

# Holy Rosary Review

## Important

### Dates:

#### March 1-4:

Terra Novas

#### March 4:

Ladies' Bingo

#### March 7:

Terra Nova Makeup Day/Reconciliation  
Grades 2-5

#### March 8:

Reconciliation  
Grades 6-8

#### March 11:

Stations of the Cross  
Grades K-5/End of  
2nd Trimester

#### March 12:

Girls' Enchanted  
Evening 7pm

#### March 14:

3rd Trimester Begins

#### March 18:

Report Cards/  
Stations of the Cross  
Grades 6-8

#### March 20:

Last Day for Online  
Orders for Gertrude  
Hawk Candy Fund-  
raiser

#### March 22:

Living Stations 7pm

#### March 23:

Easter Egg Hunt 9am/  
Living Stations 11am/  
Noon Dismissal

#### March 24-28:

No School/Easter  
Break

#### March 29:

Classes Resume

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## From the Principal's Desk

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As we enter into the rhythm of Lent, I wanted to speak to you about "Listening to God". Theologians write that we receive Grace from God in the moment when all interferences are swept away and there is nothing left between God and us. This is what happened to Jesus, Peter, John and James, as St. Luke tells us in his gospel this past Sunday (Luke 9:28 B-36). They opened themselves to God and received his sacred Grace.

I wonder in this digital age (some may say, digital assault) how many of us take time to listen. We are constantly talking, photographing, texting, and Googling- when do we ever stop and just listen, opening ourselves to God speaking directly to us.

In response to some negative use of Snapchat and Instagram, I recently challenged some of our older students to give up Social Media for Lent; perhaps even just for a day. You would have thought I struck them dead! This dependence on being connected very likely results in our being not connected to the one source of Grace, Forgiveness, and Love we desperately need- Jesus Christ.

In constantly listening to ourselves speak, we often lose sight and consciousness of what is coming out of our mouths. I recently received an email from a person outside of our community who felt compelled to reach out to me after listening to a conversation between her daughter and one of our young students. In that conversation, our student chastised the school for accepting students with special needs, saying "The student should not go to Catholic School because he/she does not belong there". Out of the mouth of babes came, "My parents pay thousands of dollars a year for me to attend and it isn't fair that a special student has to be there messing things up". This child did not come up with those comments on their own; that student was "listening", but not to God. The author of the email continued by saying that she was not reporting the student as much as she was "writing today to commend (our) school for providing ALL children with a Catholic education, no matter what their abilities and differences are. On behalf of all parents with special needs, I thank you for doing your best to give that student the Catholic education that his /her parents' desire and that he/she deserves".

Friends, we are at a crossroad in education today. As we move toward more School Choice, which would benefit us tremendously, we also need to be very careful that in our choices, we do not exclude the most vulnerable of our society. I feel honored to be part of a community that embraces differences and recognizes that we all grow when we are witnesses to a wide assortment of God's children.

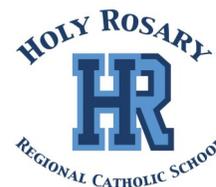
That is the beauty of Holy Rosary. Every year when we get to June and recognize that students have learned to bless themselves for the very first time because of what we do here, I imagine Jesus smiling right at us.

Perhaps Lent is a time to help our children understand the beauty in ALL of us, and after that, a time to quiet ourselves to LISTEN. Jesus is trying to talk to us!

Peace,

Lisa S. Hoban

*One Faith, One Family, One School*





## Did You Know...

**Mrs. Koneski/Ms. Carroll—First Grade:** During the month of February, the first grade were busy celebrating Valentine's Day and their 100th Day of School. They came dressed as if they were 100 years old. Many walked with canes and wore glasses. They also had fun writing 100 words, counting to 100 and listening to stories about the number 100.

**Ms. Gray/Mrs. Kellogg—Pre-K:** Pre-K has already filled one Rice Bowl for Lent and are working on collecting money for a second Rice Bowl! What a wonderful way to teach our young students the importance of giving!

**Mrs. Keith—Resource Room:** Beginning in February, we started to introduce a Word of the Week (a WOW word) during morning announcements each morning. There is a word for the lowers school and a word for the upper school. Here are the words for February and March. Ask your children to tell you about the words and try to use them at home as much as possible.

**Lower School WOW words:** (2/8) character, (2/15) evidence, (2/22) alphabetical, (2/29) describe, (3/7) compare, (3/14) synonym, (3/21) antonym, (3/28) author

**Upper School WOW words:** (2/8) infer, (2/15) critique, (2/22) ominous, (2/29) evaluate, (3/7) categorize, (3/14) hypothesis, (3/21) justify, (3/28) interpret

## Teacher Spotlight



Mrs. Christina Pickering has been teaching kindergarten for 13 years. Pennsylvania certified in Early Childhood, Elementary and Special Education, Mrs. Pickering received her Bachelor's Degree and Master's Degree from Neumann University. She has been married to her husband Austin, for seven years and they have a little boy, Austin, who is four years old and a baby girl, Annabella, who will turn four months old this month.

