

## SPECIAL PRAYER INTENTIONS

If you would like us to include your special prayer intentions for yourself or a family member in our monthly newsletter, we will try to include them. Additionally, teachers offer daily prayers within their classrooms for students' intentions. You may direct your prayer request to your child's teacher as well.

- Those within our school family who are ill
- The poor, the homeless, the displaced
- HRCS deceased alumni
- Adopted students, Rubylen, Sanjala, & Kamya Joseph
- Supporters and Benefactors of HRCS
- Souls in Purgatory
- Members of our school family who have died
- Special intentions of our school family
- **Charles Louviere**— [Allie & Lanie Fournier's grandfather] was recently diagnosed with ALS [Lou Gehrig's disease].
- **Mrs. Barbara Hollier**— [5th grade teacher and grandmother of Ashton, Andrew, and Abby Adams] is recovering from two surgeries and will be undergoing treatment for a recently diagnosed illness.
- **Mrs. Janet Melancon**— [mother of Mrs. Patti Comeaux] Please pray for healing from knee replace-

ment surgery and shocking pain in head caused by brain tumor.

• **Troy Guidry**— [married to former employer Rose Ann Guidry]. Mr. and Mrs. Guidry are former parents of HRCS students as well. Mr. Guidry is suffering from a serious illness.

• **Howie Guidry**— [Great Uncle of Kindergartener Madison Schexnaydre] while on a hunting trip had emergency surgery in Arkansas for a blood clot on his brain and is now recovering in that hospital.

• Ms Alyce Barrios-1st grade teacher- would like to thank all members of our community for their support and prayers for her father, **Reed Barrios**. Reed was diagnosed with a rare autoimmune disease, Scleroderma. Reed has struggled for almost two years now, but thanks to the aggressive actions of doctors at the University of Texas Scleroderma clinic, and the continuous prayer to Father Francis Sceelos, Reed's health is improving. Their family is an active participant in Fr. Seelo's following through healing masses and monthly

## Monies for Charitable Donations

We are happy to announce that our first Spirit [Jeans & T-Shirt] Day brought in \$181.25 in donations to the **St. Jude Children's Hospital**. If you forgot to send in your donation, it's not too late. THANKS! †

## NEW BABY

**Cy Michael Roberts** is the new grandson of **Mr. Paul and Mrs. Laura Champagne**, and son of **Michael and Kelly C. Roberts**. Baby Cy was born on August 5, 2011, weighing 8 lbs, 9 oz. and was 21" at birth. Grandmother Laura [Lolly] and Grandpa Paul [Pop] are already lonesome of baby Cy, their first grandchild, who lives in Lafayette.

**If your family has a new baby, Please notify us [in writing] with information to share with our school family. We love to broadcast "GOOD NEWS". †**

newsletters. Please keep the Barrios family in your prayers as they look to the future with hope and faith. †

# Holy Rosary Catholic School

## Good News For Parents

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### Principal's Message: *By Mr. Scott*

Dear Parents,

One year has come and gone, but God has been kind and showered us with many blessings. What a blessing to see the school full again with so many great people and many new changes. With last year's momentum and a very busy summer, we have made great strides on attaining the things necessary for HRCS to continue to shine as the best elementary school in the area.

I would personally like to thank everyone whose hard work and efforts have restored new life and focus on this special school.

Our new theme for this school year will be **"Building Upon a Solid Foundation, Come Grow With Us"**. We definitely will continue to grow this school in all ways possible.

We have accomplished very much in a short time, but there is so much more we can achieve. Let's continue to work together, side by side, and make it happen according to His will.

Like I said before, "It was not our choice to be here, but God's choice for us to be here, and in His time the things that need to happen will be done at HRCS."

Bless You!  
Mr. B. †

### News from Pre K 3



Children in Ms Liz' Pre K 3 class are learning about many things including colors and alphabets. During the last week of August they learned about the color BLUE. One activity was making blueberry muffins

from scratch! Children really enjoyed eating the muffins! †

### Welcome New Staff Members !!

We are very fortunate to WELCOME additions to our faculty. They include:

**Ms Millie Duet**, - is the English Language Arts and Reading teacher of the 6th and 8th grades. She began her elementary teaching career here 29 years ago, immediately following her College Graduation from NSU. She is excited to be back here after an 11 year teaching career in the public system. There she taught 7-8th grade Language Arts and Reading, and Special Education. She is currently working towards Special Education Certification in Graduate School. Upon completion of this, she would like to work on Gifted Certification also. Ms. Duet is the proud parent of two wonderful boys, Tyler Breaux, who is a 2nd year Law Student at Southern University. His

## Pray for deceased loved ones & their families:

**Mrs. Mary Danos**, 62-year-old, wife of Al Danos, mother of HRCS alumni Marcel, Rene' D. David, Andre and Alyce Danos; grandmother of HRCS students Eli David and Ana Wilson, and Mary Elizabeth, died on July 27, 2011 after an 11 year battle with cancer.

