



SCHOOL NEWS

Holy Rosary School Family Communication Newsletter

December 18, 2014

A THANK YOU TO MIKE GO, OUR PARENT VOLUNTEER WEB MASTER!



As we transition into our website in the new year, we would like to take this opportunity to recognize and thank Mike Go for all the hard work he has put into making our website look professional. Mike has spent the past decade tirelessly creating, updating and maintaining our school's website. On top of maintaining the entire website, he has always met our weekly eFC deadline! Over the years, he has calmly fielded innumerable phone calls and emails, expertly edited thousands of announcements, and solved tricky technical glitches – all with graciousness, humor and patience. There are no words to adequately describe the depth of appreciation we feel toward Mike for his tremendous gift of time and expertise over these past many years. Mike, you are truly a jewel in our Holy Rosary community. Thank you for your selfless service!

-George Hofbauer and the HRS Staff.

A BLESSED AND MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL OF YOU!

It is hard to believe that we are already approaching our Christmas break. It can be an exhausting time of the year. It can be hectic and filled with pressure. It can be expensive and filled with social responsibilities.

However, I do not think that is the way we want it to be. I do not think that is the way it is supposed to be. But that seems to be the direction it has evolved in — or some would say devolved in. So how can it change? What should we do? What can we do?

Well, I guess that is up to each of us. It is probably different for each of us. But I have some simple ideas.

Would it not be miraculous if everyone, for the next two weeks greeted everybody they met with a real smile, truly embracing the humanity and glory of God in that other person? Would

it not be great if everyone refused to be negative and only offered compliments for the next two weeks? Would it not be awesome if every human being took just ten minutes every morning or every evening to pray for a different person they know, or even someone they do not know, asking God to help them in whatever way they need help. Would it not be a way to make the world a better place if everyone just thanked one person they knew — even if it was anonymously — for something they had done? Would it not be truly holy if each person were to visit the gravesite of a loved one and simply reflect on their lives and their gifts to the world? Would it not be following in the steps of the Carpenter if every person engaged in an act of unexpected generosity?

These simple thoughts would actually change the world. And they would launch us into the New Year on sure footing and in the right direction.

I thank each of you for the gift you are to the school, for the gift you are to me, for the gift you are to each other. We are a community — each to a different degree. But that connection allows us to be more — to do more — to receive more.

May the joy, glory, and peace of the Christmas Season be with you and may the New Year offer you health, prosperity, life in the Spirit, and great adventures. May you renew old relationships and create new lifelong ones. I thank you for all you do, and I thank you for all I know you are about to do! See you next year!

FRIDAY IS RED & GREEN DAY!

Friday, December 18 is a free dress, Red and Green Day! Students may wear Christmas-themed garb. No face paint or hair color, please! It is also a half-day!

We will have a school-wide Christmas Sing-A-Long in the School Hall at 11:30AM. We're inviting parents and families to this traditional and rousing send-off into the Christmas Break!

1st Trimester Honor Roll

The following Jr. High students made the honor roll this trimester. Congratulations, your hard work paid off!

7th Grade 1st Honors:

Jonathon G.
Elena K.
Shayla M.
James M.
Anna P.

7th Grade 2nd Honors:

Brian H.
Cory H.
Kyla S.
Ben S.
Emma V.
Cassidy W.
Stephanie W.

8th Grade 1st Honors:

Chloe D.
Emma D.
Hannah D.
Catherine E.
Bryn H.
Maia H.
Gabi J.
Leah M.
Jack S.
Samantha S.
Savannah W.

8th Grade Second Honors

Falen A.
Emma C.
Will D.
Laurel G.
Joey G.
Natalie H.
Hunter H.
Neve J.
Dylan M.
Bella M.

2015-16 TUITION

The School Commission has decided upon the following tuition schedule for the 2015-16 school year.

