

# Holy Rosary Review

## Important Dates:

- **December 6:**  
Noon Dismissal  
Craft Show Setup/  
Report Cards  
Distributed
- **December 7:**  
Craft Show  
9am-4pm
- **December 8:**  
Craft Show  
8am-2pm
- **December 9:**  
Picture Retakes
- **December 13:**  
Market Day Orders  
Due
- **December 16:**  
Kindergarten Lunch  
with Santa
- **December 17:**  
Band Christmas  
Concert 7pm
- **December 18:**  
Christmas Pageant  
7pm
- **December 19:**  
Market Day Order  
Pickup
- **December 23rd  
to January 1:**  
Christmas Holidays
- **January 2:**  
Classes Resume

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## From the Principal's Desk

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Well Advent is upon us! I remember in the not so distant past, being in a school where the pastor prohibited any Christmas decorations or celebrations of any kind until after December 25th. Clearly, this was not what I was accustomed to and balked at the very thought if it.

However in retrospect, that was probably the most fulfilling Advent I have had to date.

Our only focus was on preparation for the coming of Christ!

As I sat in mass today, I listened to the priest discuss how we must "conceive" the birth of Jesus and determine what we are expecting/ hoping for at the delivery. What is our hope for December 25th? What impact does the birth of our Savior have on us and how do we prepare for that impact?

We can begin by trying to imagine the journey of those who lived it....

Can we conceive of a fourteen year old girl being told by an angel that she was to carry the Son of Man? This will take a lot of deliberation, because most of us simply cannot imagine it. For the next 23 days, let us take this journey with young Mary and travel with her in her last month of pregnancy from her home all the way to Bethlehem. Let us place ourselves in her heart as she labored over rough terrain on the back of a donkey as Joseph led them to his place of birth.

Let us prepare our hearts as she must have.

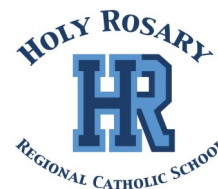
Can we conceive the concern and worries of Mary's parents, Joachim and Anne? Initially, they must have been terrified that she would be stoned for her indiscretion. How grateful they must have been that Joseph was such a great man of integrity, and most importantly, that he believed! Imagine further, their terror for Mary and Joseph, travelling so great a distance as Mary's delivery date quickly approached.

Can we conceive the trust, hope, and belief the Three Kings must have had to leave the gilded, extravagant life style they were accustomed to, to follow a star? Envision their journey through inhospitable lands to reach an unknown destination. Imagine their faith!

Let us spend the month of December this year, not worrying about the tree, the gifts, and the cost. Let us think and pray instead that we are ready when Mary says, "Joseph, Joseph, the baby is coming!"

Peace and Joy!

Lisa S. Hoban





*Read  
highlights  
from our  
teachers  
each month!*

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## **Did You Know...**

### **Mrs. Koneski/Mrs. Pickering Kindergarten:**

The kindergarten were very busy in November learning about the Pilgrims and the Native Americans celebrating The First Thanksgiving. On Tuesday, November 26th they had their very own Thanksgiving Feast. KA came as the Pilgrims and KB were the Native Americans. They enjoyed a wonderful Thanksgiving meal prepared by the awesome kindergarten parents. On December 16th, they will be traveling to the North Pole (Chaps Restaurant) to have lunch with Santa. We know it will be a very exciting trip.

### **Ms. Carroll/Mrs. Dunsmore 1st Grade:**

First grade is looking forward to going to Pope John Paul II High School for a Christmas party. This will be the fourth year which PJP has hosted first grade classes from Catholic schools in the area. This program is sponsored by their Student Council and the National Honor Society. The program will include a Holiday Music Show, Christmas Sing-A-Long, Dancing Sugar Plum Fairy, Nativity, Disney Characters, Santa Claus and Arts and Crafts.

### **Ms. Mariani/Ms. Prieto 2nd Grade:**

The second grade is very excited to begin preparing for their First Reconciliation! St. Titus will be the first to receive the sacrament in December.

### **Mrs. Gilman Physical Education:**

On Dec. 13, Kindergarten, First and Second grades will enjoy an assembly entitled "Activate Your Soul" with The Philadelphia Soul, our arena football team.

The assembly will be hosted by Soulman, their mascot as well as front office staff and they will be teaching the children the importance of staying active and eating well.

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## Did You Know....

### Mrs. Luthy Religion:

6D Religion students participated in the Thanksgiving Prayer service. Students are working in their classrooms to create their own prayer services for various holidays throughout the year.

