



SCHOOL NEWS

Holy Rosary School Family Communication Newsletter

April 17, 2014

ENJOY EASTER BREAK

We are finishing Lent, which in my humble opinion, is the most sacred period of the year for all Christians. The culmination is found in the Triduum ----- these final days. It ends in Resurrection. Sometimes individuals and institutions experience their own walk up Calvary and even the Crucifixion, but there is always the possibility of Resurrection which makes it all worthwhile. With that in mind I pray that each of you experiences ----- personal resurrection. I pray that the school and church community experiences personal resurrection, and I hope we are able bring that feeling and message into the world. It may be as simple as a smile on the face, an attitude of gratitude, an "paying it forward". Who knows ----- you may change the world!

PRESCHOOL SURVEY RESULTS

The Preschool survey results have been tabulated. I interpret them as being very positive. Potentially there could have been 31 responses. We received 26. Not everyone responded to every question. I have always found that if people are upset or concerned with something they make sure they respond with the hope of promoting positive change. I also think that a response rate of 50% or more is really good and offers a real picture of where perceptions and families are. I just state that so you are aware of my personal framework in reviewing this type of material. With that in mind ----- I consider the following data to be exceptionally positive. I thank everyone who took the time to respond.

How would you rate the indoor space/facilities?

Excellent	53.8%
Good	46.2%
Adequate or Insufficient	no responses

How would you rate the outdoor space/facilities?

Excellent	26.9%
Good	61.5%
Adequate	11.5%
Insufficient	no responses

Communication Via Weekly Letter, Emails, etc.?

Excellent	84.6%	22 people
Good	11.5%	3 people
Adequate	3.8%	1 person
Insufficient		no responses

Opportunities for parent volunteering?

Excellent	50%	13 people
Good	46.2%	12 people

Adequate	no responses	
Insufficient	3.8%	1 person

How would you rate take-home activities, projects and homework?

Excellent	38.5%	10 people
Good	53.8%	14 people
Adequate	3.8%	1 person
Insufficient	3.8	1 person
Since attending Holy Rosary Preschool has your mass attendance...		
Increased	34.6%	9 people
Remained about the same	65.4%	17 people
Decreased		no responses

How has attending Holy Rosary preschool affected your sense of connection to the greater Parish community?

We feel more connected	64.5%	17 people
It is about the same	34.6%	9 people
Our family is less connected		no responses

Which classroom does your child attend?

$\frac{3}{4}$ Teacher Meg	34.6%	9 people out of 16
PreK Teacher Tauna	65.4%	17 people out of 18

The best part of the $\frac{3}{4}$ (Teacher Meg) program has been:

Faith Formation	20%	2 people
Literacy/Pre Reading/ABC's	40%	4 people
Social and Emotional skills/friendship building opportunities	30%	3 people
Math Concepts	0	
Centers/Free Choice	10%	1 person
Art Projects	0	

The amount of academic focus in $\frac{3}{4}$ (Teacher Meg's) class is:

Too much	0	
Just right	90%	9 people
Not Enough	10%	1 person

The amount of arts/music focus in $\frac{3}{4}$ (Teacher Meg's) class is:

Too much	10%	1 person
Just Right	90%	9 people
Not enough	0	

The amount of social/emotional focus and playtime in $\frac{3}{4}$ (Teacher Meg's) class is:

Too much	0	
Just Right	100%	10 people

The amount of faith formation focus in $\frac{3}{4}$ is:

Just Right	100%	10 people
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What program components would you like to see expanded or improved upon in the $\frac{3}{4}$ (Teacher Meg's) class?

Literacy/Pre Reading/ABS's	42.9%	3 people
Handwriting	28.6%	2 people

Math concepts	28.6%	2 people
Art/Music	28.6%	2 people

The best part of PreK (Teacher Tauna's) program has been:

Faith Formation	18.8%	3 people
Literacy/Pre3-reading/ABC's	68.8%	11 people
Social and Emotional/skills and friendship/ building opportunities	12.5%	2 people

The amount of academic focus in PreK (Teacher Tauna's class) is:

Just Right	93.8%	15 people
Not enough	6.3%	1 person

The amount of Music/Art focus in PreK (Teacher Tauna's) class is:

Just Right	100%	16 people
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The amount of social/emotional focus and playtime in PreK (Teacher Tauna's Class) is:

Just right	100%	16 people
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The amount of faith formation focus in PreK (Teacher Tauna's class) is:

Just right	100%	16 people
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What program components would you like to see improved upon in the PreK (Teacher Tauna's) class?