Mary was a founding member of Friends of the Rosary and president of the Mary and Al Danos Family Foundation. Both organizations continue to be extremely sup-

portive of HRCS. The Danos family asked for donations to the Mary and Al Danos Family Foundation in lieu of flowers.

**Mr. Theard [Babe] Lafont, Jr** 82 Year-old great grandfather of Evan Lafont in 4th grade. Mr. Lafont died on August 6, 2011. He was a very active member of Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Church.

**Mr. Ecton Plaisance**, 82 Year-old former parent of three HRCS alumni [Tina P. Montz, Mark Plaisance, and James Plaisance] died on August 6, 2011. Mrs. Martha Plaisance,

his wife and family members designated HRCS as a recipient in lieu of flowers at the time of his death.

**Mr. Johnson J Chouest**, 78 Year-old great grandfather of Angelique St Pierre in 6th grade. Mr. Chouest died on August 27, and will be buried on August 30, 2011 at OLPS. He was a native of Golden Meadow.

**If you would like to add the name of your close deceased relative to our prayer list, please send the information to the Advancement office. †**

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The greatest among you will be the one who serves the rest.  
*Matthew 23:11*

### Renovations

Over the summer months our campus was busy with refurbishing and renovation projects accomplished with the direction and hands-on help of Mr. Bouzigard. He was able to have staff, parents, grandparents, alumni, and friends help with the summer spruce up. Mr. Kippy, Mrs. Rema and Ms Evelyn cleaned our entire campus, pressure-washed the exterior walls and concrete, and stripped and waxed all of our school floors, from the cafeteria to the classrooms! Rusted doors were sanded and painted. Our reception area had new floors installed. Its walls were painted and the area was newly furnished and decorated. A carpenter added new frame work and paint to the main office's exterior entry. Antiquated

teaching materials and equipment were removed from the school as well. The playground adjacent to the Pre K classrooms was cleared in preparation for renovations. Dirt and pea gravel was hauled for drainage and safety precautions. Our grounds were cleared of several trees, unsafe fencing, and weeds. Many parents helped with landscaping. The concrete floors and the base of our stairs in our covered play area was primed and painted for aesthetics and safety measures. These renovations & repairs were completed & financed by HRCS, families, and staff! Several work crews spent many days on repairs and renovations!

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HRCS' recent renovations are a great asset to our school and Our Lady of the Rosary Church!  
**MANY THANKS TO ALL HELPERS!!! †**



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## Avenues that Support HRCS:

**ANNUAL FUND DRIVE:** This drive is a year-long effort to help fund the school budget. Currently it provides approximately 16% of unrestricted funding from our supporters including: parents, grandparents, faculty, alumni, friends, businesses, OLR Parish, Advisory Council, and major donors. This year's Annual Fund Campaign Committee Chairpersons are Mona Vegas – **Major Donors:** Todd Brady—**Endowments,** Mike Plaisance—**Advisory Council;** Laura Champagne—**Staff;** Jennifer Martin & Anna Marie Cabirac—**Parents;** Monica Callais & Simone Robichaux—**Grandparents;** Bonnie Babin chairperson—**Alumni & Friends;** The **Parish Phase** will have 4 chairpersons, including Mike and Rebecca Plaisance – at Our Lady of Prompt Succor, Donna Collins at St. Joseph, Liesl Guidry at Sacred Heart and Rose Dejesus at Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Church. Lane Fournier and his co-worker will head our **Business Phase.** Additionally Scott & Christie Duet will chair our Golf Tournament.

**This past year our campaign over \$211,000 in monetary donations** from the 2010–2011 Campaign. This helps to offer a teacher pay raise, to provide repairs and renovations to our facilities, which

are about 49 years old, and to improve the academic and religious dimensions of HRCS for each student.

