

October 2014

Holy Rosary Review

Important Dates:

October 12:

Fall Festival

October 13:

Parent/Teacher

Conferences Grades K-4/

Grades K-4 NO

SCHOOL/

Grades 5-8 Regular

School Day

October 14:

Parent/Teacher

Conferences Grades 5-8/

Grades 5-8 NO

SCHOOL /

Grades K-4 Regular

School Day/

Chik-fil-a Fundraiser

October 17:

Market Day Orders Due/

Last Day for CYO Basket-
ball Player Registration

October 23:

Market Day Order Pickup

October 24:

Spiritual Retreat to the

Shrine of Our Lady of

Czestochowa /

Noon Dismissal

October 25:

Trunk or Treat

October 27:

Picture Day

October 31:

NO SCHOOL-Teacher

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From the Principal's Desk

Dear Parents/Guardians,

"Preach the Gospel every day; use words when necessary."

At the close of a high school retreat yesterday, a student stood up and said that the greatest thing he learned over the few days they were away was this statement. I was so moved by both his proclamation and grace that I could think of little else as I ended our beautiful first fall weekend.

All night long, even in the middle of the night, and early this morning, the statement resonated with me. As I prayed over it, what I came to understand is that your children preach this lesson every single day; and they preach it to us. Quite literally, a school day does not go by without a student living the Gospel. We have a wall in our hallway where people are encouraged to recognize fellow classmates, students, faculty, or parents who are "Caught being helpful, reliable, respectful, sympathetic, and compassionate". I believe if we took the time, we would not have enough room on the wall to acknowledge all the gifts these children bring us.

Thank you for sharing the gift of your children with our community and know how grateful we are to the many students who preach by their actions. And in particular to the following:

Todd, Brandon, Stanley, and Savanna, for always holding doors, following rules, cleaning up after others.

Michael W. and Spenser for consoling friends who were having a bad day.

Thomas for always cheering for the underdog.

Mike M. for faithfully doing what is expected of him.

Samantha for helping a friend complete their work.

Emma for helping a classmate who was hurt.

Santina and Max for always being respectful.

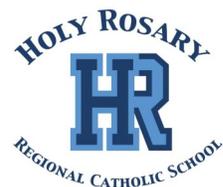
What better time to celebrate these gifts than October, the Month of Mary. As we gather each Wednesday for the recitation of the Rosary, I will keep you and your children in my prayer to the Blessed Mother, and ask that she continue to intercede on our behalf to her Son, and request continued grace to learn from the cherubs we see every day. It is my prayer that we adults learn to emulate our beautiful children's joy and compassion; gifts learned at home and nurtured in school.

May you have a beautiful October, taking joy in the little reminders that Christ is with us always, from the changing foliage, to the longer nights, to the smile on your little ones' faces.

Peace,

Lisa S. Hoban

One Faith, One Family, One School





*Read
highlights
from our
teachers
each month!*

Did You Know...

Mrs. Koneski/Mrs. Pickering - Kindergarten:

KA and KB are beginning to adjust to their school routine. They have taken a tour of Holy Rosary and have met all the teachers. They love going to all their specials and have decided that GYM is their favorite subject. They are all looking forward to their first class trip to Solly Brothers Farm on October 6th. Please pray for sunshine!

Mrs. Dunsmore/Ms. Carroll - First Grade:

The First Grade classes are learning about creation and the important part which they play in our world. The children are also learning about their patron saints' in Religion. There will be a "Saints' Parade" on November 3rd, during which the children will dress as their saints and give a small presentation talking about their saints.

The little ones are looking forward to their field trip to Grimm's Greenhouse in late October. The children will enjoy a hayride, pick a pumpkin, and learn about many types of trees and the role of bees. The children will enjoy apple cider slushies and have lunch in the barn. There is a "HUGE" playground with activities unlike any which they have had the opportunity to take part in our vicinity. Finding their way through an enormous corn maze will be the culmination of the trip.

Miss Morrow/Miss Smedley - Fourth Grade:

The Fourth Graders are learning about the Scientific Method and creating their own experiments.

Miss Morrow/Miss Smedley/Miss Reid/Mrs. Monaghan - Fourth & Fifth Grades:

Fourth and Fifth Grade went to the National Constitution Center for Constitution Day on September 17, 2014. You may have been lucky enough to even see our Holy Rosary students on Channel 6 Action News that evening!

Ms. Julia Lewis -Eighth Grade Social Studies Class:

The Eighth Graders will be going to Gettysburg for a field trip on Friday, October 10th as part of their Civil War unit in Social Studies.

Mrs. Gilman-Physical Education:

Third Grade enjoyed an assembly on Monday, September 22nd with the Flyers Community Outreach Program. The Program was called "Face Off for Fitness".