Tuition 2015/2016

In-parish (K – 8)	Annual	Monthly	Out Of Parish	Annual	Monthly
1 child	\$6131	\$511	1 Child	\$8,371	\$698
2 Children	\$11,213	\$935	2 Children	\$16,741	\$1,396
3 Children	\$14,743	\$1,229	3 Children	\$25,112	\$2,093
4 Children	\$18,405	\$1,534	4 Children	\$33,481	\$2,790

Monthly fees contain between a .7 cents and .87 cents monthly fee for additional secretarial time and so we round out to the dollar rather than change.

Preschool

Registration Fee \$175

Pre K (5 days per week)

	Annual	Monthly
I child	\$4711	\$393
Fee with sibling*	\$4486	\$374

3/4 Class (3 days per week)

	Annual	Monthly
I Child	\$3525	\$294
Fee with sibling*	\$3351	\$280

*This is the fee if a sibling is enrolled in Holy Rosary School (Pre-8).

LEGO ROBOTICS

WOW ROBOTICS TEAM!!!!

After a long day of competition in Auburn this weekend, a Holy Rosary Gator-bot team will be moving to the First Lego League semi-finals in January. Luca, Aidan, Ethan, Garrett and Jack were selected from 40 other teams to continue in the competition. The boys were judged on robot design, programming skills, FLL Core Values including teamwork, and a research project. They have been meeting weekly for over 3 months and that ramped up to almost 3-4 times a week for the last month. They each brought their own strengths to the table to work as a team. We are very proud of how the boys have grown in other areas as well. We were all elated to hear that our team was picked after such a long day and a lot of hard work!

The boys also received a distinguished trophy for the best approach to research. The research project is mandatory and the boys chose a project to help answer the question, "How can we improve the way people learn about New Technology." The boys used crowdsourcing by forming a questionnaire on SurveyMonkey and asking parents to post a link to the survey on their Facebook pages. The West Seattle Blog was also contacted and they posted a story and the survey link. This generated over 680 responses to the survey and gathered a many great ideas that the boys will hone as they get ready for the semi-finals.

Thank you for your support of the program and we hope to see you at the semi-finals in January! (Insert Picture)

2014-2015 Annual Fund Pledge Drive

As of December 15, \$ 162,900 has been pledged and \$96,324 has been received in payments towards our goal of \$200,000 and 100% participation of school families and staff.

We are three quarters of the way there. Thank you to all who have pledged thus far! Your generous gifts go a long way towards covering the gap per student between tuition charged and the true cost of educating each student.

Please remember to sign in to the online payments system to set up your payments if that is your preferred payment method. Many families have noted that they want to pay in December 2014. Reminder letters were mailed this week. Can't remember if you fulfilled your pledge yet? Feel free to email the Development Office.

To make a pledge email Development Office or download the pledge form (PDF). To make a payment, click here (insert link).

Thank you. YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

Did you already pledge? Thank you!

Payments to pledges must be received by June 30, 2015.

Corporate Matching Funds

Many employers sponsor matching gift programs and will match any charitable contributions made by their employees. If you made a donation to the Annual, Centennial or Endowment Fund please consider checking with your HR department to see if your employer will match your donations. Here is a list of companies (PDF) to help you and a matching guide (PDF). After submitting for a corporate match to Holy Rosary School, please notify the Development Office.

Centennial Campaign – Celebrate Our Future, Today

Campaign Numbers Update:

Total Pledges	\$479,561
Total Paid	\$220,753
Number of Donors	165*

In the Spring of 2013, Holy Rosary began an exciting initiative: one that will have tremendous impact on students in our school, now and into the future – the Centennial Campaign.

The Centennial Campaign will allow Holy Rosary School to address critical capital needs, provide faculty with additional professional development opportunities and ensure future financial aid assistance by growing the Father James Mallahan Endowment Fund.

The goal for the Centennial Campaign is \$2,000,000 in the course of 5-years. We have already

reached over one fifth of the total goal with \$479,561 in pledges to date.
The funding areas for the Centennial Campaign are as follows:

❖ \$60,000	Windows (installed summer 2014)
❖ \$300,000	Roof
❖ \$200,000	Staff Development
❖ \$115,000	Technology
❖ \$125,000	Playground
❖ \$1,100,000	Endowment Fund
❖ \$100,000	Campaign Costs

PLEDGES RANGE FROM \$500 to \$100,000

*Included are staff members, 1 foundation grant, corporations that matched multiple gifts and the net proceeds from the Centennial Gala last Fall.

