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Holy Angels School - West Bend

Let Us Build a House Where Love Can Grow

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Greetings!

The celebration of Easter marks an important point in the liturgical year. We have completed 40 days of reflecting on ways that we can better “build our relationship with Jesus” by what we do. And now we recall how Jesus gave himself completely as the Suffering Servant. The joyful message of Easter is that we don’t have to do it alone...we are a community that has been called to share our works in building God’s kingdom to the world.

This year, we will come together for a special prayer service on Holy Thursday. I am hopeful that your family will take time on Good Friday to either come to our parish liturgy or share some quiet time with your family. The Sacred Triduum (the passion, death and resurrection) is a special time for our faith community and people of faith throughout the world.

The celebration of Easter is truly a celebration of God’s great mercy. God continues to embrace us with love and calls us to redemption, providing mercy even before we seek forgiveness. I’m sure that there’s a lesson there for us as we live each day and encounter times when we need to be merciful toward others. During the fourth quarter, students will be encouraged to continue to build a house where love can grow through their efforts to bring peace and justice to our school community and beyond.

The third quarter has ended which means that we still have 25% of the school year left to see growth in “faith, knowledge, values and respect”. I’m sure that the spring weather (if it actually comes) will seduce students into the sense that “school’s out for summer”, but there is still a lot to accomplish. It’s a tough job for parents to try to keep their kids focused...we appreciate your efforts!

The annual election for positions on the Holy Angels School Committee will not take place as usual during April. This year, we have an equal number of persons interested in serving on the committee and positions available! Michele Guminski, Jenifer Koebel and Gary Held have volunteered to serve for another two-year term. Angela Bell has also stepped forward to serve on the committee and will also have a two-year term. Kyle Zautner has been on the committee since 2010 and will be leaving, having served most recently as the chairperson. Kyle’s input and leadership will be missed. Chad Wohlt has agreed to stay on the committee to complete Kyle’s term. The other members of committee are Peter Winkler and Amy Dahlberg. I am grateful to those who serve our community on the School Committee by providing sage wisdom and advice regarding school matters from a parent point-of-view.

Finally, many thanks to all who did their part in making this year’s Famous Friday Fish Fry and Gifts from the Heart Raffle another huge success! When I looked around at the event and saw the family-friendly atmosphere we have here, I wouldn’t trade it for the anything. I guess that’s one thing we really should be thankful for...we have been richly blessed by a sense of family and faith. It’s who we are... THANK YOU!

Peace be with you,

Mike Sternig

lenten prayer

As we come to end of Lent, students will have some special prayer opportunities to continue to build their relationship with Jesus. On April 7th, the eighth graders will lead the Stations of the Cross, beginning at 2:00pm in church. Each station will provide a remembrance of the station, moment of reflection and a verse from "Were You There".

On April 13th, the sixth graders are preparing Triduum Prayer Service which will include elements from the Holy Thursday and Good Friday services, including washing of the feet and veneration of the cross. After Easter, the morning assembly will include parts of the Easter Vigil service with blessings of the candle and water. Students will also finally discover what was built from their pieces of wood each day during Lent.

history comes to holy angels

How much history about the American Revolution do you remember? Well come take a crash course with our Junior High on Thursday, April 27 as they present their Spring Performance: "The Whites of Their Eyes" and "The Entire American Revolution (in 40 minutes or less)". On stage we will show Washington crossing the Delaware, the Boston Tea Party and Paul Revere's ride. Experience the history of the American Revolution with a little contemporary twist. The play begins at 6:30 pm in the gym, but come early to see this year's Art Fair in the Walnut Room!

quick notes...

Brewers Day...On April 3rd, the Milwaukee Brewers begin another season. The Student Council has declared the day as Milwaukee Brewers Day at HA and invites students to show their support by wearing their Brewers colors or gear! Hats are allowed to be worn (as long as they support the Brew Crew!) Please note that this is the first day back from the Spring Break.