### Mrs. Luthy Library:

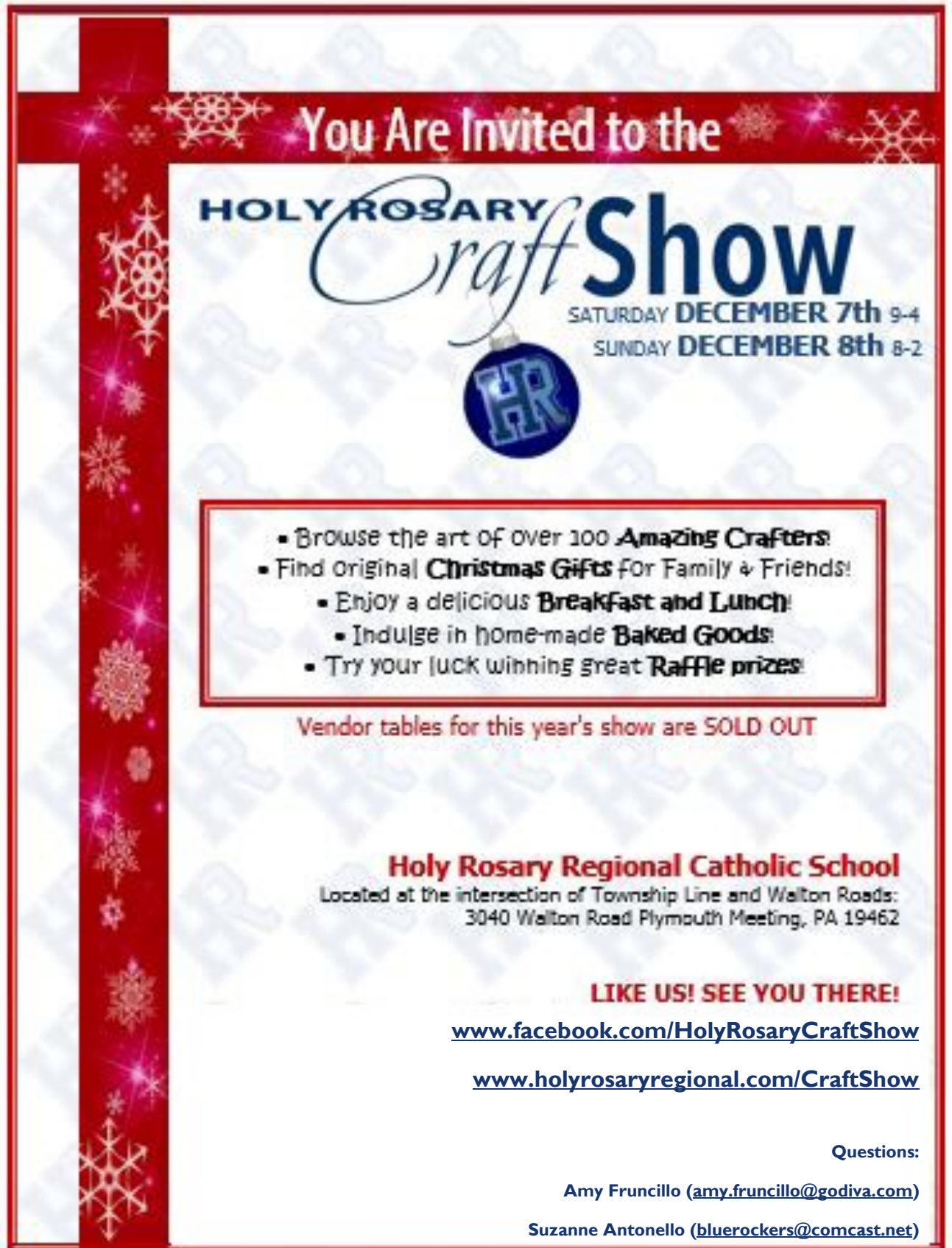
Keep your eyes open! Our Read to Succeed Program will be underway very soon. This program is an easy way to earn a free ticket for your child to Six Flags (New Jersey) for grades K-6. Simply log at least six hours in the designated weeks to earn a student ticket. New this year; Tickets will be coded with the student name. This should be rolling out in December or January.

