

Holy Rosary Review

Important

Dates:

February 1:

Career Day/
Altar Server
Appreciation
Day

February 2:

Talent Show/
Dress Like a
Teacher/
Teacher Ap-
preciation/
Noon Dismissal/
Family
Bingo

February 5:

No School

February

14: Ash
Wednesday/
Prayer Ser-
vice 2pm

February

16th:
THON Dress
Down Day/
Hat Day/
Stations of
the Cross
Grades 5-8 at
2:15pm

February

19: No
School/
President's
Day

February

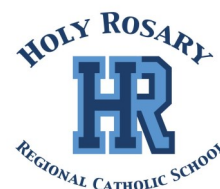
23: Stations
of the Cross
Grades K-4

February

26: Clubs
Begin

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February 1, 2018

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As I prepared our Patriotic Rosary which the whole school recited on Wednesday of Catholic Schools Week, it served as a very clear reminder of the need for gratitude to God for not only our country, but our democracy, our leaders, our citizens who keep our leaders in check, and most importantly the service men and women who protect us so we might maintain our freedom.

Catholic Schools Week presented us with an awesome time to remember and celebrate what makes our schools great, much of which is reflected in the open arms of the Holy Rosary community, one which does not turn away anyone because they cannot afford to be here. We listen to what our parents and teachers share with us- both concerns and accolades, and respond accordingly. And most importantly, we support each other in times of sickness and hardship. My, how we are blessed!

As we begin Black History Month, perhaps we may also remember that many of our citizens have not always shared in the freedoms we have come to expect, but rather, have fought tooth and nail for equality in voting, in education, and in quality of life. And many continue to do so. Many of our brother and sisters fought to protect our country in world wars, Korea, and Vietnam, only to return home to incredible prejudice, hate, and harm.

Isn't it fitting that Lent also begins this month. While we listen, and learn about our African American friends' struggles, we find many similarities to the struggles of Christ. Jesus was rejected, beaten, and humiliated for who he was, but never gave up. He died for what he believed in, much like African Americans across the decades.

As we prepare for the Holiest Season of the Church, perhaps we can focus on speaking less and listening more, so we can hear Jesus speaking to us. Some say there are five additional benefits to this: We will think before we speak; we can process what others are talking about; we will only say what is important; we will have all the facts before decision time, and will value others opinions even more (pickthebrain.com). Not an easy thing to do, but well worth the journey.

May God Bless each of you!

Peace,

Lisa



Did You Know...

Mrs. Koneski/Mrs. Pickering-Kindergarten:

The kindergarten has been busy writing their New Year's resolutions and writing stories about "Fun in the Snow." They enjoyed learning about Martin Luther King, Jr. and also about the author Mo Williams. They are looking forward to Valentine's Day and celebrating their 100th day of school. They are getting so close.

Mrs. Gilman/—1st Grade:

Our classroom is currently a green Eagle's winter wonderland! Ceilings and walls are filled with Eagle's signs, green and white loop chains, banners and green snowflakes celebrating the Eagle's trip to the Super Bowl.

We are also celebrating the Olympics. After learning how to pronounce PyeongChang, we will investigate all the different events of the Winter Olympics. Using twisted tissue paper we will construct the 5 Olympic rings and display them, on our hallway wall, along with the USA flag and a Tally Chart, to be updated daily, of Team USA's gold, silver and bronze medals.

We have been excitedly counting towards our 100th day of school. Our celebration day is Feb. 15th. This day's activities include 100 cup building creations; making bead necklaces of 100 beads, and using the clues given, guessing the contents of each other's surprise bags of 100 things. In addition, we challenged each homeroom in the school to collect 100 cans of food, which will be distributed to two neighborhood food cupboards. Last year, Holy Rosary collected over 1400 cans. We will also make 100 cards for distribution to nearby nursing homes. Our celebration culminates with an oral presentation for Mrs. Hoban and our parents and we will be dressed as we will look at 100 years old. Each of our written presentations along with our photos will be displayed on our 100 wall in the first grade hallway.

We will also begin our observation of Lent, which we will tell you more about next month.

