



March 8, 2017

Dear Families,

On behalf of the staff I want to thank you for all the auction donations, sponsorships, and generous bidding that made our auction such an outstanding success. In addition to the funds raised by the auctions and raffles, \$45,000 was donated directly to the school for our endowment fund, new desks, and items listed by the staff as needed to continue the exemplary education received by our students. Your continued support of our vital mission is truly amazing, and I am grateful for the difference you make at Holy Rosary School. The final net income will be announced at a later time after all expenses are determined.

We cannot thank you enough for your generosity. It was an amazing evening, and we are grateful to the many people who worked to produce such a spectacular event: Leigh Hall served as auction chair, assisted by Lisa Sale, Michelle Paul and Sheila Walde on the auction committee. Other committee heads included Kelsey and Adam Eyer, Pam Ehrbar, Soma Smith, Melissa Rodriguez, Young Forbush, Beth Rodriguez, Amy Nolan, Anna Olson, Heather Seabott, Megan Hooks, Scott Causbie, Elizabeth Kennedy, Mio Tomici and Selina Gillespie. Paul Rucker again served as our emcee and did his usual fabulous job.

It is wonderful to see some sunshine to brighten our days and our students growing spiritually and academically each day. My favorite part of the day is visiting classrooms and seeing the smiles on students' faces and great "aha" moments in learning.

This week is a short week for our students due to parent conferences on Thursday, March 19th and our staff in-service day on Friday, March 20th. Dismissal will be at noon on Thursday, and there will be no school on Friday.

Students may wear green on next Friday, March 17th to commemorate St. Patrick's Day, but remember that no shorts may be worn due to attending our school mass.

As the days get longer I look forward to seeing even more smiles on our students' faces. Their joy and success drive me and our staff to provide them with the best possible Catholic education, and I thank you for sharing them with us.

Blessings,

Sue Venable



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Dear Holy Rosary School Parents,

In November, Father Vincent first shared with all of us the challenges we are facing financially as a parish, and the steps he has taken to move us to a firmer foundation for success. In conjunction with this, Father and the Parish Finance Council have asked the school to present a budget for approval that provides for a fixed subsidy that we can be accountable for operating within. This new budget format presents the school with an opportunity to examine all facets of our budget – fundraising, staffing, salaries, and tuition – with a fresh set of eyes and a renewed sense of purpose.

The parish subsidy has been important to our school budget, because what we have traditionally charged in tuition has not covered the full cost of educating a student at Holy Rosary School. Aside from the subsidy, we have counted on the participation of parent/family volunteers, as well as our various fundraising efforts, like our “Come Sail Away” Auction this past weekend.

We all see the benefits Holy Rosary School provides to our children:

- Continuous education opportunities from Pre-K through 8th grade
- Enrichment through Music, Spanish, STEM and other extracurricular activities
- Additional learning resources in math and science, particularly at the crucial middle school grades, 6 through 8
- Dedicated, passionate teachers devoted to both great education AND faith formation

Our “highly effective” accreditation score is just one example of the many ways we feel we are preparing our students for high school, college and beyond.

Over the last few years our tuition rate has increased at an average rate of 3% per year. This year our School Commission recommended a 5% tuition increase, which the Parish Finance Council approved. The archdiocese recently issued guidelines for tuition increases to range from 5% - 9% per year. Tuition is meant to cover salaries and benefits for our teachers which this increase will fund 100%. For our families we are happy to be on the low end of this guidance. The increase will help us better align our income and expenses to create a sustainable plan to meet our fixed subsidy goal.

In addition to tuition, fundraisers are a critical source of revenue. The commission recognizes the significant contribution by our school families to current fundraisers and is looking at new revenue sources for new fundraisers. These new fundraisers are not planned in our 2017-18 budget because they are untested; however, planning for them is in progress. If they are successful they will have a positive impact on our bottom line. All incremental funds raised will support the school.

Thanks to the generous contributions raised at our "Come Sail Away" Auction our Endowment fund is now at \$512,000! Since we met our goal of \$500,000 we can begin using some of the interest income to support our school. We will continue to add principal to the fund to further enhance the educational environment of Holy Rosary School.

Registration packets will be mailed to current families and new Pre-K families this weekend. These are due back by Monday, March 20th with the registration fee. Read the packets carefully as the process has been streamlined and the paperwork reduced.