Our first book fair was held at Barnes and Noble at the Metroplex. Mrs. Luthy, Mrs. Gilman, Mrs. Koneski, Miss Coccia, and Miss Morrow were volunteer readers at the event which kicked off the Birthday edition of "The Elf on the Shelf." Alyssa Garcia –Grade 8 was our student volunteer reader for the night. A good time was had by all. The proceeds will be used to fund the needed books for Reading Olympics (which in turn is a great addition to our library holdings), and Science non-fiction titles to be used both in the library and as resources in our lab. Thanks to all who participated! A reminder, if you would like to donate quality books to the library, consider purchasing a book in honor of a student or loved one. Birthdays and anniversaries are a wonderful way to remember that special someone. We will label the book as a donation, including the names of who donated, in whose honor, and the date.

Don't forget to save those can tabs. Please HOLD all tabs until the end of May or June. We only deliver at the end of the school year! The can tabs are donated to CHoP and/or the Ronald McDonald House for use in various programs. It's a wonderful, inexpensive way to donate to our local friends in need. Forward to the library, please.

Reading Olympics has begun, and it seems our teams are growing! We will have one team for our Middle Schoolers (6-8) and TWO teams for Grades 4-5. Students are busy reading in preparation for our January meetings!


## Holy Rosary Craft Show December 7th and 8th!



You Are Invited to the

# HOLY ROSARY *Craft* Show

SATURDAY DECEMBER 7th 9-4  
SUNDAY DECEMBER 8th 8-2



- Browse the art of over 100 **Amazing Crafters!**
- Find original **Christmas Gifts** for Family & Friends!
  - Enjoy a delicious **Breakfast and Lunch!**
  - Indulge in home-made **Baked Goods!**
  - Try your luck winning great **Raffle prizes!**

Vendor tables for this year's show are **SOLD OUT**

**Holy Rosary Regional Catholic School**  
Located at the intersection of Township Line and Walton Roads:  
3040 Walton Road Plymouth Meeting, PA 19462

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## Market Day

Order delicious pre-cooked meals and earn back 5% of your total yearly purchases over \$200 as a rebate at the end of the year, while helping our school in the process.



December orders need to be submitted by Friday, December 13th and pickup will be held on Thursday, December 19th at 7pm.

Questions, please contact **Jennifer Petruccelli** at [ntwing007@comcast.net](mailto:ntwing007@comcast.net) or **Eileen Heflin** at [heflin618@comcast.net](mailto:heflin618@comcast.net).

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## Thank You to J.P. Mascaro & Sons

Holy Rosary is very grateful to the J.P. Mascaro & Sons Education Fund of Audubon for its generous donation to the Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) program through the Henkels Foundation.

The Henkels Foundation supports benevolent, religious, educational, charitable, scientific, and literary undertakings throughout the United States.

As a result of this donation, 18 Holy Rosary students received tuition assistance to attend Holy Rosary.

Companies can receive tax credits of up to 90% by making donations to the EITC program. Donations can be earmarked for scholarships for Holy Rosary Regional Catholic School students.

For more information on the EITC program visit <http://www.newpa.com/find-and-apply-for-funding/funding-and-program-finder/educational-improvement-tax-credit-program-eitc> or contact **Lisa Moran** at Holy Rosary, 610-825-0160, [lmoran@holyrosaryregional.com](mailto:lmoran@holyrosaryregional.com).

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## Box Tops for Education

### Help our school shine!!



There will be many participating products used during this holiday season. Make sure you are clipping Box Tops. When inviting your family over during the holidays, why not ask them to bring along their box tops to help support the school. When families and friends work together to collect Box Tops coupons, the money adds up fast. As always, your support is greatly appreciated.

Have a wonderful holiday season and Happy clipping!

If you have any questions, please contact **Luisa Kelly**, at [aidankl@msn.com](mailto:aidankl@msn.com).

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## HASA Virtual Apparel Sale

### Show your school spirit! Get your Holy Rosary gear!

The HASA Virtual Apparel Sale is always open on the school's website.

Simply click on the link below, or type the address into your search bar, then follow the link to order!

<http://holyrosaryregional.com/hasa-virtual-apparel-store/>

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## First in Math Winners

Congratulations to the First in Math winners for the first trimester:

**Cecilia Whalen** (KA), **Keara Fish** (IA) and **Owen Pilacik** (4A).

Each winner received a \$25 Amazon gift card.

Holy Rosary students in kindergarten through fifth grade are encouraged to participate in the First in Math online program each night at home. Children can do game-style math activities, progressing at their own pace to master basic and advanced math skills. Students receive electronic award stickers for correctly solving problems; no penalties are levied for incorrect responses.

