

March 2013

## Important Dates:

- **March 1 - 8:**  
Terra Nova Testing
- **March 8:**  
Second Trimester Ends
- **March 15:**  
Report Cards/  
Chuck E. Cheese Fundraiser
- **March 20:**  
Market Day  
Orders Due
- **March 23:**  
MaGerks Parents' Night Out
- **March 25:**  
8th Grade Presents  
Living Stations 7pm
- **March 26:**  
Living Stations  
11am /Grades K through 3rd  
Easter Egg Hunt 2pm
- **March 27:**  
No School/Faculty Retreat
- **March 28th:**  
Market Day Pickup
- **March 28-April 1:**  
No School/Easter Break

# Holy Rosary Review

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## From the Principal's Desk

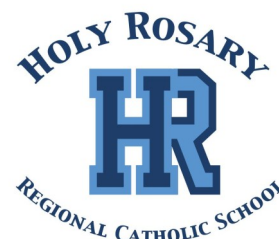
Dear Parents/Guardians,

It was a beautiful thing to leave in the light this morning after so many months of leaving in the dark and arriving home in the dark. It was wonderful to pause, to take notice, and to listen to the morning sounds. This is significant in the context of Lent where we are called to the light and challenged to be more receptive to listening to Christ in our lives. A priest once described it as similar to the old radios we had in our cars where you would hear a whole lot of static as you switched from station to station and then clear reception once you were landed on the correct channel. Like me, I am sure your life is filled with enormous static that prevents us from truly listening to God and being attentive to what he is saying. I pray you will find some quiet time to open yourself to intentional listening, absent of static.

I am very excited to be working with the entire eighth grade on preparation for Living Stations that will be performed on Monday, March 25th at 7:00 pm and again for the school on Tuesday, March 26th at 11:00 am. Not only is it a delight to work with these students, but it also offers me an opportunity to really spend time contemplating the journey of Christ. All our students continue to go to Stations of the Cross every other Friday to help them enter into this reflection as well.

Our days continue to be very busy with a range of activities across the grades. I am pleased to announce that six of our new smart boards are up and the MCIU will be installing the additional four next week. Our middle school students and their teachers continue to find new uses for the iPads and each day brings us closer to understanding the complexity of moving to platforms such as this. Next month, Mr. Walsh, Miss Travaline, and I look forward to sharing our vision for the eighth grade class of next year, where even more integration of technology will take place. A meeting will be scheduled shortly for all enrolled parents and students in next year's graduating class.

Other plans for 2013-14 include moving the third and fourth grade into the main building. We look forward to sharing this information along with much more at the final General Home and School Meeting, tentatively scheduled for Wednesday evening, April 24th. Thank you so much for your continued support!



Peace,

Lisa S. Hoban



*Read  
highlights  
from our  
teachers  
each month!*

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

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

KA and KB celebrated their One-hundredth Day of School on Tuesday, February 19th. The children were very excited after counting everyday since the first day of school. They did many fun activities that day including making 100 day crowns, making a cake in the shape of 100, finding 100 Hershey kisses and doing a graph using 100 jelly beans. They all said it was the best day ever.

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

Mrs. Dunsmore's First grade class is planning the "Hunt for the Gold" in honor of St. Patrick's Day. The students will be divided into teams. Each team will be given problems to figure out as a team. For every problem which is correct, the students turn over a shamrock which has a letter on it. The letters spell out words which will send the students on a hunt for prizes. Other exciting things which the students take part in will be the singing of Irish songs and the making of Irish Arts and Crafts.

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

2 B celebrated President's Day by seeing pictures and facts of all of our presidents! We then focused on George Washington and Abraham Lincoln. We made our own Abraham Lincolns and posted facts about him on his hat! We followed up with lessons about the Washington Memorial and created our own structures!

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

On March 18th the Fourth Grade will be attending Science Week in Philadelphia. During Catholic Schools Week, the Fourth grade had a great time. They helped Kindergarten and First Grades find books and read to them during the Book Fair. Joey Petko and Jason Zakrzewski did a fantastic job representing class 4A in the talent show!

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## Did You Know...

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

Thank you to the parents and students for an overwhelmingly generous response to our Jump Rope for Hearts event we participated in during Catholic Schools Week in gym classes. Holy Rosary raised \$4752.00! What an awesome testament to our wonderful families.

We will also be having an assembly for grades 3, 4, and 5 on March 14 titled "Face Off for Fitness" featuring representatives from the Philadelphia Flyers marketing team and former player, Bob the Hound Dog Kelly!

