



# Weekly Hawk Happenings

**April 16, 2015**

## **Note from the Principal**

It has been a wonderfully exciting week, watching the enthusiasm on the faces of our Pre-K students, as they explore their “new room”. It took a lot of hard work over the break, but it was all worth it! If you haven’t had a chance to stop by and check it out, come on in and visit.

As we enter the final couple of months of our 2014-15 school year, I would like to bring a couple of things to your attention (and ask for your help).

1. As you know, we are a very small community and one that is firmly grounded in the Christian values of love and service to one another. Lately, there have been several interactions between parents and staff, wherein the staff has been treated very disrespectfully. I want to remind you that, as a staff, we are a committed group of individuals working hard to provide your child with the highest quality, Catholic-centered education available. The staff is all asked to wear many “hats” and I would like to encourage you to show your appreciation for the challenging work they do each and every day.
2. Most of our parents are doing an outstanding job adhering to the rules for drop off and pick up. Several parents, in spite of being reminded of the rules, continue to drop off and pick up their children in the front of the building. As a reminder, only Pre-K students or students arriving tardy are allowed to utilize the front entrance. All other students must be dropped off and picked up at the back, near the safety square. If students are dropped off at the front, they will be asked to walk around the side of the building to the back entrance. Please make sure that you are following these guidelines.
3. One final request is to make sure that you are bringing your child to school on time each and every day. When your child enters the classroom late, it not only causes a disruption for the child and their entire class, but it also adds extra work for the front desk. Unfortunately, we see many of the same students arriving tardy *multiple times per week*. Tardies should occur as an exception, in the case of an emergency. They should not be a routine occurrence

I appreciate your attention to all of these matters. We may be a small community, but when we all work together, we create amazing results for the children in our care.

## **Important Information**

- **Reminder:** School begins each day at 8 am. We have staff available in the drop off area beginning at 7:45 am. Please make sure that you are using the proper drop-off procedures by dropping your student off between 7:45 and 7:55 in the back of the school. You may either walk your child to the safety square or simply pull into the drop-off lane and the staff will be happy to help your child exit the vehicle. ***Please do not drop your child off at the front of the building. Also, please***

***do not drop your child off before 7:45 am.*** These measures are in place for the safety of your child(ren).

- **Picture Day** April 20th, spring pictures will be taken as well as any student who participated in a sport this year. On April 29th, graduation pictures will be taken for Kindergarten and 8th grade. Both the Kindergarten and 8th grade are to wear their Sunday Best that day. Order forms will be sent out in your communication envelopes this week.
- **Third Annual Celebración 2015** On Saturday, May 2nd we will be hosting our third annual Gala dinner. This is a very important fundraiser for our school as it provides necessary funds for scholarships, and currently our 2014-2015 operating budget is dependent upon this gala. Kindergarten student's will be performing a traditional Mexican dance, there will be a guest speaker, live auction, and dancing after the event. Tickets are \$150.00 per person and donations will be requested at the event. If you would like to attend this dinner, please contact [smckinney@hrrsjda.org](mailto:smckinney@hrrsjda.org).
- **Construction** Please be advised that the Pacific Avenue bridge near the school is closed and will not re-open until late 2016. You will need to follow the detour directions that have been suggested by the Department of Transportation. Please plan accordingly. You can check the following website for road closures: <http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/construction/pugetsound/tacoma.htm>
- **Show your school spirit, Holy Rosary scarves are now on sale!** In the office we are selling Holy Rosary scarves. The scarves have navy blue and white stripes with the Juan Diego logo. They are on sale for \$20.00 a piece.
- **Popcorn Friday** We will continue with Popcorn Friday on **April 17**. Popcorn and snacks will be for sale after school at dismissal. Popcorn will be \$2.00 a bag. If you would like to volunteer to assist, please contact Nina Tatum at: [nina.tatum@gmail.com](mailto:nina.tatum@gmail.com)
- **Zumba** We will begin offering Zumba classes to parents and Holy Rosary student's 13 and over. Gloria Gomez, a Holy Rosary parent is a certified Zumba instructor. The first class will start Saturday, April 11th at 8:00 am and the fee will be \$5.00 a class for adults, and \$2.00 for kids 13 and over. Smaller children are welcome to come and participate, but there won't be a fee if you are under 13. Classes will be Monday evenings from: 6:30 - 7:30 pm and Saturday mornings from 8:00 - 9:00 am in the cafeteria.

### **Volunteer Opportunities:**

- **Gala Volunteer Opportunities** if you are still looking for parent volunteer hours, the Gala is just around the corner, on Saturday, May 2nd. We are in-need of volunteers to assist with the set-up, decoration, and clean - up. The plan will be to begin setting-up Friday, May 1st after lunch around 1:00 pm. We will be setting up the cafeteria into a formal dinner setting to include tables, chairs, and decorations. We will clean-up on Sunday, May 3rd. Please email Sarah McKinney at [smckinney@hrrsjda.org](mailto:smckinney@hrrsjda.org) if you are able to assist.
- **Speaking Opportunities** We are looking for some volunteers to assist in getting the word out about Holy Rosary School. Many local parishes have allowed us the opportunity to briefly speak during mass about the school and the Juan Diego program. Do you have a parish that would allow us to do this, or hand out materials after church and talk to families? We are hoping to get out in the month of April and are working on setting dates at the following parishes: Sacred Heart, St. Anne's, and St. Francis Cabrini. If you are a parishioner at any of these parishes, and you would be able to assist, please email: [office@hrrsjda.org](mailto:office@hrrsjda.org).

### Upcoming Events

- May 2: Third Annual Celebración
- May 22: Walk-a-thon, Noon Dismissal
- May 8: Kindergarten Field Trip

### Mark Your Calendars

- April 20: Spring/Sport pictures
- April 29: Graduation Pictures
- May 6: Noon Dismissal, Extended Care available.
- May 25: No School, Memorial Day

### Birthdays this Week

#### April

17th: Paloma Cueva

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20th: Ayo Phillips

#### **\*Reminder\***

Please remember to return your communication folders by Wednesday of the following week so that we can prepare them to be sent home the following day. Communication folders are sent home every Thursday.