



Holy Rosary School

Parent Survival Guide

School Event Information by Grade Level

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Hello and welcome to our Holy Rosary School Family! We know that getting used to a new school is hard enough for kids, but parents often feel uncertain and overwhelmed as well. We want your experience with Holy Rosary to be the very best, so rest assured that we are here to help, listen, and support you.

This guide was created to assist our new parents at Holy Rosary to stay informed of class activities, field trips and responsibilities in your child's current grade, as well as to let you know of all the great events and plans coming up in the future.

One of our greatest tools to keep parents informed is "Edline online," a web portal, or a one-stop window into everything that is going on at school. You can check grades and the school calendar, verify attendance, read announcements, lunch menus, school policies, keep posted about team and club activities, and download classroom and school news. For the very latest about on what is going on around campus, please go to Edline online at: [http://www.edline.net/pages/Holy Rosary Parish School](http://www.edline.net/pages/Holy_Rosary_Parish_School).

School-Wide

Students should arrive at school no earlier than 7:45 A.M., unless enrolled in the Extended Day Program (which opens at 6:45 A.M).

Regular School Day Schedule

School office hours: 7:30 – 3:30 P.M.

7:45 A.M.

Gate Opens

8:00 A.M.

Warning Bell

8:03 A.M.

School Begins at the Morning Prayer

Assembly

9:55 – 10:15 A.M

Morning Recess grades K-5

10:00 – 10:15 A.M.

Morning Break grades 6-8

11:55 – 12:40 P.M.

Grades K – 5 Lunch

12:00-12:30P.M.

Grades 6-8 Lunch

3:00 P.M.*

Grades K – 5 Dismissal

3:15 P.M.*

Grades 6 – 8 Dismissal

Minimum Day Schedule

School office hours: 7:30 – 1:00 P.M.

8:00 A.M. Warning Bell

8:03 A.M. School Begins

NOON Dismissal all grades

*Any child remaining at school more than fifteen (15) minutes after dismissal will be placed in the care of our Extended Day Program. Drop-in rates will apply. If your child

will be leaving campus unaccompanied by a parent, written permission MUST be on file in the office.

Room Parents

Each class will have 1-2 Room Parents. These 2 people are your first point of contact for all events that will happen in your class this year. If you have questions, your room parents will have the answers, or know where to find them. Room Parent duties include: making phone calls, coordinating parents and resources for class parties and field trips as well as being responsible for giving the class a “heads up” on upcoming events.

Campus Beautification

All of our students pitch in to help keep our campus beautiful and clean. All students help clean our campus: grades K-4 help clean up the primary side of the school while grades 5-8 are responsible for keeping the junior high side and front of the school tidy, supervised of course.

Faith Families

Every year your child will be part of a Faith Family. Each family consists of 1 child from each grade level and will change each year. This allows our children a chance to interact and learn from other students at the school whom they would otherwise not have met. The faith families help form bonds between our students that continue for years to come.

Religious

Our students have the opportunity to attend Mass every Friday at 8:30 A.M. with their Faith Families. Parents are always welcome and encouraged to attend.

Each grade will be responsible for hosting our Friday all-school Mass 4-5 times throughout the school year. The students are involved as readers, gift bearers, singers, etc.

Choir

Third through seventh grade students may participate in choir. Choir practice is Wednesday and Thursday after school. Students must make it to at least one practice a week. Students sing at all school masses and the last Sunday of each month at the 11:30 parish Mass. It is possible they will participate in a few special events throughout the year.

Monthly Teachers Lunch

Each class takes a turn to provide the staff with lunch on the first Friday of the month. The Room Parents will help coordinate the luncheon and parents who provide food for the lunch will receive parent hours for their efforts.

Snack Shack

The snack shack is open most recess periods and after school. It features ice cream bars, chips, pretzels, drinks and other snacks with prices ranging from \$.25 to \$1. Every Thursday, the snack shack sells popcorn for \$.25. All proceeds go to help support Student Council.

Responsibilities

Fall Festival

Each class will be responsible for the set up and gathering of parts for at least 2 game booths and for providing manpower to run those booths. This is a great opportunity to get a jump on your parent hours for the year.

Holiday Boutique

Each grade will make a craft in class with the intention of being sold at the boutique. Your Room Parents will be looking for volunteers to bake specialty breads which will also be sold at the boutique.

Fantasy Auction

Each class is responsible for 1 live auction item; this item is usually a large item that has been personalized by the class. Each class is also assigned a silent auction item, usually a theme basket, where each family donates a small item that will help complete the whole basket.

