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Greetings,

We recently completed the Team Visit which is part of the Accreditation process. The team members raved about all that we have to offer our students...World Languages, SmartBoards and other technology, Project Lead the Way, Resource Learning Centers, and more. They made it a point to comment on the spirit of faith and the sense of community which they found to be prevalent wherever they looked. Special thanks to the parents who provided hospitality for the team members during their visit and to the various committees who shared their perspectives with the team.

The Parent-Student-Teacher Conferences are coming soon and they provide an opportunity for a “reality check” as students bring home the first quarter report card. Hopefully, all will be good news with students creating new knowledge and understanding each day!! However, the reality of life is that there’s always something that could be improved upon. If you are a parent of a student in grades K5 through 5, be sure to sign up for conferences after Mass this weekend.

I’m forever amazed at the amount of energy and level of commitment to Holy Angels that comes from our school parents. As we approach the season of Thanksgiving, I’m truly grateful for all of the parents who continue to step forward to make things happen here at Holy Angels. The level of parent involvement on various committees and in the everyday school day is a real blessing to our school. At every turn, there are parents who are giving of their time and energy to help make Holy Angels a great place for all of our students! Whether it’s Athletic Committee, Development Committee, Gifts from the Heart, School Committee, HAS-PAC, or the multitude of helping hands during the school day, there are parents (and others) who are really dedicated to making Holy Angels a great school for every student here! Thank you.

This week, the coaches and the parents of students in the HA basketball program gathered to get another athletic season started. One of the core values held by those responsible for athletics is that the program should be well-rounded enough to meet the developmental needs of all of those who choose to participate. With the growth of club sports programs, there seems to be more pressure on schools to also become training grounds for the more athletically gifted. At Holy Angels, we believe that student-athletes who develop proper basic skills, a sense of teamwork, and love for the game will do just fine in whatever sport they may focus upon later.

On Monday, our Big and Little Buddies Field Trip took students to the Schauer Center for the stage performance of The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe. There are lots of faith images in the storyline and we hope the students also saw the connection to our school theme for this year...what a team effort in Narnia! Thanks to several bus sponsors who helped to make the event possible: Peter & Sue German, Pat & Bonnie Sallinen, Tennies Hardware (Todd & Lisa), Chris & Carrie Guse, and a Friend of Holy Angels.

The inaugural Holy Angels Hoedown and Chili Challenge was, simply speaking, a hoot ‘n a holler! What fun (and I’m not into “country”)!!! Special thanks to the Development Committee (especially Beth Holbrook) for their efforts. Hopefully, next year will be just as much fun!!

One issue in our West Bend community that has been “flying under the radar” involves the establishment of a charter school. Charter schools are supposedly non-sectarian schools which are funded through the local public school district. However, I keep hearing concerns that Crossroads Academy is not exactly non-sectarian and is greatly influenced by proponents of Bob Jones University which has overtly anti-Catholic sentiments. It would be wonderful if Holy Angels could receive taxpayer money to support our religious beliefs, but that’s not legal. Perhaps more information is needed regarding taxpayer support of this school.

Peace be with you,

p/s/t conference: need to know

The first quarter grading period ends today (October 28th) and the inservice day on October 29th will provide teachers with an opportunity to work with the new web-based grading system. During the past weekend, StandardScore was dealing with a hardware emergency and the system was shut down! However, all should be in order for teachers to complete the first quarter report cards. The new report cards, confirmed conference times, and financial statements will be sent home with students on Friday, November 5th.

The dates for this year's Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences are November 8th, 11th and 12th. Each year, the teaching staff has tried to provide extra evening hours so that more parents can participate in these important meetings of teachers, parents and students.

The Monday evening conferences will start at 5:00pm and end at 8:00pm. On Thursday, conferences will also begin at 5:00pm and end at 8:00pm. Because teachers (and students) will have put in a full day and need to prepare for another full day on Tuesday and Friday (not the students!), parents are urged to adhere to the 8:00pm closing time. The Friday conference times will be from 9:00am until Noon.

Since many parents regularly have opportunities to meet with Mrs. Walter and Mrs. Rose, conferences for K3 and K4 students are highly optional. Those parents who wish to meet with either teacher should contact their child's teacher directly.

