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Holy Angels School - West Bend

Come, Holy Spirit... You Are Welcome Here

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Greetings!

The celebration of Easter marks an important point in the liturgical year. We have completed 40 days of working on ways to have a "Happy Lent" (in the words of Fr. Pat!). And now we recall how Jesus gave himself completely so that we can enjoy a "happy forever". 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 God's Spirit with one another as we build God's kingdom here and now.

This year, we were not able to come together as a school community during Holy Week. However, I am hopeful that your family will take time on Holy Thursday or 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. Only a fool would fail to recognize the immense-ness of God's love for each person (that was a weak attempt at an April Fool's Day connection!). I'm sure that there's a lesson there for us as we live each day and encounter times when we need to be more merciful and understanding toward others.

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 know that the spring weather (if it actually comes) will likely 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 is scheduled to take place during April. We are still contacting potential candidates for the committee and more information will be forthcoming. 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.

Next week, the National Catholic Educational Association will be holding it's annual convention in Boston. I was invited to attend a special awards program sponsored by Today's Catholic Teacher magazine. Holy Angels is a finalist for this year's Innovation in Catholic Education (ICE) award in recognition of our World Languages Program. Unfortunately, I'm not able to attend but the superintendent of archdiocesan schools will be representing us. I'll let you know what happens.

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 here at Holy Angels...from the bottom of my heart: THANK YOU!

Peace be with you,

Mike Sternig

godspell jr. (theology) and projects (science)

This year, the junior high will be doing something very special for the spring performance. Holy Angels has been able to work with MTI (Musical Theater International) to bring our community a production of *Godspell Jr.* This is a wonderful opportunity for the students, because they are able to see what an official script and material for a musical look like.

Holy Angels also partnered with First Stage Children's Theater this year for our Artist-in-Residence program, funded by the Stehling Project. Each junior high class was given the opportunity to learn from an experienced theater professional on the elements of creating a dynamic musical production. The eighth grade was also given an extra lesson on how to have a successful audition. The eighth grade then auditioned for the roles in *Godspell Jr.*

The musical will be presented April 26th, at 6:30pm, in the Holy Angels gym. Leading roles will be played by Owen Schmidt as Jesus of Nazareth, Ricky Conlin as Judas Iscariot, and Hannah Schroeder as John the Baptist. Other eighth grade students will add spoken lines or singing solos to the production.

The musical is a wonderful example of high energy songs that combine humor with some of the important lessons that Jesus taught as found in the Gospels. Parents and grandparents might remember the 1970's movie adaptation, however, this musical resonates with all audiences today as well. Students will be performing the 2013 revival version.

The evening will also include the bi-annual Science Fair in the Walnut Room. Although required for fifth and sixth graders, the exposition is expected include projects and displays from students of all grades. Doors to the Science Fair open at 5:30pm.

quick notes...

Brewers Day...On April 2nd, the Milwaukee Brewers have their home opener. The Student Council has declared the following day (April 3rd) 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 9th. 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 Spring 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 Spring Break for parents interested in this option.

Chess Tourney...The annual Holy Angels Chess Tournament will be held after the Spring Break (there's that word again!). The members of the Chess Team have been practicing for several week in two divisions: Mighty Rooks and Good Knights. On April 10th and 12th, 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) for coordinating this year's program!

Loyalty Day...The annual Loyalty Day observance will be held on Monday, April 30th, 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.

Recycle Day...The semi-annual Washington County Clean Sweep Program is coming on May 5th 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 25th. The three-week series will focus on "Electrifying Experiences", presented by Jason Loomans. The group gathers in the Science Room from 3:00 until 4:00pm.

registration for 2018-19

In case your contact person didn't come through, re-registration information and forms were sent home on March 23rd. Or check that back pack that was tossed in the corner at the start of the Spring Break!

The deadline for returning re-registration forms and secure placement for the 2018-19 school year is April 13th. Of course, a quick return also provides us with more time to process everyone's information and continue with planning for the next 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 \$105 for a family with one child...that's about 4.0%. Other increases for multiple-child families are similar. The tuition for the two-day K3 will be \$1435, while the three-day K4 will be \$2010 (half-day) or \$2715 (full-day). Please note that, in the past, the K3 and K4 programs have not been subsidized by the parish. This year, there will be some parish support for the full-day K4 program. 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 2018-19 school year. The deadline of April 27th 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 6th. 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 during the school year in developing writing skills. 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 23rd). 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.

history repeats itself

The social studies curriculum has been revised in recent years with the purchase of new textbooks to support the curriculum across all grades. At the junior high level, we had taught the period of Ancient History up to the Middle Ages in the sixth grade. Seventh grade focused on U.S. History up to the Civil War and eighth grade brought students to events in modern times.