WE ASK FOR YOUR SUPPORT

To inquire about the campaign or make a pledge, please contact the [Development Office](#) or Mr. Hofbauer directly.

Visit the Centennial Campaign page on the school website for further information.

To make a pledge today, download the form, [here](#).

Many heartfelt thanks for your support of our incredible Holy Rosary School!

Auction

Time to Rock around the Clock!

Dust off your blue suede shoes and break out your poodle skirt, because the Holy Rosary Heart Auction is taking you back in time to the nifty fifties! Brush up on your dance moves, 'cause we're gonna jump, jive and twist the night away."

Auction date: April 25, 2015

DONATE TO THE AUCTION NOW!

To DONATE money or DONATE an item, just click on the link below and continue through the steps.

<http://events.readysetauction.com/holyrosaryschool/2015>

Family donations will be open until January 23rd

The Auction Amazon wish list http://www.amazon.com/gp/registry/wishlist/LDSGW2JML3IE/ref=cm_sw_em_r_wsg_Ym-CubIJMCXZR_wblinkCode=ur2&tag=holrossch-20 is up and running!

If you choose to shop from the wish list:

1. Buy an item from the wish list.

2. Ship the item to your home.

3. AND, Enter/log donation(s) through the link at the top of the page before Jan 27th.

4. Bring item to school no later than Feb 27th.

Have a great donation idea in the works? Let us know!! If you are working on a potential live item, let us know now. We can work with you! Auction-procurement@holyrosaryws.org

Remember that the minimum family donation to the Auction is \$175. However – you can procure* an item or two in this amount of more.

How to Procure Your Auction Item

Procuring does not mean purchasing but rather generating. Unless you are so inclined, you need not purchase items to donate to the auction. Should you choose to buy an item or gift certificate, ask the merchant to match your purchase and you have twice the donation.

If you plan to stop by a local business and “procure” an auction item from them, please let the ‘business follow up team’ know at auction-procurement@holyrosaryws.org. That way we can avoid “hitting” businesses twice.

Remember to use your student(s) last name. That will avoid confusion.

Any questions? Contact us at auction-procurement@holyrosaryws.org

Charise Addicks & Jody Maas, Heart Auction Procurement Chairs

AUCTION VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

Get your FUNdraising hours support the school auction!!!

1. RECEIVING (procurement team) – needs to be available to come into the school office every couple of days to check on auction items and enter paper submissions into auction software. Two mornings in February when auction items are dropped off are also required. This is an ideal position for someone very detail oriented. As we get closer to the auction labeling and sorting items will also be part of the job. The job is 30 to 40 hours from start to finish.
2. TEACHERS BOOKS Coordinator – last year we started a lovely tradition to have books autographed by the teachers for sale to order at the auction. WE are looking for someone to oversee the process.
3. LIVE AUCTION DATA ENTRY – This is NOT a position that would allow you to regularly “attend” the Auction. An Ideal job for a couple or two friends. The family who did this for years while their kids were at Holy Rosary is willing to teach the next family on the process.

Magazine Drive

Questions?

A.P.Hearst Customer Service is the best place to start: By phone: (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

Tree Lot

The Christmas Tree Lot was a big success and surpassed last year's sales. Thanks to all of you! The trees and wreaths were fresh and sense of community was wonderful as usual. A big thank to all of the volunteers for the endless hours and dedication.

A BIG THANK YOU also goes to the Tree Lot sponsors:

Velling Dental

Alki Lumber

Sorensen Orthodontics

Edward Jones - Jon Gerhardt

THANK YOU AND MERRY CHRISTMAS!