The conference periods for grades 1-5 are 15 minutes long and a signal will usually sound (unless the principal gets tied up with something) at the end of each period. K5 conferences are 20 minutes. Please respect the schedule of others by completing your conference on time. If more time is needed, simply schedule a follow-up in the near future. Please do NOT extend your conference time.

Parents of junior high students (grades 6, 7 and 8) will be able to meet with their choice of junior high teachers during any of the evening conference times. However, parents and students must meet with at least one of their teachers for attendance purposes. It is suggested that junior high students bring their assignment notebook to the P/S/T conferences. Individual junior high conferences should be kept to 5-10 minutes. On Friday morning, junior high teachers will be scheduling group conferences and will not be available for individual conferences. Parents wishing to meet with the entire junior high staff should contact their child's homeroom teacher.

The teachers of phy ed, music, art, and world languages will also have tables in the Walnut Room during the evening conference times.

Because conference days are considered to be contact days at Holy Angels, students must be present for at least part of the P/S/T Conference. If there is a need for private discussion, the student may be asked to leave for a while. Conferences are most effective when other family members are not present since this is really a personal matter among teacher, student and parent.

Parents can prepare for the conferences by discussing with their child things they enjoy about school and things that they find difficult. We hope that the P/S/T Conferences will help parents and teachers communicate about the growth that is taking place and to discover the best ways to help students continue to grow.

p/s/t signup: october 30-31

Parents of students in grades K5 through 5 are asked to sign up for a Parent/Student/Teacher Conference time in the church hall after this weekend's Masses (October 30th and 31st).

If you are unable to take care of this on the weekend, you can still sign up by coming to the school on or before November 3rd. Please do not call the school office to sign up since there are often multiple schedules to juggle and this can be a difficult process over the phone.

For those who do not sign up, the classroom teacher will simply assign a conference time. Parents will receive a confirmation of their conference time with the report cards on November 5th.

For those grades where a child has more than one teacher, parents are asked to *only* sign up with the homeroom teacher.

However, parents may also meet with teachers of phy ed, world languages, art, music and the RLC staff if they are available. If you need to have a conference with someone who is not available, contact that teacher directly to set up an appointment at another time.

bookfair soon

The annual Bookfair returns to Holy Angels during the P/S/T Conferences. A wide assortment will be on display in the Library Media Center for students and parents to select from.

Proceeds from the Bookfair are used to purchase new additions to the library collection.

Be sure to stop in and browse while waiting for your conference.

**P/S/T
Conferences**

**Nov. 8
Nov. 11
Nov. 12**

supper can provide support

Looking for something for supper? Depending on the day of the month, your family meal can result in a terrific donation to Holy Angels School.

In one of the efforts to generate funding for our school, Holy Angels families are invited to participate in the Applebee's Dining to Donate program. Applebee's will donate 15% of the total Guest Check (some restrictions) on the first Wednesday of each month when presented with a Dining to Donate flyer.

Sal's Pizzeria in Downtown West Bend offers donations on orders every Sunday and Monday throughout the school year. A Pizza Bash form must accompany the order.

New to the lineup is Papa Murphy's Take 'n Bake Pizza on South Main Street. The 3rd Thursday on the month is the magic day where Holy Angels receives a percentage of the sales from Holy Angels supporters. Flyers are even available at Papa Murphy's!

More information and a link can be found on the HA website. Flyers and forms can be downloaded from the website or picked up in the school office.



intramural volleyball in play

The intramural volleyball program is under way for this year's fourth graders. The schedule began this week and continues during the first week of November during the break between interscholastic volleyball and basketball.

The gym will likely be filled with serves, sets, bumps, and an occasional spike (unfortunately, not many spikes actually make it over the net). This year's program is co-ed (just like the softball intramurals) with new teams formed each session.

Participants include: Michaela Carey, Hanna Gallitz, Haley Hanson, Kayla Hanson, Bridget Krause, Grace Peplinski, Ryan Rinn, Eli Tranel, Tyler Wendelborn, Andrew Wiedmeyer, Katie Albrecht, Cassidy Chemer, PJ Dahlberg, Katie Hayes, Julia Keegan, Liesel Myers, Hannah Reuter, Sydney Spaeth, Sam Stanek, Abigail Trinastic, and Jack Wiedmeyer.

