



# SCHOOL NEWS

Holy Rosary School Family Communication Newsletter

May 1, 2014

## **COME TO THE CELEBRATION!!!!!!**

The "Big Event" is this Sunday. It will mark the closing of our Centennial year. On Sunday May 4<sup>th</sup> there will be a special Centennial Mass. It will be celebrated by our Pastor Fr John Madigan, and Archbishop Sartain. The mass will start at 11:30. Immediately after mass longtime Principal Kris Brown will open the time capsule she buried twenty five years ago and Father Madigan will bury the new time capsule, which will be opened, by some of you, in 50 years. So mark your calendars to be there ---- both now and in 50 years. I am afraid I will have to miss the 50 year event. Immediately following the short internment ceremony there will be a reception in the Lanigan Gym. The contents of the old time capsule will be on display. Food and beverages will be provided. There will be no real program. It is just a chance to get together and celebrate, rekindle old friendships and make some new ones. Bring friends, family and neighbors. Invite any alums you may know or perspective school families.

## **CHANGES FOR 2014-2015**

### **TESTING**

As you are probably aware Holy Rosary School, like most schools throughout the country, has been adopting "Common Core" curriculum standards. Our recent purchase of the new math program this year, and the planned purchase of our new Language Arts program for next year, are part of the process of "Common Core" assimilation into our curriculum. One challenge schools face as they adopt new curriculum is, in many cases that which is being taught, does not line up with the material they are being tested on in the national tests they are presently taking. The reason is because many of the tests are older and have not been created to be in line with new standards and expectations. The Schools Office of the Seattle Archdiocese has "encouraged" all of our schools to join a consortium which gives the same test at the same time. It will help in their oversight and understanding of the schools as a group and it will animate productive discussions between the teachers and administrators on programs and approaches. It also allows more recent testing data for eighth graders who are applying to high schools. Presently their national test scores only go as far as seventh grade. Joining this group, however, forces us into the specific testing dates that the entire group adopts.

The longer it takes for a school to join this consortium the greater disadvantage there will be for the students because studies demonstrate the more often a child takes the same type of a test the better their results are. We, the staff at Holy Rosary, therefore, have decided to make this switch next year. There will be three basic changes.

1. The new test will be given at the beginning of the year so teachers have the information up front and it will be of better use for planning purposes.
2. We will drop the traditional ITBS test and purchase this new test which is the IOWA Form E. There is an expense of a few thousand extra dollars connected to this.
3. The new testing dates will be October 15<sup>th</sup> thru October 30<sup>th</sup>.
4. The conferences will officially be moved to November 24, 25, and 26. This is the Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday of Thanksgiving Week. This is probably the biggest change for the school and for families.

The School Commission will be meeting this coming Thursday May 8th, and I intend to just report this as the new reality. I am announcing it here and now in the event any of you might wish to voice concern or opposition. You can feel free to contact me, or Mary Jo or any of the Commission members. Unless they were to have a majority

disapprove of this action, we will go ahead. But we would end up committing to it the following year. The reason I bring this up is that we were initially misinformed about the “test window” during which this test will be taken, and the new dates mean that we will have to move back our traditional conference dates to Thanksgiving week. This can impact travel plans. More and more Catholic Schools are, however, adopting Thanksgiving week as conference week for a multitude of different reasons ----- this being one of them.

There is no doubt in my mind that academically this change is in the best interest of the students. I would have included this in my original “White Paper”, but I was really not aware, when I wrote it, of either our testing material the dates of the test, or that we were not members of the consortium. I am assimilating as much as I can as fast as I can, but some things do slip by.

#### STAFFING

We are very sorry to have to say “good-bye” to second grade teacher Maria Morris at the end of this school year. She has decided to take some time off from teaching so she can be at home full time with her young child. Karen Robel, who partner teaches second grade with her will go from part time to full time teacher. So there will be no new hiring connected with this change. We wish all the best to Maria and thank her for the talents, expertise, example, professionalism and care she invested in our children and the Holy Rosary community.

### **DATE CHANGE FOR PARENTS CLUB MEETING**

Due to a conflict with Kennedy's band night, the final Parents Club meeting of the year will now be on Wednesday, May 21. Please mark your calendar and plan to join us as we celebrate all of you - our fabulous parent community!

We hope to see you!

### **AUCTION**

#### **Wondering How the Auction did?**

We are still processing expenses and receiving income from buy backs and parties. However we are happy to share with you all that the auction grossed over \$250,000 this year. A record breaking number! We will be ready to announce the auction net income at the next Parents Club meeting (5/21). Thank you!

#### **Auction pictures – free downloads thanks To Gail Ann Photography**

<http://gailannphoto.wordpress.com/2014/04/07/skittles-goes-for-1800-at-party-of-the-century/>

### **DID YOU ORDER TEACHERS SIGNED BOOKS AT THE AUCTION?**

Well, the books are ready tomorrow (5/02). Unless you let us know that yours are a surprise, we will send your orders with your eFC carrier.

Please email Jody Maas at [jcmaas@maashome.com](mailto:jcmaas@maashome.com), if you want to pick your book (s).

This special and sweet new idea has raised over \$1,500 for our school and will continue to bring joy

to your families for years to come.

## **CORPORATE MATCHING FUNDS**

Over 150 local companies have a corporate matching program. If you made a cash donation to the Auction, to the Fund-an-Item or to the dessert auction please consider checking with your HR department.

Attached is a list of companies to help you.

Please download the list of companies and the School Matching Guide attached.

After submitting for a corporate Match to Holy Rosary School, please notify Kamila Kennedy [kkennedy@holyrosws.org](mailto:kkennedy@holyrosws.org)

[insert 2 forms]

## **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.

## **Pizza Lunch Reminder!**

This Friday is pizza lunch.