Events

Parent Club Meetings

Parent Club Meetings occur several times throughout the year and are a great way for parents to stay current on what is going on at the school. Some meetings will have guest speakers or focus on a particular theme.

Adopt a Family Fundraiser

The Adopt a Family is a fundraiser that we hold each year near the Christmas season. It is a free-dress theme week during November where the students pay \$5.00 to participate for the entire week. Each day has a theme. Crazy day, dress for success, and my hero are examples of themes of free dress week. The money raised by this fundraiser is used to adopt a family for Christmas and provide them with everything for a nice Christmas.

Field Day

Field Day is held in May. Students travel around the campus in faith families and participate in different sports related games such as an obstacle course. Teachers work the different game stations. In the end of the day, all students receive an ice cream treat.

End of the Year Party:

Students play the entire day at different stations throughout the campus. There are many stations such as the jump house, face painting, and crafts. It is the last full day of school. Parents are needed to help man the games and stations. All students receive a barbeque lunch.

Fundraising Events

Fall Festival

It is a day of fun, food and entertainment. The Fall Festival is on a Saturday in October with carnival style games, live music, food and fun. It is a fun event for the whole family.

Holiday Boutique

A One-Stop-Shop for homemade cookies, goodies and crafts. Vendors come from miles around to display their wares in hopes of helping you with your Christmas shopping. Preview night is on Friday. There is wine tasting and hors-d'oeuvres as you shop the booths. Can't make it on Friday? Then come on Saturday. Stay for lunch, there are many tasty options available, and while you are there take a look at our student's crafts that are available for purchase. Santa has also been known to pay the boutique a visit.

Fantasy Auction

Come and join us for this Annual Gala Event. It is a themed evening where adults can dress up and come and bid on class projects made by our children. The silent auction boasts wonderful donations from local vendors including everything from homemade

cookies to weekend stays in Monterey. Even if you don't bid on an item, the evening is filled with fun, food and friends.

Spaghetti Feed/ Variety Show

This is an enjoyable night out with your family and friends. Students and family members are welcome to flaunt their talents or just entertain. Come join us and enjoy the entertainment and Mrs. Papas' spaghetti. Yum Yum!

Kindergarten

Pumpkin Field Trip

Students travel to pumpkin patch to learn about science through pumpkins. Students come home with their very own pumpkin. Parents needed to help drive and chaperone.

Field Trip to the Fire Station

In January, students learn about community and service through a trip to the Fire Station. Parents needed to help drive and chaperone

Science Farm Field Trip

In the spring, students go to a farm to learn about life science. Students experience life on the farm. Parents needed to help drive and chaperone.

The Zoo and Fairytale Town Fieldtrip

This field trip is for the kindergartners and 8th graders. They partner up and enjoy a morning at Fairytale Town followed by lunch in the park. They then finish up the day by enjoying all the attractions that the Zoo has to offer.

Science

At school, kindergartners plant and watch sunflowers grow. They also observe caterpillars change into butterflies.

First Grade

Theatre Visit

The B Street Theatre, located in downtown Sacramento, offers a variety of shows each year. For some students, this will be their first theatrical experience.

Pumpkin Patch

In October the first grade class visits Impossible Acres Pumpkin Patch in Davis. The activities include a hay bale maze, baby animals to pet, pumpkins to pick and to top off the day a tractor ride! After all the fun the kids enjoy lunch in the barn before heading back to school.

Woodland Public Library

An important part of any child's education is learning to use the library as a resource for future school projects. The first grade class visits the library to learn about the different areas of the library, the computers and how to check out books. They are each given the opportunity to get a library card (a parent consent form will be sent home before the field trip) and are able to check out one book to take home. At the end of the hour the kids enjoy a story read by the librarian.

Second Grade

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

Second grade is the year our children begin to truly study the sacraments and apply what they learn to their daily lives. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is generally celebrated on a weekday, during school hours, near the beginning of Lent. Children and their families participate in a prayer service together. After the prayer service, the children approach one of the priests to receive their First Reconciliation.

The Sacrament of First Eucharist

First Communion is in April and is a very blessed event. A special parent meeting is held in January to discuss the Sacrament of First Reconciliation and the Sacrament of First Eucharist.

Last Supper

Our children study the life of Christ as part of their curriculum in Second Grade. The Last Supper is an opportunity for the children to share their knowledge. It is a gathering of our students and their families and friends. The children reenact what Jesus did at His Last Supper with his friends, the Twelve Apostles. It generally occurs in March.

