insert flyer]

## **DO YOU HAVE A NEW DRIVER IN THE FAMILY? Well, we have a Volvo for you!**

**(see photo on website)**

Donated by a Holy Rosary family and checked by a professional mechanic (also an HRS parent). Volvos are known to be one of the safest and most reliable cars on the road, and a favorite of families for generations. This 2000 Volvo S80 Sedan in a beautiful burgundy color will have you and your teenager smiling for years to come. Mileage: 158,000 - Blue Book Value: \$3,000

Car will be available at the LIVE Auction!!!

## **TIME TO SIGN UP! VOLUNTEER SHIFTS AVAILABLE.**

Shifts needing help:

- Silent Tables (teacher's books)
- One Bid Board
- Office staff
- Distribution
- Appetizers
- Water server (wait staff)

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

## **AUCTION SPONSOR OF THE WEEK:**

### **ATLAS SUPPLY**

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## Dessert Auction

### Dessert Auction of the Century

It won't be the Party of the Century without some amazing Desserts. We are looking for your sumptuous creations to make this the Dessert Auction the talk of the town. With your donation, you can also earn fundraising hours. For questions or donation submissions, please email Deyette Swegle and Shelly Pugh Auction-Dessert@Holyrosaryws.org (insert PDF)

## PARENTS CLUB

Thank you to all the parents that joined us Tuesday evening for our HRS "Happy Hour" and Parent Club meeting. We know that life is very busy and we truly appreciate you making time to join us. makes our community stronger.

Thank you to Kallie E., Morgan H., Natalie W. and Matthew W. for modeling some of the items that are being considered for our uniform "refresh". We also appreciate the parent feedback we received. Please send us an email or drop a note in our box in the school office if you have any other comments or feedback. We will continue to update as we move the process forward.

Thank you to Elizabeth B. from Dennis Uniform for joining us and bringing in some uniform options for us to consider. Thank you also to Elizabeth and Dennis Uniform for donating a \$50 gift certificate for Tuesday night's raffle – amazing! Congratulations to Kathy Eckelkamp for being the lucky winner.

We had another tie for our special treats for the classroom with the highest number of parents attending – BOTH 2A and 2B won! Each had 11 parents at the meeting. Way to go! Parents Club will be providing sweet treats for the classrooms, a favorite beverage for the teachers and the kids will enjoy an extra recess while the teachers relax!

Parent Club Board Available Positions for 2014/2015:

The Parents Club Board (PCB) is currently looking for two actively involved parents to join the Board next year. These individuals should have a passion for the Holy Rosary community and time to devote to participating in and promoting our activities. Each term is for two years (with a third year option) beginning on July 1, 2014.

We are seeking a Vice President (this person will automatically become President the following year) and a Passive Fundraising Coordinator. The Passive Fundraising Coordinator is a new position for 2014/2015 school year.

Please see the full job descriptions and instructions for applying under our tab on Parents Life if you are interested.

Our final Parents Club meeting of the year will be on May 14.

### **Class Pictures April 8**

Reminder! Class pictures will be taken on Tuesday April 8<sup>th</sup>. Students are to be in perfect uniform. Forms will be sent home today. A separate form will be available in the office if you want to have an individual picture taken of your student. The students will wear perfect uniform for individual photos.

## **REGISTRATION FOR 2014--2015 School Year.**

### **2014-2015 Registration Packets**

All contracts, registration fees, and a check made out to Holy Rosary School, are due to the main office TOMORROW, Friday, March 28th! The signed contract and registration fee secures your student's placement for next year. Please contact Kimberly Tish, Registrar, with any questions. Thank you!

### **Be an Ambassador Family**

Each year, volunteers act as ambassadors to our new families joining Holy Rosary School. The role of an Ambassador Family is a short and easy commitment of helping another family make the transition into our school a little smoother.

If you would like to be an ambassador family for our new incoming families for the 2014-2015 school year, please sign up online here. [http://www.holyrosaryws.org/ambassador\\_reg.html](http://www.holyrosaryws.org/ambassador_reg.html) If you have any questions, please contact Kimberly Tish. You can find more information regarding Holy Rosary Ambassador Families through this link. [http://www.holyrosaryws.org/ambassador\\_families.html](http://www.holyrosaryws.org/ambassador_families.html) Thank you.

### **BROWN BAG FRIDAYS FOR ST. MARTIN de PORRES SHELTER began Friday, March 7**

Every year, as part of our Lenten Outreach, Holy Rosary School has provided lunches to the men at St. Martin de Porres shelter. Students are asked to bring a lunch or two and a toiletry item on designated Fridays during Lent. These lunches can be kept cold, so **perishable food is fine**.

**\*\*Thank you Shelley Neal for driving the past two weeks, if anyone else is interested in driving one Friday, please contact Jennifer Hazzard in the school office\*\*\*\***

Please keep the toiletry items **separate** from the lunches:

**March 28** – travel size toothpaste and disposable toothbrush (singles)

**April 4– Half day Auction set-up: No brown bag lunches today**

**April 11** – men's socks

Thank you!

### **School Commission Openings Post**

(Check website for form.)