AMAZON COMPETITION

Another great start to the Amazon fund raising competition, as we have raised 20% more than the first three weeks last year! Congratulations to 4B for raising the most money in week three. The kids received a prize on Monday. As a reminder, we have 1 more week of weekly class prizes based only on the sales from the prior week, and then the grand prize winner from all the weeks, PJ and Pizza Party in January. Top 5 overall classrooms right now are: 4B, 7B, 1B, 4A, 2B

The Amazon Flyer, Classroom Links below, or on each classroom home page:
(insert classrooms links)

Catholic Educators Night at KeyArena

As a partner in Catholic education, Seattle University is excited to announce Catholic Educators Night at KeyArena on Sunday, December 21. We would like for all Seattle area Catholic schools teachers, administrators, and classroom volunteers to be our guests for the game. To do so, we are providing FREE admission to all Catholic Educators and their immediate family members. We will host the Sacramento State Hornets, and there will be no shortage of family fun. The items below are the planned game festivities; check out this 30 second video: http://bit.ly/SUFAMILYFUN_VIDEO

- Bounce House from doors until end of halftime (section 103)
- Balloon Artist from doors until end of halftime (section 103)
- Santa Claus will be available for photos until the end of halftime (section 103)
- Kids dance to Ice Cream and Cake in the second half (on Elgin Baylor Court)
- Kids shoot postgame free throws (on Elgin Baylor Court)
- Kids get postgame player autographs (on Elgin Baylor Court)
- Kids get free posters and bookmarks
- MomSpa giveaway (\$100 gift certificate giveaway)
- And, there will be lots of exciting in-game promotions

To redeem free Catholic Educators Night admission, please following this link: http://bit.ly/Catholic_Educators_Night

In addition to Catholic Educators Night (December 21), we will also be hosting our annual Catholic Basketball Classic on Saturday, January 17 at KeyArena. We will be squaring off against the New Mexico State Aggies, 7:30 pm tip. We will forward additional information just after the New Year, but please mark your calendars. The Catholic Basketball Classic is one of our favorite games of the year!

Doors open at 6 pm, and we look forward to see you, and all Catholic Educators, on December 21 for the game.

Thank you for all that you do!

SPONGE

Xīnnián Kuàilè! Happy New Year! Here at Sponge, we're looking forward to a new year full of language immersion and learning, and there's still space in our classes at Holy Rosary. Language is such a gift, and we're very excited to share it with each and every one of you. We could say, Zhè shì lǐ wù! Xiè Xiè! Here's a present! Thank you!

Mandarin class for grades K-5 is held after school from 2:20-3:20 on Wednesdays. Contact Mary Simpson at msimpson@holyroaryseattle.org to register. Go to www.spongeschool.com for more information, and contact us by email at info@spongeschool.com or give us a call at (425) 274-5188 with any questions. Register now and secure your spot in class! We'd love to see you in the New Year!

DRAMA

Clean out your Dress-up Box for a good cause!

The students of Drama elective are working hard to prepare for this year's school play, Fairy Tale Network. We would appreciate any and all dress-up box, costume and prop donations, as we are hoping to not only find costumes for this year's play, but expand our costume repertoire for all future school plays! Here are a few suggestions: animal costumes, animal ears, fairy wands, fairy wings, black bow ties, black vest/French waiter costume, wigs, poofy skirts, etc. These are just suggestions: We will graciously accept the donation of any and all dress-up or prop items! Please put your items inside a bag, labeled "Drama costumes," and drop them off in the school office at your earliest convenience. THANK YOU for your support!

REGISTRATION

2015-16 Registration For CURRENT Students

Please mark your calendars: 2015-16 Registration Packets will be coming home during the first week of January. The registration timeline for current students has been moved up from March to January. This allows us to confirm placement of current students for next year prior to accepting new students. Tuition Contracts and the Registration Fee of \$275 per student will be due to the main office by January 23rd.

Do you have a NEW student applying to Holy Rosary School next year?

Please let us know if you have a Preschool - 8th Grade student NEW to Holy Rosary that will be applying for the 2015-16 school year. Please complete an Intent to Register Form (insert link). This form provides us with a head count for planning purposes as we go into the enrollment season in January. Please complete this form by tomorrow, December 19. Thank you for your assistance.

