

Holy Rosary Review

Important

Dates:

October 2:

11am First Friday
Mass/

Student Council &
Ministry Inductions/
Neumann Essays Due

October 8:

HASA Board Meeting

October 13:

Chik-fil-a Night

October 14:

High School Night

October 17:

Fall Festival (Rain
Date October 18)

October 26:

K-4 Conferences/No
School for Grades K-
4

October 27:

5-8 Conferences/ No
School for Grades 5-
8

October 30:

Progress Reports/
8th Grade Trip to
Gettysburg/CYO
Dance

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From the Principal's Desk

Dear Parent/Guardians,

Welcome to October! This month has special significance for our Church but even more so for our school, as October 7th is the Feast of the Holy Rosary.

According to Catholic Exchange.com, this commemoration began first as a celebration to Our Lady of Victory when the Blessed Mother responded to the prayers of Christians in 1571, who were being overrun by the Turks at the time, but were successful in defeating them. Our Church expanded the celebration to include the entire month of October, and it is in keeping with this tradition, that Holy Rosary Regional Catholic School gathers together every Wednesday morning of the month to recite the Rosary before school starts. For many students new to Holy Rosary, this will be the first time they have recited this prayer to Our Blessed Mother. It is with great reverence that we do so, offering each Hail Mary in prayer for our classmates, teachers, families, and the Holy Father.

With October, also comes a change of pace. The school members fall into a groove after a crazy September. Student Council and Ministry leaders were inducted after mass this morning and I know they are excited to begin their missions. Our Pre-K and Kindergarten students have also settled in and with few exceptions, are able to come to school without tears in the morning, a feat not easily accomplished for these cherubs and their parents. They were also excited to meet their upper school prayer partners this week and to join them in the celebration of the mass today. As the month progresses, we look forward to seeing all our parents and students at conferences this month to check in and ensure a smooth and successful ending of the first trimester.

In addition, after what seems like years of anticipation, at least for me, our Advisory Board of Limited Jurisdiction is finally able to begin their mission. The board, comprised of a pastoral representative with voting rights, the principal, without voting rights, and twelve to fifteen members from the school and parishes, will begin undertaking oversight of the financial, development, and strategic planning for the school. Over the next few weeks, the pastors will make decisions as to the role they choose to take on the board, and with their help, we will appoint the Chair, Assistant Chair and Secretary to complete the Executive Board. Once completed, we will begin the move in earnest. Please support this endeavor with your time and talent as the members reach out to more of the constituents from our parishes and our school to form committees for this important job.

Despite the rain, if you look closely, you can witness the beginning of fall and the beautiful changes it brings us. Please try and take time to reflect on the many different colors of leaves unfolding and remember at Holy Rosary, we celebrate our own differences!

May God Bless You and Yours!

Peace,

Lisa S. Hoban

One Faith, One Family, One School





Did You Know...

Mrs. Keith—Reading Resource:

The children in grades K-5 were very busy reading in many, many different places this summer. Almost 80 children returned their summer reading charts showing all the different places they read. For their efforts, each student received both a Rita's Water Ice and Chick-fil-A gift certificate! It was great to see students reading in so many interesting and fun places. Next time you are in the school, look at the bulletin board on the second floor that shows all the different places Holy Rosary students were reading this summer!

Mrs. Koneski/Ms. Carroll—First Grade:

The first grade has been busy learning what a good man Pope Francis is. They enjoyed watching a video about him, learning about his life and coloring his picture. They also learned about Johnny Appleseed, how apples grow, and the season of Fall. They can't wait to go on a nature walk to see how the leaves are changing colors.



Box Tops for Education

Mrs. Luisa Kelly has been the Box Top Coordinator for Holy Rosary Regional since September 2012. This is a fundraiser that only requires you to cut Box Tops from participating products and submit them to the school. How easy does that sound?

Every year, your submissions have increased which means greater earnings for the school. We raised close to \$2200 last year. (that's 22,000 Box Tops!!) There are 2 contests per school year for the children to raise awareness of the importance of each Box Top. They are mailed to Box Top in November and March and checks are mailed to the school each time. Please understand that each Box Top is worth 10 cents and they add up quickly. If you have 100, 50 or even 5 Box Tops, every single one counts.

At the end of the last school year, Mrs. Kelly provided every child with a baggie to collect Box Tops all summer long. She will be collecting those bags soon. You can send BoxTops to school with your child's name on it at ANY time. There is a box in school office. You can have family and friends participate as well, including grandparents, neighbors, and co workers. They are all so willing to help. Here are a few participating products: Hefty bags, General mills cereal, Yoplait yogurt, Old El Paso, Betty Crocker, Pillsbury, Ziploc. For a complete list and many facts, please visit BTFE.COM. Contest information to follow.

If you have any questions about the Box Tops for Education™ program, please contact Luisa Kelly, Box Top Coordinator at Aidankl@msn.com.

