

# Holy Rosary Review

## Important

### Dates:

**October 1:** Neumann Essays Due

**October 7:** First Friday Mass

**October 10:** Claire's Gourmet Sale Begins

**October 11:** Bowling Club Begins

**October 14:** Noon Dismissal/Faculty Meeting

**October 18:** School Pictures

**October 20:** Family Dinner Night at California Pizza Kitchen

**October 21:** Progress Reports

**October 24:** Pre-K-4 Conferences/ Pre-K-4 Only No School/ 5-8 Report to Classes

**October 25:** 5-8 Conferences/ 5-8 Only No School/ Pre-K-4 Report to Classes

**October 29:** Trunk-or-Treat

**October 31:** Happy Halloween! Parade in Schoolyard

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## From the Principal's Desk

October 1, 2016

Hello Parents and Guardians,

As much as I love autumn, its approach always comes with a little sadness- sadness that the summer has ended, the cold is quickly approaching, and the leaves will be dying and falling. I love the changes in the foliage but always hold onto that "endless summer", especially this year as my daughter is being married by the sea in October.

But as I contemplate this fall, I want it to be more. I want to think that we can do more than watch everything die off and go into hibernation. After much contemplation and prayer today, I realize we can. Amidst the football and soccer games, raking leaves, loading up the wood pile, we can still be creating.

In this month which celebrates the "Holy Rosary" we have an opportunity to create a space where we contemplate perhaps the most powerful prayer at our disposal. The rosary is known as "the Psalter of Jesus and Mary. This is because it has the same number of Hail Mary's as there are psalms in the Book of the Psalms of David"; it is a precious gift we can offer Jesus and Mary both. According to theologians, "every time people say the Rosary devoutly they place on the heads of Jesus and Mary 153 white roses and sixteen red roses. Being heavenly flowers, these roses will never fade or lose their beauty." So isn't it fitting that as we watch our foliage and flowers meet their demise, we offer fresh flowers to both Mary and Jesus?

I hope you will consider joining us for the recitation of the Holy Rosary each Wednesday during the month of October in our school yard (or gym if weather requires) at 7:50 AM. And if you are not able to, perhaps you would consider saying it on your own or with your family. Let's bestow on Jesus and Mary the "heavenly flowers" that will show our devotion and gratitude to them.

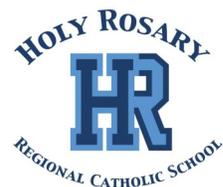
I wish you all God's blessings as you embrace the beauty of the Fall!

<http://www.theholynosary.org/rosaryhistory>

Peace,

Lisa S. Hoban

*One Faith, One Family, One School*





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## Did You Know...

**Mrs. Gilman—1st Grade:** Busy days in first grade! The children are so excited about learning to read; adding to 10; acting out nouns, verbs and adjectives of their making; tying their shoes in one of their centers; speaking Chinese; reading on their own iPad with Raz Kids; trying to guess the identity of the Mystery Reader; hanging out in the teepee and learning how much Jesus loves them. October brings a pumpkin farm field trip with kindergarten and so much more!!!! Stay tuned.

**Mrs. Higgins Honors Math:** The 8<sup>th</sup> Grade is collecting large cardboard to begin building their vessels for the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Boat Race which takes place at the end of the school year.

Please save your cardboard and drop it off at the school! Thank you!

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## Letter from The Governing Board of Pastors

### Fr. Lewandowski—Pastor of Saint Titus

Dear children, teachers, and parents of Holy Rosary School:

Praised be Jesus Christ – now and forever!

Well, here it is October. The leaves are turning to some beautiful colors. The oranges, reds, gold, purples, and browns help make this season of Fall so beautiful. There are some special Feast Days that the Church observes during this month that help make this month of October so “spiritually” beautiful.

On the 2<sup>nd</sup> of October, we celebrate the feast of the Guardian Angels. (This year we won’t be celebrating that Feast day because it falls on a Sunday and Sundays always supercede minor feast days.) St. Basil once said that undoubtedly each one of us has a Guardian Angel. The purpose of that Angel is to watch over us and try to help us overcome committing sin. Our Guardian Angel tries to help us stay close to God and to find the goodness of God in all things. Some people “name” their Guardian Angel. I named mine “Rose”, because I had an Aunt Rose who was very special to me.

Most importantly, however, October is the month of the Holy Rosary – the patron of our school. This feast day was instituted in 1573 as a special commemoration of the victory gained at Lepanto, Italy on Sunday, October 7, 1571, over the forces of Islam threatening to invade Europe. Under the direction of the Pope, all people were directed to recite the rosary so that Islamic forces would be defeated by a much smaller Christian resistance force. The Christians “won” over the Islamic forces.

Also during this month of October, we find the final appearance of the Blessed Mother to the three shepherd children of Fatima, Portugal. On October 13, 1917, through the intercession of Our Lady the now infamous “Miracle to the Sun” occurred. It was a very rainy that day in Fatima. Over 70,000 people gathered to see what kind of miracle would be performed through Mary’s promise. Well, on that day, the sun came out and “danced “in the sky. It started “falling” to earth which had everyone petrified. Some people even started to confess their sins out loud. The sun eventually returned to its place in the sky. It turned out that the muddy ground was now perfectly dry and everyone’s wet clothes were dry and “clean”. The Blessed Mother introduced herself as “Our Lady of the Rosary” and once again encouraged everyone to say the Rosary every day for “peace” to exist in the world.

