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Distinguished Graduate Award

Holy Angels School, West Bend, recently announced a special award for one of its alumni as part of the Catholic Schools Week celebration. This year's recipient of the National Catholic Educational Association's Distinguished Graduate Award is Katie (Gonring) Schoenwetter. A member of the Class of 1963, she had taught in Catholic schools for 29 years and positively impacted students and members of the West Bend community.

According to Principal Mike Sternig, "Katie gave that extra effort for her students and was always willing to step forward to take on additional responsibilities for the benefit of our entire school. Her sense of ministry seemed so natural that those who were touched by her care and concern would begin to take on those same attributes in their own life. Holy Angels was richly blessed by her teaching ministry."

Schoenwetter was involved in Holy Angels Parish in committee work, as a Festival of Angels volunteer and in Eucharistic Ministry. In addition, her service to the West Bend community in many activities included involvement with St. Joseph's Community Hospital and the Full Shelf Food Pantry.

When asked about her thoughts on Catholic education, she emphasized that "it provides students with the opportunities to gather together to proclaim the gospel, serve others, praise God and to grow in faith, knowledge, values and respect." Sternig noted, "Katie provided those opportunities in her everyday life not only for her students but for all who have been touched by her service."



Dates to Remember

March

10
Fine Arts Evening/Art Show 5:30 pm

18
Gifts From the Heart Raffle /Famous Fish Fry

28-April 1
Spring Break

April

14
Spring Performance 6:30 pm

22
Good Friday
No School

25
Easter Monday
No School

May

2-6
Teacher Appreciation Week

17
Battle of the Accelerated Readers 8:15 am

19
May Crowning

June

3
Graduation Day

7
Last Day Of School

10-12
HA Parish "Festival of Angles"

Greetings

Greetings...

It's that time of the year again...time to take a breath or two!!! Following the Christmas Break, Holy Angels students were involved in the HA Basketball Classic, which this year focused on West Bend teams playing for the "West Bend Championship". This year's Classic included HA, Cabrini, St. Mary's, St. John's and Silverbrook. We had also invited Badger. It was an exciting tourney with a lot of good-natured rivalry...really. The bleachers were packed for many of the games and the gym was filled with as much excitement as when the Classic was one of the only tournaments in the area.

Following an action-packed Catholic Schools Week, there was the ever-exciting Valentine's Party. Usually at this time, we're already into Lent and trying to focus on some aspect of who we are that needs some work. Since our focus this year is on being part of God's Team, the lenten mission should be simple...be a better teammate!

However with the late date for Easter, our school calendar is really different this year. For the first time, we are actually having "spring break" during the week of March 28th. I've scheduled that Friday (April 1st) as an Inservice Day and nobody's caught on to that yet! Some of you might remember the cold Easter sunrise kite flying...it should be warmer this year if anyone would actually do it on April 24th.

If you happen to be in the area for the Gifts from the Heart Raffle and Fish Fry, be sure to stop in for a fun night on March 18th. The fish fry is always delicious and the raffle has some great stuff. You'll even find a couple of children's books autographed by the author...Donald Driver #80. Speaking of sports, there will also be an autographed picture of Ryan Rohlinger (HA'98) from the World Series champs.

This time of the year is always a tough one for administrators and school and parish leaders. We've got the budget to create so that we are able to serve the many needs in our faith community (but with ever-shrinking resources). The current economy really makes things tough for families who want to provide a Catholic school experience for their children. We've been blessed with this year's Annual Combined Fund Drive and the generosity that so many have shown. I am humbled by the experience of opening those contribution envelopes. If you gave, thank you again!!!

We're gearing up for the next school year with the new K3 program solidly in place.

Along with the K4 and K5, we've got some great opportunities for kids to begin learning and growing here at HA. Whenever I need a pick-me-up, I just head for one of the K classes..what fun!!



I always enjoy talking to so many alumni that I encounter in the most unlikely places...even if I can't connect face and name right away. It's great to hear the twists and turns of life after HA. Unfortunately, sometimes it takes a funeral to re-connect. My thoughts and prayers go out to the families who have experienced a recent loss.

Finally on the home front...the Sternig Family is doing fine. Matt (and Heidi) continue to be involved here at HA with their kids; Mark (and Liz) are trying to sell and build in Green Bay; Luke (and Jenny) are enjoying work in the WB public schools (Luke's coaching bball at WBE); and John (and Kayla) are enjoying their place down the block from Luke (Kayla's working with ELL kids in WB public schools). We're planning a family camping trip as usual this summer, however, the destination will be Rocky Mountain National Park! Linda and I are trying to renovate the ol' house on North Street room-by-room...takes time but life is fun. Bye for now...

Peace be with you,

-Mike Sternig

Gifts from the Heart Raffle



You'll oooh and aaah over many of the entries in this year's Gifts From the Heart Raffle. You'd better be sitting down as you page through the raffle booklets which will be coming home soon with your contact person (if your contact person is doing the job!). If you do not receive yours or need additional booklets for family and friends, they will be available in the church entrance, the school office, and several local businesses and offices.

