

May 2014

Holy Rosary Review

Important Dates:

- May 3:** Noon Dismissal/
8th Grade Picture Day
- May 5:** Book Fair at Barnes & Noble
- May 8:** Kindergarten Field Trip
- May 9:** 7th/8th Grade Field Trip
- May 13:** May Procession 7pm
- May 15:** CYO Sports Banquet
- May 19:** Cancer Walk Fundraiser Begins
- May 20:** Band Concert 7pm
- May 21:** 5th/8th Grade Field Trips
- May 22:** Field Day
- May 23:** No School/ Market Day Orders Due
- May 26:** No School/ Happy Memorial Day
- May 29:** Ascension Thursday 10am Mass/ All Welcome/ Market Day Pickup
- May 30:** Kindergarten New Family Coffee 8-9am

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From the Principal's Desk

Hello Parents/Guardians,

It has become my ritual that before I write my newsletter I spend some time in thought and prayer, and then I usually go onto the internet for some ideas. For this beautiful month of May, one in which we honor our mothers, I began looking for reflections on motherhood and came across a doozie that I think you will enjoy.

It was a prayer for doing laundry, and begins with...." I find you so close to me right here, dear Lord. Surrounded by the dirt and scattered clothing of my family, I find this an ideal spot to pray with you. No one comes near here..... so it is quiet, and it gives me a chance to reflect on the many blessings of my life. As I pick up their clothing and sort it, I ask you to give each of them what is needed most in their lives."(Limerickdiocese.org)

I immediately burst out laughing, because surely, doing laundry is the most alone time I have had in thirty years. But this is what mothers do...they find a rare moment of peace and turn to God for help and in thanksgiving. Surely, even the Blessed Mother had times that exasperated her, where all she wanted to do was flee. But she held steadfast, primarily because she found peace and strength in God. My wish is that each of our moms will find one special moment every day to be at peace by putting their worries in God's hands.

As we approach the last six weeks of school, I would like to reflect a moment on all our new successes of this year. ..We launched our Middle States Study, and with the help of some very energetic and committed parents and faculty, are well on our way to completion. We held our first annual Fall Festival, which was unbelievably successful despite the speed in which it was brought together and the cold in which it took place. We held our first Geography Bee and witnessed amazing knowledge in our mid-upper grade students. We won a visit from the famous Phillie Phanatic that warmed the hearts of the entire school and helped promote reading literacy. A win all around! We welcomed a fifth grader from South Korea, who spent the first half of the school year learning our language and traditions and who was heartbroken to leave all the friends he made at HR. We were pummed with snow but came out shining anyway because of the tremendous efforts of our middle school teachers and students who worked so very hard in our cyber school. They really do rock! We celebrated the last chemo treatment of Donnie Corino and prayed as a community for the first one for Mrs. Monaghan. We said goodbye to our Weidmann boys and sent them packing with a car load of love, best wishes, and goodies. (I have been face timing them, and they are doing really well!) We welcomed a Holocaust survivor to our school and truly began to understand how lucky we are to live in this wonderful country. And we will end our year by sharing our bounty by collecting for the many needy families in the Dominican Republic. Wow! No wonder we are so exhausted.

I am sure I have missed many "firsts"....but am so grateful that we are not looking at any "lasts". With the hard work, generosity, and love of all who make up the Holy Rosary Community, we have been strengthened this year in mind, body, and soul.

I wish you all a very blessed end of school year, filled with the joy that spring and the Resurrection bring!

God Bless you all.

Peace,

Lisa Hoban





*Read
highlights
from our
teachers
each month!*

Did You Know...

Mrs. Koneski/Mrs. Pickering Kindergarten:

KA and KB had so much fun at this year's Easter Egg Hunt. Due to the weather they were inside, but they really enjoyed looking through so many rooms to find their eggs. They were each allowed to find 12. They thought it was awesome. After Easter they returned to school on Earth Day. They all made Earth People and talked about how they would help take care of the earth. They enjoyed watching the Dr. Seuss movie, The Lorax.

Mrs. Dunsmore First Grade:

Mrs. Dunsmore's first grade class is learning about adjectives. We like to refer to them as a "sparkle word" because they help sentences to come alive. The children will engage in the making of a classroom caterpillar with adjectives which will wrap around the classroom.

The children will also each create an action hero named "Zero". Each child will use his/her imagination and complete a mad lib in which his/her super hero, be it male or female, will do exciting things. Adjectives will make their stories come alive. Then, classroom books will be assembled so parents may read and enjoy the children's creative minds.