Many thanks to Linda Stanek and for coordinating the program. Thanks also to the junior high students who volunteered to help out with this year's program.

scrip makes it easy for holiday giving

Looking for that special holiday gift already? Do you really enjoy shopping the day after Thanksgiving? Or are you simply dreading the thought of trying to choose that perfect gift? Maybe the SCRIP program has what you want for that special someone.

Each week SCRIP orders are accepted on Monday (until 9:00am) for delivery on Fridays to your contact child.

Just think, you can save time and money with

SCRIP gift cards...you can stay home the day after Thanksgiving and avoid the Christmas shopping hassles by giving everybody gift cards (and support HA at the same time)! Place your Christmas orders now and check one more thing off your holiday list! Order forms are available in the school office or in the links sections of the school website.

Any questions about SCRIP, just call Kris Schommer, Rhonda Faehling or Gina Peters.

market day

The next Market Day pick up is Friday, November 19th. You can still turn in orders by Tuesday, November 16th (at school or in church) or logon to the Internet <www.marketday.com> (before noon on November 16th). Many thanks to all who support Holy Angels through Market Day.

This year's remaining Market Day Pickups are: Dec 10, Jan 28, Feb 18, Mar 18, April 15, and May 20. Be sure to mark your calendar!

jrhi winterfest

Friday, December 3rd, is just around the corner and junior high students will have the option of extending their school day by over TWO HOURS! Instead of the usual 2:50pm dismissal, students can choose to stay until 5:00pm. Of course the junior high staff will make sure that the students have an assortment of activities to keep them busy...3-on-3 basketball, volleyball, board games, hockey and ping-pong, music and food!

The annual Junior High Winterfest is sponsored by the junior high staff to provide a chance for students to kick back and enjoy some out-of-school (but in-school) fun and time together.

accreditation team completes visitation

Every seven years, schools in the Milwaukee Archdiocese begin a process which leads to accreditation by a statewide outside agency. In the past, the process was known as SPA as in School Planning and Accreditation. The name and the process has changed.

It is now known as WRISA which means Wisconsin Religious and Independent Schools Accreditation. Instead of a one day visit by a team of educators, the Visitation Team now spends a half-day of interviewing followed by a day of observations, more interviews, examining materials and writing a report.

In the two years leading up to the onsite visit, the staff performed an internal study based on

statewide accreditation standards.

On October 11th and 12th, Holy Angels was visited by a team of educators from around the Archdiocese for the accreditation. The preliminary report from the

team indicated a strong recommendation for full accreditation. Although there were no specific recommendations cited by the team, it will take several weeks before the full report is received.

lighten the load with teamwork

During the month of November, the junior high students are learning and serving. The House of Peace in Milwaukee is involving schools in their Holiday Food Basket program to help teach compassion and feed those in need. The House of Peace provides over 1000 needy households with food for holiday meals.

Each junior high homeroom will be filling four Food Baskets containing the items to help a fam-

ily prepare holiday meals: mashed potatoes, stuffing, green beans, corn, cranberry sauce, sweet potatoes/yams, cake mix, frosting, pudding/jello, cornbread mix, and mac 'n cheese.

The students may also get involved in decorating the food boxes and writing notes to the recipients. Classroom teachers hope that the teamwork shown by students will help brighten the world with their actions.

tuition / instructional fees payments overdue

The end of the first quarter provides a reminder for those who are on a tuition payment plan that your second quarterly payment is due on November 15th. Those who are on the monthly payment plan are asked to make every effort to remain current.

Parents are also reminded that, although only a portion of the Instructional Fee was requested in May, the full amount should have been paid before the start of school. At this time there are many who are behind in their tuition and/or instructional fee payments.

The Parish Council has expressed concerns regarding the timely payment of tuition and fees. Therefore, parents will receive a statement with the first quarter report cards. All families should have

made at least one tuition payment...there are many who have not. In the past, this has resulted in greater difficulty in getting "caught up".

Archdiocesan policy allows schools to discontinue enrollment for non-payment of tuition, however, this should be used only as a last resort when there is a lack of a good faith effort to make payments.

scouts to collect boxes

The Junior Girl Scout Troop at Holy Angels is starting to collect Capri Sun/Honest Kids juice pouches. Here's another way to help Holy Angels by simply taking out the straw (no rinsing necessary) and depositing the pouch in containers located in the lunch room and other spots in school.

Holy Angels will receive two cents for every pouch and it also saves a little of our world by recycling.