Applications for NEW students are available in the main office and online. If you have questions regarding our enrollment process, please contact Kimberly Tish, Registrar.

Please note, do not complete this form for currently enrolled students. Registration for current students will begin in January 2015. Thank you.

Tuition Assistance for the 2015 2016 School Year

The Application for Tuition Assistance for the 2015-16 School Year will be available on-line at <http://www.fulcrumfoundation.org/tuition> on November 3, 2014. (A link to the application is on the school website under 'School Forms & Other Downloads'.) Please follow these instructions and note that in addition to submitting an application on-line to Fulcrum, paper copies of the completed application must be delivered to Rufina at Holy Rosary School by January 20, 2015:

Online Application Procedure

1. Be sure your computer is connected to a working printer. You can test this by pressing the print button below and printing these instructions for future reference.
2. Make a copy of page 1 and 2 of your 2013 Federal IRS 1040, 1040A, or E-file printout for the financially responsible parent(s) or guardian(s). Note: 2013 W-2 forms are not acceptable. Do not send originals. If you do not have 1040 documentation, have your school principal approve a letter of special circumstances (see Part D-3 of the application). Be sure to sign your tax forms. This is often overlooked, especially with E-filing. Fulcrum will not accept unsigned forms.
3. If you have Non-Taxable Income (Part C-3), copy the applicable documents such as 1099, federal or state aid, alimony or child support.
4. Under 'School,' select Holy Rosary, Seattle and enter your information in Part A to D. A printout is produced at the end of the submission process. If you discover an error after submission, submit a new application and destroy the incorrect printout. Please do not enter names in ALL CAPS.
5. Sign the online printout in Part E.
6. Staple the signed application, in front of copies of the financial documents from step 2 and 3.
7. Make a copy for your records, if desired. Copies will not be returned by the Fulcrum Foundation.
8. Deliver or mail the complete application package to Rufina at Holy Rosary School by January 20, 2015.
9. If you have students in both elementary and high school, you will need to complete the elementary (K-8) and high school (9-12) application forms. These grants are awarded separately by the Fulcrum Foundation.

*Fulcrum does not accept handwritten applications. If you need help completing the application or you have questions, ask Rufina Miller to assist you. She may be contacted at (206) 937-1488, ext. 211 or email: rmiller@holyroaryseattle.org
Thank you.

CYO

REGISTER NOW FOR CYO VOLLEYBALL

Hello HR Parents & CYO Volleyball Players,

I know it seems like Basketball just started, but Volleyball will be here before you know it. CYO Volleyball 2015 is just around the corner and it is time to register for another exciting season. Online registration is now open. Please go to this link to register your child for the 2015 Volleyball Season. <http://holyroary.bonzidev.com/home.php> Students in grades 4-8 are eligible to play Volleyball.

Registration for Volleyball will close on January 16th. Any late registrations after January 16th will be accepted on a space availability basis.

When registering, please pay attention to the uniform options. If you have a uniform from last season and plan to use that again, please indicate this on the form and let us know what jersey number you have. If you plan to order a new uniform, please indicate this on the form and note what size you will need.

All parents who are interested or are planning to coach Volleyball as a head coach or an assistant will need to register on-line as a coach. If no coaches register for a particular grade, we will not be able to register a team for that grade.

The Volleyball 2015 registration fees will be \$90 per player if you order a jersey, or \$15.00 discount if you have a jersey from last year, this fee also includes the pre-season kick-off clinic in early February.

Matches begin February 21st and run through April 18th. Tournament runs April 22nd- May 3rd.

If you have any question about the upcoming season, please don't hesitate to ask. You can also review the season schedule at this link. <http://www.seattlearchdiocese.org/athletics/Sports/Volleyball.aspx>

I'm looking forward to a fun and exciting season.

