

# Holy Rosary Review

## Important Dates:

- February 1st:  
Noon Dismissal  
Faculty Luncheon
- February 11:  
Bishop Thomas  
Tours Holy Rosary
- February 13:  
Ash Wednesday-  
Prayer Service
- February 18th: No  
School/President's  
Day
- February 18th:  
Market Day Orders  
Due
- February 25th:  
Market Day Order  
Pickup
- Friday March 1st:  
First Friday Mass/  
Terra Nova Testing  
Begins

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## From the Principal's Desk

Dear Parents/Guardians,

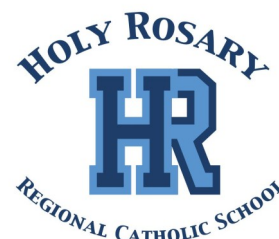
I am sure you are just as amazed as the faculty and I that we have arrived at mid-year. Progress reports for the second trimester are available online this weekend and that means that we have only one and a half trimesters left of our initial year together. I feel like we have come so far and in fact have turned a very important corner. Recently, I find I spend a lot more of my days and nights planning rather than putting fires out. That is a terrific thing!

We have now held three new student registrations and are finalizing re-registration this week as well. These numbers are critical in determining the tuition rates and faculty needs for next year. The pastors, business managers, and I have all met and finalized a tentative budget based on our numbers thus far. We are just awaiting the final enrollment so we can announce the tuition rates. Your help is critical in this process! If we do not know you are returning, our rates will go up to reflect the reduced number enrolled. Please be sure to reserve your children's spots for next year right now.

We have also just hosted two "Wine and Cheese" gathering for all parents. I am most grateful to those who came out and shared their needs, concerns, and vision with me. Your input is so valuable in the decisions we make and the direction we plan for the coming years, which includes but is not limited to: planning for expansion so we can get rid of the modulars; stretching the curriculum further in STEM; building a technology infrastructure that will support another round of iPads, this time in the lower grades; plans to develop this new technology as safely and as efficiently as possible; and blending classrooms for more effective instruction and learning.

Our clubs began this week with over 160 students participating. This is awesome! We look forward to another five week session upon completion of this round. I would love to see more options for the lower grades. If you are willing to just monitor a club such as Lego or something similar, please let us know. I am open to any ideas you have that will engage our little cherubs.

As always, we are need of your help in all areas. Please contact the school office or the Home and School Association to tell us how you can help! I wish you warmth and some quiet moments to just "be" in these long winter months.



Peace,

Lisa S. Hoban



*Read  
highlights  
from our  
teachers  
each month!*

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## **Did you know...**

### **Mrs. Koneski Kindergarten:**

In Religion, Mrs. Koneski's kindergarten have been learning about caring for other people as Jesus did. They each brought in one canned good and they were delivered to the Catholic Social Services. This was one way they cared for other people like Jesus.

### **Mrs. Dunsmore 1st Grade:**

Mrs. Dunsmore's first grade class will be taking part in a classroom "Camp In". This activity will reinforce and enhance the Language Arts experience. The classroom will be converted into a pretend campsite. There will be tents for reading stories, art projects, journal writing and illustrating, a pretend fire with the singing of songs and the day will be topped off with the drinking of hot chocolate and eating s'mores. This experience enhances the reading of "Camp In" in the children's anthologies and gives the children who might never have the opportunity to go camping a feel for what it might be like.

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

Congratulations to all second graders who received their First Reconciliation this year! We hope you continue to grow with God's laws and love!

### **Ms. Coccia 3rd Grade:**

Our class has been learning about social justice and the works and goals of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. To honor Dr. King and work towards providing everyone in our community with respect, our class worked together to make tied fleece blankets for a homeless shelter in the area. Everyone enjoyed their time working together to help those in need.

### **Ms. Morrow 4th Grade:**

Fourth grade students were participants in the Catholic Schools' Week Mass as Readers and Presenters of the Gifts. The students are learning about various research tools, and working on animal adaptation reports. They are also reading Ralph S. Mouse, learning to write paragraphs, and learning fractions.

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## Did You Know...