As HRCS begins its 2011-2012 Annual Fund Campaign, please prayerfully consider how abundantly blessed you are. When asked to make your commitment to the AFC, please do so with a grateful heart to help us reach and surpass last year's total of **\$211,000.**

### OTHER AREAS OF SUPPORT INCLUDE:

**DONATIONS THROUGH UNITED WAY, FUNDING OUR 3 ENDOWMENTS, PLANNED GIVING, MATCHING GIFTS, BUSINESS GIFTS, LIFE INSURANCE, WILLS & BEQUESTS, GRANTS, AND**

**MEMORIAL DONATIONS:** Following the death of loved ones, families may offer their friends and families the opportunity to name HRCS as a benefactor in memory of their deceased loved one. Families of the deceased member are reassured of our prayers and appreciation. Annually, memorial intentions are included in Masses of All Saints and All Souls Day and the Spring Memorial Mass as our expression of gratitude. †

## Federal Monies Provide Services to HRCS

HRCS receives Federal Funds that provide funds for the following:

### Title I provides funds for:

Before/After school tutoring program— Parental Involvement activities & materials in collaboration with other schools—Materials of instruction and education equipment

### Title II provides funds for:

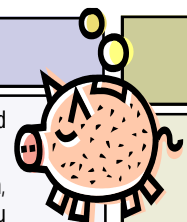
Staff Development activities for teachers - Materials needed for successful completion of staff development activities

### Title IV provides funds for:

In services - Materials of instruction, resources & activities for successful implementation of Safe & Drug Free Schools & Communities Programs

### Title IV provides funds for:

Purchase of supplementary instructional materials for classrooms and school library. †



## New Staff -continued

desire is to become a trial attorney, and Thomas Breaux, who is a Sr. at S.L.H.S. and plays Varsity football. She can not express the gratitude in her heart for the warm welcome back from the family of Holy Rosary School and the parents. She is now teaching many of the children of children she taught here many years ago. "I feel so blessed. God has called me home."

**Mrs. Deborah Babin Guidry,** is the homeroom teacher of one of our 6<sup>th</sup> grade homeroom classes as well as teaching 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> science classes. She also continues to teach 1<sup>st</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade computer classes and is still our technology coordinator. Mrs. Guidry and her husband of 14 years, Ed, have two daughters that have transferred to Holy Rosary this school year. Camille is in the 7<sup>th</sup> grade and Ellie is in the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade this year. She has 18 years experience teaching. She taught in the public system for 13 years and in Catholic school for 4. The past two years Mrs. Guidry has worked at Holy Rosary part-time as our technology coordinator / computer teacher. Now she joins us full-time.

**Ms. Alyce Barrios**—Ms. Alyce Barrios is our new first grade teacher and is thrilled to be teaching here at HRCS. She is actually teaching her first graders in the same class Mrs. Judy Callais taught her first grade in. Ms. Alyce attended HRCS for 6 years, kindergarten through fifth grade. She comes

from a family of Holy Rosary alumnus and supporters. Alyce is the daughter of Reed and Dana Barrios and the sister of Alexis Barrios. Alyce says her fondest memories of her time at Holy Rosary were those of Sister Claire, Mr. Kippy, Spring Fiesta, and seconds of everything Mrs. Beverly and the cafeteria ladies cooked. She adds, "I have so many countless memories rooted in this school; HRCS was my home-away-from-home for me and my best friends for 6 years! It is a pure blessing that God has led me back to Holy Rosary at this time."

Alyce received her degree in Elementary education with a certification in Pre-K through 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. She graduated with distinguish honors of Magna Cum Laude while working towards her Bachelor's degree at NSU. Alyce also received an Outstanding Teacher of the Year award from Nicholls's Department of Education. Ms. Alyce looks forward to teaching here and being part of the HRCS family once again.

**Ms. Leah Vizier Alessi**—Pre K 3 aid - is the daughter of Brent and Pat Vizier. She and husband Frank Alessi were married in November 2010 and are residents in Golden Meadow. They have a wonderful dog named Topsy. Leah graduated from NSU with a degree in Child Development and Pre-School Management. She has been in practice for over three years, working at a pre-school in Houma. Leah said, "I feel truly blessed to be a part of my new Holy Rosary Family! I am very excited as I

start this new school year, and I look forward to many years here."

**Mrs. Megan Loviere Frazier**—married to Jonathan Frazier, graduated from NSU in 2008 with a Bachelor's degree in Birth to Five/Early Intervention. She taught Pre-K at Cut Off Elem. For half a year and has been teaching Kindergarten for the past two years at Cut Off Elem. and then Golden Meadow Lower Elem. "I feel truly blessed to have been chosen as a Pre-K 4 teacher at HRCS. It is with God's guidance that I come here to be a part of this wonderful family of students, faculty, and administration. The outpouring of love and support has me excited to come to work each and every day. I look forward to a long, rewarding career here at Holy Rosary.

The best teachers teach from the heart and my heart is filled with the love of teaching!" said Mrs. Frazier.