Ms. Morrow-Science:

Holy Rosary was accepted into the PEEP program. It is sponsored by PECO and the Franklin Institute. The sixth grade STEM class will be designing an energy based experiment and conducting it. They will present their finding in May at the Franklin Institute. The students are **Charles Steward, Nicholas Steward, Aidan Tomeo, Sarah Barrera-Cruz, Brianna Petruccelli, Elijah Colson, David Copertino, Amy Garcia, Matthew Christopher, Andrew Doorly, and Zaara Abraham.** Last week the students conducted an energy audit of our school with the help of a representative from PECO.

Letter from The Governing Board of Pastors

Father Lewandowski—Pastor of St. Titus Parish

Dear Friends of Holy Rosary School,

May the Grace and Peace of Our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

So, here we are already in the month of February. Christmas and New Years are long past. January seems to have gone by in the blink of an eye. But wait! Let's not close the door on all of that quite yet.

During this month, we always have some very significant liturgical celebrations. This year, it's rather interesting that the secular and the liturgical coincide with each other – meaning they are both celebrated on the same “day” with each other.

During this month of February, we will experience the following celebrations. On the 2nd of February, the United States celebrates *Ground Hog Day*. *On that day, the little Ground Hog from Pennsylvania tells us how much longer we will experience winter based upon whether or not it sees its shadow. (Sorry to disappoint the little fellow, but Spring will come on March 20th whether he sees his shadow or not!)*

Liturgically speaking, also on the 2nd of February, we celebrate the feast day of the Presentation of the Lord. That feast celebrates the day that, as an infant, our Lord Jesus was bought to the temple and *Presented to God*. *There are some cultures or ethnic groups that consider this feast day to be the end of the Christmas season. They actually leave their Christmas tree up and the decorations on their houses until this feast day.*

On the 3rd of February, we celebrate the feast day of St. Blaise. It is the custom on this day that Catholics present themselves to the priest to have their throats blessed, you may experience in your parishes the blessing of the throats during the Masses that weekend of February 3rd and 4th.

On the 11th day of February, we will celebrate the 160th Anniversary of the *first apparition of the Blessed Mother to St. Bernadette in Lourdes, France*. *It was during these subsequent apparitions that the Blessed Mother allowed Bernadette to dig up a stream of water that, over the course of all these years, is still flowing and is still being believed to be the source of many physical miracles that have occurred in Lourdes for these past 160 years.*

The second time this February when a secular and a liturgical celebration coincide is on February 14th. The United States will celebrate that day as *Valentine's Day*. *(The story of Valentine's Day has its origins in the Catholic Church. Back in the third century the Roman Emperor decreed that all Christians should be killed. Valentine was a Christian. While he was in prison waiting to be executed, a jailor recognizing his holiness brought to Valentine his daughter who was blind. Through Valentine's prayers, God granted a miracle so that the little girl could see again. In gratitude, the little girl wrote to him in prison and started off her letter with To my Dear Valentine. Valentine as executed that day!) Liturgically, on February 14th the church will celebrate ASH WEDNESDAY- the beginning of Lent. Ash Wednesday is universally celebrated in the Church as a day of fasting and abstinence.*

So in February, there is much to celebrate. Let us celebrate these days not so much in a secular way but in the Catholic Christian way. We are “Catholic” above everything else.

May the Lord strengthen you with His Spirit and help you to have a meaningful February and, especially, a meaningful Lent.

CYO News

As our basketball season winds down we would like to congratulate all of our players and their coaches on the way they played throughout the season.

Congratulations to our Varsity All-Stars: **Ray Tomassetti** and **Phil Taormina** from the Varsity Boys and **Gabriella Manno** and **Cara Lamina** from the Varsity Girls who represented Holy Rosary CYO on Saturday February 3rd in the Region 21 All Star game.

Instructional Basketball League (IBL) Registration

Attention all parish children in Grades 1 through 4 from Holy Rosary Regional School's feeder parishes wishing to participate in Holy Rosary CYO's Instructional Basketball League (IBL).

Online registration is now open at <https://www.wagdogs.com> until February 1st.

