



December 12, 2018

Dear Families,

Congratulations to our Taco Katz FIRST LEGO League team! They were awarded a Regional Championship award on Saturday. Out of 39 participating teams, the judges felt that Team Taco Katz, consisting of students Nathan Morris, Ashley Rice, Madden Heine, Lily Wiemken, and Cullen O'Connor, demonstrated excellence in all of the three competition categories: Core Values, Robot Design, and Project. They will be advancing to the semi-finals in January. This is the 2nd year in a row that Holy Rosary is sending a team to the semi-finals. Go Rams!

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, Greg and Holly O'Connor (coaches for Team Taco Katz), and Amy Nolan. 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.

Next Tuesday night is a special day/evening for all our school children. Please note that the Christmas Concert will begin at 1:30 PM for the afternoon performance and 6:30 PM for the evening concert. I know it will be a packed church for this beautiful Christmas program. For the evening concert, the students will need to meet in the gym at 6:10 so they can process into the church together. Please take your children to the gym and then proceed to the church in order to find a seat. Please see Mrs. Cummings' letter with more information about this special performance.

In the spirit of Christmas our students are encouraged to wear red and green to school on Wednesday, December 19th. We will begin at 8:30 in the gym with our special advent prayer service, followed by our Christmas caroling around the Parish Office and school at 9:15 AM. The singing will conclude in the gym. Please join us for this Christmas tradition and remember that dismissal is at noon on the 19th, the beginning of our Christmas vacation.

Please mark your 2019 calendars for our School Auction to be held on February 9th. We will be reaching out to 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!

Sue Venable
Principal

HOLY ROSARY SCHOOL

Announcements

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2019-2020 TUITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM | Fulcrum and Holy Rosary

The Application deadline closes next month! 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: January 4, 2019**

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

CHRISTMAS CONCERT | Tuesday, 12/18

Please join the K – 8 grades as they perform *Lessons and Carols*. The Christmas concert will be in the church this year with a show at 1:30 and another at 6:30 PM. All are welcome to attend. Students may come to school in their Christmas best or their formal uniforms that day.

EDMONDS CAROLING COMPETITION | Wednesday, 12/19 at 6 PM (Updated date and location)

Come sing with the Holy Rosary Carolers in downtown Edmonds in front of the Red Twig or come and cheer them on and vote for the Holy Rosary Group of Carolers. Let's keep our winning streak alive for this year. If you would like to join the Holy Rosary Carolers please contact Mary Anne Dillon-Bryant at maryannedb@hotmail.com.

RED & GREEN DAY | Wednesday, 12/19

To get us in the Christmas spirit students may wear red and green clothes to school.

ST. NICK NIGHT SANTA PICTURES | Available now!

To view your Santa photos from St. Nick Night please go to <https://flic.kr/s/aHsmrP5R29>

SCRIP NEWS | Remember to get your Christmas shopping done using scrip

- For a limited time only! \$5 Starbucks cards and \$10 Amazon cards are available
- Check ShopWithScrip.com for bonus rebates on merchants. Most are available as Scrip Now! so you can print from home or scan from your phone for your Christmas shopping.

TGA GOLF CLASSES | Begin Monday, 1/7 1:45 – 2:45 PM

- To register go to – <http://greaterseattle.playtga.com>

Upcoming Events:

Thursday, December 13	Advent Reconciliation for grades 3 - 8	
Friday, December 14	All School Mass – all are welcome	8:30 AM: Formal Uniform
Monday, December 17	PreK Christmas Concert	12:15 PM in the pastoral center
Monday, December 17	Spirit Pizza Day	Wear your Spirit Wear
Tuesday, December 18	Christmas Concert – all are welcome All K-8 th Gr. Students are performing in this concert	1:30 & 6:30 PM in the Church Students wear Christmas best.
Wednesday, December 19	Half Day – Christmas Vacation Begins	Noon Dismissal
Wednesday, December 19	First Reconciliation for 2 nd Grade	4:30 PM in the church
December 20 – January 1	No School Christmas Break	
Tuesday, January 1	Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God <i>Holy Day of Obligation</i>	9:00 AM
Wednesday, January 2	School Resumes	
Thursday, January 3	Benediction – all are welcome	2:45 PM in the church
Friday, January 4	All School Mass – all are welcome	8:30 AM: Formal Uniform
Sunday, January 6	The Epiphany	
Monday, January 7	No School for PreK Only	
Friday, January 11	All School Mass – all are welcome	8:30 AM: Formal Uniform
Monday, January 14	Spirit Pizza Day	Wear your Spirit Wear

Join your school community at Mass this weekend.

Weekend Mass Times:

Saturday Vigil 5:00 pm

Sunday 7:30 am, 9:00 am and 11:00am

The calendar on our website will always have the most up to date information. To view & subscribe go to:

school.hrsedmonds.org/parents/calendar



Dear Holy Rosary music students and families,

It is with joyful anticipation that I invite you to this year's Christmas concert, performed by the K-8 music students. This year, our celebration will be held in the church. Due to space constraints, we are offering two identical performances of the Christmas concert; one performance will be held at 1:30 PM, and a second performance will be held at 6:30 PM. All children will be involved in both performances.

On Tuesday, December 18, students are asked to wear their Christmas best to school, to make the performance that much more polished. Please take modesty into consideration; young ladies should plan to wear a festive sweater, if the dress of choice does not have sleeves. Young men should be prepared to tuck in shirts, and even consider ties, slacks and sweaters an option. Finally, please opt for dressy footwear that does not include a heel, as your singer will be standing for several songs at a time, as well as walking up and down risers. Safety is of the utmost importance here.

The theme of this year's Christmas concert is "*Lessons and Carols*." I wanted to give you a little bit of history on this beautiful service, which began in the 19th century. The general format includes Biblical readings, telling the story leading up to Jesus' birth, followed by a special song sung by the students. Throughout the program, the audience will be invited to participate too, singing carols related to the readings.

This format dates to 1880, but was popularized by the Choir of King's College, Cambridge in 1918. Since then, the boys and young men of the King's College choir have performed the concert every year on Christmas Eve, except in 1930. In the early 1930s the BBC began broadcasting the concert overseas, even in the middle of World War II when the stained glass had been removed (along with the heat!) from the Chapel for safety. Lessons and Carols concerts have a long tradition in Seattle, as well; the Northwest Boychoir began doing them in 1978 and now puts on about nine sold-out performances every year.

This program of sacred and holy music has challenged our students to begin thinking as professional musicians with their singing preparation. It is important to note that the very development of music is inextricably linked to choral music written for the Church in the earliest centuries. I am so pleased to share and enjoy these wonderful students' hard work with you as a celebration of this beautiful season.

Following the 6:30 PM performance, please join us in the Pastoral Center for a cookie and treats reception, graciously hosted by our 2nd grade parents and families. We are very grateful for all your support and encouragement as we prepare for a concert that will surely touch your hearts this season.

Yours in Christ, and in music,

Mrs. Cummings
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Holiday



Bake Sale!

Spirit Day—Monday, 12/17

Proceeds go to

8th Grade Activities

Every item

\$1



Cookies & Treats Needed!

**Please donate cookies for the Christmas Concert
Reception on 12/18**

Your Cookie Donation = 1 Volunteer Hour!



Please bring to the school office or classroom on 12/17 or 12/18
after drop-off

Thank you!

