

October 2013

Holy Rosary Review

Important Dates:

- **October 3rd:**
Fundraising
Meeting 7:30pm
- **October 9th:**
HASA General
Meeting 7pm
- **October 14th:**
Parent Conferences
for Grades K-4
NO SCHOOL FOR
GRADES K-4 .
Grades 5-8 will have
classes
- **October 15th:**
Parent Conferences
for Grades 5-8
NO SCHOOL FOR
GRADES 5-8.
Grades K-4 will
have classes
- **October 18th:**
Market Day Orders
Due
- **October 19th:**
Holy Rosary
Homecoming
Football Game
11:30am Kennedy
Kenrick Field
- **October 24th:**
Market Day Order
Pickup 7pm
- **October 25th:**
Noon Dismissal-
CARES available
- **October 28th:**
Picture Day
- **November 1st:**
All Saint's Day -
No School
- **November 3rd:**
1st Annual Fall
Festival 12n-4pm
Holy Rosary Field

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From the Principal's Desk

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope like me, autumn holds treasured memories for you. I remember spending special time with my siblings piling up leaves and jumping in them (then burning them), our family's first fire in the fire place, my mom making hot chocolate, and as a parent, the seemingly endless, wonderful football games! Autumn prompts me to stop and reflect on all God's bountiful mercies I have enjoyed over the year. And like the leaves that will begin to fall soon, I mark another season, savoring memories, as I again realize there is much to be done.

The same applies to Holy Rosary....we have accomplished so much, but acknowledge there is much left to improve. As the faculty and I gathered to reflect on your responses to the Middle States Survey, we shared concerns, reflections, and ideas that together with you, we hope will strengthen the community of Holy Rosary. We look forward to working with you to devise ways to put some fears to rest, build your sense of involvement, and support our students even further. We look forward to reading your children's responses to the survey as well, and upon completion, the Middle States Faculty team will begin building the community team to set goals and strategies to further the work we have done thus far.

It is hard to believe that October brings with it the mid point of the first trimester, which means conferences will take place in a couple weeks. As we did last year, these conferences will include your child so that he/she can hear all the great things their teachers have seen. Letters will be coming home soon asking for your choice of times that will work best for you. October also brings the induction of our new Student Council and I look forward to working with them in developing ways to build community within the student body. We have also decided to begin a Community Service Organization separate from the Student Council that will develop a plan for service that involves more than just the collection of food and money. If this is something you would be interested in participating in, please respond to the call when our teachers who are heading this up, reach out to you.

The Home and School have many things planned for this month and I hope you will make the time to support their efforts and meet new friends along the way.

Please know that I keep you all in my prayers every day as some struggle with a host of issues. If there is anything I can do to help you in any way, please do not hesitate to let me know.

God Bless you and your loved ones.



Peace,

Lisa S. Hoban



*Read
highlights
from our
teachers
each month!*

Did you know...

Mrs. Koneski/Mrs. Pickering Kindergarten:

KA and KB are busy finding their way around Holy Rosary. Their favorite place to go is the playground. They had fun on Johnny Appleseed Day, September 26th, doing all kinds of activities with apples. They are looking forward to their trip to Solly Brothers' Farm.

Ms. Carroll 1st Grade:

1B will be having a Pumpkin Day! Pumpkin Day is filled with activities focused around science and math on pumpkins!

Mrs. Dunsmore 1st Grade:

Mrs. Dunsmore's first grade students really enjoyed themselves during the Johnny Appleseed Celebration! The children listened to the story of "The Little Red House with No Windows or Doors" and participated in art, writing, science, and math centers. The children weighed parts of apples on a scale and did apple addition using apple seeds. The children's favorite activity was probably apple tasting and charting their favorite apples. A good time was had by all!

Ms. Mariani 2nd Grade:

2 B is getting into the swing of things! We are extending our knowledge of place value in math and analyzing characters and story elements in ELA! We are also starting to demonstrate 2nd grade problem solving skills.

Mr. Antonello 6-8th Grade Science:

6th Grade is in the process of building a solid understanding of the States of Matter. Some days the students are in definitely good shape and other days the hot weather has them gassed.

7th Grade examined the essential characteristics of living things. I managed to convince them that the iPad was not one of these characteristics, even though the kids insisted that they "couldn't live without it!"

8th Grade is right in the middle of comparing the Geocentric and Heliocentric models of our solar system. The discussion has been going round and round for days.

Did You Know...

Mrs. Luthy 5-6 Grade Religion:

Mrs. Luthy's 6D Religion class is learning about the Bible this year. They are diving into the curriculum learning about the Old Testament and structure of the Bible.

5A Religion is learning about the sacraments and is currently studying the August and September feasts on the church calendar.

Mrs. Luthy Library:

In library news, the students are becoming acclimated to the new library in the modular unit. Though the procedures are a bit different this year, the students are quick to learn them and their love of reading has not waned over the summer! There have been questions about whether the library accepts donations. We do accept them depending upon the nature of the book, and the condition. New or like new is acceptable. Please contact **Mrs. Luthy** (fluthy@holyroaryregional.com) if you have any questions.

