



September 8, 2023

Dear Sixth Grade Parents,

It has been delightful getting to know your children and we are excited for a great school year. There is not a lot to our Newsletter this week, but this letter will provide you a chance to familiarize yourself with the format of our newsletters, get some general information, and see what we have to look forward to for next week.

Homeroom Updates:

- **MAPS Testing:** The testing window will open up next week. We have 4 weeks to finish MAPS tests. Students will be using the first 2 periods each Monday to allow ample time for them to focus and do their best. They will begin with language arts on Monday, math the following week, and reading on Monday, 9/25. Make ups will be given as needed.
- **PBIS-** We have spent the week discussing routines and expectations. An overview of the school-wide behavior system is in the Family Handbook. It would be great if parents were familiar with these expectations. We are now part of a team; parents, students, and teachers. It is important that everyone understands expectations to have a successful year.
- **Absent?-** Remember to email both the homeroom teacher and the office office@holyrosaryws.org .
- **Snack-** If your child gets hungry in the afternoon, please be sure to pack an easy snack for the afternoon recess. Lunch is at 11:05 this year.
- **Picture Day-** Picture day is Sept 19th. Students may wear free dress on picture day.
- **Technology Class-** Students will need to bring in headphones for tech class. Please be sure they have headphones ASAP.
- **Crocs-** Crocs are not allowed on PE days. Please be sure your child is wearing sneakers to participate. Students who wear crocs on PE days will get a zero for the day. If your child wears crocs on non-PE days, they must be in "sport mode."

MAGAZINE DRIVE:

Magazine Drive Newsletter Suggestions

Newsletter #1

It is time to kick off our first fundraiser of the year! **The I for registrations and sales.** This year's theme is "IN THE HEART OF THE COMMUNITY".

Our Goal is \$125,000 is Raised!

DETAILS

A few notes for this year's Magazine Drive:

1. Registration is per family, register under your oldest child.
2. Each HRS K-8 child, in your family, will receive the prize at the level reached, through 50 sales.
3. Subscriptions \$50 and over are worth 2 subscriptions, \$99 and over are worth 4 subscriptions and \$189+ are worth 8 subscriptions!
4. Top Seller chooses prize first, in a DEAL OR NO DEAL style game!

ONLINE FAMILY REGISTRATION WITH AP MAGS

1. Go to www.funderworks.com
2. Click on **I'M A PARENT/GUARDIAN OR STUDENT**
3. Enter **ROSARY** in the code field and submit
4. Follow the steps to create the account
5. Once account is created, familiarize yourself with the various selling tools available. These include avatars, e-mail blasts, printable flyers, social media, etc.
6. Complete all steps needed to qualify for the bonus incentive!



Curriculum Updates:

Math (Mrs. H):

Monday: *MAP Testing

Tuesday: *1.2 Words and Expressions

Wednesday: *1.3 Variables and Expressions

Thursday: *Properties of Numbers

Friday: *TBD (possibly 1.6 Ordered Pairs and Relations)

Math (Mrs. C): We spent the week getting to know Mrs. Chiodo with "Mrs. Chiodo Math. We also got settled into Google Classroom and the ALEKS program. Students did a knowledge check today in ALEKS and will begin their "Path" completing the required 10 topics every 3 weeks. Our first ALEKS check will be on October 4th. We will begin Chapter 3, Computing Multi-Digit Numbers, next week. Students should expect homework every night for Math.

Math (Mr. W): . Hello HRS families! Next week, we will begin by making a class social contract, in which students build a set of classroom expectations through reflection and discussion. Then we will begin chapter three (We start here because it covers some concepts that are useful in chapters one and two). We will start at lesson one: Adding and Subtracting Decimals. From there, we will cover lessons 2-4: Estimating Products, Multiplying Decimals by Whole Numbers, and Multiplying Decimals by Decimals. Students can expect homework on Tuesday-Thursday. Have a great weekend!.

ELA: I am excited to start our Name Unit next week. Over the next few weeks we will read articles, short stories, children's books, and poems with one common theme: NAMES! With each of these reading activities students will have a short assignment. Book Clubs started this week as well. Students are expected to read each night. I am asking they finish this first book by October 2nd so we can do an activity in class. I am excited to have students enjoy reading some wonderful books I have picked out for them!

Social Studies: Early Humans and the Rise of Civilization: In this unit, students will learn about early humankind and the development of human societies. Students will begin Chapter 1 Investigating the Past. In a Social Studies Skill Builder, students learn how social scientists reconstruct the lives of prehistoric humans by examining images of cave paintings and other artifacts. **Essential Question:** How do social scientists interpret the past?

Science: Students will discover how scientists develop models to explain how a system works. Students will make multisensory observations of sealed black boxes in an effort to determine what is inside. They will make models to explain what is in the black box.

Religion: Welcome to 6th grade Religion class. This year we will focus on learning about the Sacred Scripture: Old Testament. This week, students will learn about the Sacred Scripture or Bible. They will be able to locate and explain parts of the Bible.

Calendar Updates:

- Sep 15th - 7th/8th Grade Dance
- Sep 19th - School Pictures
- Sep 22nd-23rd - WestFest
- Oct 13 - No School (Teacher In-Service)
- April 25-26th - 6th Grade Camp (Miracle Ranch)

That's all for now, but please feel free to contact us if you have any questions.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Mrs. Chiodo and Mr. Williams