### Ms. McGlinchey 4th Grade:

Fourth grade held a press conference as a class activity during social studies class. Groups of three wrote news reports for different topics including the Walking Purchase, the French and Indian War, Pontiac's War, the Stamp Act/Townshend Acts, the Boston Massacre, the Boston Tea Party, and the First Continental Congress. Each group created a "breaking news" poster to go along with its topic. Students also got creative with props and costumes for their news reports.

### Ms. Crawford 7th and 8th Grade ELA:

On January 29, our classes presented our poetry interpretation. We will be presenting our Red Carpet Book Reports on February 15th.

### Mrs. Luthy Library:

Six Flags Read to Succeed Program: Students in grades K through 6 have the opportunity to earn a FREE ticket for themselves to Six Flags Great Adventure, in Jackson, NJ. Students are encouraged to read only 6 hours between Jan. 1st and February 14th to earn their tickets! Students will receive their tickets in June, IF they fulfill their quota and return their forms to Mrs. Luthy by the Feb. 14 deadline. If students earn the tickets, parents will be able to obtain discount tickets through this special program. KEEP READING!

### Sr. Regina Dougherty, SSJ Music:

Students in Grades 1-8 will be learning about the lines and spaces on the music staff. Students in Grades 5-8 will be working on their recorders and learning to play simple songs. Kindergarten students continue to learn about key elements in music: dynamics, rhythm, beat, melody, tempo. The students enjoy singing fun songs such as "One, Zero, Zero", "Twang That Thing", "Mouse in the Snow" and "Phil". They also enjoy using stuffed penguins to parade around the music room to "The Penguin Polka".

### Mrs. Byrnes Art:

6th Grade Art Class has completed designing decorative fabric squares that are being sent to St. Peter's Episcopal in Arlington, VA. At St. Peter's, Joan Trabandt will have the art squares sewn into quilt squares by quilt makers who will send the two finished quilts to orphaned children in South Africa who have lost their parents to AIDS. For their 7th birthday they are gifted with a quilt at the orphanage. The students were directed to create an interpretation of love in their drawing, recognizing that these children deserved to be loved and know that they are not forgotten in their world filled with challenge and hardship. "St. Peter's Love Quilt Art Squares" sent 80 quilts to these children this past December and will send us a photo of the quilts when they are ready to ship them to South Africa with our 6th graders squares sewn into the final quilt. What a great message of love for our Catholic students to send out to children in another country who they do not know and will never meet! Through Art they will make a very profound impression on a child who needs them!

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## **Save the Date!**

Come out and mingle at the Holy Rosary Spring Parent Social

Saturday, March 23rd, 2013

6:30pm to 9:30pm

MaGerks Bar and Grill, Fort Washington

Mark your calendar, more details coming soon!

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## **2013 Home & School Association Board Members**

Board Member: Jessica Calhoun

Marketing Co-Chairs: Colleen Giamo and Rachel Yoka

Ministry Chair: Tanya Hagner

Fundraising Co-Chairs: Jennifer Petruccelli and Heather Fryer

Hospitality Chair: Marie Dougherty-Peticca

Beautification Chair: Jennifer Klug

Grant Writing Chair: Kathy Stanley

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## Lunch Duty

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered their lunch hour(s) to Holy Rosary for the school year.

We are still in need of “lunch duty” volunteers to help Monday through Friday, 11:50 am–12:50 pm.

Do you work in the area? Consider donating your lunch hour to coming in and helping out! Feel free to partner up with a friend to alternate weeks or days to make it easier for your schedule.

If you are interested in volunteering your lunch hour to do “lunch duty,” please email or call **Colleen Giamo**, Lunch Coordinator - [colleengiamo@comcast.net](mailto:colleengiamo@comcast.net) or **267-441-5720**

Please note that ALL lunch volunteers will need security clearances. You can obtain the child abuse clearance form at [http://www.dpw.state.pa.us/ucmprd/groups/webcontent/documents/form/s\\_001762.pdf](http://www.dpw.state.pa.us/ucmprd/groups/webcontent/documents/form/s_001762.pdf) and the criminal record clearance form at <https://epatch.state.pa.us/Home.jsp>



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## Market Day

**Please place orders for January Market Day by Monday, February 18th.**

**Orders will be available for pickup on Monday, February 25th between 7 & 8pm.**

Market Day is a monthly fundraiser which offers over 200 convenient and nutritious products at competitive prices. Poultry, meats, seafood, family meals, appetizers, breakfast items and desserts are available to order, as well as gluten, dairy and peanut free products.