Representatives from the Flyers talked to the children about nutrition and exercise. They played several games, challenged themselves and all received a "parting gift".

Fun assembly!

Letter from The Governing Board of Pastors

Monsignor Sangermano, Holy Saviour, Norristown

The month of October is indeed a special one for our Holy Rosary Regional Catholic School family, because it is the month which the Church dedicates in a special way to that great prayer whose name we bear: the Holy Rosary.

The actual Feast of the Most Holy Rosary is celebrated on October 7, and the reason for it being celebrated on that day has a great history. In 1571, the Christian forces were about to engage in a significant battle against the infidel Turks. The Christians were greatly outnumbered in ships and sailors. The Pope at the time, Pius V, ordered a crusade of prayer throughout the city of Rome by means of the recitation of the Rosary. While taking part in the prayers of the Rosary Confraternity, Pius V was granted a vision of a great sea battle taking place in far off Lepanto. God allowed him to see the victory of the Christian forces against overwhelming odds. Several days later, when messengers from Lepanto finally reached Rome, they confirmed the Christian victory and the fact that it was won at the very moment that Pope Pius had his vision. The Feast, first called Our Lady of Victory, then the Most Holy Rosary, was set for October 7, the day of the miraculous victory.

Today, we too seem to be surrounded by so many enemies of our lives as Catholics! So many things seem to work against what we believe and make it difficult for parents and children to live a Christian life, which is the only sure way to happiness. Many times, all of us feel overwhelmed by the difficulties, temptations and trials of life. We must remember that we are never powerless! Our Lord reminds us, as He reminded Saint Paul, who felt overcome by his own weaknesses: "My grace is sufficient for you!"

Apart from the Mass, Holy Communion and the Sacrament of Penance, one of the greatest means of obtaining that grace is by recitation of the Holy Rosary. The Rosary has been called a "school of prayer," because while meditating on the Mysteries, with the recitation of the Hail Marys and Our Fathers as "soothing background music," we can learn all the lessons necessary for a faithful Catholic life. Unlike our dear children at Holy Rosary, none of us will ever graduate from this School of the Rosary! This is because its lessons are endless. They will only see their fulfillment in Heaven.

If you are already faithful to the Rosary, continue! If you have forgotten how to say it, there are many inexpensive leaflets and booklets to help you, which many of our parishes make available to their people. In this Month of October especially, may we, who bear the glorious name of Holy Rosary in our School community, all go to school: the school of the Rosary!

Johns Hopkins Scholars

Congratulations to our 7th and 8th graders who were named Johns Hopkins Scholars this year!

These students represent an elite class of learners who are eligible to sit for the SAT exams with 11th and 12th Graders this Fall and Spring. Holy Rosary is extremely proud of our 2014/2015 Hopkins Scholars!

7th Grade Hopkins Scholars:

Bethany Belkowski

Isabella Corino

Jack Derfler

Maria Manno

Hank McNeil

Christie Newell

Tim Newell

Deep Patel

Anthony Saldutti

8th Grade Hopkins Scholars:

Jake Antonello

Mary Katherine Cleary

Jason Cross

Nick Gagliano

Ashley Haus

Nadine Lampe

Erin Mahady

Salvatore Marano

Mark Martinelli

Stanley Matusheski

Connor Patzuk

Class Student Council Representatives

In September, a general election was held to select Class Representatives for Student Council. Congratulations to the following students, and we look forward to the wonderful things Student Council will be working hard on for Holy Rosary this year!

3-A Amy Garcia

3-B Brianna Petruccelli

4-A Cara Lamina

4-B Devon Stein

5-A Katy Belkowski

5-B Maya Garcia

6-A Joey Petko

6-B Joanna Frias

7-A Bethany Belkowski

7-B Anthony Saldutti

8-A Lamarre Jean

8-B Nick Galullo

Spiritual Retreat to the Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa

On Friday, October 24th, the students, faculty and priests from the sponsoring parishes of Holy Rosary will participate in a spiritual retreat to the Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa in Doylestown, Pennsylvania. This spiritual retreat has been graciously funded by our Pastors.

Students will pray the Rosary as they walk along the Rosary path, visit the Grotto of the Blessed Mother and participate in a concelebrated Mass by all four pastors. The entire student body will have its picture taken on the steps of the Basilica. This is a wonderful way to honor Our Lady during the month of the Holy Rosary.

Children should remember to bring their Rosaries to school. Parents need to complete field trip permission slips which will be sent home with their children, We will return to school by 11:45, as it is a half day. Thank you!

Parents and relatives are welcome to join us in prayer at the Shrine at 9:00. Our only request is that the center aisles be left open for our student body during the Celebration of the Eucharist.