Thank you to everyone who clipped and sent in Box Tops!

Letter from The Governing Board of Pastors

Fr. Lewandoski —Saint Titus Parish

Dear Holy Rosary Family,

Greetings! Welcome back to School!

Happy October!

Probably, socially speaking, the main event that takes place in October is Halloween. Currently the stores are stocked with Halloween costumes, candies, and various gadgets.

Religiously speaking, however, the month of October is “our” month – it’s the month of the Holy Rosary. On October 7 we celebrate the feast of “Our Lady of the Rosary” and on October 13 we remember the last of the apparitions of our Lady to the three shepherd children in Fatima, Portugal during which she gave them her “name”. She told them “I am the Lady of the Rosary” and she instructed them to say the rosary “every day” for the souls in purgatory, for the conversion of sinners, and for the conversion of Russia.

I would hope that during this month of October, we all would take the “HINT” as our school is dedicated to the Holy Rosary so too our own personal lives should be dedicated to the recitation of that Holy Rosary “every day” as directed by our Blessed Mother herself.

Our world, unfortunately, is still in “great need” of conversion. Over 75% of our own Catholic people do not attend Mass more than “twice” a year - Christmas and Easter. Throughout the world Christians are very much being persecuted. Their lives are being taken, their churches are being destroyed and they are being forced to hide in exile. Even our own government is enacting laws which infringe upon our own free “practice” of our faith – a “practice” that needs to be conducted “outside” the walls of our churches.

There is not only “still”, but I would say an even “greater need” to pray the rosary “everyday”. There are still souls in purgatory hoping for our prayers. There is still a great need for conversion in our world to “practice” a faith that must still exist in the hearts of many.

This is “our month” – the month of the Holy Rosary. Let us take the “HINT” and remember our Lady’s request – “ Pray the Rosary every day” for the good of the World.

HASA Happenings

Holy Rosary Fall Festival

The Holy Rosary Fall Festival is scheduled for October 17th (October 18th rain date)! This is a great family and community event!

Back by popular demand is the Pony Plop, mechanical bull, rock wall, bounce house and jousting moon bounce. There will be tons of food and other activities.

Attached are links to a page where you can sign up to volunteer for Fall Festival. You can volunteer your time to help set up, tear down, work at various stations, or bake. Please click the second link to purchase your Pony Plop deeds and wristbands for event.

To Volunteer, please click [HERE](#).

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0c4fafa828a2f94-fall>

To purchase tickets and Pony Plop Deeds, please click [HERE](#):

<http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?oeidk=a07e9z7xjsl0d18c990&llr=nxgquweab>

Trunk or Treat-Saturday, October 31st, 12pm in the Holy Rosary Parking Lot

Come out and have a spooktacular time! This event is to provide our kids with a safe environment to trick or treat and to simply enjoy our school friends and family. There is no charge to participate in the event. The only cost to you for this event is to purchase enough candy for the kids participating. Decorate your trunk and bring the kids out for some Halloween fun! Prizes will be given for best costumes and best decorated trunk!

Please RSVP to Kim Taglieber no later than October 28th, at kimtaglieber@gmail.com.
(When responding kindly provide Family name and number of children participating.)

An email will be sent out prior to the event with the final number of children participating. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer please contact Kim at the email address above.

Please plan to be in the lot and setup by 11:45am

Shop Amazon and Help Earn Money for Holy Rosary!

Click here <http://holyrosaryregional.com/amazon-fundraiser-3/> to be directed to Holy Rosary's Amazon Fundraiser page, or find the link on our school website under Fundraising.

Holy Rosary receives a percentage of all sales, and it adds up fast! The school does not receive any personal information on purchases, so please share the link with friends and relatives!

CYO News

BASKETBALL REGISTRATION OPEN UNTIL 16-OCT-15

CYO is collecting registrations and payments on-line via the wagdogs website (<https://wagdogs.com/>) for the 2015 – 2016 school year.

The following sports are offered for the Winter:

- Boys Basketball - JV (5TH/6TH grade) and Varsity (7th/8th grade)
- Girls Basketball - JV (5TH/6TH grade) and Varsity (7th/8th grade)

Registration Fees - *Thanks to the Bob Koneski Memorial Golf Outing for their generous donation to CYO. Their donation has allowed us to reduce registration fees as indicated below. Please be on the look out for how you can participate in next years outing to continue to keep the cost of CYO registrations down.*

- Varsity - \$75
- JV - \$50

Basketball Registration closes on the following dates:

Coaches 09-Oct-15 Players 16-Oct-15

Who is Eligible: Girls and Boys in grades 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th who are

- Students of Holy Rosary Regional Catholic School or
- Members of Epiphany of Our Lord, Holy Saviour, St. Paul, or St. Titus parishes

Detailed Instructions for registering are attached.