The Holy Rosary School Commission has 3 openings for at-large members. Terms for this position are four years and start in the 2014-15 school year. This is an opportunity to provide a voice for all Holy Rosary parents, and to be a leader in your school community. School Commission is an advisory group that works with the principal and pastor on policy-related issues. Examples of ongoing issues on which the School Commission collaborates are the school budget, including fundraising, health and wellness, technology, and the school's strategic plan. The School Commission does not make decisions that affect day-to-day operations of the school. It also does not make decisions regarding academic curricula – that is the responsibility of the principal and his staff. The entire committee meets once monthly (typically on the first Thursday of every month during the school year) and each member serves on one of two subcommittees. Subcommittee work is done outside of the regular meeting.

### **CYO News**

#### **Urgent Attention to all Track and Field families - updated information!**

New dates for practices are Tuesdays and Thursday from 5 to 6:30 PM beginning Tuesday April 1st at Hiawatha. Dates still to be determined regarding Brooks shoe sale. Most likely 4/8.

Practice during spring break is optional but recommended if kids aren't leaving town. This is a very short season-8 weeks!

All meets are in **May 3, 10, 17, and 24th. 8th grade Pentathlon is May 11th.**

Track is for **4th grade through 8th only**. All meets are approx 4 hours in duration. Each participant runs one event (sprint or distance, not both) and is encouraged to compete in a field event. Most athletes run a relay in addition. This is primarily why the meets may take a long time for your participant...Think of swim meets.

Sign ups begin on line through BONZI website Monday March 17th.

<http://holyrosary.bonzidev.com/home.php>

Price is \$30.00. At that time please look for a link for tee shirt size **if** you need one for this year. Otherwise

same shirt and color(safety green).

We need extra help coaching. If you enjoy running or... were/are good at any field events, please let me know! [achildbecomes@gmail.com](mailto:achildbecomes@gmail.com)

Head Coach Shelley Neal

**Men's jackets now available too. Please note the men's jacket is not hooded, and does not have thumb-holes. Please have your orders in for the new Gator Gear Jackets by Thursday March 27.**

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](mailto:kathykamp2@gmail.com) (See website.)

## **Community Notices:**

### **Holy Rosary Families and Friends - You are invited**

The West Seattle Hi-Yu Spring Tea and Silent Auction will be held on Sunday, May 18th from 2-5pm at the Hall at Fauntleroy. Enjoy great tea, company and delicious food provided by caterers and businesses in our community as well as a fun silent auction to help raise funds for our scholarship program and building the float that represents West Seattle in parades throughout the Puget Sound. This year we will also be crowning the new Senior Court King or Queen. Tickets are \$25 a person or bring your friends and fill a table of 10 for \$250. For more information or tickets please contact Danette at 206 935-6517 or email [danettecarufel@hotmail.com](mailto:danettecarufel@hotmail.com). Hope to see you there!

### **A Child Becomes Summer Camps**

A Child Becomes Summer Camps, a favorite West Seattle summer activity for almost 17 years now, are on the [achildbecomes.org](http://achildbecomes.org) website this week. This year offers camps for 3, and 5 years as well as camps for 6 to 10 years. Check out some fabulous new themes from art to geocaching to learning the Hula and more.

### **Holy Names Summer Camps for Grades 6 - 8**

### **Summer Prep at Seattle Prep**

(insert Prep brochure)

### **Lee's Martial Arts**

*Just a reminder there are only 2 weeks left to take advantage of the early bird special for these camps! ( It expires March 31st. )*

*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.*

*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 quickly!*

*Thank you very much!*

*Instructors Lisa and Joe Skvarla*

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*(206) 938-3375*

*[www.LMAWestSeattle.com](http://www.LMAWestSeattle.com)*

## **Skills & Drillz Camp**

<http://www.hometeamsonline.com/teams/?u=WESTSEATTLEHOOPS&t=c&s=basketball&p=home>

## **Invitation From Seattle Lutheran to Host an International Student**

Do you have a loving family and a spare room available at your home? Invite an international student to stay with you next school year. Seattle Lutheran High School seeks qualified host

families to provide a safe and nurturing home environment for international high school students attending our school from abroad. If you live within a 30 minute commute to and from the school, you may be eligible to apply. The students have their own insurance and spending money. The host family should speak English at home and ensure that the student eats three nutritious meals per day. Involving the student in family events and daily activities is expected and participating families will be offered a stipend of \$900 per month for the 10-month academic year.

Our homestay service company, [www.gphomestay.com](http://www.gphomestay.com), provides dedicated support staff, host family training and 24-7 emergency support throughout the school year, in addition to quarterly group activities for you and your student along with other participating families. If you would like to take advantage of this unique opportunity to make a difference in a young person's life by hosting an international student, please contact: [ltatum@gphomestay.com](mailto:ltatum@gphomestay.com) or 425-753-3933.

#### **Upcoming Dates to Remember**

- ❖ **March 28 – Report cards sent home**
- ❖ **March 31-April 11 – ITBS Testing**
- ❖ **April 4 – Noon dismissal auction set-up**
- ❖ **April 5 - Auction**
- ❖ **April 18 – Good Friday noon dismissal**
- ❖ **April 21 -25 – Easter Break**
- ❖ **March 31-4/11/14 – ITBS Testing**
- ❖ **May 16 – Talent Show**