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Dear Parents of 4th Grade Students,

Welcome back to school!

Let me share with you a little background about myself and encourage you to contact me with any questions you have about your student's transition to fourth grade. My email is roses@holyrosaryedmonds.org

As a child I attended Catholic Schools in Spokane, and wore the same plaid uniform as Holy Rosary. After graduating from the University of Washington with a BS in Nursing, I worked at both Providence and University of Washington Medical Center as an Oncology Nurse for 18 years. Throughout my years as a nurse, I've been teaching, but I found the most joy working with students in my own children's classrooms as a parent volunteer. Several years ago, I began a special program at Western Washington University to obtain a teaching certificate. Time has flown by and this marks my 14th year at Holy Rosary, Edmonds.

My husband Craig and I have three daughters, ages 25, 23, and 21. Our oldest daughter Erin, graduated from St. Martins University and works at Boeing. She and her husband live in Marysville and are the proud owners of two Labradors. Our second daughter Meghan, graduated from Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles, majoring in animation and works in the LA area as an Art Director. Our youngest Cailin is a Senior at DePaul University in Chicago majoring in Theater.

Craig and I really understand the sacrifice you make for your child's Catholic education. Craig recently completed a six year term as a member of the Archdiocese School Board and on the Fulcrum Ex-Officio board. We believe that Catholic Schools are a special place where children can strive for academic excellence while gaining knowledge of themselves, their world and God in an atmosphere which models Gospel values.

Check the school calendar for the Open House Night. Mark this important date on your calendar. You will receive information that evening on the fourth grade curriculum, and helper sign-up lists. The start of a new school year is very exciting with lots to look forward to; new beginnings, a new classroom, new curriculum materials and of course new friends.

On the first day of school I will send home a questionnaire as your first "homework" and ask it be returned the next day. This will help me get to know everyone faster and on a more personal level.

Thank You...Mrs. Short