### **Mrs. Luthy Library:**

Thanks to all of our parents and students for your support of our Scholastic Book Fair. We received well over 300 books for our library, including quality hard back books!

Our Elementary and Junior Olympics Teams are in full gear, preparing for the Spring competitions. In preparation, the Holy Rosary Regional Readers are hard at work reading as many books as possible during their spare time. Mrs. Luthy, Mrs. Engle, Miss Morrow, and Miss Sargent meet with the children each week to discuss comprehension questions.

Congratulations to all of our Read to Succeed Participants! Students in grades K through 6 were invited to read for enjoyment for 6 hours between January 4th and February 14th. Students who completed and turned in their reading logs will earn a free ticket to Six Flags Great Adventure in Jackson, NJ. Holy Rosary submitted 72 reading logs!  
**GREAT JOB!**

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## Parents' Night Out at MaGerks!



**Saturday, March 23rd, 2013**

**6:30pm to 9:30pm**

MaGerks Bar and Grill, Fort Washington

**[Click here to Register!](#)**

\$25 Discount Advance Tickets (by 3/15)

\$35 Regular Tickets (starting 3/16)

Cash Bar

Great live music, full buffet, fantastic company, Mrs. Hoban and teacher guest bartenders and a 50/50 and door prizes!

Please email any questions to [hrrfundraising@yahoo.com](mailto:hrrfundraising@yahoo.com) or call **Jennifer Fuchs** at 267-205-2358

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## 1st Annual Holy Rosary Easter Egg Hunt



On March 26th (weather permitting) Kindergarten through 3rd grades will participate in Holy Rosary's 1st Annual Easter Egg Hunt.

Donations of plastic eggs, candy and small toys to put inside the eggs are kindly being accepted. Please keep the donations peanut and tree nut allergy friendly.

Please send any donations into the office labeled "Hospitality Committee" by March 17th.

Any questions, please contact **Marie Peticca** at **610-608-4487** / **[April4244@gmail.com](mailto:April4244@gmail.com)**

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## Chuck E. Cheese Night—March 15th!

Holy Rosary Families- let's once again share some time together while having pizza on a Friday during Lent. Join us at **Chuck E. Cheese in Montgomeryville** from **3-9pm** on **March 15th**.

Mention Holy Rosary with any purchase and Holy Rosary will share in 15% of all proceeds.

Kids, be on the lookout for Chuck E. Cheese who will come visit the school at 2:30 that day. All students will receive a sticker entitling them to 10 free tokens.

Looking forward to seeing you there!

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## Save the Date! 1st Annual Ladies' Bingo

Holy Rosary is holding Basket Bingo and Home Business Extravaganza on Friday, April 26th.

Come play ten games of Bingo where every prize basket will be worth more than \$100 with a fantastic theme.

Shop for products and book parties from over 15 vendors such as Tastefully Simple, Pampered Chef, and Silpada. A number of raffles to be won as well!

**Tickets: Advanced Tickets: \$25**

**At the Door: \$30**

Coffee/Tea and light desserts included. Bring Your Own Cocktails.

Doors open at 6:30. Games start at 7:30.

For questions or advanced ticket purchases, please call or email **Marion Dinofa** at **610-914-1144** / **marion.dinofa@gmail.com**

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7	25	44	57	62
15	22	40	50	70
11	30	FREE SPACE	46	74
2	28	37	55	68
10	27	39	59	75

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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)

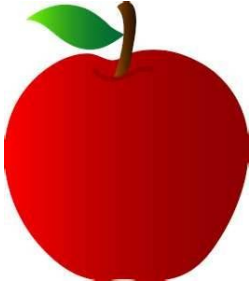


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## Market Day

Please place orders for **March Market Day** by **Wednesday, March 20th**.

Orders will be available for pickup on **Thursday, March 28th** 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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## 2013 Home & School Association Board Members

Board Member: Jessica Calhoun

Marketing Co-Chairs: Colleen Giamo and Rachel Yoka

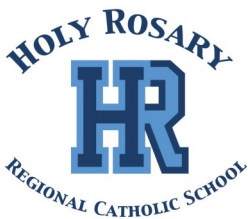
Ministry Chair: Tanya Hagner

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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## Spotlight On....

Congratulations to 8th grader Steven Smith!

Steven made first chair trumpet for the Northeastern Music Program.