Miss Prieto/Miss Mariani Second Grade:

Congratulations to our second graders who will be receiving First Holy Communion in May! The students will be receiving the Sacrament at their home parishes. God Bless them all on their special day!

Mrs. Luthy/Ms. Sargent Sixth Grade Religion:

Mrs. Luthy's and Ms. Sargent's 6th grade Religion classes celebrated a Seder Meal in conjunction with the celebration of Passover. The celebration tied in perfectly with their curriculum.

Mrs. Gilman Physical Education:

Field Day will be May 22nd! Please consider volunteering to help with all the fun! We are asking for 20 or more volunteers to help make the day a success! It's easy and it's fun! Look for more information to be sent home closer to the date. Thank you!

Box Tops for Education



The winners were announced and prizes delivered. The Box Top Contest was a huge success thanks to each and everyone of you. **Michael Saldutti** and **Adriana Soda** were our top winners!

We will have another fun contest in the fall with fun prizes. Keep collecting from friends and family. That is one of the best ways to score big for Holy Rosary! Thank you to all Box Top clippers! Every Box Top counts and without your help, we could not be successful!

If you have any questions, please contact **Luisa Kelly**, Box Top Coordinator, at aidankl@msn.com

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/>

Bridge Foundation Scholarship Opportunity

The Bridge Foundation is an independent non-profit organization that provides scholarship opportunities to Pennsylvania low-income families. Families must apply directly to the Bridge Foundation between **May 1st and June 30th** each year. Applications are only accepted during this window.

Applications are available online at www.bridgededu.org. Families who receive Bridge funding must complete a 40-hour community service requirement.

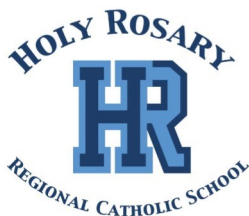
For information about other financial aid opportunities available throughout the year, please refer to pages 6 and 7 of this newsletter.

Yearbook Sale!

Don't miss out! Only 15 more yearbooks available! Order your yearbook now as a keepsake of the 2013/14 Holy Rosary school year!

Cost is \$20 per book. To order, please send a check or money in an envelope labeled "Yearbook Sale" Attention Ms. Sargent. Be sure to include your child's name and homeroom on the envelope!

Thank You for Supporting Ladies Bingo!



Wow!!! What an amazing turnout for Ladies BINGO on Friday, April 11th. On behalf of the entire BINGO committee we wanted to thank everyone who participated. Without the support of our HR families, friends, relatives, sponsors, and community we never would have been able to achieve and break the fund-raising goal that we set forth for this event. Thank you to the teachers and faculty for all of their support as well. The donations were greatly appreciated by all of our families.

Special thank you to our emcee for the evening, Ken Christovich, who donated his time. Also, thank you to everyone who helped with setting up and breaking down the event. We hope that everyone enjoyed themselves as much as this team did preparing for this event.

Thank you,

Jennifer Klug

Ladies BINGO Chair

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Holy Rosary Craft Show Voted Best in Montco!



Big news! The **Holy Rosary Craft Show** has been voted
“**Best of Montco**”!

This would not have been possible without the support of our
entire community with special thanks to our school families
showing their support!

Congratulations to everyone who works so hard to make the
Craft Show such a success every year!

This year’s show is being planned for
December 6th and 7th.

Please mark your calendar and come join us!

Go Holy Rosary!

Tuition Assistance for Holy Rosary Families

There are several sources of tuition assistance available to Holy Rosary families. These opportunities are made possible through the generous support of various businesses and foundations. A number of these opportunities require interested families to go through an outside application process. Other opportunities become available because of direct donations to Holy Rosary from generous parishioners of affiliated parishes.

The available opportunities and related application processes are outlined below. In cases in which Holy Rosary decides who the recipients will be, Holy Rosary will only consider families that have completed the application process for all funding sources for which they would qualify. Any cases of extraordinary or unforeseen circumstances will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis.

EITC & OSTC FUNDS

Much of the available tuition assistance is made possible through **Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC)** and **Opportunity Scholarship Tax Credit (OSTC)** business donations to non-profit organizations interested in promoting education. To be eligible for EITC or OSTC funding, the adjusted gross income for a family with one dependent must be \$85,000 or less. For each additional dependent, the adjusted gross income threshold increases \$15,000. Below is a listing of the organizations that provide EITC & OSTC funding to Holy Rosary students and an explanation of how to apply for funding from each organization.