Third Grade

Spanish Class

Beginning in 3rd grade, our students begin attending Spanish classes 2-3 times per week with Senora Sierra. Our second language curriculum continues through the 8th grade.

Springlake Schoolhouse

The Springlake Schoolhouse is located on the Yolo County Fairgrounds and gives our 3rd graders the opportunity to go back in time and spend a day at school in the 1890's.

Biography Report

Students will choose a historical American and conduct all research and typing in the technology lab. Class time will be allotted for writing the report, but some help from parents at home may be required.

Solar System Model

During the fourth quarter, students will be studying Earth Science. All students are required to draw or model the solar system. Be creative and have fun!

Fourth Grade

Pioneer Clothing

Several field trips this year will focus on pioneer times, and as such the children have the opportunity to dress in period clothing for the field trips. An outfit is not required on all field trips but definitely adds to the fun. Thrift stores hold lots of treasures to help you assemble an outfit.

Sutter Fort Field Trip

Built more than 150 years ago Sutter Fort is an exciting trip for the fourth grade class. The class will explore the fort and parents and children are encouraged to wear period clothing.

Fine Arts Trip

Fourth grade attends a live theater performance at the Woodland Opera House in January or February. Chaperones needed for the field trip

Build a mission and write a report

Each child will build a mission. A model of the mission and research of the mission will be completed by the student. Time for research and report writing will be provided during class time. However, some help from parents will be required.

Sonoma Mission Field Trip

Completing their studies about California Missions the class will travel to Sonoma to visit and learn about the Sonoma Mission. Additionally, they will learn about the surrounding area and important landmarks. They also visit General Vallejo's home in Sonoma and the site of the Bear Flag Revolt.

Coloma Field Trip

Strike it Rich! The class will travel to Coloma to learn how the gold miners found their fortune and about the rich history of the area. Period pioneer clothing is required on this field trip.

Science Night

All students will be required to create a hands-on science experiment in class. The class will create science displays and each student will have an opportunity to teach the lesson on science night. This event is during Catholic Schools Week.

Fifth Grade

Science Camp

The fifth grade heads to Marin Headlands this year for their week long science camp. The students will enjoy learning about nature, protecting our environment, and the military history of the coastal region. We will need drivers only and 2-3 parent chaperones. Fundraising will be necessary to minimize the cost of the chaperones and student tuition.

Writing/Reading Comprehension

Students in the fifth grade will spend a great deal of time reading and writing in the content areas. We spend the majority of the time learning how to read and organize materials they are studying in social studies, science, and religion. Writing focuses on expository (non-fiction) and persuasive writing in relationship to the content areas. Students will also research a past United States President and a U.S. State in order to compile research reports.

Living Wax Museum

The fifth grade culminates the year writing an essay on a famous American. They will also present their character through a living wax museum night. The students become the famous American, in dress and speech. This will require some parent help to set up and in finding props and costumes for the students.

Contest/Competitions

The fifth grade will field a team that will participate in the “Loretto Math Competition” held at Christian Brothers High School in the spring. Students who are chosen, will compete individually and as a team against schools from all across the diocese. In addition, the fifth and sixth grade will field a team to participate in the Diocesan “et the Children Come to Me” Religion competition. Students selected for these teams will be required to attend practice sessions at school. Parents will be needed to drive their child to the events.

Sixth Grade

Writing

A large part of 6th grade involves writing. This year we are using the Step-Up to Writing Program to enhance the students' writing skills.

Verbal Communication

Verbal communication will also be emphasized and is shared in many ways, such as, sharing current events, presentations or preparing the Friday Mass.

Fine Arts Field Trip

The 6th, 7th and 8th graders gather together to take a field trip to the Mondavi Center in Davis usually held in the fall. This trip requires chaperones and drivers.

San Francisco Field Trip

The 6th, 7th and 8th graders pile into a chartered bus and head off to San Francisco for the day to visit a local science center. Parents are encouraged to join the fun.

Knowledge Bowl

Jr. High students gather into mixed teams to participate in a Jeopardy style game show for the whole school to enjoy. This event is usually held during Catholic School's Week.

Seventh Grade

Fine Arts Field Trip

The 6th, 7th and 8th graders gather together to take a field trip to the Mondavi Center in Davis.

San Francisco Field Trip

The 6th, 7th and 8th graders pile into a chartered bus and head off to San Francisco for the day to visit a local science center. Parents are encouraged to join the fun.