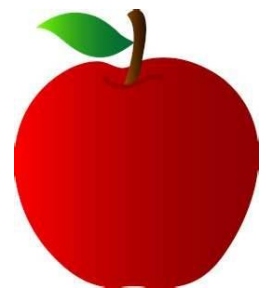
Orders may be placed either online at [www.marketday.com](http://www.marketday.com) or via order form returned to the school office. Order forms will be sent home monthly with your youngest child.

You can pay electronically for online orders or by cash or check at time of pickup.

Picking up your orders is easy! Come to the front lobby of the school where your order will be boxed up and ready, and help loading your order into your car will be available.

Questions? Please email **Anne** at [agennaria@verizon.net](mailto:agennaria@verizon.net)

Thank you for supporting Holy Rosary!



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## BLOCS



Scholarship Applications for the 2013-2014 school year are currently being accepted for the following scholarship programs for children in Archdiocesan parochial schools: Tuition Assistance Program (TAP), Opportunity Scholarship Tax Credit (OSTC), Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC), and various other programs administered by Business Leadership Organized for Catholic Schools (BLOCS), the Archdiocesan Office of Catholic Education (OCE), and the Faith in the Future Foundation (FIFF). Families fill out one application for all programs; applications are available at [www.blocs.org](http://www.blocs.org) or by contacting Lisa Moran in the Holy Rosary office.

While scholarship funds have increased over the past several years, so has demand. Filing of an application and payment of an application fee does not guarantee the awarding of a scholarship. Scholarships are granted on a rolling basis.

If you apply between December 1, 2012 and January 31, 2013, awards will be made in March 2013.

If you apply between February 1, 2013 and March 15, 2013, awards will be made in May 2013.

If you apply after March 15, 2013, awards will be made in late June 2013.

Please note that this application requires you to submit your 2011 financial information if you are applying before July 31, 2013.

Applications should be sent, along with supporting documentation and the \$22 application fee, to:

PSAS-Common Application

Box 89434

Cleveland, OH 44101-6434

If your financial situation has changed significantly since you filed your 2011 taxes, please contact **Lisa Moran** in the Holy Rosary office, [lmoran@holyrosaryregional.com](mailto:lmoran@holyrosaryregional.com), for information on how to apply for an emergency scholarship.

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## How Businesses Can Assist Holy Rosary Regional

Holy Rosary families that own businesses may be able to assist Holy Rosary School through the Opportunity Scholarship Tax Credit Program (OSTC). The OSTC provides tax credits to eligible businesses contributing to an Opportunity Scholarship Organization. Business Leadership Organized for Catholic Schools (BLOCS) is the Opportunity Scholarship Organization for the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. Businesses may make a contribution to BLOCS; designate the contribution for OSTC scholarships for Holy Rosary students; and receive a tax credit.

The contributions are used by BLOCS to provide tuition assistance to eligible students residing within the boundaries of a low achieving school to attend another school. The Pennsylvania Department of Education has declared two of the Norristown School District's middle schools low achieving.

Tax credits awarded to businesses will be equal to 75% of their contribution.

The credit can be increased to 90% if a business commits for two years.

Businesses can apply for the tax credits through the Pennsylvania Department of Community & Economic Development's electronic single application system at <http://www.esa.dced.state.pa.us/Login.aspx>.

If you have questions as to how your business can assist Holy Rosary through this program contact **Lisa Moran** in the school office, [lmoran@holyroaryregional.com](mailto:lmoran@holyroaryregional.com).

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## Book Donations, Box Tops For Education and More!

Did you know the library accepts donations of new books? We are looking to expand our non-fiction library. If you would like to commemorate a birthday, special event or remember a loved one, please donate a book (Hardback preferred) to the library. A special "plate" will be created for the book. We ask that you include the name of the person donating the book, and the reason for the donation( birthday, event, memorial).

Holy Rosary is also collecting Campbell's Labels for Education, Box Tops for Education, and soda can tabs. Please collect them in a baggie (pre-cut preferred) and forward them to the library at the end of each month.




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## More About Box Tops for Education

We can earn cash for our school online, too!