Business Leadership Organized for Catholic Schools (BLOCS) is a non-profit organization dedicated to helping families afford Catholic education. Holy Rosary students received a total of \$24,349 in BLOCS funding during the 2013-2014 school year; \$10,000 of this funding was an OSTC donation that **Allied Wire & Cable, Inc.** in Collegeville specifically designated to benefit Holy Rosary students.

BLOCS applications for the 2014-2015 school year will be available on February 1st at www.blocs.org. Please note: all eligible families do not necessarily receive funding. Awards are dependent on the amount of scholarship money BLOCS has available each year.

The Henkels Foundation supports benevolent, religious, educational, charitable, scientific, and literary undertakings throughout the United States. Holy Rosary students received a total of \$10,692 in Henkels funding during the 2013-2014 school year; \$10,000 of this funding was an EITC donation that the **J.P. Mascaro & Sons Education Fund of Audubon** specifically designated to benefit Holy Rosary students.

If funds become available through the Foundation, Holy Rosary determines how to distribute the funding. Only families that have completed the BLOCS application, and who meet the eligibility requirements for EITC funding, will be considered for available Henkels funds.

Tuition Assistance for Holy Rosary Families (con't)

The Bridge Foundation is an independent non-profit organization that provides scholarship opportunities to Pennsylvania low-income families. Families must apply directly to the Bridge Foundation between May 1st and June 30th each year. Applications are only accepted during this window. Applications are available online at www.bridgeedu.org. Families who receive Bridge funding must complete a 40-hour community service requirement.

OTHER FUNDING SOURCES

The Kremer Foundation provides Catholic elementary schools with tuition grants for children from financially challenged families. The Foundation's grants are given directly to the schools; school principals select which students receive the tuition assistance. Holy Rosary received \$10,000 from the Kremer Foundation for the 2013-2014 school year.

To qualify for assistance, a family's adjusted gross income cannot exceed the federal food program's maximum family income for reduced priced meals (\$42,643 for a family of four and increased by \$7,326 for each additional family member for the 2013-2014 school year).

If Holy Rosary receives a grant from the Kremer Foundation for the 2014-2015 school year, Holy Rosary will notify families of the application process in the spring. All applications will be submitted to Holy Rosary.

If you have questions on applying for financial assistance, contact **Lisa Moran** in the school office, lmoran@holynosaryregional.com, 610-825-0160.

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.



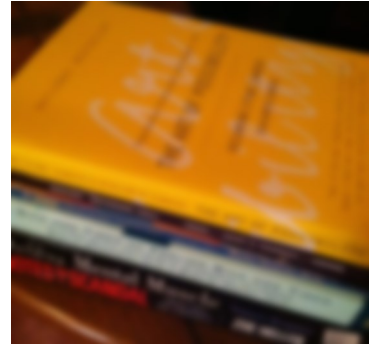
May orders need to be submitted by Friday, May 23rd and pickup will be held on Thursday, May 29th at 7pm.

Questions about Market Day, please contact **Jennifer Petruccelli** at ntwing007@comcast.net or **Eileen Heflin** at heflin618@comcast.net.

Reading Olympics

Congratulations to our Elementary Reading Olympics Teams who earned green and blue ribbons at the competition in April!

Faculty leaders for Reading Olympics are Mrs. Luthy, Ms. Morrow, Ms. Sargent and Mrs. Whalen



Elementary Team Members:

Ariel Cesar Alquiros

Joanna Frias

Tyler Ruane

Shannon Archbold

Isabella Galleo

Elizabeth Sexton

Gabrielle Bowes

Maya Garcia

Julia Veith

Anthony Brown

Ilsa Maguire

Matthew Walker

Theresa Cleary

Heather Malarkey

Olivia Wittig

Aleja Barrera-Cruz

Mariela Moran

Christina Wong

Roman Donovan

Kelsey O'Hara

Our Junior Team participated in their competition in March.