Faith Formation	28.6%	2 people
Literacy/Pre Reading ABC	71.4%	5 people
Handwriting	28.6%	2 people
Social and Emotional skills friendship building	42.9%	3 people
Math Concepts	42.9%	3 people
Centers/ Free choice	0%	
Art/Music	28.6%	2 people

TALENT SHOW

This year's Talent Show will be held on Friday May 16th. Students in grades K – 4 will be performing at 9:30 in the Lanigan Gym. Students in the Upper Grades will be performing at 1:30. Make sure you mark this down for yourself. You do not want to miss it. Mrs. Heuer is the coordinator for the event. Permission slips for those who wish to participate should be turned into the main office between 8:15 and 8:25 in the morning. They will be collected every day. The deadline to turn in permission slips will be April 29th.

AUCTION FUND AN ITEM

At the School Commission meeting last week there was some discussion concerning the Fund An Item. It was thought that some may not have really understood what it was for. A Commission member suggested that I write something to help explain the Fund An Item. That is the purpose of this article.

As I have written before, this year's budget has \$2,440,540 coming in from tuition and fees. The cost for salaries and benefits for our employees this year comes to \$2,749,000. The Annual Fund will hopefully cover \$60,000 of that difference, and, if the Fund An Item generates the \$56,000 that was bid, it will generate that to help with this problem. That is all for this year's budget. It does not completely cover it, but it is a good start, and a much better reality than last year. This scenario is one of the reasons our tuition increase for next year is a little above the norm.

It may be that some thought we were going to give a year end bonus to all of our staff with the Fund An Item money. It also seems there were others who thought that we were going to use this money to pay for the positions we are cutting for next year. Neither of these is stated in the Fund An Item description. Neither of these was ever stated as the intent. We are just trying to pay our bills.

If, however, anyone did not or does not understand the purpose of the Fund An Item and they bid on it ----- I would simply ask you to contact either Kamila or myself and we will refund that money.

That is no problem. We certainly do not want anyone to have given money in a way they did not want it to be used.

It was a wonderfully successful auction, and we do not want any misunderstandings to take away from that reality in any way. Everything so many of you did to make it such a wonderful event is deeply appreciated. More people attended the auction this year than last year. It was a very festive evening. Again ----- a BIG THANKS to so many who did so much for all the children in the school.

CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION MASS AND RECEPTION

Mark it down on your calendar now. We will be closing our Centennial year with a year-end Centennial celebration on Sunday May 4, 2013. Archbishop Sartain will be here to celebrate the 11:30 mass with us. Immediately following we will have long time Principal Kris Brown here to open the time capsule she buried twenty five years ago. Our Pastor, Father Madigan, will be replacing it with a new time capsule that will be opened in fifty years. The contents recovered from our old capsule will be immediately placed on display in the Lanigan Gym at the reception immediately following the ceremony. So make sure you head on over to the gym for the celebration. Complimentary refreshments will be provided. Present parents, students, parishioners, alum and staff will all be there. Come and renew old friendships. Come one! Come all!

IN-PARISH TUITION

As you know, families who are new to the school, those who have a child in first grade now and going into second grade next year, and finally those who are in seventh grade at the present time and going into eighth grade, have been asked to fill out a form and bring it over to the parish office stating that they are members of the Parish. These then must be approved by parish staff before in-parish tuition status is certified. The reason for this in grades 2 and eight next year is because of First Communion and pastoral approval for Catholic High School entrance. Rather than a confusing last minute rush to address these things during the school year it was thought that this approach would prove to be better.

If you have lost your form ----- you can find extras in the main office and in the registrar's office. You will only receive a notification or response on this if it has been decided that you are not a parishioner. Your tuition will immediately be switched to "out of parish". If that is the case, and you wish to discuss it, you would have to make an appointment with the Pastor.

Math Update

This year brought about a huge change in the math program with the implementation of a curriculum that is based on the Common Core standards. The teachers have been pleased with the incremental approach to teaching the standards and it allows us to cover more than we ever have before. As a 5th-8th grade math teacher, I get to see exactly what the students need as they progress through each grade level. It has been so exciting to see how prepared the students will be for the next grade level. Many of the concepts that are now being taught in 6th grade with the new program used to be introduced in 8th grade with our old program! Teachers are very proud of the students' great effort this year to rise to the challenge.