NOTE: The program is limited to the first 100 children to register.

The registration fee is \$50.00 per child.

For additional information about the IBL program, please email Matthew Brooks at mattybpt@yahoo.com.

Please note Spring Sports registration for Baseball, Softball, Track, and Pee Wee Track is open on www.wagdogs.com until February 15th.

Any questions, please contact holyrosaryregionalcyo@gmail.com

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Don't forget to help support Holy Rosary while shopping on Amazon!

<https://smile.amazon.com/>

You can sign in with your existing amazon log in. Once signed in be sure to select the drop down arrow on the left side of the tool bar to find our school. Once selected you will see on your Amazon homepage, Supporting: Holy Rosary Regional Catholic School.

You will still be eligible for your Prime benefits and the school does not receive any personal information on your purchases, just a percentage of the sale. Share the smile link with your family and friends too!

Box Tops for Education

Keep clipping! The next submission deadline is March 1st and there will be prizes!

You can submit at any time, but please have your Box Tops in by Feb. 15.

Happy Clipping!

Questions, please contact our BoxTop Coordinator

Mrs. Sherri Muldoon at smuldoon315@gmail.com

FINANCIAL AID

The FACTS Grant and Aid will be replacing Smart Aid for our financial aid applications this year. The web site is factsmgmt.com. The application process opens on November 1. Priority Application deadline is December 31. Soft application deadline is March 15. Any applications after these deadlines may not be eligible to receive any aid. The cost of the application is \$30.00.

Families should work directly with the FACTS company in order to verify all information. Questions on completing the application may be answered by calling the FACTS helpline directly at **1-866-441-4637**. They are available Mon-Thursday: 7:30-7:00 and Friday 7:30-5:00. You can also email them at info@factstuitionaid.com with questions.

As always, I am available for any assistance you may need in applying.

This will be a new process for all of us so please know we will work together. You may email **Beth Hallinan** at bhallinan@holyrosaryregional.com with any questions and/or concerns.

February Calendar

February 2018

Parent Calendar

February 2018						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Catholic Schools Week! Open House 10:30-12:30	1/29 Volunteer Appreciation 9:00 PreK-4 Prayer Service 10:00 Volunteer Coffee 10:30 CSW Mass	1/30 Student Appreciation Dress Down Day Obstacle Run/Dodge Ball	1/31 National Appreciation 8:00 Patriotic Rosary	1 Vocation Appreciation 8:00 Altar Server Appreciation 1:30 Career Day	2 Faculty Appreciation Dress like a teacher! 8:30 2nd grade Endangered Animal Showcase 9:45 Blessing of Throats 10:30 Talent Show Noon Dismissal PM- Family Bingo	3
4  Go Birds	5 No School- Immaculate Conception make-up day	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13 Fat Tuesday- possible donut sale? 	14 Prayer Service 2 PM Church 	15	16 Thon Dress-down- Hat Day  Stations Gr. 5-8 at 2:15 PM	17
18	19 No School 	20	21	22	23 Stations Gr. K-4 at 2:15 PM	24
25	26 Clubs #1	27	28			

February Lunch Menu

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
				Chick-fil-a lunch 1	Noon Dismissal	
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	NO SCHOOL TODAY!!!	Burger Day/Tater Tots	P.F.Chang's #1	Steak Sandwich/Assorted snacks or Fruit/Milk	Grilled Cheese/Peach cup/Milk	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	Pizza Day/Jello	Hot Dog/Gold Fish Crackers	Mac & Cheese/Bagged Apple Slices/Dinner Roll/Milk	Chick-fil-a lunch 2	French Toast Sticks/Gogurt	
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	Presidents Day	Burger/Veggie Straws/Milk	Chicken Noodle Soup/Ham & Cheese on Honey Wheat Bread/Milk	Chicken Patty Sandwich/Carrots w/dip/Milk	Tuna or Cheese Hoagie/Vanilla ice cream	
25	26	27	28	1	2	3
	Pizza Day w/Fruit	Hot Dog/pretzels/milk	Pasta in Sauce/Italian Bread/Fresh Fruit/Milk			

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