



December 13, 2017

Dear Families,

Holy Rosary School's kindergartners visited Edmonds Landing yesterday. The children sang Christmas carols and decorated gingerbread houses with the senior residents, bringing holiday joy to all. This has become an annual kindergarten tradition that teaches students that we can serve others in a festive way. Fifth graders also took a field trip, going to Quail Park in Lynnwood. They engaged in wonderful conversations with the residents and sang Christmas songs. Mr. Flanagan and student musicians also serenaded the residents.

Our school was well represented at the FIRST LEGO League Robotics Competitions the last two weekends with over 40 students participating! This is our second year of robotics competition, and I am very pleased that all of our participating students did so well and enjoyed the fun and excitement of coding their robots to perform the required tasks. All three of our Senior Robotics teams received awards and are advancing to the semifinals in January. Congratulations to all of these students and coaches!

Another huge thank you goes to Cass Willis for her outstanding guidance and leadership throughout these last five months. We are also very grateful to our coaches: Alfons Menanno, Cheri Orsi, Greg and Holly O'Connor, Adam Eyer, Mark Scholl, Amy Nolan, Carolyn Brennan, John Rodriguez, Jen Hawkins, Lars Koerber, Mac and Jessica McIntosh, Matthew Turner, Joel Bartenbach and Jay Schatz. All have spent many, many hours preparing and supporting our teams. Seeing how much the students have learned and how proud they are of their work was inspiring and exhilarating to all observers.

Thursday night is a special evening for all our school children. They are very excited to share their many talents in dances, songs and instrumental performances. Please note that the Christmas Concert will begin at 1:00 PM for the afternoon performance and 7:00 PM for the evening concert. I know it will be a packed house for this grand Christmas show. A huge thank you goes to all the costume and set designers, with special thanks to Hilda Ordon, Paddy and Sarah Kelly, Doug MacDonald, Brandon Bryant, and their crew for their work in setting the stage for the concert.

After the evening show is over we would like parents and students to put all costumes and costume pieces in the labeled tubs by grade. These will be in the northeast corner of the gym following the evening performance.

In the spirit of Christmas our students are encouraged to wear red and green to school on Tuesday, December 19th so we will be festive for our Christmas caroling around the Parish Office and school at 11:00 AM. The singing will conclude in the gym at 11:45. Please join us for this Christmas tradition and remember that dismissal is at noon on the 19th, the beginning of our Christmas vacation.

By now everyone should have received their gift and wrapping paper from the Magazine Sale. A huge thank you to Sheila Walde for organizing, orchestrating and facilitating this year's sale. We surpassed our goal by bringing in \$21,000 in subscriptions and merchandise sales.

Please mark your 2018 calendars for our School Auction to be held on February 10th. We will be calling those people who signed up to help with the auction. This is our largest fundraiser and supports the basic school operations. You can also help out through donating items for the silent or live auctions, so when you're out holiday shopping or at the after-Christmas sales you might pick up the perfect silent auction item.

May you have the gift of faith, the blessing of hope and the peace of His love at Christmas and always.

Merry Christmas,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sue Venable". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the "Merry Christmas," text.

Sue Venable

HOLY ROSARY SCHOOL

Announcements

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SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR | December 5 – 15

Our Scholastic Book Fair runs through lunchtime on Dec. 15 in our Lunchroom. It will be open during the reception after the Christmas concert.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT | Thursday, December 14th in the School Gym

The dress rehearsal performance is at 1:00 PM and the evening performance is at 7:00 PM. Bring your family and friends.

ADVENT PRAYER SERVICE, AWARDS & SPIRIT ASSEMBLY | Friday, December 15 at 8:30 AM

All are invited to attend the Advent prayer service followed by the awards and spirit day assembly.

LOS POSADAS | Monday, December 18 at 8:30 AM

Please join us as we celebrate Los Posadas at our Advent Prayer Service in the gym.

RED & GREEN DAY | Tuesday, December 19

Students may wear red & green clothes to school. We will be doing some caroling around the school and parish offices.

SAVE THE DATE | 2018 Father Daughter Dance – Saturday, March 10th

Watch for more information after the Christmas break.

Upcoming Events:

<i>Thu, Dec 14</i>	Christmas Concert – in the school gym	1:00 PM Dress Rehearsal 7:00PM Evening Show
<i>Fri, Dec 15</i>	Advent Prayer Service 8:30 AM Awards/Spirit Assembly 8:45 AM Spirit Pizza Lunch	Wear Your Spirit Wear
<i>Tue, Dec 19</i>	Christmas Vacation Begins at Noon	Noon Dismissal
<i>Dec 20 – Jan 2</i>	Christmas Vacation	NO SCHOOL
<i>Mon, Dec 25</i>	Christmas Day	NO SCHOOL
<i>Wed, Jan 3</i>	School resumes	
<i>Fri, Jan 5</i>	First Friday Mass	9:00 AM – Formal Uniforms
<i>Fri, Jan 5</i>	Tuition Assistance Applications Due Fulcrum & Holy Rosary	

FINAL REMINDER

2018 - 2019 TUITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM | Fulcrum and Holy Rosary

Reminder: Families requesting tuition assistance must apply or re-apply each school year. Holy Rosary and the Fulcrum Foundation use the same application (FACTS). Families are required to submit the FACTS application and the required documentation for consideration of financial aid from Fulcrum and/or Holy Rosary. **Application Deadline: Friday, January 5, 2018**

To apply, go to <https://fulcrumfoundation.org/grants-and-programs/tuition-assistance>



Santa Slam

A Winter Basketball Camp sponsored by the AMHS Boys Basketball Booster Club

Who: Basketball Players currently in 1st through 8th grade

What: A two-day basketball camp for boys

Where: The Archbishop Murphy High School Gym

When: Camp for 1st – 4th graders 11:00AM to 12:30PM on Tuesday the 26th & Wednesday the 27th of December.

Camp for 5th – 8th graders 12:30PM to 2:00PM on Tuesday the 26th & Wednesday the 27th of December.

Why: High School Boys' Basketball Coaches and Players will teach the fundamentals necessary to succeed in school, sports & life

~ Teaching and developing proper fundamentals and skills in the areas of shooting, passing, individual offense, defense and pivoting will be the focus of the basketball instruction.

~ Campers will receive a picture with some of their favorite high school players, a t-shirt and free admission to the Varsity game on December 30th vs Seton Catholic, January 2nd vs Granite Falls and January 5th vs Kings. (Parents do have to pay)

Important Information:

- Camp will start at the designated times. Please have campers arrive 15 minutes early on the first day for check-in and late registration.
- Please mail registration forms in by December 20th. Registration is allowed at the door.
- The cost of the camp is \$30 per camper.
- Make Checks Payable to Archbishop Murphy HS – Boys Basketball
- Any Questions: Len Bone 425-903-0781 Mike Abel 206-992-0234 Mindy Humphrey 425-420-7833

Tear off and mail the registration form with your check: Mail to: **Len Bone: 9213 45th PL SE, Snohomish WA 98290**

Registration Form:

Name _____ Grade _____ Home Phone #: _____

I hold harmless Archbishop Murphy HS and the Boys' Basketball Booster Club, it's elected and appointed officials, employees, agents and staff from any and all claims, liabilities, damages, expenses, or rights of action, directly or indirectly attributable to the users activities and/or use of premises.

Parent/Guardian Name _____ Parent/Guardian Signature _____

Name of Camper _____ Date _____