Dance & Pizza Party This Friday!

**DANCE & PIZZA PARTY**

**WHEN:** [Friday, May 2nd from 6:00-8:30pm](#)

**WHERE:** Holy Rosary's Lanigan Gym

**WHO:** ANYONE who is 3-14 (non HR families are welcome)

**COST:** \$35 for pizza and juice

**ALL** proceeds go to the Holy Rosary HEART Auction

**News from the Band!**

*CONCERT TIME AT HOLY ROSARY!*

The Holy Rosary Band will be performing in the **TALENT SHOW**,

**May 16<sup>th</sup>**. Band members in grades 5-8<sup>th</sup> will part of this musical event!

This is a graded performance/attendance required. Thank you!

**BAND FESTIVAL** is on **MAY 14<sup>TH</sup>/7P.M.**

**KENNEDY CATHOLIC H.S.**

**ALL BAND MEMBERS ARE INVOLVED IN THIS GRADED PERFORMANCE!**

Permission slips are now due! Thank you!

Details about the Kennedy Catholic Elementary Summer Band Camp will be handed out to all band students very soon! Mark the date of July 7-11!!

## Recess Duty 2014-15

DOUBLE YOUR VOLUNTEER HOURS FOR NEXT YEAR. Now is the perfect opportunity to sign up for next year's lunch recess duty. The time is 11:15 – 1:15 daily. Double volunteer hours are given for this enjoyable task. We ask that you choose one specific day per week for the entire year. Please complete this sign up form and return it to Ms. Judd by May 15. (insert link)

Thank you.

## Robotics Event

(insert flyer)

## *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 28<sup>th</sup> – The Mass: A Place to Encounter Jesus, Your Living Lord

Monday, May 5<sup>th</sup> – Confession: An Opportunity to Heal Your Life

Monday, May 12<sup>th</sup> – 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 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.

### **First Communion**

Congratulations to the following Holy Rosary Parish children who received their 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion this last weekend at Saturday 5:00PM, Sunday 9:30 or Sunday 11:30 Mass. For the next two weekends children will be receiving their 1<sup>st</sup> Communion. Please congratulate them!

Alison	C.
Amelia	K.
Amelia	R.
Angus	G.
Eli	P.
Gavin	H.
Hailey	B.
Henry	T.
Jake	H.
Kyrah	S.
Matthew	W.
Maya	B.
Mia	P.
Natalie	H.
Nicholas	P.
Nina	P.
Oscar	G.
Ruby	A.
Sara	H.
Tyler	P.

### **CYO News**

#### **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](mailto: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 today at Hiawatha 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](mailto: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 approximately 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:

### SUNDANCE SUMMER CAMP

WHEN: July 14, 16, 18 (M,W,F) from 9am-noon

WHERE: Holy Rosary's Lanigan Gym

WHO: ANYONE ages 3-14

COST : \$110 per dancer (snack and juice included)

\*All dancers are invited to dance with the Holy Rosary WESTFEST Float in the West Seattle Hi-Yu Parade on Saturday, July 19th 10:30-1pm

## Time for Tea

Dear Holy Rosary Families and Friends - You are invited to TEA!

Please join us for the West Seattle Hi-Yu Spring Tea and Silent Auction 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 the 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!

## Nanny Seeking Employment

I am an alumnus of Holy Rosary. I will be graduating from the University of Oregon Robert D. Clark Honors College this June and am looking for a family that is in need of an active,

creative and responsible fulltime nanny for the summer. I have nine years of childcare experience with children of all ages, in addition to experience as a camp counselor, inclusion aide, tennis and ski instructor. I am also fluent in Spanish and would love to provide Spanish tutoring. I have a safe driving record. Please email me at [camille.ann.stewart@gmail.com](mailto:camille.ann.stewart@gmail.com) or call me at 206.353.6681 if you are interested. Thank you

### **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 1<sup>st</sup> Grade through Seniors in High School and even two opportunities for family camp! Visit [www.seattlearchdiocese.org/camping](http://www.seattlearchdiocese.org/camping) 206-382-4591 [cyo@seattlearch.org](mailto:cyo@seattlearch.org) (insert brochure)

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

### **Summer Prep 2014 @ Seattle Prep – Inspiring Camps for Middle School**

**Students Camps filling quickly. Register today!** We offer middle school students variety of athletic, co-curricular, and academic enrichment camps such as Mock Trial, Hip Hop Dance, Musical Theatre Workshop, football (non-contact), girls and boys basketball and lacrosse, and so much more! Check us out at [www.seaprep.org/summerprep](http://www.seaprep.org/summerprep). Feel free to pass on the link to friends and family that are looking for awesome summer experiences for their middle school student. If you have questions or wish to inquire about tuition scholarship opportunities, please email [studentlife@seaprep.org](mailto:studentlife@seaprep.org) or call (206) 324-0400.

### **Upcoming Dates to Remember**

- ❖ May 1 – May Crowning Mass
- ❖ May 2 – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Pizza Lunch
- ❖ May 4 – Centennial Mass 11:30
- ❖ May 7 & 8 – Drama play
- ❖ May 9 – 8<sup>th</sup> Graduation Pictures
- ❖ May 16 – Talent Show
- ❖ May 17 – Group First Communion
- ❖ May 21 – 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Bake Sale for St. Vincent de Paul

- ❖ **May 23 – Field Day – noon dismissal**
- ❖ **May 26 – Memorial Day no school**
- ❖ **May 27 – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Wax Museum**
- ❖ **May 29 & 30 – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Camp**