

Holy Rosary Review

Important

Dates:

January 2:

No School

January 3:

Classes Resume

January 6:

First Friday Mass
10:30am

January 9:

New Student
Registration 8-10am

January 11:

Student Registration
5-7pm

January 13:

Noon Dismissal/
Faculty Meeting

January 16:

No School

January 19:

New Student
Registration 1-3pm

January 20:

Progress Reports

January 29th:

Catholic Schools
Week Begins

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From the Principal's Desk

January 1, 2017

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Happy New Year! It is my sincere hope that the holidays refreshed your mind, body, and spirit as we remember and honor the birth of Christ.

Whenever I find time anymore I am drawn to the movies, no longer limited to the Disney films I have attended with my children for the last few decades. This year I went to see Collateral Beauty, a heart-wrenching film about survival. What struck me long after I left the theatre is the idea of opening our mind's lens in order to see the bigger picture, whether it be in our dealings with our spouse, our children, our teachers, our friends, or our God.

In a world where everything we do is under a microscope, where every single move we make is catalogued in picture or a social media update, it may be time to pull back a bit and reflect on the far reaching effects our actions, words, and judgements have on the bigger world- the collateral effects. Perhaps if we do so we will also open ourselves to the beauty that surrounds our life.

Many will tell you that when presented with a life threatening situation, senses come alive as every moment is cherished and imprinted whether it be the sound of the ocean, the sight of a beautiful sunrise, the smell after the rain, or the beating of a loved one's heart. We become aware of the richness of life, we set aside the little things, and we focus on the collateral beauty.

This year may we not wait for a diagnosis to appreciate the beauty of nature, to acknowledge the hard work performed on our behalf, to thank God that we live in a land of tolerance, and to pray, pray, pray for those not as fortunate.

Words do not express how much the beauty of your children affects my life every day. I cannot imagine a life in which their innocence, compassion, and prayers does not exist. Thank you for sharing them with me and our community!

Peace,

Lisa S. Hoban

One Faith, One Family, One School

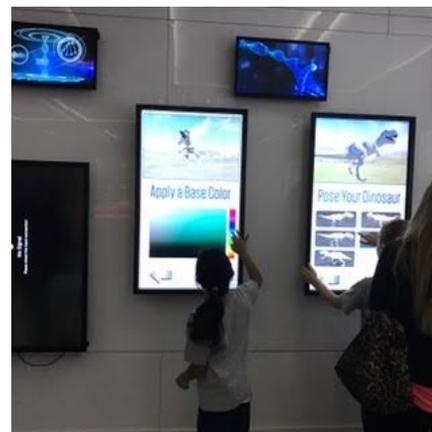




Did You Know...

Mrs. Koneski/Mrs. Pickering– Kindergarten: The kindergarten was busy learning about the true meaning of Christmas and the season of Advent. They made their very own Advent wreaths, lit their classroom wreath every Monday, listened to many stories about the birth of Jesus, and made their own stable with Jesus, Mary and Joseph inside. They showed their love for Baby Jesus by collecting for underprivileged children and buying them gifts. Before they went on Christmas break they had their special Polar Express Party. They wore their pajamas, ate milk and cookies and watched the Polar Express. At the end of their special day they received a special package from the North Pole filled with bells for each of them. What a great day they had!

Ms. McNally: On December 6, 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade took a trip to the Franklin Institute. They enjoyed discovering all the different types of robots that scientists are using. We also went deep into the past with the Jurassic World Exhibit. It was a fun day for everyone!



4th Grade wrapped up their Pennsylvania Native American unit by creating and presenting their own Native American Tribes. They had the opportunity to decide where they would live, the food they would eat, and the jobs of each member, among other things. Each tribe really let their creativity shine in their books and in their traditional tribal wear!

Letter from The Governing Board of Pastors Fr. Quindlen—Pastor of Epiphany of Our Lord Parish

January 1, 2017

Dear Parents and Guardians:

As citizens of the kingdom of God, we begin our calendar year by honoring the Blessed Virgin Mary on Jan. 1 – the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God, the octave day of the Nativity of the Lord, New Year's Day, and a Day of Prayer for World Justice and Peace.

As citizens of the United States of America, we begin this calendar year by inaugurating the 45th president of our nation on Jan. 20.

Given our dual citizenship as members of the Church and residents of our country, I share with you the 1959 prayer of the U.S. Catholic bishops when they once again solemnly entrusted our country to the Blessed Virgin Mary – the Patroness of the United States, and the secondary patron of our Archdiocese after SS. Peter and Paul.

Prayer to Our Lady, Patroness of America

Most Holy Trinity: Our Father in heaven, who chose Mary as the fairest of your daughters; Holy Spirit, who chose Mary and your spouse; God the Son, who chose Mary as your Mother; in union with Mary, we adore your majesty and acknowledge your supreme, eternal dominion and authority.

Most Holy Trinity, we put the United States of America into the hands of Mary Immaculate in order that she may present the country to you. Through her we wish to thank you for the great resources of this land and for the freedom which has been its heritage.