Each morning at Holy Rosary, the "player of day" for each kindergarten through fifth-grade homeroom is announced. Players of the day receive a raffle ticket. Each trimester three students' names will be drawn and those students will receive a prize.

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## Spotlight On...

We are thrilled to announce that two of our 8th graders have received scholarships!

Congratulations to **Bridget Boyle** who has received a partial scholarship to **Gwynedd Mercy Academy** and the Founders Scholarship at **Mount Saint Joseph's Academy**.

Congratulations to **Alyssa Garcia**, who has received the Founders Scholarship at **Mount Saint Joseph's Academy** and has auditioned for a music scholarship also.



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## Calling All Photographers! Yearbook Photos!


Have you been to Holy Rosary events this year and taken photographs? The Holy Rosary Yearbook is currently looking for some extra pictures that can be used in the yearbook.

Do you have photographs from:

- ***A sporting event?***
- ***Homecoming?***
- ***The school pep rally?***
- ***The Fall Festival?***
- ***Halloween parade?***
- ***Any other school related event***



Please email pictures to **Ms. Sargent** at [asargent@holyrosaryregional.com](mailto:asargent@holyrosaryregional.com) or **Ms. Morrow** at [rmorrow@holyrosaryregional.com](mailto:rmorrow@holyrosaryregional.com) or simply leave the pictures in an envelope for addressed to Ms. Sargent or Ms. Morrow.

## December 2013

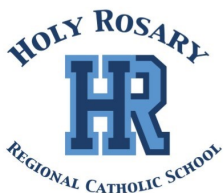
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1st Day of Advent <b>1</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Trimester begins <b>2</b>	Creative Care PreK visits HR <b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	After school bowling <b>5</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• First Friday Mass 11:00</li> <li>• Report Card Distr.</li> <li>• Noon Dismissal</li> <li>• Craft Fair set</li> <li>• Neumann Schrlshp letters sent out</li> </ul> <b>6</b>	Craft Show <b>7</b>
Feast of the Immaculate Conception <b>8</b> Craft Show	<b>9</b> Picture Retakes	Conshy Catholic PreK visits HR <b>10</b>	Gradel to PJP <b>11</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Secret Santa Gift Shop open</li> <li>• Grades 4-8 Geography Bee Test</li> <li>• After school Bowling</li> </ul> <b>12</b>	Secret Santa Gift Shop Open <b>13</b>  Phila Soul Assembly Grds K-2  Neumann Schrlshp letters due back	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b>	St. Council Candy Cane sale at all lunches <b>16</b>  Penance Service Grds 3-5 K- Brkf with Santa	St. Council Candy Cane sale at all lunches <b>17</b>  Penance Service Grds 6-8 Band Christmas Show 7PM	St. Council Candy Cane sale at all lunches <b>18</b>  HR Christmas Pageant 7PM	St. Council Candy Cane sale at all lunches <b>19</b>  8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Retreat After school bowling Faculty Christmas Dinner	10:30 Sing Along w/ Father Q <b>20</b>  PM Block Party 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> No School	Christmas Eve <b>24</b> No School	Christmas <b>25</b> No School	<b>26</b> No School	<b>27</b> No School	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> No School	New Year's Eve <b>31</b>  No School  <u>Classes resume</u> <u>January 2nd</u>				



## December 2013 Lunch Menu

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
2	3	4	5	6
Pizza *Mini Cookies Milk	Hot Dog Pasta Salad Milk	Macaroni & Cheese Bagged Apple Slices Dinner Roll Milk	**Chick-fil-a Chicken Nuggets (8pc) Chicken Sandwich *Chips Milk	Noon Dismissal Craft Show Set-up 
9	10	11	12	13
Pizza Fresh Fruit Milk	Plain or Cheese Burger Fresh Veggies w/Dip Milk	Chicken Noodle Soup Ham and Cheese on Honey Wheat Bread Milk	Plain or Cheese Steak *Assorted Snacks & Milk 	Waffles (2) Sausage or Gogurts Milk
16	17	18	19	20
Pizza Pudding Milk	Hot Dog Tater Tots Milk	Italian Hoogie Veggie Straws & Milk 	**Chick-fil-a 8pc. Nuggets Fresh Fruit Milk	Tomato Pie Pot Luck Snack Milk
23	24	25	26	27
		Have a Blessed	Christmas	Holiday!
30	31			
	*Fruit Alternative **Chick-fil-a is made with Peanut Oil	Holy Rosary December 2013 Lunch Menu		

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### Executive Board

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