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## Spotlight On....Our Teachers

Read what our families have to say about our fabulous Holy Rosary teachers!

I was given the opportunity to substitute last Thursday in Ms. Prieto's second grade classroom. I wanted to let you know that I had such a wonderful experience with the children. Ms. Prieto left great lesson plans and provided me with additional work/review games in case that I had extra time. There were two children assigned as substitute helpers and they did just an amazing job pointing me in the right direction. Ms. Prieto shared her classroom discipline plan with me so the children knew that I had the same expectations of them. They were well behaved and worked diligently all day. Ms. Prieto is doing a wonderful job with her students. ~ Susan Wise

I just wanted to share a situation where Mr. Antonello has in my opinion has shone as a teacher at Holy Rosary. My son has been absent the past few days, and I emailed Mr. Antonello to let him know he wouldn't be at Science Club. Mr. Antonello emailed back offering to go through today's club experiment sometime when my son is back in school. My son is not a student in one of his classes asking for extra help in his class, he's just a third grader in the Science Club. This touched me for some reason. It is the kind and good gestures that make the teachers at Holy Rosary stand out. ~Amy Walker

I only want to take a moment of your time regarding two AMAZING Holy Rosary teachers. Trying to "pry" information out of a 6 year old is a tall feat. {While in preschool} when presented with the question "what did you do in school" the response was always the same, "NOTHING". Upon entering Holy Rosary I was expecting the same response, I WAS WRONG.

I would like to acknowledge two Holy Rosary teachers who have turn the dreaded question everyday into a 20 minute conversation. Mrs Pickering, my son's kindergarten teacher asked our permission for him to attend a reading program with Mrs Gilman. My son comes home every Tuesday and Thursday ECSTATIC about the reading class. After the first class he asked my husband if this could be an everyday class. He would ask what a sign said when driving or what the cereal box said and now he reads EVERYTHING or tries to sound it out.

With extraordinary teachers like Mrs. Pickering and Mrs. Gilman the next 8 years with my son will be exciting!

~Colleen Farrell



## March 2013 Calendar

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Terra Novas	2
3	4 Terra Novas	5 Terra Novas	6 Terra Novas	7 Terra Novas	8 Terra Novas 2nd Trimester Ends	9
10	11	12	13	14	15 Report Cards Issued  Chuck E. Cheese Fundraiser 3pm- 9pm	16
17	18	19	20 Market Day Orders Due	21	22	23 Parents' Night Out at MaGerks
24	25 8th Grade Presentation of the Living Stations 7pm	26 8th Grade Living Stations 11am  K-3 Egg Hunt	27 No School/ Faculty Retreat	28 No School/ Easter Break  Market Day Pickup	29 No School/ Easter Break	30
31 Easter Sunday	April 1 No School/ Easter Break	2 Classes Resume				

## March 2013 Lunch Menu

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Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
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<p style="color: purple; font-size: 1.2em;">Holy Rosary Lunch Menu</p>	<p>March 2013</p>			<p>Tuna Hoagie Assorted Snacks Milk</p>
4	5	6	7	8
<p>Pizza Gogurts Milk</p>	<p>Hot Dog Mini Cookies Milk</p>	<p>Spaghetti w/meatball Italian Bread Fresh Fruit Milk</p>	<p>Chick-fil-a 8pc Nugget / Sandwich Chips Milk</p>	<p>Grilled Cheese Vanilla Ice Cream Milk</p>
11	12	13	14	15
<p>Pizza Tossed Salad Milk</p>	<p>Plain or Cheese Burger Tater Tots Milk</p>	<p>Ham &amp; Cheese on a Roll Chips Milk</p>	<p>Chicken Nuggets Fresh Fruit Milk</p>	<p>Waffles Gogurt Milk</p>
18	19	20	21	22
<p>Pizza Peach Cup Milk</p>	<p>Hot Dog Rice Krispy Treat Milk</p>	<p>Plain or Cheese Steak Chips Milk</p>	<p>Chicken Patty Sandwich Pasta Salad Milk</p>	<p>Tuna Hoagie Minute Maid Juice Bar Milk</p>
25	26	27	28	29
<p>Pizza Veggies with Dip Milk</p>	<p>Plain or Cheese Burger Dorito's Milk</p>	<p>Faculty Retreat No School</p>	<p style="color: cyan; font-size: 1.2em;">Easter Break</p> 	<p style="color: yellow; font-size: 1.2em;">Easter Break</p> 