Please use the following website to register: <https://wagdogs.com/>

Visit the Holy Rosary Website – CYO tab for additional CYO information.

Holy Rosary CYO Dance

Attention: all 6th, 7th, & 8th Graders

Holy Rosary CYO Dance

FRIDAY, October 30, 2015

7:00 pm – 10:00 pm Admission: **\$8**

HALLOWEEN COSTUMES ENCOURAGED! No Masks/No Weapons

Chaperones: We are asking for volunteers to chaperone the dance. If you are available to chaperone, please email Holy Rosary CYO at holyrosaryregionalcyo@gmail.com by Tuesday, Oct 27th. If we do not have enough chaperones to make the dance a safe place for the students, the dance will be cancelled.

No spaghetti straps, **No** mini-skirts, **No** midriffs, **No** soffee shorts, and **No** muscle shirts are to be worn. A t-shirt will be provided to those who do not comply.

8th Grade Spaghetti Dinner

Take the night off from cooking and come out to support the Holy Rosary Regional Catholic School Class of 2016's Italian Night!

Proceeds benefit the Class of 2016's trip, graduation ceremony, and dance!

Bring your friends and family to have dinner with your Holy Rosary family! Try your luck at raffles and a 50/50 while you're there!

Dinner will be held on November 14th from 5 to 8pm at Savior Hall 410 East Airy Street in Norristown (across from Holy Savior Club). \$15 for adults, \$10 for ages 4-11 and children 3 and under are free.

Information for ticket purchases will be coming soon via email, website, and next month's newsletter. We hope to see our HR family there!

For more information, please contact Mrs. Jennifer Fuchs at jenandlindsey@yahoo.com.

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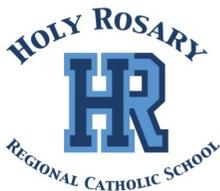
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
St Francis 4	5	6	7	St Therese 1 Bowling Club	Guardian Angels 2 First Friday mass: 11:00 AM Student Council/Ministry Induction Neumann Essays due	3
11	Columbus Day 12	13	14	Bowling Club	8	9
		Chic Fil La Night Out	Rosary Recitation 7:50AM Movement/Dance Workshop High School Night	HASA Board Mtg 7:00PM	15	16
Fall Festival Raindate	18	19	20	Bowling Club	22	23
			Rosary Recitation 7:50AM Movement/Dance Workshop Paying for College presentation	21	24	24
25	26	27	28	Bowling Club	29	30
	K-4 Conferences (no school K-4) Grades 5-8 have school	5-8 Conferences (no school 5-8) Grades K-4 have school	Rosary Recitation 7:50AM Movement/Dance Workshop	31	Progress Reports 8 th Grade to Gettysburg	Halloween 31

October 2015 Lunch Menu

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30	1	2	3
				<u>Chick-fil-a lunch 1</u>	<u>Tomato Pie/Fresh Fruit/Milk</u>	
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	<u>Pizza/cookies</u>	<u>Burgers/Tater Tots/Milk</u>	<u>Pasta w/Sauce</u>	<u>Beef Taco (2)/Ice Cream or Fruit/Milk</u>	<u>Waffles</u>	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	<u>Pizza/Carrot sticks w/dip/Milk</u>	<u>Hot Dog/Cheez it Crackers/Milk</u>	<u>Italian Hoagie/Chips/Milk</u>	<u>Chick-fil-a lunch 2</u>	<u>Grilled Cheese/Brownie</u>	
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	<u>Pizza Day w/pudding</u>	<u>Burger/Veggie Cup/w/dip</u>	<u>Mac & Cheese/Jello or Fruit/Milk</u>	<u>Steak Sandwich Day</u>	<u>Bacon, Egg & Cheese on a Biscuit/Apple Sauce/Milk</u>	
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
	<u>Pizza/Fruit cup/Milk</u>	<u>Hot Dog/Cookies or Fruit</u>	<u>Turkey Hoagie</u>	<u>Chicken Patty Sandwich</u>	<u>French Toast Sticks/Sausage or Fruit Cup/Milk</u>	

2015/2016 Home & School Association Board Members



Executive Board

- President – Beth Fish
- Vice President – Anthony Garcia
- Treasurer - Lisa Trowbridge
- Recording Secretary - Giselle Booker
- Corresponding Secretary - Nicole Coey

Committees

- Fundraising -
Kim Taglieber & Sharon Rupprecht
- Beautification-Nicole Marino
- Community Service - Judy Coughlin
- Grant Writing – Jacki Jay
- Lead Homeroom Parent – Melissa Keene
- Marketing – Amy Porter

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 **Beth Hallinan** in the school office, bhallinan@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 \$90,000 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 \$19,000 in BLOCS funding during the 2015-2016 school year.

BLOCS applications for the 2016-2017 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.

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 \$10,000 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 2016-2017 guidelines are not yet available. To qualify for the 2015-2016 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 2016-2017 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.