Ms. Alexis Caporizzo is the Kindergarten Aide. This is her first year teaching full time. Last spring, she started substitute teaching for Holy Rosary. Ms. Caporizzo received her Bachelor's degree in Middle Grades Preparation with a concentration in English and Language Arts from West Chester University. She has also has a Reading minor in Pre-K-8. Ms. Caporizzo's passion in life is literacy and she hopes to teach all her students to learn to love reading as much as she does. Besides teaching, Ms. Caporizzo works at a local restaurant where she enjoys seeing many of the students from Holy Rosary. She loves to do arts and crafts inside and outside of the classroom. Ms. Caporizzo is an active member of Holy Saviour parish and sings in their guitar group.

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## Letter from The Governing Board of Pastors

**Fr. McCreedy—Pastor of Saint Paul's Parish**

My Dear Parents,

It's the half-way point of this holy season of Lent. A good time to reflect upon the beauty of the Sacrament of Reconciliation! For the parents of our second graders this is an even more special time, as their children celebrate their first experiences of this Sacrament.

Looking upon the face of Christ suffering, we realize the connection between going to confession and the Lenten journey to Easter. In this Sacrament, our sorrow and His Mercy encounter each other. It is this sacramental encounter which restores our standing in the sight of the Father. How beautiful, and healing, this moment is!

Did you know that going to confession is like being baptized again? In Baptism we were given an intimacy with the Risen Lord, given the promise of a share in His Resurrection. But, we often tarnish or even lose that intimacy when we sin. In His merciful love, Jesus draws us back to Himself and His Father's loving embrace through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Once again our souls are washed clean, just as they were at our baptisms. Once again our intimacy with the Risen Lord is restored.

How beautiful! Is there any better way to observe this holy season in preparation for Easter?

May you, dear parents, and all our children experience the joy, peace, healing and love from Christ that "going to confession" affords us!

May the remainder of this Lenten season and the forthcoming Easter season bring all of you many graces.

**Father McCreedy**

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## CYO NEWS

### GO GLADIATORS!

- Congratulations to our Cheerleaders who have taken 2<sup>nd</sup> place in both of the competitions that they have participated in so far this season!
- We are still in need of a Track Coach for this season. If you are interested in helping our track athletes achieve their dreams, please contact **Megan Patzuk** at [holyrosaryregionalcyo@gmail.com](mailto:holyrosaryregionalcyo@gmail.com).
- The last dance of the school year is scheduled to take place on *Friday April 29, 2016*, and the 5<sup>th</sup> graders are invited to attend. There will be a photobooth at the dance to capture all the night's memories.

Want to get involved, but don't have a lot of time... there are **OPEN** positions available on the **CYO Board** and more positions will be available at the end of this school year. Please contact **Megan Patzuk** at [holyrosaryregionalcyo@gmail.com](mailto:holyrosaryregionalcyo@gmail.com) to find out more.

## Box Tops for Education

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Congratulations to **Ryan Heflin** who is the 1st place winner in the Box Top contest. His grandmother won 25,000 Box Tops for Holy Rosary Regional through Shop Rite's Box Top program! That's \$2500 for Holy Rosary. Great job!

Thank you all SO VERY MUCH for all your submissions. Aside from the generous \$2500, we raised \$710 for the 2nd half of the school year which makes our submission earnings a total of \$1686 for the school year. Remember , keep saving all year round, every day. We will see you back for another contest in the fall of 2016!! Happy Clipping!

### What is ShopRite for My School?

ShopRite For My School is a program ShopRite has developed with the goal of contributing up to \$1million of much needed funds to local schools. These funds will be delivered via eBoxTops™ offers throughout the school year (8/2/15–7/31/16).

### How It Works

PLEASE take a minute to register. It is so simple. Using the following link, enter your name, email address, the school name and your PricePlus # from your card.

<https://shopriteformyschool.com/>

Make purchases\*. When you buy the specified number of participating General Mills, Reynolds or Hefty Box Tops for Education products during a bonus offer promotional period and swipe your registered Price Plus® club card, eBoxTops are credited to your school, and you will be automatically entered into a sweepstakes for even more eBoxTops that could help your school surpass its earning goal for the year!

\*No purchase necessary to enter sweepstakes (since a purchase is required for the 25 eBoxTops).