We now have a math program that is built on the Common Core, we have adopted a new language arts program that is aligned with these same standards, and we look to follow with the other core subjects. This makes the need for a standardized test that is standards-based the next logical step. Since the ITBS tests are older tests, several of the concepts covered in these tests are not part of the new Common Core. We are aware that the test scores this year may not be the best indicator of student learning. As a result, we plan to join many other Archdiocesan schools in making the switch next year to the updated form of the IOWA standardized test to better reflect the updated standards.

Centennial Mass Celebration & Reception

You are warmly invited to join current and former students and staff along with the parish community of Holy Rosary School in celebrating Mass in honor of the Centennial Year of Holy Rosary School with Archbishop J. Peter Sartain presiding on Sunday, May 4 at 11:30 am.

Reception to follow in Lanigan Gym. RSVP by April 30 with number attending to centennial@holynosaryws.org.

Parking Alert!

The Seattle police requested we remind families that cars will be ticketed for stopping in the red zone before the crosswalk, even if you don't leave your car. By law, the crosswalks must have a certain amount of clearance for safety reasons. They will begin ticketing after break, no exceptions. Thank you for adhering to these guidelines.

Auction Corner:

Dance Party – spots still available!



Friday May 2nd – 6 - 8:30 pm (\$35 per child)

JUST DANCE!! Your child won't want to miss this end of the year DANCE and PIZZA PARTY!!!

Parents... you get a night to yourselves, while your kids learn moves to today's hit music! The evening will be taught by Dawn Holmes and Angel Sorensen of *SunDance*!

Pizza and Juice will be provided.

Fill out the attached flyer and save your spot(s) today!

[insert dance 2014.pdf]

CENTENNIAL HRS Parent's Mexican Fiesta 100 (people) for 100 (years)

Still space for 15 couples - \$100 per couple

Saturday, May 17th, 6 P.M. at the Velling Residence

[Download the Mexican Fiesta Flyer \(PDF\).](#)



Teachers' Favorite Books – 2nd chance to order!

At the silent auction we had a new and special table featuring 24 different book titles. The precious titles were chosen by each teacher as one of their favorite books. We had a sample of each on display at the auction and parents were able to pre-order a copy or as many as they wanted.

How it works:

1. Fill out the this order form
2. Send a check made out to Holy Rosary into the school office
3. Wait a couple of weeks
4. Each book will be signed and dedicate to the child of your choice or the whole family

Each book is \$25

These would make great year-end presents!

The “Junior high Set” would make a perfect 8th grade graduation present!

All forms must be returned by April 30th

Questions email Kamila at kkennedy@holyrosaryws.org

School Play – Cinderella May 7th & 8th

The 7th/8th grade Drama Elective invites you to enjoy their fantastic rendition of Cinderella! We have been working since December to bring this production to you and I promise the acting, costumes, dancing, music, and set design will not disappoint!

Performances take place Wednesday, May 7th and Thursday, May 8th at 7 pm in the School Hall. Tickets are free so bring as many friends/family members you'd like!

We look forward to wowing you!

Mrs. Carlsen and the 7/8 Drama Elective.

Talent Show Permission Slips in Office

The annual HRS Talent Show is coming up on Friday, May 16th! We are looking forward to seeing all of the students sharing their talents with our school. Permission slips are now in the office, so pick one up today! Please make sure to read the directions carefully and turn in completed and signed slips to the office in the morning between 8:15 and 8:25. Group acts need to turn in their slips together. Try to get the permission slips in before the Easter holiday! The final turn in day is Tuesday, April 29th. Thank you!

Father/Daughter Glow Bowl Pictures

Father Daughter glow bowl pictures are going home today. Please check your daughter's backpacks.

Holy Thursday Outreach Day

- K money to **Uganda**, Sock/Booties to **Westside Baby**, food to **St. Vincent de Paul**
- 1A money to **West Seattle/White Center Food Banks**, Socks/Booties to **Westside Baby**, food to **St. Vincent de Paul**
- 1B money to **Rice Bowl**, Socks/Booties to **Westside Baby**, food to **St. Vincent de Paul**
- 2nd Grade money to **Uganda**, clothing to **Francis House**, food to **St. Vincent de Paul**
- 3rd Grade money to **Uganda**, diapers to **Westside Baby**, food to **St. Vincent de Paul**
- 4th Grade money, food and all other donations to **St. Vincent de Paul**
- 5th Grade money to **Uganda**, canned food to **St. Vincent de Paul**
- 6th Grade money to **Uganda**, canned food to **St. Vincent de Paul**
- 7th Grade money and school supplies **Catholic Community Services Youth Tutoring Program**
- 8th Grade money and school supplies **Catholic Community Services Youth Tutoring Program**

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 or two subcommittees. Subcommittee work is done outside of the regular meeting.