There are two ways. One, you can shop online through the Box Tops website and earn eBox-Tops® credits on all your purchases. Just click the "earn" section at the top of the [BTFE.com](http://BTFE.com) homepage and scroll down to "shop marketplace." Two, you can take part in any of the activities on the eBoxTops' Click & Earn page, click the "earn" section at the top of the homepage, then scroll down to "click & earn".

Any eBoxTops you earn will be automatically credited to our school.

Each eBoxTop is worth 10¢, just like a regular Box Top.

**Questions?** Please contact **Luisa Kelly-BoxTops Coordinator** at [aidank1@msn.com](mailto:aidank1@msn.com)



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## School Closings for Emergencies: Some Frequently Asked Questions and Answers

**Q:** If Norristown is closed but Holy Rosary is open you suggest that we should not bring the children to school. Will they be considered absent for the day?

**A:** If your school district is closed (Norristown) but Holy Rosary is open, we do suggest that your children stay home. The authorities in your township know the road conditions better than we do and are in a better position to make those calls. We would not want any family getting into an accident trying to get their children to school on dangerous roads. The children would be marked absent under the "inclement weather" column.

**Q:** Will this be an excused absence?

**A:** There are no excused absences because Holy Rosary does not have a perfect attendance award. All absences are marked as such to keep an accurate attendance/roll slip. However, the reason for the absence is noted on our attendance sheets, in this case, "inclement weather".

**Q:** If Holy Rosary is on a two hour delay will the districts bus our children two hours later?! If the school district is on a two hour delay but Holy Rosary is open at the regular time, will our transportation be on time or delayed 2 hours? Would the children be considered late?

**A:** If Holy Rosary is on a two hour delay, the bus companies will transport students according to THEIR district, not our school. For example, if Norristown is operating on a two hour delay and so is Holy Rosary, then the buses will pick them up and deliver them to our school two hours late. However, if Norristown is not on a two hour delay and Holy Rosary is, then Norristown will not be picking up our students at the two hour delay time and you will need to provide transportation or allow your children to stay home. Also, we would not mark any student late if bus transportation in their district was on a two hour delay.

**Q:** What happens in the event of an early dismissal?

**A:** You should have received a "Let it snow, Let us know" slip. The information on this paper allows the school to know in the case of an early dismissal, how your children will be going home. We do not make decisions concerning when the districts will be picking up, the individual school districts do. Parents will be notified through the One Call system as to which school districts are sending their buses early for pick up from Holy Rosary. Please note that not all districts will dismiss early at the same time (and some not at all). Holy Rosary will remain open until all school districts collect their children. Parents may listen to radio/TV to see what YOUR district is doing.






## February 2013 Calendar

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Noon Dismissal Faculty Luncheon	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11 Bishop Thomas Tours Holy Rosary	12	13 Ash Wednesday Prayer Service	14	15	16
17	18 No School/ President's Day  Market Day Orders Due	19	20	21	22	23
24	25 Market Day Order Pickup	26	27	28	March 1st  First Friday Mass  Terra Nova Testing Begins	

## February 2013 Lunch Menu

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Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
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Holy Rosary Regional School	February 2013 Lunch Menu			Early Dismissal No Lunch 😊
4	5	6	7	8
Pizza Fresh Fruit Milk	Hot Dog Chocolate Chip Cookies Milk	Ham Sandwich on Wheat Bread Chicken Noodle Soup Milk	Chick-fil-a 8 piece Nugget or Chicken Sandwich Chips and Milk	French Toast Sticks Sausage Milk
11	12	13	14	15
Pizza Gogurts Milk	Plain or Cheese Burger Tater Tots Milk	Mac & Cheese Apple Sauce Milk	Italian or Turkey Hoagie Assorted Snack  Milk	Grilled Cheese Fresh Fruit Milk
18	19	20	21	22
	Hot Dog Rice Krispy Treat Milk	Chicken Patty Sandwich Pasta Salad Milk	Meatball Sandwich String Cheese Milk	Tomato Pie Vanilla Ice Cream Cup Milk
24	26	27	28	
Pizza Veggies and Dip Milk	Plain or Cheese Burger Chips Milk	Taco Bowl Assorted Mini Cookies Milk	Chicken Nuggets Fresh Fruit Milk	