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## Spotlight on....

### Student Council News

Thank you to everyone for supporting "Pennies for Patients". It was a great week.

Holy Rosary School raised over \$2000 for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. Way to Go Holy Rosary!

**All classes did an awesome job collecting money.**

**Our top three classes were**  
**3rd place-2A with \$274. 51**  
**2nd place KA with \$328. 13**  
**1st place 3B with \$352.99 (Winner of the pizza party)**  
**Congratulations to all the classes of Holy Rosary School!**

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## HASA News

### Ladies Bingo - Friday, March 4<sup>th</sup>

#### Buy your Tickets

Tickets have been selling fast! Last year's event was sold out and we are on track to sell out again! If you haven't purchased your ticket yet, click the link below to buy your ticket.

<http://events.constantcontact.com/register/event?llr=nxgquweab&oeidk=a07ebkekzh8d7402f19>

### Girls Enchanted Evening, Saturday March 12<sup>th</sup> 7pm

The Girls Enchanted Evening is now scheduled for Saturday, March 12<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. If you already signed up there is nothing you need you do and we will see on the 12<sup>th</sup>!

### Gertrude Hawk Candy Sale

Online orders are open until **March 20th**. Holy Rosary's group number is 708344. Please remember to double check your totals. Let's get ready for Spring and fill those Easter baskets!

Candy pick up is during the week of March 14th.

<http://www.gertrudehawkchocolates.com/fund-raising>

### Easter Egg Hunt

The Holy Rosary Easter Egg Hunt will take place on March 23rd at 9am. More information to come.

## March Calendar




Sunday		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>"D" 1</b> Terra Nova Testing Language	<b>"E" 2</b> Terra Nova Testing Math	<b>"A" 3</b> Terra Nova Testing Science	<b>"B" 4</b> Terra Nova Testing SS  Ladies Bingo	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>"C" 7</b> Terra Nova Make-up  1:30 Reconciliation Grades 2-5	<b>"D" 8</b>  1:30 Reconciliation Grades 6-8	<b>"E" 9</b>  Peter Pan PreK-2 9AM	<b>"A" 10</b>  HASA Board Mtg 7:00 PM	<b>"B" 11</b> End of Second Trimester  Stations K-5 1:30 7 <sup>th</sup> HM Fld Trin	<b>12</b> Enchanted Evening	
<b>13</b>	<b>"C" 14</b> Third Trimester Begins	<b>"D" 15</b> Spring Pictures	<b>"E" 16</b>	<b>St Patrick's Day 17</b> "A"	<b>"B" 18</b> Report Cards  Stations Grds 6-8 1:30	<b>19</b>	
<b>Palm Sunday 20</b>	<b>"C" 21</b>	<b>"D" 22</b> Living Stations 7 PM	<b>"E" 23</b> Easter Egg Hunt  Living Stations 11 AM  Noon Dismissal	<b>24</b> No School	<b>Good Friday 25</b> No School	<b>Holy Saturday 26</b>	
<b>Easter 27</b> HE is Risen!!!!	<b>28</b> No School	<b>"E" 29</b>	<b>"A" 30</b>	<b>"B" 31</b>	<b>PAROL GILLESPIE</b> 		



### Executive Board

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## March Lunch Menu

March 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	1	2	3	4	5
		<u>Burger Day/Tater Tots</u>	<u>Cheese Raviolis w/tomato sauce/td. bread/Fruit/Milk</u>	<u>Chick-fil-a lunch 1</u>	<u>Waffles</u>	
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
	<u>Pizza Day w/Fruit</u>	<u>Hot Dog/Sweet Corn/Milk</u>	<u>Meatball Sandwich</u>	<u>Steak Sandwich Day</u>	<u>Grilled Cheese/Peach cup/Milk</u>	
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
	<u>Pizza Day w/veggies</u>	<u>Burgers/Chips or Fruit</u>	<u>Ham and Cheese on a Roll/Mini cookies or fruit/Milk</u>	<u>Chick-fil-a lunch 2</u>	<u>Tomato Pie/Pudding/Milk</u>	
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
	<u>Pizza Day/Jello</u>	<u>Hot Dog/Pot Luck Snack</u>	<u>Noon Dismissal</u>	<u>Holy Thursday</u>	<u>Good Friday</u>	
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
	<u>Easter Monday</u>	<u>Burger Day/Cheeze it Crackers</u>	<u>Turkey Hoagie/Chips or Fruit/Milk</u>	<u>Bacon,egg and Cheese on a Bagel/Apple Sauce/Milk</u>		

## 2015/2016 Home & School Association Board Members

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## 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](mailto: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](http://www.blocs.org).

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## 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](http://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](http://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.