School Commission

Upcoming Open School Commission Meeting. The final open School Commission meeting will be held tonight. Members of the community are welcome to attend. If you wish to address the commission, please notify the president, Ann Summers in advance at ann.summers@kingcounty.gov.

The Greatest Unopened Gift – A 3-Week Series

Holy Rosary Catholic Church is hosting a 3-week series titled **The Greatest Unopened Gift: Connecting Parents Children to the Gift of Faith Life and their Church Community** with speaker Dr. Tom Curran. The series will take place on three, consecutive Monday evenings, beginning April 28th from 7:00 – 8:30pm in the Church. This event is FREE and everyone is invited, especially parents. Refreshments will be served.

Description

How well do you understand your Faith? Does your Faith give your life meaning and fulfillment on a daily basis? The truth is that life-changing treasures in the Catholic Church have remained "buried" for many Catholics. So buried, in fact, that the Scriptures, the sacraments, the lives of saints and the teachings of the Church can have little relevance for our daily lives.

In this three-week series, Dr. Tom Curran will open your eyes to the treasures available to you in the Catholic Church in a way that is faithful, dynamic and easy to understand. These talks will help your faith COME ALIVE as you encounter the truth and love of God revealed by Christ in the Church. Come and discover what you have been missing. Come and discover the gift of Faith. You and your family will benefit for eternity.

Topics include:

Monday, April 28th – The Mass: A Place to Encounter Jesus, Your Living Lord

Monday, May 5th – Confession: An Opportunity to Heal Your Life

Monday, May 12th – Living the Catholic Life of Faith: How to Bring Your Faith ALIVE on a Daily Basis

Childcare

Childcare is provided. Please RSVP to Patrick Barredo in the Parish Office at 206-937-1488.

Who is Dr. Tom Curran

Dr. Tom Curran is the Director of My Catholic Faith Ministries, a non-profit ministry dedicated to helping Catholics understand, explore and live out their faith more deeply. Host of the local radio program *Sound Insight*, Tom can be heard at 8 am every Mon - Fri, on Sacred Heart Radio, 1050 AM. Dr. Curran is the author of the best selling book *The Mass: Four Encounters With Jesus That Will Change Your Life* as well as the second book in the series, *Confession: Five Sentences That Will Heal Your Life*. He is a popular speaker at Catholic events around the archdiocese and the country, speaking to more than 300,000 Catholics in 30 states and 6 countries in the past decade. Tom holds a Ph.D. in Theology from Catholic University in Washington DC. He lives in Federal Way, WA with his wife and their nine children.

EASTER

For many of us Easter can take a lifetime. Have we taken wrong paths, held unnecessary grudges, resisted God's grace time and time again in our life? Have we

come to accept that God can bring life out of death? We learn that similar to winter, our life challenges can seem cold and dark and yet as adults we have faith that through God's love and grace spring will come again. This is our grown-up lived experience of the mystery of Easter—Jesus, who died a shameful death on the cross is raised to new life by his loving Father.

Children do not have those life experiences, but they do have the close-up and joyful experience of people and nature around them. This Easter build upon your child's appreciation of the beauty of spring by continuing to celebrate with them in weekly Mass through the Easter Season. The Easter Season lasts 50 days culminating in the celebration of Pentecost. Through the Easter Season we will see our beautiful church come alive like the earth outside. Not only does the church decor change from the darker seriousness of Lent into Easter glory, but our parish is renewed by the celebration of Sacraments.

Just as you would direct your child to look at the popcorn-umbrella of beautiful cherry blossoms on a tree; in church show your child signs of Easter Season--Symbols of sacramental celebrations in the parish: the community, the bubbling water of the baptism font, the holy oils that seal and bless, and banners of the 1st Communicants hanging on the walls. These little experiences build into bigger experiences that give your child a foundation for a lifetime of appreciating the gift of faith and the meaning Easter.

Congratulations to our Neophytes—Olivia P., Gabriel K., Eric C., and Emmy L., who received the Sacraments of Baptism, 1st Eucharist, and Confirmation at the Easter Vigil.