Bike-to-School Day...Mark your calendar and hope that the snow has all melted (let's hope!): May is National Bike Month and the Bike Friendly West Bend committee is sponsoring a Bike-to-School Day on Wednesday, May 10th. Holy Angels has an ample number of spaces on the bike rack and each rider will receive a goodie bag filled with bike swag and more. After the short Easter Break, a survey will go out so that the planning committee can prepare enough bags for the Holy Angels Bikers.

School Supplies...Parents will again have the option of purchasing back-to school supplies without actually going to the store. An area company, School-Pak provides parents with a one-stop option for getting a student ready for a new school year. The company uses the Holy Angels Supply List to put together a package of required school supplies for each grade. Parents then place a single order for the items on the list. More information will be sent home after the short Easter Break for parents interested in this option.

Chess Tourney...The annual Holy Angels Chess Tournament will be held after the short (there's that word again!) Easter Break. The members of the Chess Team have been practicing for several week in two divisions: Mighty Rooks and Good Knights. On April 18th and 20th, members will vie for the titles of Grand Master and Master through pool play and final pairings. Thanks to Paul Myers (with some assistance from HA grad Liesel Myers and Martin Klausmeier) for coordinating this year's program!

Loyalty Day...The annual Loyalty Day observance will be held on Monday, May 1st, to start the school day. Members of the VFW Post 1393 will be on hand to post the colors and provide inspiration regarding the special day which was created to reflect on the importance of loyalty to country and the community. John Kleinmaus is the commander of the Fred A. Schaefer Post and will serve as the emcee. Holy Angels will also be inviting veterans to classrooms to share their experiences with students.

Recycle Day...The semi-annual Washington County Clean Sweep Program is coming on May 6th at the Slinger Highway Shop (314 W. Washington St—Hwy 175, Slinger). This is an opportunity to properly dispose and/or recycle hazardous waste, electronics, appliances, medications and tires. For more information, go to their website: www.co.washington.wi.us/cleansweep.

F.S.E.A. ...The final series for this year's Future Scientists and Engineers of America (FSEA) will begin on Wednesday, April 19th. The three-week series will focus on "Just Hover-ing Around: the Power of Air to Lift". Instructor Andrew Busch will help members discover how little air can accomplish big things. The group gathers in the Science Room from 3:00 until 4:00pm.

registration for 2017-18

Because of some delays in finalizing the parish budget, re-registration information and forms will be sent home during the first week of April. The information will be sent home with contact persons.

The deadline for returning re-registration forms has been extended because of this delay. Of course, a quick return would provide us with more time to process everyone's information and continue with planning for the 2017-18 school year.

The goal of the Pastoral Council, Finance Council and the School Committee each year is to establish a tuition scale which will be affordable to parents seeking a Catholic education for their children while trying to provide a just wage for teachers and staff. The parish continues to provide substantial subsidies to accomplish these goals while the school makes the necessary changes in staffing and structure necessary to match the current parish demographics.

At Holy Angels, the full cost of education is decreased through parish general subsidies resulting in what is called a regular tuition. Families may also receive additional help in covering the cost of tuition through a number of other sources such as the School Trust Fund (for Holy Angels families).

As noted in the letter which accompanies the re-registration materials, there is a tuition increase of \$110 for a family with one child...that's about 4.5%. Other increases for multiple-child families are similar. The tuition for the two-day K3 will be \$1380, while the three-day K4 will be \$1930 (half-day) or \$3860 (full-day). Please note that the K3 and K4 programs are not subsidized by the parish. There will again be no increase in the Instructional Fee because of the continued success of our fund raising efforts.

In the past, the School Trust Fund and Family Tuition Assistance Fund have provided individual families with important financial aid. Parents are continually encouraged to apply for this additional assistance to help make ends meet.

Along with the tuition letter, parents received Re-Enrollment, Tuition Option and Financial Agreement forms for the 2017-18 school year. The extended deadline of April 28th for the Re-registration Deposit is important because it provides the school with greater assurance of enrollment projection accuracy. It also allows parents to apply the \$100 Re-registration Deposit to next year's tuition and fees.

third quarter report and finances

The third quarter grading period ended last week and the Reports of Student Progress are being sent home with students on April 7th. Please remember to return the report card envelope.