Respectfully,
Holy Rosary School Commission



Susan Venable, Principal



Angela Antonson



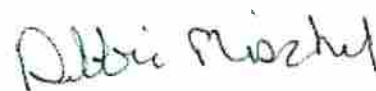
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Lance Groesbeck



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Tom Preston



Jason Rees



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HOLY ROSARY SCHOOL

Announcements

March 8, 2017

CALENDAR CHANGES

- March 9 – Noon Dismissal | Parent/Teacher Conferences in the afternoon
- March 24 & 25 – 8th Grade Play
- May 25 – Spring Concert | 1 PM and 7 PM shows

LENTEN SOUP NIGHTS

Join the Holy Rosary community every Wednesday night, during Lent, for soup and fellowship. Begins Wednesday, March 8, in the Parish Hall at 6:00 pm. To sign up to bring a soup or volunteer go to <https://tinyurl.com/SoupNight2017>.

SAVE THE DATES

- Tuesday, March 28 - Holy Rosary "Dine-Out" at Romeo's Restaurant & Pizzeria (21110 76th Ave W., Edmonds, WA 98026). Romeo's will graciously donate 20% of the proceeds for all dine-in, take-out and delivery orders for Holy Rosary School and Parish families! Make sure and let them know you are with Holy Rosary when placing your order.
- Friday, April 28 – Grandparents' and Special Friends' Day. Be sure to share the date with your family. More details to follow.

Upcoming Events:

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| Thu, Mar. 9 | Half Day School: Parent/Teacher Conferences | Noon Dismissal |
| Fri, Mar. 10 | No School: Deanery Curriculum Development Day for Staff | |
| <i>Sun, Mar. 12</i> | Daylight Savings Time Begins | |
| <i>Wed, Mar. 15</i> | End of 2 nd Trimester | |
| <i>Fri, Mar. 17</i> | Lenten Mass – Appropriate Green Attire for Mass | 9:00 AM |
| <i>Fri, Mar. 17</i> | Report Cards Go Home | |
| <i>Fri, Mar. 24</i> | Lenten Mass – Formal Uniforms | 9:00 AM |
| <i>Fri, & Sat, Mar. 24 & 25</i> | 8 th Grade Play – times and location to follow | |
| <i>Tue, Mar. 28</i> | Romeo's "Dine – Out" benefiting Holy Rosary | |
| <i>Thu, Mar. 30</i> | Class Photos – Formal Uniforms | |
| <i>Fri, Mar. 31</i> | Lenten Mass and Spirit/Pizza Day – Spirit Wear | 9:00 AM |
| <i>Sat, Apr. 1</i> | CYO Track Team Registration Deadline for grades 4-8 | |
| <i>Tue, Apr. 4</i> | Speech Tournament | |
| <i>Thu, Apr. 6</i> | Speech Tournament Finals | |
| <i>Fri, Apr. 7</i> | Lenten Mass – Formal Uniforms | 9:00 AM |
| <i>Fri, Apr. 14</i> | Noon Dismissal: Good Friday | |
| <i>April 16 - 22</i> | No School: Easter Break | |
| <i>Mon, Apr. 24</i> | April Birthdays Free Dress | |
| <i>Fri, Apr. 28</i> | Grandparents' & Special Friends' Day | 9:00 AM Mass 10:00 AM Reception |
| <i>Sat, Apr. 29</i> | First Eucharist | 5:00 PM |



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SAVE THE DATE

THE HOLY ROSARY 8TH GRADE CLASS OF 2017

PROUDLY PRESENTS

ROCKY OF THE RAINFOREST



A MUSICAL COMEDY

Friday, March 24th @ 7:00 pm
Saturday, March 25th @ time to come

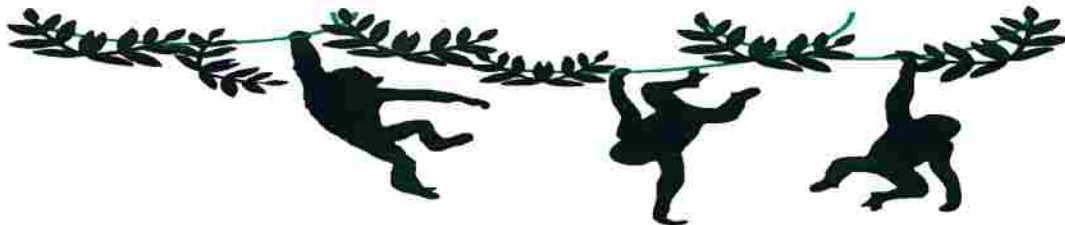
Performances will take place in the Holy Rosary School Gymnasium
770 Aloha Street, Edmonds

Ticket Prices: Adults \$8.00
 Students \$5.00
 Family \$25.00

(Family price includes parents & children of immediate family only please)

Tickets will also be available for purchase at the door

All proceeds go toward the 8th grade trip at the end of the year.



