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Thanksgiving Celebration – Kindergarten

A Snapshot of Staff Comments

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Theater Arts

We have a spectacular **Talent Show**.

We have a fantastic **Christmas Program**.

We have a profound **Passion Play**.

We conduct the **Living Rosary**.

We perform the **Liturgical Dance**.

There are many opportunities for public speaking and performances:

Drama play, Talent Show, First grade President's Report, Second grade Poetry Cafe, Third grade Nativity Play, Fourth grade All Saints Mass, Sixth grade Wax Museum.



Music



Grades 2 and 3: Students love to learn about composers and their musical works –they study Bizet, Camille Saint-Saens and Ludwig Van Beethoven. Many different art modalities are integrated: music, visual art, movement, storytelling and drama. Students enjoy growing in music appreciation skills.

Grades 4-6t: Students learn to deepen their understanding of music theory by learning to play instruments such as the recorder, soprano ukulele and acoustic guitar.

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Art

The Art Room is a magical place where children come to get inspired, explore, have fun, create memorable experiences, develop critical thinking and problem solving skills and challenge themselves to think in bold new ways.

A hands-on approach is used to explore a vast array of artistic mediums. Watercolor, ceramics, and multi-media sculpture are but a few examples. In addition to our standard Art Program, students are given the opportunity to participate in a unique After School Art Program, which offers exposure to an elaborate array of dazzling, in-depth, experience-based projects.



Spanish

All of our students in kindergarten through Grade 8 are exposed to Spanish in a lively program designed to create enjoyment in learning the language, as well as in learning about the cultures and Catholic traditions of Spanish-speaking countries.

The elementary grades are engaged in interactive games and songs to build vocabulary and listening skills. In middle school we focus on listening, speaking, reading and writing, with many opportunities to apply the acquired language as students participate through conversation, skits and oral presentations.

Our students are showing increasing confidence and fluency in Spanish and will finish the 8th grade with a solid foundation for moving on to high school!

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Extra Curriculum

Additional programs are available to Holy Rosary School students. Some are offered through the parish, and others are offered based on a separate fee for participation:

Band – 5th grade beginning, 6-8th grades school band

Lego Robotics – ages 6-14 years

Chess – open to all ages

Mandarin Chinese Sponge Program – K-5th grades

Girl's Rock Math – 2-4th grades

SunDance "Dance Program" – open to all ages, for both boys and girls

Art Workshop – 1-5th grades

Altar Servers – 5-8th grades

Children's Choir – 3-5th grades, **Jr High Choir** – 6-8th grades,

Youth Ministries – 6-8th grades



Technology



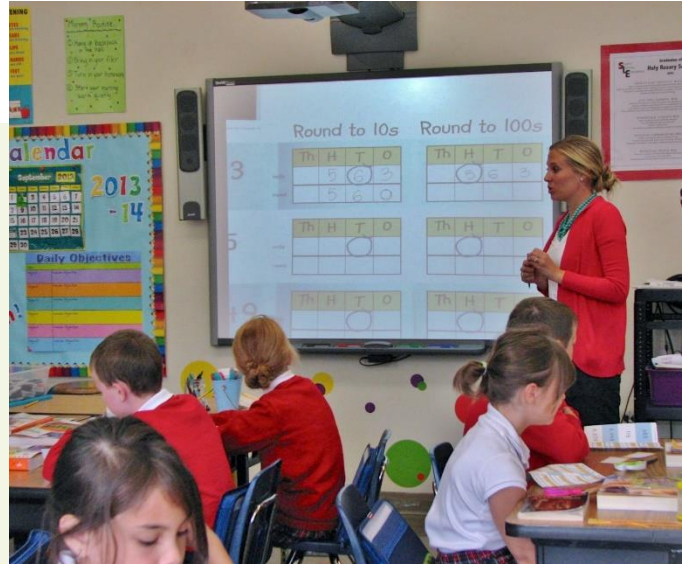
2nd, 3rd, and 4th grades are using their iPads and implementing them into their curriculum. Grades K-8 use the computer lab for projects and research, often integrating what they're learning in their classroom. We have a variety of software that includes Office, Creative Suite, Inspiration, Kid Pix, Comic Life, iMovie, Garageband and others. We subscribe to online software for learning and research resources. The Junior High electives include Graphic Design, Yearbook and Makers & Robotics. Grades 5-8 share a class set of laptops to do research and learning in the classroom. We have an enthusiastic use of technology at Holy Rosary.

Library

We are a community that values reading. Print and digital resources are available for all students to use. Technology makes it easier to find resources and gives us more time to think about what we find.

Math Specialist

Our goal in the math department is for students to develop a love for math. Students will develop a love of math when they feel confident with the material, see how math is used in real life, and develop the mental tools they need to become strong problem solvers and critical thinkers. The math specialist in grades 5-8th allows for smaller group instruction because the two classes are divided into three smaller groups. Each grade is taught from a text that is built from the Common Core State Standards. In grades 5-7th, there is one class offered at an accelerated pace. In 8th grade, there is one class offered at one grade level advanced. The math specialist provides weekly enrichment activities for each grade that is connected to that week's learning. The math specialist also provides a weekly recess study hall for all students in grades 5-8th for additional support and math time.