In addition, parents have been receiving their child's Writing Portfolios. This is an opportunity to look at the progress being made in developing writing skills. As usual, a third quarter sample should be selected for the permanent portfolio and returned with the Writing Portfolio. Please remember to return these to school (if they haven't already been sent home and returned) as soon as possible.

Also with the report cards, contact persons should be bringing home copies of the Family Financial Record (as of March 24th). This is a reminder for families who have past due tuition payments to make a payment at this time. According to Family Handbook 3240.1, "a 10% surcharge may be added to all unpaid fees after the May 15th due date." If there an unforeseen financial need situation has developed, please contact principal Mike Sternig as soon as possible.

“testing: one, two, three” (rather 2, 3, 5, 7)

Students in grades 3, 5 and 7 will begin taking the Iowa Assessments (IA) which were formerly known as the Iowa Tests of Basic Skills (ITBS) and Cognitive Abilities Tests (CogAT) beginning April 24th. Testing will continue through Friday, May 5th. Students in grade 2 are taking a survey form of the IA which covers only the areas of reading, language, and math.

Holy Angels uses the test results to help evaluate instructional programs and as one of many forms of individual student assessment. With regard to curriculum, most areas are significantly higher than most schools across the country although some subtest results help to raise questions regarding scope and sequence or methodology. In general terms, last year's test scores indicated that Holy Angels students as a group are achieving above what would be expected for their ability.

To help students to do their best on the IA and CogAT, parents should encourage students to get plenty of sleep. A complete breakfast and adequate water intake can also help students to do their best, not just during standardized tests, but everyday!

golf classic again provides “early weekend”

Join the fun at the 14th annual Holy Angels Golf Classic on Friday, August 4th. Participants can start the weekend early and still have a couple of days for family fun. Registration begins at 7 a.m. with a shotgun start at 8 a.m. at West Bend Lakes. The event features a four-person scramble with 18 holes, cart, golfer gift pack, breakfast, lunch and hole prizes. There will also be several fun on-course hole challenges.

**Annual
Holy Angels
Classic:
August 4th**

Over the past thirteen years, over \$110,000 has been raised in support of Holy Angels School with proceeds covering curriculum and technology updates and lunchroom tables.

The Golf Classic has provided an opportunity to enjoy a morning of golf with community members and also a chance to be amazed at the principal's inability to find a fairway. For more information, see updates on the school website. To volunteer on the day of the event, help with organizing, or to step up as one of many event sponsors, contact Phil Dahlberg (262-677-8999).

co-ed softball coming to holy angels

The local major league team has high hopes of developing some young talent this season. At the finish of another school year, the Holy Angels Intramural Slowpitch Softball League hopes to develop some of the fun of past years as students take to the field...actually they'll be on the playground.

The co-ed program for seventh and eighth graders is played after school and emphasizes participation and fun. In the past, teams have been evenly divided with about the same number of girls and boys, seventh and eighth graders on each team. Games are scheduled for the following dates: May 1 (M), May 3 (W), May 8 (M), May 10 (W), May 15 (M), May 17 (W); the championship finals are on Monday, May 22nd.

grandparents and lunch on april 28th

Because of the popularity of a springtime event, the annual Grandparents' Lunch will again be held in April. This year's gathering is on Friday, April 28th. Grandparents (and adopted grandparents) are invited to join us from 11:45am until 1:30pm. Please note that the lunch time for students in grades 1-5 begins at 11:45am and the students can simply meet their grandparents in the Walnut Room. Following lunch, grandparents may visit classrooms.

Because students in grades 6-8 begin lunch at 12:20pm, grandparents may visit these classrooms before lunch or simply meet students in the Walnut Room at 12:20. The grandparents of K4 and K5 students are asked to meet in the K4 or K5 classroom at noon and the kindergartners will show them the way!

This year's event will also feature a display of student art work. The Fine Arts Evening displays from the pervious night will still be on display for grandparents to enjoy. Invitations to grandparents will be sent home after the Easter Break. Be sure to pass along a “save-the-date” message to grandparents!

students participate at state forensics meet

As the 2017 forensics season concluded with the MLFA State Tournament on Saturday, March 25th. This year's event was held at the West Bend High Schools and included more than 1500 participants.