If you would like to help increase the library inventory, you might consider donating a book to the library in honor of a loved one. Birthdays, memorials, etc are great ways to donate to the library. Non fiction, hard-back books are preferred. We can certainly put a donation "bookplate" inside the book with the name of the honoree and donor!

Scholastic book orders will continue to go out each month and will be due on the specified dates provided to the students. Please be sure to include your child's name and section (grade and letter designation) on all orders. We can't send cash in the mail, so checks or money orders only, made out to Scholastic, please OR use the on line ordering system.

Box Tops are being collected by HASA this year. Please continue to send in Campbell's soup labels to the library, and save your beverage can tabs until the end of the year. HAVE A GREAT YEAR!

Holy Rosary Craft Show

HOLY ROSARY *Craft* Show

Saturday DECEMBER 7th - 9 to 4
Sunday DECEMBER 8th - 8 to 2



 **Please Solicit Sponsors** The largest opportunity to set record proceeds for this year's Show. Sponsorship levels include \$100, \$250, \$450 and \$1,000. Sponsor Form available on the HR Website under "Craft Show"

 **Now accepting Donations** To keep costs at the minimum, we rely on the generosity of our school families and local businesses for donations including Grocery Store Script Cards and \$25-\$50 Restaurant Gift Cards. Feel free to use your connections or donate yourself by placing items in an envelope marked "Craft Show" in the HASA mailbox in the office.

 **LIKE US!** www.facebook.com/HolyRosaryCraftShow

Boxtops for Education

Welcome back to school!

I'm Luisa Kelly, and I'm thrilled to be the Box Top Coordinator for Holy Rosary Regional Catholic School. Thank you for your past support! Together, we can make a difference. Keep clipping Box Tops and send them to school before the first submission deadline of November 1st, so I can mail them in and get cash for our school. Please check the expiration dates when clipping.



If you have any questions, please contact **Luisa Kelly**, at aidankl@msn.com. I'm here to make our school's Box Top program a huge success.

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.



October orders need to be submitted by Friday, October 18th and pickup will be held on Thursday, October 24th at 7pm.

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

Community Thanks

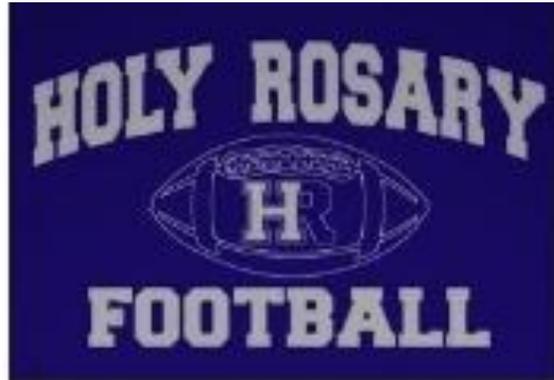
Holy Rosary is very grateful to Allied Wire & Cable, Inc. of Collegeville for its generous donation to the Opportunity Scholarship Tax Credit (OSTC) program through BLOCS. As a result of this donation, six Holy Rosary students residing in the boundaries of a low-achieving public school were able to receive financial assistance to attend Holy Rosary.

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

BLOCS is an independent charitable organization supported by companies, foundations, and individuals in the five-county Philadelphia region. BLOCS awards thousands of scholarships to students each year through the Pennsylvania Earned Income Tax Credits (EITC) and OSTC programs. Holy Rosary students will receive more than \$23,000 in BLOCS scholarship money during the 2013-2014 school year.

For more information on the programs visit <http://www.blocs.org/take-action/eitc-programs/> or contact **Lisa Moran** at Holy Rosary, 610-825-0160, lmoran@holyrosaryregional.com.

Holy Rosary Homecoming 2013



Holy Rosary Football Homecoming!

Please come out and cheer on your Holy Rosary football team!

Saturday, October 19th

Varsity kickoff will be at 12:30 pm

Junior Varsity will follow.

**Introduction of the team onto the field and
announcements in recognition of the 8th Grade players
will begin at 11:30.**

Please come and show your support!

Fundraising Updates

Craft Show- The area's largest craft show is held right here at Holy Rosary the first weekend of December. Help us make it the biggest and best year yet.

Please ask your plumber, electrician, landscaper, bank, hair salon, virtually any business, to show support for our school and get major advertising in the process!! We are also in need donations for our raffles and kitchen sales.

Please contact **Amy Fruncillo** at Amy.Fruncillo@Godiva.com with any questions or to discuss the process for soliciting advertisers and donations.

FUNraising Committee Meeting- We'll be meeting October 3rd at 7:30pm in the Art room and then the first Thursday of every month thereafter. Get involved in planning FUN events. All are welcome!

Apparel Sale- The sale has ended and looks like it was successful!