This year's raffle will feature five major prizes: \$750 in cash, \$250 in cash, Copper Mtn. Colorado Condominium Vacation, an i-Pod Touch, and a Cleaning Special (includes

windows and carpeting!). Special raffle tickets for these prizes are \$5.00 each or 3 for \$10.00.

In a change from the past (new regulations), raffle tickets for other featured items can be purchased only on the day of the event. Raffle tickets can be purchased in the gym and placed in the appropriate bucket. Winners do not need to be present at the drawing to win. Tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00

Other featured items include: Nintendo Wii, a YMCA family membership, area restaurant certificates, hand-made items, Nintendo

DS, eReader, Brewer tickets, and more!

There will be a special Silent Auction Event during the Gifts From the Heart Raffle for gift baskets prepared by the various grade levels. Spirited bidding will result in a terrific item for someone (and some needed funds for our school). The top bidder for each item will be announced during the evening.

Join us for a fun evening on Friday, March 18th. The Holy Angels Famous Friday Fish Fry (beginning at 4:00pm) and Gifts from the Heart Raffle (drawing at 8:00pm).

Congratulations

Congratulations to members of the HAS Class of 2008 who were inducted into the WBHS National Honor Society. Almost 40% of the 2008 graduating class were inducted as juniors into NHS. They include: Arianna Abel, James Dieck, Andrew Funk, Amelia Gudex, Emily Laufer, Trenton Rehman, Jonelle Ritger, Heather Ruplinger, Taylor Uebersetzig, Sara Watry, Dominic Weisse, Jenna Welker, Nicole Wilde, and Kaitlyn Wolf.



HA Valentines Day Party

The annual Valentine's Party was held on Friday, February 11th. The annual event has a colorful history which continues to evoke scores of memories for Holy Angels graduates as former students *still* talk about slides down the fire escape! In fact, the Valentine's Party Cake Walk was an eagerly awaited moment at the Class of '75 Reunion last summer!

This year's attractions included: the infamous Cake Walk, Fish Pond, Lollipop Tree, the ever-favorite Ring-a-Can-of-Soda, Tic Tac Toe,

Bowling, Bingo, Toss Across, and the World's Best Valentine's Day Raffle. The Jumping Jupiter, provided by Tennes Ace Hardware, returned for more thrills and spills.

This year again featured a very special raffle with five \$100-value prizes. Thanks to a generous (and anonymous) donor, there was a special raffle booth and five winners were picked for a \$100 credit toward tuition and fees.

Throughout its history, the Valentine's Party has provided funds for a number of missions,

charities and other needs as chosen by the Student Council. This year's event supported the local Habitat for Humanity as well as the Albrecht Free Clinic. Perhaps our efforts will be able to assist those in need of shelter and health services.



33rd Annual Holy Angels Classic

The 33rd annual Holy Angels Classic took on a new look this year. Dubbed the unofficial “West Bend Championships”, the tournament is focused on showcasing West Bend middle school boys basketball teams. It provided a glimpse into the future of West Bend high school ball in the year’s to come with the participation of feeder schools to WBE and WBW. Remember those close HA-SFC match-ups over the years?

To get to the 7th grade championship game Holy Angels had to overcome Cabrini-White, which jumped out to a 14-6 first period lead over the host team. A 6-0 run by Holy Angels narrowed the gap to 22-20 at halftime. Baskets by Andrew Steiner and Brandon Miller continued the hot hand for Holy Angels as they grabbed the lead at 24-22. Ben Tennies (son of Terry Tennies '77) hit a pair of baskets in the third period with the host school clinging to a 31-30 edge heading into the final period. Another basket by Tennies, followed by a steal and two scores by Steiner pushed the score to 37-32 with less than two minutes on the clock. Forced to foul, Cabrini sent Steiner to the free throw line

where he connected on 4x4 to seal the deal for the Royals, 43-34.

Undefeated in 7th grade pool play, Holy Angels and Cabrini-Green squared off in a battle of defenses in a closely played championship game. At the end of three periods, SFC held a 20-15 edge over HA. The Royals couldn’t get shots to drop through most of the game but found a spark in the fourth period as Brady Backhaus connected under the basket and later added a pair of free throws. It wasn’t enough though as Cabrini held off the Royals for a 26-24 win and the first place trophy in the HA Classic.

At the eighth grade level, Holy Angels faced Silverbrook-White for 3rd place, starting the second period with eight unanswered points to erase a Viking first period lead to jump out to a 14-8 margin. Silverbrook cut the lead to 14-12 at the half, but it was the closest the Vikings would get as Sam Michels (son of Rob Michels '84) hit clutch shots to keep the Royals in the lead. A pair of late free throws by Kenny Holbrook (son of Kyle Holbrook '86) gave

the host school a 29-24 win and the third place trophy.