Patrick Dowd –Volleyball Coordinator
206-257-9441
dalydowd@msn.com

Parish

Children's Singalong Christmas Choir @ 4pm Christmas Eve Mass

All 3rd, 4th and 5th grade students are invited to sing in our first ever Children's Singalong Christmas Choir at the 4pm Christmas Eve mass! We'll sing familiar Christmas carols before and during mass. This is a special opportunity for all those who haven't had a chance to sing with the choir this year. Singers should arrive at 3pm in the church to be placed in the choir. Parents can arrive early, get a parking place and find a seat! This is the most crowded mass of the year, so bring your singer and get your seat! What a wonderful way to celebrate Christmas with your family! Please RSVP to Paul Dolejsi, Choir Director by email:

pdolejsi@holyroaryseattle.org

Teen Christmas Choir @ 7:30 Christmas Eve Mass

Each year our Junior and Senior high teens lead the singing at the 7:30 Christmas Eve mass! Junior high students in grades 6-8 and Senior high students in grades 9-12 come together to sing familiar Christmas carols, accompanied by our adult ensemble. Singers will rehearse Monday night, December 22 at 7:15pm in the church. Rehearsal is done by 8:45pm. On Christmas Eve, singers arrive at 6:30 in the church for rehearsal and soundcheck. Please RSVP to Paul Dolejsi, Choir Director by email: pdolejsi@holyroaryseattle.org

Happy Advent and Merry Christmas

Happy Advent and Merry Christmas from Holy Rosary's Children's Ministries Team from Jennifer, Deyette and Sr. Stella!

Holy Rosary Sunday Nursery for 8:30 and 10:30AM Masses

Our popular Holy Rosary Sunday Nursery will be open at 8:30 and 10:30AM Masses during the School Christmas/New Year's break. Please use the door facing Genesee St. and ring doorbell. Any questions, please email Deyette at DSwagle@holyroaryseattle.org

Children's Liturgy of the Word-CLOW at 10:30AM Mass

CLOW will be taking a break for the next two Sundays in December but will start again in the new year on January 4th. All children Preschool thru 4th grade are welcome. Any questions, please email Sr. Stella at SrStella@holyroaryseattle.org

Infant and Child Baptism

We welcome all families who are interested in Baptism for your child (infant to age 6). "Holy Baptism is the basis of the whole Christian life, the gateway to life in the Spirit, and the door which gives access to the other sacraments. Through Baptism we are freed from sin and reborn as children of God; we become members of Christ, are incorporated into the Church and

made sharers in her mission: Baptism is a sacrament of regeneration through water in the word.” (Catechism 1213) For questions, please contact Deyette at dswegle@holyroaryseattle.org.

Walking with Purpose—Open to all Women

Do you feel you are doing so many things that you are doing none of them well? Have you ever struggled with fitting faith and prayer into your hectic daily schedule? Or maybe you don't have much scripture knowledge, and would like to see how God's word applies to your everyday life? If so, we invite you to consider joining Walking with Purpose, a national Catholic women's group that is now at our Parish! Come join our Connect Coffee event on January 7th at 7:30pm in the Parish Center (open to any woman, any faith, any age). Learn more, register, or connect with us! God Bless and Merry Christmas. See you in the New Year!
www.wwp@holyroaryseattle.org

Community Notices

Holy Names Academy Winter Open House

Tuesday January 6, 2015

6:30 – 8:30

Exchange Student Program

ASSE: International Student Exchange Programs is looking for Seattle area families to host an exchange student for the next school year. Students would attend the local public high school in your area. In addition, if you have a high school aged student who would like to study abroad, either for a semester or a year, please contact Lindsay Ruf at 206-935-5845 or lindsayruf@gmail.com. Scholarship opportunities are available for American students wanting to travel to Germany. Below is the link to the program.

http://www.asse.com/United_States/

*****Upcoming Dates To Remember*****

12/22/12 – 1/2/15 – Christmas Break (begins on 12/19 at noon dismissal)
1/5/14 – School Resumes
1/19/14 – MLK Day no school
1/25/14 – Open House for Catholic Schools Week
1/28/14 – Grandparent & Special Friend Day
1/30/14 – Registration Due