SAVE THE DATES FRIDAY MARCH 24TH & 25TH
THE 8TH GRADE PRESENTS
ROCKY OF THE RAINFOREST



Mark your calendar, bring your friends and family and attend this Holy Rosary Tradition; the 8th Grade PLAY!

Attached you will find an Advertising Contract where you can place an AD in this year's program. Purchase an AD for your business, give a shout out to you child, grandchild, neighbor, friend, 8th grade Buddy or just to say "Break a Leg to the Class of 2014!"

All proceeds will go toward the 8th Grade field trip at the end of the year, please come out and support our future graduates!!! THANK YOU!!!



Holy Rosary School
 770 Aloha Street
 Edmonds, WA 98026

8th Grade Play
Rocky of the Rainforest
March 24th & 25th

ADVERTISING CONTRACT

I would like to place an AD in the play program for this year's 8th Grade Play, "Rocky of the Rainforest!"

Company Name (if applicable): _____
 Individual Name: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____ Zip: _____
 Phone: _____ Email: _____

AD Specifications:

| CHECK ONE | AD DESCRIPTION | AD PRICE |
|-----------|---|---|
| | Business Card (2" x 3") | \$25.00 |
| | ½ Page (approx. 3 ½" x 4 ½") | \$50.00 |
| | Full Page (approx. 4 ½" x 7 ½") | \$100.00 |
| | Inside Front Cover (need verified monies in to claim) | \$150.00 |
| | Inside Back Cover (need verified monies in to claim) | \$125.00 |
| | Fan Mail Page Send a personal greeting to your favorite Cast Ex: "Good Luck in your performance tonight" Love Mom & Dad Ex: "Break a Leg Mary!" your pal Julie | \$15.00 Each msg. Or 2 Messages For \$25.00 |
| | Bronze Level | \$50.00 |
| | Silver Level | \$75.00 |
| | Gold Level | \$100.00 |
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Please make checks payable to "Holy Rosary" & write 8th grade play in the memo space. Email me/Lisa Budinick @ lisabud1@hotmail.com with your ad and drop your payment off to the office by **WEDNESDAY March 15th**. Feel free to email me with any questions.

Thank you for your support.

DUE WEDNESDAY MARCH 15TH

ALL PROCEEDS GO TOWARD THE 8TH GRADE TRIP AT THE END OF THE YEAR.



YOU'RE THE BEST TYPE
GIVE BLOOD

Sunday, March 19

8:30 am to 2:30 pm

(closed 11:00 am to 12:00 pm)

**HOLY ROSARY CHURCH
EDMONDS
*School Hall***

For information and to sign up contact:
Jim Haley at (425) 771-9065 or email at haleyjm1@comcast.net.

Give Blood. Get Cookies. Be a Hero. Save a Life.

COME MORE CHANCE...



In case you missed the sign-up tables at the auction, or if you didn't attend the auction, here is your opportunity to participate in these fun events that were offered at the Come Sail Away auction! Please fill out the form below with the correct payment, with checks made payable to Holy Rosary, and return to school in your Family Folder. Thank you for your continued support.

| EVENT INFORMATION | NAME | QUANTITY |
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| <p>Free Dress Wednesdays Date: Wednesday, 3/15 & 3/22 Cost: \$20 per child (for 2 Wednesdays)</p> | | |
| <p>Ladies Bunco Night Date: Saturday, March 18 @ 6:30PM Cost: \$75 per lady – only 11 spots left!</p> | | |
| <p>Ladies Night Out at C'est la Vie Date: Thursday, May 4 - 5:30 to 8PM Cost: \$25 per lady</p> | | |
| <p>Guys-Texas Hold'em Poker Night Date: Saturday, May 13 @ 6:30PM Cost: \$50 per guy</p> | | |
| <p>Father/Daughter Dance Date: Saturday, June 3 - 7 to 9PM Cost: \$40 per family</p> | | |
| <p>B&W Student Photos \$10 per child – available for purchase in the school office</p> | | |
| <p>Love the Centerpieces \$15 per centerpiece – available for viewing and purchase in the school office</p> | | |