We are attempting to order some additional products to make available during the school year.

If anyone has any questions, please contact Apparel Sale Chair, **Patie Lampe** at nonajus@yahoo.com.

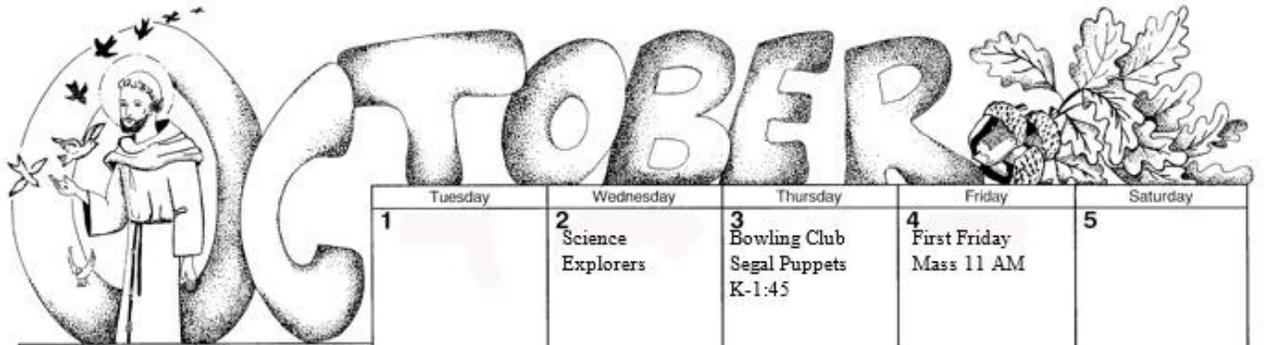
Holy Rosary's 1st Annual Fall Festival!

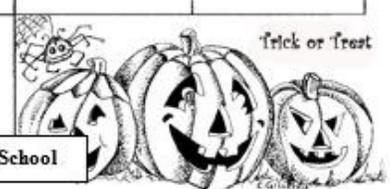
Sunday, November 3rd from 12-4pm in the Holy Rosary Field

Fall Festival games, hayrides, pie baking contest, cake walk, hotdogs/hamburgers and much, much more!!! All organizations from the school and affiliated parishes are welcome to set up a booth or present an activity.

Contact **Jennifer Petruccelli** at **610-322-6704** to inquire how to get involved.

October 2013



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 Science Explorers	3 Bowling Club Segal Puppets K-1:45	4 First Friday Mass 11 AM	5
6	7 Kindergarten Field Trip;	8	9 General Home & School Mtg. in Gym at 7 PM	10 Bowling Club	11	12
13	14 Columbus Day K-4 Conferences <i>K-4 No School</i> <i>5-8 Have School</i>	15 5-8 Conferences <i>5-8 No School</i> <i>K-4 Have School</i>	16 Science Explorers	17 Bowling Club	18 First Grade Field Trip	19 Homecoming!
20	21	22	23 Eighth Grade Field Trip Science Explorers	24 Eighth Grade Parent Mtg. in 8 th Gr. Classroom 7 PM	25 Noon Dismissal CARES Available	26
27 Trunk or Treat 1:00 School Yard	28 Picture Day	29	30	31 Halloween Dress in costume Parade at 8:00AM in	 Trick or treat	

November 1 – Holy Day of Obligation – No School

October 2013 Lunch Menu

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
	1	2	3	4
October 2013 	Plain or Cheeseburger Veggies & Dip Milk	Pasta in Sauce Italian Bread Fresh Fruit Milk	**Chick-fil-A Chicken Nuggets or Chicken Sandwich *Chips Milk	Grilled Cheese Gogurts Milk
7	8	9	10	11
Pizza Vanilla or Chocolate Pudding Milk	Hot Dog *Assorted Snacks Milk	Taco Bowl *Vanilla Ice Cream Cup Milk	Plain or Cheesesteak Sandwich Veggie Chips Milk	French Toast Sticks Bagged Apple Slices Milk
14	15	16	17	18
Pizza Fresh Fruit Milk NO SCHOOL K-4	Plain or Cheeseburger Tater Tots Milk NO SCHOOL 5-8	Macaroni and Cheese Cooked Carrots Dinner Roll & Milk 	**Chick-fil-A Chicken Nuggets (8pc) Peach Cup Milk	Tomato Pie *Mini Cookies Milk
21	22	23	24	25
Pizza Yogurt Milk	Hot Dog Fresh Fruit Milk	Meatball Sandwich String Cheese Milk	Chicken Patty Sandwich *Chips Milk	Noon Dismissal
28	29	30	31	
Pizza Fresh Fruit Milk	Plain or Cheeseburger Baby Carrots w/Ranch Dressing Milk	Chicken Nuggets (Tyson) Jello Milk	Italian Hoagie *Assorted Snack Milk	

2013/2014 Home & School Association Board Members

Committees

Executive Board

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