Fall is a beautiful season. October being the month of the Holy Rosary makes this time of year even more special for us Catholic Christians and especially for those of us associated with “Holy Rosary School”.

Through the help of our Guardian Angels and through the intercession of Our Lady of the Rosary, may we always remain close to Our Lord Jesus Christ. May we always follow His teaching and commandments, so that we can realize in our day, His Kingdom on earth as it will be for us in Heaven.

Fr. Len Lewandowski

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## HASA News

### Trunk or Treat

Are you and your family getting into the Halloween Spirit? Come join us on Saturday, October 29th at 2pm in the Holy Rosary Parking Lot for 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. Decorate your trunk, grab some candy and bring the kids out for some Halloween fun! Prizes will be given for best costumes and best decorated trunk! Please RSVP via the link below. An email will be sent out prior to the event with the final number of children participating. \*Please plan to be in the lot and setup by 1:45am\*

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

### Keep Your Eyes Open for the Claire's Gourmet Sale

Remember tasting those yummy dessert samples at back to school night? Looking for some desserts, cookie dough, treats, pizza and more for the Holidays? Look no further than Claire's Gourmet. Our sale will kick off on October 10th and pick up will be November 21st, just in time for Thanksgiving and Christmas!

## Box Tops for Education

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### **Box Top Contest – Entries due no later than Friday, October 14th**

It's time to gather up all those Box Tops you've been collecting all summer!  
Collect from friends, family, co-workers and anyone willing to help and your child could be a winner!

1st Place: Student wins a Regal Movie theater ticket and their classroom wins a large tray of chocolate covered pretzels to share!

2nd Place; Student wins a \$5.00 gift card to Wendy's.

Rules: Box Tops must be submitted no later than 10/14/16. Any submitted after do not qualify for this contest but WILL be counted toward the next contest in the spring!

Please submit in a sealed envelope or baggie labeled with child's full name and homeroom.  
Winners will be announced and prizes delivered on Friday, October 28th.

Any questions email Luisa Kelly at [aidank1@msn.com](mailto:aidank1@msn.com). Happy Clipping!

# October Calendar

October 2016

Holy Rosary Regional Catholic

Parent Calendar

October 2016						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3 <sup>"A"</sup> Neumann Essays due to Mrs. Hoban	4 <sup>"B"</sup>	5 <sup>"C"</sup> Rosary Recitation outside at 7:50	6 <sup>"D"</sup> Hearing Screenings Grades K-1-2-3-7	7 <sup>"E"</sup> First Friday Mass 10:30	8
9	10 <sup>"A"</sup>	11 <sup>"B"</sup> Bowling Club Begins	12 <sup>"C"</sup> Rosary Recitation outside at 7:50	13 <sup>"D"</sup>	14 <sup>"E"</sup> 1/2 Day Faculty Meeting Noon Dismissal All buses but Methacton will pick up at noon.	15
16	17 <sup>"A"</sup> K and 1 to Solly Bros. Farm	18 <sup>"B"</sup> School Pics Bowling Club	19 <sup>"C"</sup> Rosary Recitation outside at 7:50	20 <sup>"D"</sup> Family Dinner at CPK	21 <sup>"E"</sup> Progress Reports *Giant Trip: Grade 3	22
23	24 <sup>"A"</sup> PreK- 4 Conferences (no school) Grades 5-8 have classes	25 <sup>"A"</sup> 5-8 Conferences (no school) Grades PreK-4 have classes Bowling Club	26 <sup>"B"</sup> Rosary Recitation outside at 7:50	27 <sup>"C"</sup>	28 <sup>"E"</sup>	29 Trunk or Treat
30	31 <sup>"E"</sup> Parade 8:00AM in school yard Claire's Gourmet Sale ends	<b>Notes: All are welcome to join us in honoring the Blessed Mother this month every Wednesday morning before school with the recitation of the rosary in the school yard beginning at 7:50.</b>				

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## October Lunch Menu

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25	26	27	28	29	30	1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	Pizza Day w/pudding	Burger Day/Tater Tots	Ham & Cheese on a Kaiser Roll/Bagged apple slices/Milk	Chick-fil-a lunch 1	Grilled Cheese/Peach cup/Milk	
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
	Pizza/Gogurt/Milk	Hot Dog/Cheez it Crackers/Milk	Mac & Cheese/Fresh Fruit	Steak Sandwich Day	Faculty Meeting	
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
	Pizza Day w/Salad	Burger Day	Turkey Hoagie/Chips or Fruit/Milk	Chick-fil-a lunch 2	French Toast Sticks	
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
	Pizza Day w/Fruit	Hot Dog/Cookies or Fruit	Baked Mini Ziti	Chicken Tenders/Tater Tots	Tomato Pie/Vanilla Ice Cream Cup	
30	31	1	2	3	4	5
	Pizza Day w/veggies					

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## 2015/2016 Home & School Association Board Members



### Executive Board

- President – Beth Fish
- Vice President – Anthony Garcia
- Treasurer - Lisa Salamone
- Recording Secretary - Athena Lahatto
- Corresponding Secretary - Nicole Coey

### Committees

- Fundraising -  
Kim Taglieber & Sharon Rupprecht
- Beautification-Nicole Marino
- Hospitality– Katie Leahy
- Lead Homeroom Parent -Melissa Dollarton
- Marketing – Amy Porter

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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.