“One Faith, One Family, One School”

Last month a contest was held to select Holy Rosary’s new school slogan. Along with composing the winning slogan the winners also were given the opportunity to do the honors during Mrs. Hoban’s ALS Ice Bucket Challenge.

Congratulations to 7th Graders **Bethany Belkowski** and **Shannon Bunn**, whose winning slogan **“One Faith, One Family, One School”** now represents Holy Rosary’s school community.

CYO News

Dances:

Holy Rosary CYO was happy to celebrate the start of the school year with more than 200 students in attendance at our first dance of the year, and we are looking forward to celebrating Fall with the students at our next dance scheduled for Friday, November 7th!

Hope to see many of our 6th-8th graders there!

If you would like to volunteer to chaperone, please send an email to Holy Rosary CYO at holyrosarycyo@gmail.com.

Sports:



CYO Basketball Registration is open. Holy Rosary Students in grades 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th grades are eligible to participate. Please register via wagdogs.com.

Registration deadline for coaches is October 10th and for players is October 17th.

**Please note that October 17th is a strict deadline as arrangements need to be made to rent gym space to accommodate our teams. The amount of gym hours that need to be rented is determined by the number of athletes that register.

Box Tops for Education

Welcome back to school, parents! Clipping Box Tops is an easy way for you to help our school earn cash. Our goal for this year is to more than double last year's submissions. I believe we have many enthusiastic parents and children to help us towards this goal.

Box Tops have two deadlines a year for submissions— one in the fall and one in the spring. I will have very fun and exciting contests with prizes around these deadlines. I hope you clipped and saved many Box Tops over the summer, and continue to clip, because the first submission mailing deadline is November 1st. Be on the look out for contest rules/dates coming out soon.



If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact **Luisa Kelly**, Box Top Coordinator at Aidankl@msn.com. Luisa is here to make our school's Box Tops for Education program a HUGE success this year. Thanks for your help!

HASA Virtual Apparel Sale

Show your school spirit! Get your Holy Rosary gear!

The period for open ordering has ended, but some items are still available for purchase. Follow the link from the <http://holyrosaryregional.com/>

Fundraising page to place an order.

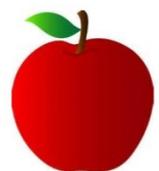
The HASA Virtual Apparel Sale is always open on the school's website!

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 17th and pickup will be held on Thursday, October 23rd between 6:30 and 7:00pm.

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



HASA News

iPads

HASA was able to purchase 35 iPads and a docking cart which will be made available for use to the children in the lower grades. 25 iPads will sit on the cart which will travel between the 1st and 2nd grade classrooms and the remaining 10 iPads will be divided and used in each Kindergarten classroom.

Business Leadership Organized for Catholic Schools (BLOCS) Funding

BLOCS is a non-profit organization dedicated to helping families afford Catholic education. Eligible families that apply are not necessarily awarded funding because awards are dependent on the amount of scholarship money available each year.

Holy Rosary has several families that qualified for assistance prior to the date BLOCS awards were made but who did not receive an award. Without this funding, students from these families would not likely have been able to continue attending Holy Rosary. HASA approved the \$8500.00 needed for these students to continue their education at Holy Rosary Regional Catholic School.

Fall Festival and Pony Plop- Sunday, October 12th, 12-4pm

Get ready for an exciting day of games/rides, martial arts demo, fire truck and more. Fun for ALL ages!

Unlimited ride/game wristbands available for \$15 per person only until October 9th. This is heavily discounted!! Thereafter only tickets will be available for sale on the day of the event. Activities for all ages. Mechanical Bull, Rock Wall, Joust, Moon bounce. Parents don't be shy about buying a wristband for yourself! Advanced purchase wristbands will be available for pickup at will-call the day of the festival.

Pony Plop- "Deeds" for land plots are available for purchase and a pony is walked around the field. If the pony "plops" on your deeded plot, you win \$500 or 20% of the proceeds, whichever is greater!!

Preston and Steve/Mike Missanelli Raffles- buy raffles to win a chance to sit in for one hour on a live broadcast with Preston and Steve or Mike Missanelli

At home business extravaganza- if you own an at home business and would like to rent space at the Fall Festival, please contact hrrfundraising@yahoo.com. Space will be available for \$25 if you bring your own table, \$35 if you need us to supply a table. If two people who sell the same product reach out, the first to pay the rental fee will be provided with the space.

To order wristbands, pony plots or raffle tickets, please click on the attached Constant Contact link below:

<http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?oeidk=a07e9n2ad2f4f6abc4b&llr=nxgquweab&showPage=true>

Volunteers for Fall Festival

We need a lot of help/volunteers to make Fall Festival a success, please donate your time by clicking on the following link to the Sign Up Genius for this event. THIS IS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR STUDENTS TO EARN SERVICE HOURS!!!