Schedule for Holy Week

Holy Thursday, April 17

Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7pm

Good Friday, April 18

Living Stations of the Cross at 10:30am

Traditional Stations of the Cross at 3pm

Celebration of the Lord's Passion at 7pm

Holy Saturday, April 19

The Easter Vigil Mass at 8:30pm

Easter Sunday, April 20

Masses at 7:30am (NOT 8am), 9:30am, 11:30am (NO 5pm Mass)

CYO News

8th Grade Boys Volleyball

The 8th grade boys volleyball team won the championship game! Congratulations to our 8th grade boys volleyball team for bringing home the winning trophy!

Yo Gator Parents!!!

You've bought your adult Gator Gear, now come show it off, along with your softball skills.

Come play adult, co-ed softball for Holy Rosary this summer.

Games will be on either Tuesday or Thursday nights, once a week for 8 games starting in June. There is super fun one day tournament at the end around the middle of August.

Please contact Lisa Quinn with interest or questions. Lp_quinn@live.com

Track

Running Shoes Sale for the whole school and Parish

From the Head Track Coach Shelley Neal

This year, I am opening up the Brooks Shoe Sale to all families from Holy Rosary. There will be a Brooks Truck at Hiawatha on April 17th at 5 PM with a huge selection of Adrenaline (best selling running shoes) and Cascadia (trail shoes) at extremely discounted prices.

Please feel free to come and join in on the sale with our Holy Rosary track team. We are excited for a great season. There will be adult and kids sizes approximately 4 1/2 to size 5 for kids and above.

Email me with queries or text 206-941-1399. achildbecomes@gmail.com

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.

Head Coach Shelley Neal

Community Notices:

SIGN UP FOR CYO CATHOLIC SUMMER CAMP TODAY!

Summer camp is more than just eating s'mores, swimming in the pool, and exploring the woods. Camp is about transforming lives through programs rooted in Catholic tradition and personal encounters with Jesus Christ. Lessons in problem solving, team work and the Catholic faith are taught through fun hands on games and high adventure activities. Camp sessions are available for 1st Grade through Seniors in High School and even two opportunities for family camp! Visit www.seattlearchdiocese.org/camping 206-382-4591
cyo@seattlearch.org (insert brochure)

Tryouts - Competitive-Level Soccer

Highline Premier FC is the official Premier Development program of the Highline Soccer Association (West Seattle Soccer Club and Highline Soccer Club) and the next step for players looking for a year-round soccer experience.

Come check out our Open Session and your player can train with our teams (coached by professional coaches). During this time, Highline Premier FC leadership will be available you have any questions.

Open Sessions scheduled for April 28th at Delridge Playfield, North:

- U8-U12 ('06 -'02) will run from 6:00pm to 7:30pm
- U13-U18 ('01 -'96) will run from 7:30pm to 9:00pm

*Delridge Playfield is located at 4555 Delridge Way SW, Seattle, WA (West Seattle)

Tryout Dates:

- U8-U10 ('06 -'04) April 29th – May 1st
- U11 & U12 ('03 &'02) May 2nd – May 4th
- U13-U15 ('01-'99) May 9th – May 11th
- High School Girls ('96, '97, '98) May 16th – May 18th
- High School Boys, please contact tryouts@highlinepremier.com

Highline Premier FC offers:

- Competition in Regional Club League and US Club Puget Sound Premier League
- Professional training by licensed coaches
- Training three times a week
- Developmental curriculum delivered by coach-educators
- Player-centric development delivered with individual player roadmaps and flexibility in player movement
- Club Academy with Coerver Coaching NW, world's #1 soccer skills methods
- Dedicated Goalkeeper training
- College Summer Camp Opportunities for Older Ages

Times and Locations are posted on our website: <http://www.highlinepremier.com/>, Try you tab on top of page

Holy Names Summer Camps for Grades 6 - 8

Summer Prep at Seattle Prep

(insert Prep brochure)

Skills & Drillz Camp

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

Upcoming Dates to Remember

- ❖ April 18 – Good Friday noon dismissal
- ❖ April 21 -25 – Easter Break
- ❖ May 1 – May Crowning Mass
- ❖ May 2 – 8th Grade Pizza Lunch
- ❖ May 4 – Centennial Mass 11:30
- ❖ May 7 & 8 – Drama play
- ❖ May 9 – 8th Graduation Pictures
- ❖ May 16 – Talent Show