Holy Angels state qualifiers included: Delanie Heinen and Macey Steier in Group Interpretation; Joe Held, Alex Gonzalez and Danny Krause in Sports News Reporting; Lola Chemer and Taylor Chemer in Infomercial; Leah Nagel and Isabelle Sternig in Group Acting; Ellie Eckert in Prose; Laura Zautner in Humorous Solo Acting; and Caitlin Wohlt, Greta Zier and Avelina Wolf in Group Acting.

At the state competition, Delanie and Macey reached the power round. The Sports News team earned a second place trophy, while Lola and Taylor captured third place honors. Many thanks to Marge Gengler and all of the adult volunteers who supported the team with their time and energy.



thanks for fish and gifts from the heart

This year's Famous Friday Fish Fry and Gifts from the Heart Raffle was up against St. Patty's Day celebrations and the NCAA tourney, but the evening still brought big crowds to Holy Angels for great food and wonderful raffle items. The success of the entire evening is really a tribute to the efforts of many people who gave of their time and talent.

The Fish Fry served over 1000 dinners, including pasta and take-outs. The addition of wine, beer and soda was again well-received, especially when you could enjoy a cold one while in line! But the real stars were the all-you-can eat cod, sides and dessert tables, and the huge dining.



Special thanks to Rachel Weber for chairing this year's Fish Fry Committee and to Tom and Chris Feldhusen for their mentoring. Thanks also Renee Altendorf (desserts), Beth Holbrook (dining room), Kara Guse and Jenifer Koebel (volunteer scheduling), Kyle Holbrook (bartending), and Ron Sturn and The Fry Guys.

There were a lot of people who made everything work: those who prepared

desserts; smiling dining room staff; ticket sellers; and kitchen staff. Thanks to Kathy Staehler for behind-the-scenes support. And thanks to Jim Schmidt, Scott Helnes and the Maintenance Staff for the time and effort it took to set up the kitchen with fryers and dining area. We also appreciate the efforts of many high school students and HA students who helped in many ways during the night. Thanks also to Jeff's Spirits on Main for help with beverages. It's anticipated that the fish fry will make over \$5000 for our school.



This year's Gifts from the Heart Raffle offered well over 125 raffle items. The Silent Auction included a several autographed sports memorabilia which were generously donated by teams and through individual efforts. The Classroom Baskets provided a wonderful assortment of creative themes! One of the most popular items again this year was the half-year tuition which was provided by an anonymous family.



Thanks to the Gifts from the Heart Committee: Ross Zautner-Chairperson, Colleen Beisbier – Co Chair, Amy Barnes, Patti Heinen, Julie Barnett, Ingrid LaForest, Lisa Reichenberger, Kathryn Fisher Davies, Kara Guse, and Kyle Zautner.

We really appreciate the support from our printing sponsors Dupli-Quik Printing Service Inc., Kruepke Printing and Graphic Imaging, as well as from major sponsors/donors Bernie's Carpet Cleaning, JL Business Interiors, Milwaukee Bucks, P3C Technologies, The Pagoda Fine

Jewelry, Prescott Family Foundation, Ring.com, SkyRun Copper Mountain Resort, United States Golf Association, and West Bend Mutual Insurance Company. Kudos to all of the Room Parents who worked at creating those special "gifts from the heart" theme baskets for the Silent Auction.

Finally, a big THANK YOU to Ross Zautner, who also handled MC duties. The Gifts from the Heart Raffle will generate over \$14,000 for the Instructional Budget...WOW!!! A list of winners is posted on the school website. We're also grateful for the entertainment which The Celtic Company again provided during this year's event. It was a great way to extend the celebration of St. Patty's Day!

fourth grade: hgd session date changed

Human growth and development is an important part of the school's guidance curriculum. Students need good information from reliable sources to better cope with the changes that take place. There will be an opportunity for 4th graders and their parent to consider the physical changes which take place during puberty. The presentation will be on Wednesday, April 26th, at 7:00pm. Please note that this is a NEW DATE.

The session for girls will be held in the Intermediate Science Room (Room 208) and the session for boys will be held in the Junior High Science Room (Room 226).