In the 8th grade championship, Cabrini jumped out to a 8-4 first period lead over St. Mary’s which they maintained through the first three stanzas. Both teams had difficulty from the free throw line throughout the night and couldn’t capitalize on the opponent’s fouls. Although Cabrini missed seven free throws down the stretch, they were able to post a 42-34 win and claim the unofficial West Bend Championship.

The final standing in the 33rd annual Holy Angels Classic, the “West Bend Championships”:

7th Grade:

- 1st...St. Frances Cabrini-Green
- 2nd...Holy Angels
- 3rd...St. Frances Cabrini-White
- 4th...Silverbrook-Blue
- 5th...St. Kilian
- 6th...Silverbrook-White

8th Grade:

- 1st...St. Frances Cabrini
- 2nd...St. Mary’s Parish
- 3rd...Holy Angels
- 4th...Silverbrook-White
- 5th...St. John’s
- 6th...Silverbrook-Blue



Catholic Schools Week

During Catholic Schools Week, Holy Angels students and families focused on many of the important aspects of the school which make it special...academics, faith formation, extra-curriculars, community building, and family involvement.

On **Saturday**, the Parent Activities Club (PAC) provided a DJ for the night, a pep rally and cheering contest, 6-on-6 dodge-ball tournament, and more. A special feature was the return of the Color Wheels Program created by the Milwaukee Art Museum.

On **Sunday**, The National Catholic Educational Association's Distinguished Graduate Award was presented to Katie (Gonring '63) Schoenwetter.

There was an Open House at the school with class-

rooms activities in three of the grades. The K3 and K4 programs were also open and registration information for the 2011-12 school year was available.

The annual Catholic Quiz Bowl was held on **Monday** with separate competition for primary, intermediate, and junior high students.

On Monday evening, Holy Angels held the K5 RoundUp for incoming kindergartners and their parents. The K5 programs provides instruction in core content areas including religion, with specialists in reading, music, phy ed, and world languages (Spanish, German and Chinese).

On **Tuesday**, grandparents were the special guests for lunch with their grandchildren. Following lunch, the guests joined their grandkids in their classrooms before gathering in the Cedar Room for

some entertainment and a social.

On **Wednesday**, the students traveled across town where they gathered with students from St. Mary and St. Frances Cabrini for an all-city Mass in celebration of Catholic Schools Week.

The bi-annual Fun4All Day was held on **Thursday** as students enjoyed a variety of activities together. Students traveled to Sunburst for snow tubing, Skate Country for roller skating, Kingpin Center for bowling, and Kettle Moraine Ice Center for skating.

The week concluded on **Friday** when the students took on the faculty in the annual Student-Faculty Basketball Game.



Attention HA Class of 1981

HA Class of 1981 - 30th Class Reunion planning underway

The HA Class of 1981 is currently planning their 30th class reunion for Saturday, August 20th, 2011.

For more details, please contact Steve Volkert at 920-410-7838

Alumni News

Correction:

The Holy Angels Messenger dated Winter 2009/10 had an incorrect name used in the Alumni News.

Jeanne Hammes sister's name was listed instead of her own. Here is the corrected version of the Alumni News.

I apologize for the error.

Jeanne Hammes ('57)

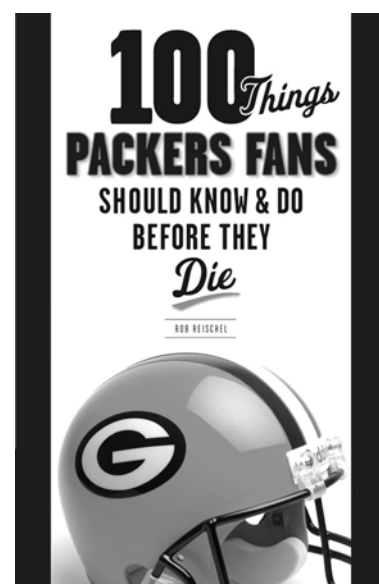
Jeanne has recently moved back to West Bend after 40+ years. She is at Cedar Ridge and loving it. "It is great to be home again." She has 4 children and 7 grandchildren.

Adam Carter ('02)

Adam is currently working with his father in the field of construction. He is also running his own plowing business in the winter. During winter, he enjoys shooting in the pellet gun league and snowmobiling when he can. He also enjoys four-wheeling and fishing in the summer.

Rob Reischel ('83)

Rob currently has a new book out titled "100 Things Packer Fans Should Know & Do Before They Die". Rob has written about the Green Bay Packers since 2001 for the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel's Packer Plus. If anyone is interested in a signed copy of the book, please contact Rob at robreichel@gmail.com. Rob, his wife Laura, and their daughters Madison and Mia live in Menomonee Falls.



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Holy Angels School Alumni Update

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Here's what I've been up to: _____