**Mrs. Bonnie Walker Guidry**— is a returning Pre K 4 teacher aide to Mrs. Cle'ta and is helping with the Children's Choir. Mrs. Bonnie and her husband Royce have three children, Michael and wife Tara have a 17 month old Kiley, Their two HRCS alumni children are 21 year old Mary Claire who is a senior at UL and 19 year old Matthew who is a freshman at UL also. Bonnie has 33 years of work experience, with 21 years as a secretary. She previously worked 6 years at HRCS as a Pre K teacher and earned her CDA [Child Development Associate] during that time. She also worked at St Mary Nativity 4 years and substituted for 2 years for Lafourche Parish Schools.

Mrs. Bonnie said, "I am so glad to be here in Larose at HRCS. Now I am *Back Home!*"

**Mrs. Julie Plaisance Callais**—2nd grade teacher and a returning alumna. Mrs. Callais and husband Donny have 2 daughters at HRCS. 8 year old Elise is in 3rd grade and 4 year old Emma is in PK-4. Julie has 5 years teaching experience including 2 years in Lafourche Parish and 3 years at NSU. Mrs. Callais has a Masters degree in Education with a concentration in Administration and Supervision. "Being at HRCS keeps me grounded in faith, family, and friends," says Mrs. Callais.

**We are so happy that you have all joined the HRCS FAMILY! †**

## Celebrating Grandparents

HRCS will **Celebrate Grandparents Day on Friday Mass -September 23, 2011, beginning at 8:45 AM.** Grandparents will have a **reserved section in church.** Children will remain with their classes as usual. Following mass, **9:45-11:30,** Grandparents may **visit classrooms,** enjoy **refreshments** in the cafeteria, and take a **photo** with their grandchild. **LIFETOUCH** will offer to take **pictures of grandchildren with their grandparents.** Packet A= *one 8x11 for \$12.* and Packet B= *two 5x7's for \$8.* After pictures are sent [to grandchildren], we ask parents to send the photos on to grandparents.

Grandparents with **limited mobility** or those who cannot climb stairs should check in at the main office. Children will be directed to meet these grandparents in the school library for their visit. **Invitations** were sent on Sept 2, to grandparents whose names and addresses were included by parents at registration time. We ask parents to **inform grandparents ahead of time about these event,** as we may not have current addresses on all grandparents. We certainly do not want to overlook anyone. Grandparent activities will be posted on **Edline.** †



## Know your Advisory Council

**S**ince 1994, Catholic School Management provided Diocesan schools with tools to form their mission statement, goals and objectives. HRCS followed the guidelines and has continued to implement goals and objectives for each school year. Your current Advisory Council and Administration are the driving forces that will set new objectives to help ensure the education and spiritual well being of your children.

The 2011–2012 Council includes:

President—Mike Plaisance, Vice President- Jennifer Martin, Kay Lefort, Tommy Robichaux, Christie Duet, Todd Brady, and Jack Rebstock. New Council member is Ryan Robichaux. Non-voting members include: Fr. Albert Santiago- Pastor of OLR; Mr. Scott Bouzigard -Principal; Debbie Cheramie- Assistant Principal; Mona Vegas – Advancement Director, & Donna Darda- Bookkeeper.

The Council's function is to serve the school in a consultative manner and support the School's Mission as school ambassadors. Their main function is to keep the school's finances sound. It is not a communicative tool to solve an individual's concerns or problems. Areas of concern are to be brought directly to the individual involved. The Diocesan policy states that all Council meetings are normally CLOSED. Meetings are held every third Tuesday of the month.

Your Council is a dedicated group of parents and grandparents who devote countless hours to best serve the entire school. If you are asked to work with the Council on a committee, please prayerfully consider accepting the job. †

## ADORATION

On the first Monday of each month HRCS students will attend Adoration at OLR Church. Adoration begins at 9:30 AM and usually last about 30 minutes. This is a great way to begin each month. We encourage our parents and friends to attend these services with us. †

## 4-H Officers Selected

Mrs. Thibodaux would like to thank all the 4-H members that applied to be an officer. The applications were very well written, and everyone would have been an excellent officer. It was very hard to choose. This year's officers include: President—Abby Dupierre, Vice P. Alec Plaisance, Secretary-Alexandria Galiano, Chaplain-Angelle Legendre and Carly Loupe-Reporter. Congratulations officers on your recent appointments. May you lead our 4-H Club to another successful year. †

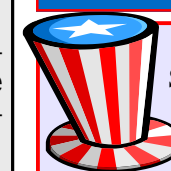
## Parenting Tip

Several text book companies are now offering web sites which reinforce academic skills associated with their particular books. You may want to check out your child's text books' site for homework practice and references. Our math & 2nd grade math series can be found at [www.sadlier-oxford.com](http://www.sadlier-oxford.com) while our 6th– 8th graders' site is [www.classzone.com](http://www.classzone.com); [www.macmillanmh.com](http://www.macmillanmh.com) for 4th grade; [www.glencoe.com](http://www.glencoe.com) for 6th-8th [go to state, then locate student textbook]; spelling 7—8 [www.zaner-bloser.com](http://www.zaner-bloser.com).