Science



Holy Rosary School integrates science into all areas of the curriculum (STEM). Students learn science process skills such as inferring and making predictions not only in science, but also reading. Students develop confidence in studying the world around them by using the scientific method to conduct formal experiments in grades 5-8th. Students develop proficiency in life, earth, physical sciences as well as engineering skills developed through Lego Robotics and Invention Conventions.

Health and Fitness

In Health and Fitness the younger grades enjoy playing games and learning to use new pieces of equipment. The older grades look forward to playing mini tournaments in the various team sports.

Reading Specialist

The reading specialist provides small group instruction for students in grades K-2. Students build phonemic awareness, master phonograms, develop vocabulary, and learn comprehension strategies. This model provides intervention and support for emerging readers. We emphasize building a strong foundation of basic skills to allow students to become independent, confident readers. It is so exciting to help children read their first books and see that light go on – hopefully leading to a lifetime love of reading!

In grades 3-4th, the reading specialist works with classroom teachers to plan and teach challenging and motivating reading lessons that focus on building vocabulary, comprehension and fluency skills for readers at all levels. Classes are broken into smaller groups (12-14 students) for every reading class. Teachers use flexible grouping, so both the homeroom teacher and reading specialist instruct all students. Reading class in grades 3 and 4 includes the use of novels, short stories and nonfiction selections. These are the years that students often *"catch the reading bug!"* In general, **we shift from "learning to read" to "reading to learn"** in these important and exciting years.

Buddies

The school is divided into multi-age groupings for activities that take place once a month. They are called "Faith Families". As part of this there is a special relationship set up between eighth grade mentors and younger students. They are called "Buddies". The older students accompany the younger ones to worship services and some assemblies. It helps the eighth graders to see themselves as examples in terms of conduct, word choice, and actions. It also helps the younger children see that they have a special advocate for them in the school. This builds bonds for a strong sense of community as it helps all activities become more rewarding, enjoyable, and growth centered.



Kindergarten

In the kindergarten year, students are memorizing over 100 sight words, and are filling a home binder with weekly sentences using those words. They are working hard with the new Common Core Math program and learning how to be a good friend. The cutest and coolest art projects you'll ever see are completed in the kindergarten year.

First Grade

The students are learning and practicing Gospel values in appreciation of God's gifts. They master their phonograms and become fluent readers. They learn to effectively communicate through speaking, writing and listening. They demonstrate their understanding of number relationship as they learn to count, add and subtract.



Second Grade

The students are blessed with a rich curriculum. Reading and language is full of wonderful stories and writing. The new math curriculum is rigorous and exciting. It also has dedicated and enthusiastic teachers.

Third Grade

The iPads are an exciting addition to third grade. Students love using them in the classrooms. They learn about Jesus when they do the Nativity Play at Christmas time, which is presented to the parents. They also do a Native American project where they research a tribe, write a report and create a visual. The students sponsor a family for Thanksgiving, and provide a meal for them. We also lead the HRS food drive to benefit the St. Vincent de Paul.



Fourth Grade

The students love to learn about the saints each year. At the end of the unit, they do the All Saints Day Mass. They learn about Washington State History, and have the opportunity to go to Pike Place Market and the Underground Tour for field trips.



Fifth Grade

Hands-on inquiry based science experiments begin. Students are learning “by doing” with microscopes for biology and mixture and solutions for chemistry, which blend together for their retreat at Camp Seymour’s Environmental Science Program.

Students select novels to read with group discussions within their Book Clubs. They incorporate study skills into reading instruction, meeting the new Common Core State Standard.



Sixth Grade



This group loves to explore the bible through the creative arts: drama, music and poetry. They enjoy researching the ***Seven Wonders of the World*** for reading.



Seventh and Eighth Grade

There is a well-equipped science lab that gives the junior high the ability to have hands-on experience. They have a high-school-level algebra class offered for advanced students, which puts them on a fast track for later math.

There is a passion for sharing the truths of the Catholic Faith with the 7th and 8th graders, helping them develop a love for reading Scripture (the Bible is our primary text), and encouraging them to share their gifts with others through service. Internalizing religious concepts is reinforced with creative art projects, music, and movement. Religion is not boring! Students learn varied ways of praying and feel safe asking challenging questions about their faith. The 8th grade ropes retreat, at the start of the school year, strengthens the bond between the students for their last year as classmates.

Students enjoy studying civics and current events. Debates, reading Upfront Magazine and visiting the State Capital are highlights.



They enjoy using iMovie to create (hip, modern) documentaries with current music and technology.

Both classes read a Shakespeare play, ensuring that every graduate reads two plays. The Creative Writing Elective class produces a literary journal with student poetry and stories.

Elective classes for these two grades include: Creative Writing, Drama, Game Theory, Graphic Design, Leadership, Robotics, Running, Woodshop, and Yearbook.



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