Through the intercession of Mary, have mercy on the Catholic Church in America.

Grant us peace.

Have mercy on our president and on all the officers of our government.

Grant us a fruitful economy born of justice and charity.

Have mercy on capital and industry and labor.

Protect the family life of the nation. Guard the precious gift of many religious vocations.

Through the intercession of our Mother, have mercy on the sick, the poor, the tempted, sinners – on all who are in need.

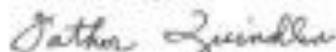
Mary, Immaculate Virgin, our Mother, patroness of our land, we praise you and honor you and give ourselves to you

Protect us from all harm.

Pray for us, that acting always according to your will and the will of your divine Son, we may live and die pleasing to God.

Amen.

God Bless you,



Rev. Joseph J. Quindlen

Box Tops for Education

Hope you all had a wonderful holiday with your families!

Remember to always be clipping Box Tops. We collect all year long. It makes it easy if there is a special place that you have to save them. I use a ziploc bag in my kitchen drawer.

Family and friends are a great source to use to collect more Box Tops. When families and friends work together to collect Box Tops, the money adds up fast.

As always, your support is greatly appreciated. Stay warm and happy clipping!

Continue clipping for the next contest in the spring!

Any questions, please contact **Luisa Kelly** at Aidankl@msn.com

Hopkins Scholars Announced!

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

**7th Grade: Adriel Alquiros, Maya Garcia, Sofia Knapstein, Kathryn Belkowski,
Nathaniel McKay, Owen McNeil, Matthew Walker, and Paige Gibbons.**

8th Grade: Rylie Cox, Shane Schaffer, Michael Saldutti, Tyler Ruane, Sydney Schreiber, Anthony Morrone, Colleen Gibbons, Joseph Petko, Baron Miguel Zarzosa, Elizabeth Sexton, Christina Wong, Ann Galullo, and Kevin Mahady.

January Lunch Menu

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	"HAPPY NEW YEAR"	Burger/Sweet Corn/Milk	Mac & Cheese/Fresh Fruit	Chick-fil-a lunch 1	Waffles/Sausage or Gogurt/Milk	
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	Pizza Day/Jello	Hot Dog/Cheez it Crackers/Milk	Meatball Sandwich	Steak Sandwich Day	Noon Dismissal	
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	MLK Day	Burgers/Tater Tots/Milk	Chicken Noodle Soup/Ham & Cheese on Honey Wheat Bread/Milk	Chick-fil-a lunch 2	Tomato Pie/Pudding/Milk	
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	Pizza/Gogurt/Milk	Hot Dog/Cookies or Fruit	Mini Pasta in Red Sauce	Chicken Patty Sandwich/Pasta Salad/Milk	Grilled Cheese/Peach cup/Milk	
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
	Pizza Day w/Salad	Burger/Pot Luck				

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



January Calendar

January 2017

Holy Rosary Regional Catholic

Parent Calendar

January 2017						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 No School	3 "B" Classes Resume	4 "C" 2 Pm "Read for the House"	5 "D"	6 "E" First Friday Mass 10:30 AM	7
8	9 "A" New Student Registration 8 - 10 AM	10 "B"	11 "C" Student Registration 5 - 7 PM	12 "D" 8 th Grade Adult Bingo Fundraiser	13 "E" Noon Dismissal Faculty Meeting	14 HASA Poker Night?
15	16 No School	17 "A"	18 "B"	19 "C" New Student Registration 1 - 3 PM	20 "D" Progress Reports	21
22	23 "E"	24 "A"	25 "B"	26 "C"	27 "D"	28
29 Catholic Schools' Week: Students hand out cards at all masses- all churches	30 "E" Catholic Schools' Week Mass: TBD	31 "A" Catholic Schools' Week	Notes:			

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 \$32,000.00 in BLOCS funding during the 2016-2017 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.

THE APPLICATION FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR 2017-2018 IS NOW OPEN. HERE ARE SOME IMPORTANT NOTES ABOUT THE APPLICATION PROCESS:

- WHEN UPLOADING DOCUMENTS TO SMART AID, PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOUR BANK ACCOUNT NUMBER, SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER, AND ANY OTHER PERSONAL INFORMATION THAT COULD COMPROMISE YOUR IDENTITY IS BLACKED OUT
- YOUR APPLICATION WILL NOT BE COMPLETED OR CONSIDERED UNTIL **AFTER** YOU SUBMIT YOUR 2016 TAXES. YOU MAY OR MAY NOT BE CONTACTED BY SMART AID ABOUT THE STATUS OF YOUR APPLICATION AND/OR ABOUT MISSING DOCUMENTS THAT NEED TO ACCOMPANY YOUR APPLICATION. MAKE SURE YOU LOG ON TO YOUR ACCOUNT ONCE YOU HAVE COMPLETED YOUR 2016 TAXES TO FINISH YOUR APPLICATION
- OUR SCHOOL CODE IS 12730