Thanks to Lisa Krause and the Junior Girls Scouts for their efforts!

has-pac news...

The HAS-PAC is back in full swing and busy sharing exciting ideas for the school year.

The annual *Chicago Trip* will take place on Saturday, November 6th. The bus trip guarantees a fun and lively excursion into the city, minus the hassle of driving!

Watch those Friday Folders for announcements of the next *Adult Open Gym* (every First Saturday). Join others on November 6th (8:00-10:00pm) for some friendly competition and stress relief! Call Colleen (334-8744) for more info.

Brainstorming has already begun for many other activities (Catholic Schools Week, Teacher Appreciation, family activities, adult night out/social, and more!). For more PAC info, contact Linda Stanek (306-8481) and Christy Carey (338-8999).

vb classic and season comes to an end

The fall sports season has come to an end for the Holy Angels volleyball teams. At the 14th annual Holy Angels Volleyball Classic, the 7th and 8th grade teams played through brackets and pool play to reach the final rounds on Saturday.

This year's Classic included a seventh grade championship match filling the packed gym with excitement as Holy Angels and Cabrini faced off in the finale. The host team took the opening game, but dropped the second to force a deciding third game. Long rallies were the norm as the teams battled to a 16-14 win for the visitors.

The Holy Angels 8th grade team handled St. Francis Borgia-Blue to claim third place honors.

Final Standings: 8th Grade: 1st - St. Frances Cabrini, 2nd - St. Francis Borgia-White, 3rd - Holy Angels, 4th - St. Kilian, 5th - St. Francis Borgia-Blue, 6th - Port Catholic, 7th - Holy Trinity, 8th - Saylesville. 7th Grade: 1st - St. Frances Cabrini, 2nd - Holy Angels, 3rd - Queen of Apostles, 4th - St. Joseph, 5th - St. Francis Borgia - White, 6th - St. Francis Borgia - Blue.

Many thanks to the coaching staff for sharing their time and talent throughout the entire season. Players and coaches were recognized at the Fall Sports Pot

Luck Supper on October 25th as families gathered in the Walnut/Cedar Room to share a meal and memories of the volleyball season. This year's guest speakers were HA alumni and current high school seniors: Cari Krell and Maggie Reuteman.

faculty serves students

This year's Student-Faculty Volleyball Game will be played on Tuesday, November 23rd starting at 1:30pm in the gym. The game traditionally matches the eighth grade girls volleyball team against the faculty. This year's Faculty Team is again bringing in reinforcements from the parish staff to help them out. They are up against a formidable student squad which saw its share of success throughout the volleyball season.

magazine drive coming

The annual Magazine Renewal Drive is coming. Look for information to come home on November 5th. The drive concludes November 15th. This year's effort will again include a postcard packet for QSP to make direct contacts. Remember, we receive 40% of each subscription or renewal.

Thanks to Lynette Riehle for again coordinating the effort!

basketball begins with practices november 8th

As listed in last month's Family Newsletter, the 2010-11 basketball season began with the Parent Meeting on Wednesday. At least one parent of each player was expected to attend the meeting which covered expectations of the program, the players, the coaches, and the parents. Emergency and Parental Consent forms were distributed at the meeting; these must be on file along with a physical form before a player can participate in practices. Parents who did not attend will be able to attend a make-up session at 5:00pm on November 2nd.

All of the teams will begin

practices during the week of November 8th. This year, there will be two teams at the 6th grade girls level. All others will have one team. Holy Angels and Cabrini will working together to form 7th and 8th grade girls teams.

Holy Angels participates in the Washington-Ozaukee Catholic Conference where the competition includes teams from the following schools: Port Catholic, St. Joseph, St. Francis Borgia, St. Kilian, St. Gabriel, and St. Frances Cabrini.

At the recent league meeting, there was continued acceptance of playing time rules with all players at the fifth and sixth grade

level receiving "balanced" playing time. For grades seven and eight, each school determines their own standard for minimum playing time. Several schools have adopted guidelines which provided a greater playing time than Archdiocesan standard. The minimum at Holy Angels for regular season games is 6 minutes for 7th graders and 4 minutes for 8th graders.

In addition to working with admissions/concessions during league games, parents are expected to sign up for assisting at the HA Basketball Classic. The tourney runs from January 17th to 22nd. Parents help with concessions, admissions, scoreboard or scorebook, security, and other areas.