Generic sites that may reinforce studies for 3rd & 4th grade math include: [www.multiplication.com](http://www.multiplication.com); [www.mathcafe.com](http://www.mathcafe.com); [www.starfall.com](http://www.starfall.com); [www.enchantedlearning.com/home.html](http://www.enchantedlearning.com/home.html); [www.funbrain.com](http://www.funbrain.com); [www.jc-school.net](http://www.jc-school.net). 2nd graders use [www.goamath.com](http://www.goamath.com); and [www.mathfactcafe.com](http://www.mathfactcafe.com).

Parents may also ask their child's teacher for additional sites that may be targeted to their child's specific need. †

## Red, White, Blue Dress Day



Constitution week will be held September 12—16. Wednesday, 9/14 will be **Red, White & Blue Dress Day.** Students may wear a red, white & blue shirt with uniform bottom and shoes. †

## CLASS REPRESENTATIVES SELECTED

At our recent Parent Representative's Meeting, the following parents were selected as class representatives for the 2011-2012 school year.

**PK 3**– Rachel Guidry, **PK4-[MF]**–Robin Galjour, **PK4 [CP]** -Alexis Verdin, Asst. Lacy Vito, **K** – Courtney Dardar & Natalie Curole, **1st [AB]**-Jerrica Waguespack, **1st [PC]**- Tracy Angelette, **2nd-[MRC]**–Janie Brady, **2nd-[JC]**–April Foret, Asst. Christie Duet, **3rd**–Chantise Gros, Asst. Lacie Eymard, **4th**–Tammy Pitre, Asst. Jennifer Vedros, **5th**–Sondra Trosclair, **6th [MD]**- Dawn Brady,- **6th [DG]**-Dawn Galiano, **7th** Christina Griffin, Asst. Kritty Chouest, **8th** – Kay Lefort. **Head Classroom Representative** is Tracy Angelette.

We are very grateful to everyone who offered to accept this responsibility and we'd like to thank all class representatives for your **much appreciated** help with this year's activities. †

## Professional Development Half Days :

The 2011-2012 HRCS school calendar follows the same Professional Development Days as the public schools within Lafourche Parish. Parish and HRCS **buses will ride as usual at dismissal time on half days.**

Students may wear spirit shirts with long jeans on half days. HRCS will have **NO AFTERCARE** on half days which end at **12:30.** Parents are to make arrangements for after school supervision for their child on these days.

Please mark your calendars with these dates:

August 31, September 28, October 26, January 25, February 29, March 28. †

## 2011 –2012 Holidays

Sept 5 - Labor Day // Dec 18–Jan 2 -Christmas  
Sept 6 - Ed.'s Conference Jan 16 -MLK Day  
Oct 7-11 -Fall Break // Feb 20-24-Mardi Gras  
Nov 21-25-Thanksgiving // April 6-13--Easter  
May 25 -Last day †

Put Love in  
A// You Do And  
God Will Always  
Be With You. †

## Parents Lunch Schedule:

**LUNCH INVITATIONS**—Parents will be invited to **share lunch** with their child/children on the scheduled day listed below. Each class lunch will begin at around noon and continue for approximately 30- 45 minutes. Classes will send invitations to remind parents about their scheduled lunch date. Parents are encouraged to promptly reply to Mrs. Stacy for preparations. †

Grade:	Date:	Teacher/s:
8th Grade	8/31/11	L Champagne
7th Grade	9/28/11	J Robichaux
6th Grade	10/26/11	M Duet / D Guidry
5th Grade	11/03/11	B Hollier
4th Grade	11/17/11	M Thibodaux
3rd Grade	12/08/11	A Reed
2nd Grade	1/12/12	J Callais / M Chiasson
Kindergarten	1/25/12	S Douget/D Angelette
1st Grade	2/9/12	A Barrios/P Comeaux
4 year olds	2/29/12	M Frazier/C Plaisance
3 year olds	3/28/12	L Summers †