Read-out-Pig-out

Students have the opportunity to spend the morning reading comfortably on the floor while munching on comfort food. More details will be sent home as the event approaches.

Service

Students are asked to serve food and beverages during the 8th grade awards ceremony. On occasion they are also asked to lend a hand for other events when there are not enough 8th grade servers.

Eighth Grade

Service and Responsibility

Eighth grade is a year of service and responsibility. From being the leaders of the Faith Families to serving many school and community functions, they are depended upon to be the role models for the younger students.

Specific responsibilities include:

- **Gym set-up:** Eighth graders are the work crew for setting up for Mass, special events, dinners and other functions held in the Gym/
- **Garbage Pick-up:** responsible for taking out the classroom garbage each day from the individual classrooms. This also includes the recycling.

Fine Arts Field Trip

The 6th, 7th and 8th graders gather together to take a field trip to the Mondovi Center in Davis.

Shadow Days

Times are arranged for the eighth graders to visit the high school(s) of their choice.

San Francisco Field Trip

The 6th, 7th and 8th graders pile into a chartered bus and head off to San Francisco for the day to visit a local science center. Parents are encouraged to join the fun.

Ashland Field Trip

The 8th graders have the wonderful opportunity to travel to the Shakespeare Festival in Ashland, Oregon. The students leave Friday morning and return Sunday evening.

8th Grade Christmas Wreath Sales

The proceeds from the Christmas wreaths that are sold every year through the school go directly to help pay for 8th grade graduation. This is a wonderful opportunity to purchase your annual wreath while helping out our 8th graders.

Religion

This is a Sacrament year where the 8th graders participate in Confirmation. With Confirmation the 8th graders have retreats throughout the year. The parents must fill out official Church paperwork for this event. The event has historically been scheduled through the Diocese office for a date in the spring. It will be held in our Community Center.

Stations of the Cross

The 8th graders typically create the poster artwork of the crosses (Stations) that are used at the school ceremony for the Stations.

May Crowning

This is a traditional event in the Grotto where the 2nd graders wear their communion outfits and the 8th graders are dressed up. The two prepare this special prayer service for the school.

Field Day

Eighth graders help set up and take down the obstacle course. During the day, the eighth graders encourage, guide, and assist their Faith Family members (especially Kinder and first graders) through all the activities.

K-8 Field Trip to Zoo/Fairy Tale Town

Eighth graders take care of their kindergartner throughout the day. (They come back exhausted, but happy!)

Prayer Service

A prayer service is held the day prior to graduation for the 8th graders. At this service, each 8th grader is remembered by one of their faith family members, chosen by their 8th grader. Parents are encouraged to attend this memorable event.

Sweat Shirts

The 8th graders get to pick a color for their class sweatshirt. Only 8th grade is allotted this privilege. The color is chosen by the class.

Sidewalk Paint

At the end of the year the 8th graders get to paint the sidewalk near the 8th grade eating area as a good-bye to the school.

8th Grade Graduation

- **Invitation Committee:** This committee is responsible for composing and ordering the invitations while staying within budget. Responsibilities also include; following up on RSVP's and attendee count and giving the count to the Food Committee Chair.
- **Decorations Committee:** This committee decides on the Award's Ceremony Theme, ordering decorations, tablecloths, etc, while staying within budget. The

committee also arranges for all rentals of linens, china, and glasses. They also display the student's memory boards for Awards Ceremony.

- **Food Committee:** This committee is responsible for planning the menu, ordering and purchasing food, beverages and ice for the ceremony as well as coordinating the servers and clean up crew.
- **Gift Committee:** This committee decides what gift should be given to the 8th grade students. Previous years gifts have included a class photo with graduation frame, commemorative T-shirt, mug with class names. They are also responsible for arranging and ordering the gift item as well as purchasing a single flower for students to give to their parents, and may decide what gift will be given to the school. (Prior gifts include the HRS logo on the gym wall, the sycamore trees in the back area and the crucifix in the office.)
- **DVD Committee:** This committee is responsible for requesting photos for use in production. Photos should also be organized insuring every student is equally represented. They will also prepare any order forms and distributes to parents, orders and or creates DVD's and distributes the DVD to parents.
- **End of Year Party- Non School Event:** Parents pay for students to attend a local theme/ water park, or other event the day (or two) after graduation, the Chair collects fees and arranges for car pools and chaperones, coordinates any details, reservations, etc.