Junior Team Members:

Corinne Archbold

Alyssa Garcia

Mary Cate Archbold

Maria Manno

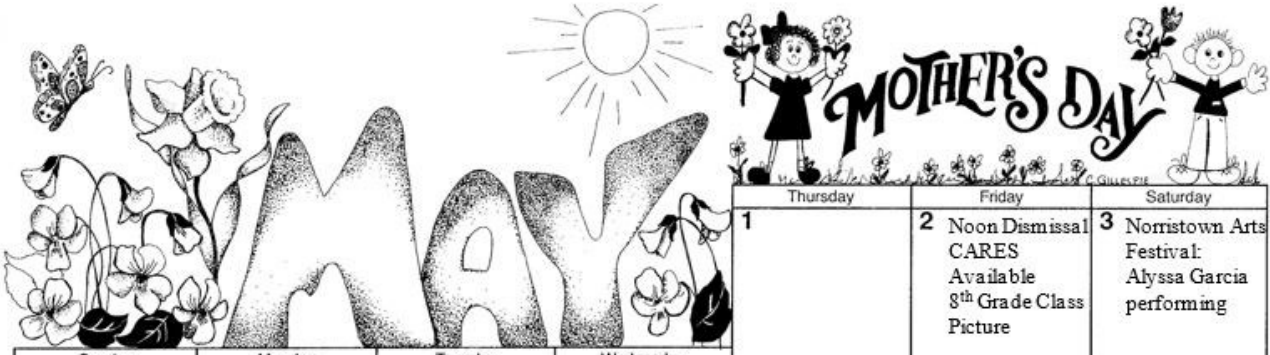
Kayla Bean

Salvatore Marano

Mary Katherine Cleary






Cole Wittman

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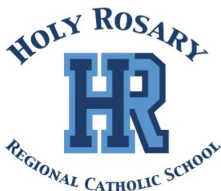
				Thursday	Friday	Saturday				
				1	2 Noon Dismissal CARES Available 8 th Grade Class Picture	3 Norristown Arts Festival: Alyssa Garcia performing				
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	8 Kindergarten Field Trip	9 6 th Grade Field Trip 7 th Field Trip	10				
4	5 Cinco De Mayo Book Fair for Summer Reading Barnes & Noble Metroplex	6	7 Visit Tech HS Science Explorers	11 Mother's Day	12	13 May Procession 7 PM Grds 2-7-8 required; All are encouraged	14 Science Explorers	15 CYO Sports Banquet	16	17
18	19 Cancer Walk Fundraiser begins.	20 Spring Band Concert 7 PM	21 5 th Field Trip 8 th Field Trip Science Explorers	22 Field Day KOC Recitation contest 6:00 PM St. Titus	23 NO SCHOOL	24				
25	26 Memorial Day NO SCHOOL	27	28 Science Explorers (Last)	29 Ascension 10:00 Mass: All are welcome	30 Kindergarten New Family Coffee 8-9:00AM	31				

May 2014 Lunch Menu

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
			1	2
May 2014 Lunch Menu	Holy Rosary Regional		Meatball Sandwich String Cheese Milk	Noon Dismissal 
5	6	7	8	9
Pizza Fruit Salad Milk	Hot Dog Rice Krispy Treat Milk	Turkey Hoagie Pasta Salad Milk	**Chick-fil-a 8pc Nuggets or Chicken Sandwich Milk & Chips Kindergarten Class Trip	Grilled Cheese Vanilla Ice Cream Cup Milk Class Trip 6th & 7th Grade
12	13	14	15	16
Pizza Vanilla or Chocolate Pudding Milk	Plain or Cheeseburger Tater Tots Milk	Pasta in Sauce Italian Bread Fresh Fruit Milk	Plain or Cheese Steak Veggie Straws Milk	French Toast Sticks Gogurt Milk
19	20	21	22	23
Pizza Fresh Fruit Milk	Ham & Cheese on a Kaiser Roll Assorted Snacks Milk	Chicken Patty Sandwich Fresh Veggies w/Dip Milk Class Trip 5th & 8th Grade	Field Day Lunch For all Students Hot Dog Chips & Lemonade 	No School Today!!! 
26	27	28	29	30
 Memorial Day	Plain or Cheeseburger Pot Luck Snack Milk	Chicken Nuggets Fresh Fruit Milk	Italian Hoagie Assorted Snacks Milk	Tomato Pie Gogurts Milk

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2013/2014 Home & School Association Board Members



Executive Board

- President – Bernard Saxon
- Vice President – Rachel Yoka
- Treasurer – Maryann DeFranco
- Recording Secretary – Karen Conte
- Corresponding Secretary – Beth Fish

Committees

- Fundraising – Jennifer Petrucci and Heather Fryer
- Grant Writing – Bridget Fazio
- Lead Homeroom Parent – Kristin Rippert
- Marketing – Colleen Giamo