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0845abab2da7fd0-fall>

Any questions, comments or concerns please contact us at hasa@holyroaryregional.com

Craft Show - Save The Date!



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 is 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.



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Save the Date – Upcoming Fundraising Events

October

October 14th- Dinner with School Family- Chick Fil A

October 25th- Trunk or Treat

November

November 8th- Lads and Ladies- Rock Climbing

November 13th- Dinner with School Family- Friendly's

Tuition Assistance Opportunities 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.

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

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 for the 2015-2016 school year 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. Please note: all eligible families do not necessarily receive funding. Awards are dependent on the amount of scholarship money available each year.

Business Leadership Organized for Catholic Schools (BLOCS) is a non-profit organization dedicated to helping families afford Catholic education. Holy Rosary students received almost \$30,000 in BLOCS funding during the 2014-2015 school year.

BLOCS applications for the 2015-2016 school year will be available in the fall at www.blocs.org.

Tuition Assistance for Holy Rosary Families

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.

The Henkels Foundation supports benevolent, religious, educational, charitable, scientific, and literary undertakings throughout the United States. The funding was made possible by 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.

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 \$11,400 from the Kremer Foundation for the 2014-2015 school year.

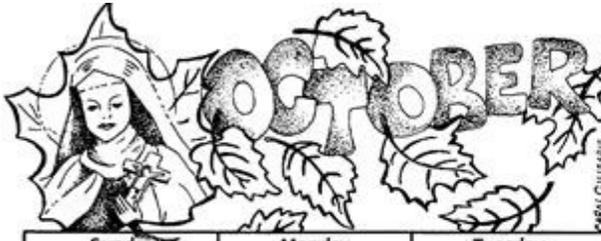
To qualify for assistance, a family's adjusted gross income cannot exceed the federal food program's maximum family income for reduced priced meals. The 2015-2016 guidelines are not yet available. To qualify for the 2014-2015 school year, a family of four's adjusted gross income had to be less than \$43,568; the qualifying amount was increased by \$7,437 for each additional family member.

If Holy Rosary receives a grant from the Kremer Foundation for the 2015-2016 school year, Holy Rosary will notify families of the application process in the spring. All applications will be submitted to Holy Rosary.

Children's Scholarship Fund (CSF) provides scholarships to qualifying families who live in Philadelphia to fund tuition at a private school of the family's choosing. PLEASE NOTE: Families must reside in Philadelphia to qualify; students may attend a CSF-approved school outside the Philadelphia city limits. Income eligibility requirements will be available on the CSF website www.csphiladelphia.org when they become available.

Applications will be available on the website in mid-November and are due no later than March 1. Scholarships are awarded by random lottery. Recipients are notified by mid-March.

October 2014 Calendar



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			St. Therese 1 Sr. Anita Middle States Previsit Science Explorers	Guardian Angels 2 After School Bowling	Neumann Essays 3 due Mass 11 AM	St. Francis 4
5	6	7	8 Science Explorers	9 After School Bowling	10 6-7-8 Grade Field Trips Progress Reports	11
12	Columbus Day 13 Conferences K-4 NO SCHOOL 5-8 School	14 Conferences K-4 School 5-8 NO SCHOOL	15 Science Explorers	16 After School Bowling	17 Shrine permission slips due	18
19	1st Grade Field Trip 20	21	22 Science Explorers	23 After School Bowling	24 Whole school to shrine Noon Dismissal	25
26	27 School Pictures	28	29 Science Explorers	30 After School Bowling	31 Halloween Teacher In-Service No School	

October 2014 Lunch Menu

October 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	1	2	3	4
			<u>Mac & Cheese</u>	<u>Chick-fil-a lunch 1</u>	<u>French Toast Sticks</u>	
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	<u>Pizza Day w/veggies</u>	<u>Hot Dog/Cheez-It Crackers/Milk</u>	<u>Chicken Nuggets</u>	<u>Steak Sandwich Day</u>	<u>Grilled Cheese/Gogurt/Milk</u>	
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	<u>Pizza Day w/Fruit Salad</u>	<u>Hamburger/Veggie Straws/Milk</u>	<u>Turkey Hoagie</u>	<u>Chick-fil-a lunch 2</u>	<u>Tomato Pie</u>	
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	<u>Pizza/Gogurt/Milk</u>	<u>Hot Dog/Sweet Corn/Milk</u>	<u>Meatball Sandwich</u>	<u>Ham & Cheese/Kaiser Roll</u>	<u>Noon Dismissal</u>	
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
	<u>Pizza Day w/Salad</u>	<u>Burger Day</u>	<u>Pasta w/Sauce</u>	<u>Chicken Patty Sandwich</u>	<u>Teachers In-Service</u>	

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