A couple of years ago, the West Bend public schools changed their timing of American History to eighth and ninth grade. Holy Angels adapted to match their approach by covering up to the Civil War in eighth grade and inserting a World Geography component in seventh grade. The public school sequencing has now changed back to the former approach.

As a result, students at Holy Angels will now study Ancient History to the Middle Ages, along with aspects of World Geography in sixth grade. Seventh grade will return to the period in U.S. History up to the Civil War with eighth graders studying events up to the present time. For the 2018-19 school year, eighth graders will cover topics up to Reconstruction in depth, with a briefer survey approach taken for the period from 1877 to the present.

pac trivia night challenges the mind

Join the fun at the 2nd annual Holy Angels PAC Trivia Night on Saturday, April 21st. The Parent Activities Committee and those who attended had so much fun that a second annual was a must.

Check-in and table decorating start at 6:00 pm, the first trivia question will be read at 7:00 pm sharp! The cost is \$10 per person. Proceeds will benefit Holy Angels School to purchase new playground equipment (replacing the tire structure) and will support future PAC events. You can register as a couple or in a group of 4, 6, or 8. We'll put couples and smaller groups together or you can organize your own table of 8!

Bring your own snacks and adult beverages to enjoy at your table (no hefty bar tab!!) while you put your heads together to answer trivia questions. There will be 8 rounds with 10 questions in each round. Prizes will be awarded to the 1st and 2nd place tables. Bring some extra cash for raffles and "mulligans". Questions? Please contact Kayla Sternig at ksternig@gmail.com.

co-ed softball coming to holy angels

The local major league team has high hopes of developing more 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: April 30 (M), May 2 (W), May 7 (M), May 9 (W), May 14 (M), May 16 (W); the championship finals are on Monday, May 21st.

grandparents, fun and mass on april 12th

Because of the popularity of a springtime event, the annual Grandparents' Day will again be held in April. This year's gathering is on Thursday, April 12th and will begin with a welcome in the Walnut Room at 8:00am. The welcome will include a *short* principal's presentation, performance by the HA Chorus, and directions for the day. Then it's off to meet the grandchildren!!

The morning plan calls for stops at various locations around school. Activities include classroom visits, art projects and interviews, a book fair in the library (books will be available for purchase), open gym stations, photo opportunities (bring your own camera and we'll provide the photographer and backdrop!), a snack break, science experiments, and much more. Wear comfortable shoes!

Students will then lead their grandparents to church where we'll gather to celebrate a special Mass at 10:30am. Following Mass, students will return to school for the remainder of the day and grandparents can enjoy an opportunity to do whatever the rest of their day (and maybe get together with others for lunch).

Please note that, unlike previous years, there is no "lunch with grandparents" this year. Instead, there will be many activities, a snack, and Mass together.

students participate at state forensics meet

The season has come to an end for the Holy Angels Forensics Team and many qualified for the Middle Level Forensics Association State Tournament on Saturday, March 24 at West Bend High Schools. The Holy Angels team competed with nearly 1400 middle schoolers from 90 schools from around the state.

Eight graders qualifying for State were: Greta Zier and Brooke Deppert in group acting; Ericka Beistle and Kira Guse in group acting; Lydia Bollen, Leah Nagel, Leah Rosene, and Hannah Schroeder in group acting; Isabelle Sternig and Avelina Wolfe in news reporting; Joe Held, Alex Gonzalez, and Daniel Krause in news reporting; and Ricky Conlin in infomercial. Seventh grade qualifiers included: Allie Glazcz, Estella Lambie, and Matt Zier in group interpretation; Delanie Heinen, Macey Steier, and Olivia Walker in group interpretation; Fiona Shaw and Amber Georgenson in group interpretation; Caroline Peplinski in poetry; Ellie Eckert in prose; Aislinn Carey in prose; and Natalie Daute in prose. Sixth graders were Bryce Barnett and Tyler Sternig in news reporting.

Two groups, Lydia, Leah, Leah and Hannah, and Delanie, Macey and Olivia, qualified for the Power Round at State and earned Power Round medals.

The team would like to thank: Mrs. Held, Mrs. Schroeder, and Mrs. Krause for judging at State: Mrs. Eckert and Mrs. Carey for being our parent contacts in the field house; and Mrs. Gengler for coaching the team.

thanks for fish and gifts from the heart

Without competition from the NCAA or St. Patty's Day, this year's Famous Friday Fish Fry and Gifts from the Heart Raffle brought in 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 1200 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 room.

Special thanks to Rachel Weber for chairing this year's Fish Fry Committee and to Tom and Chris Feldhusen for their mentoring. Thanks also to Renee Altendorf (desserts), Sherry Peters, Tracey Fechter, Rhonda Faehling and Sarah Winkler (dining room), Kara Guse and Jenifer Koebel (volunteer scheduling), Rick Roden (bartending), and all of 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 Scott Helnes (big time!), Jim Schmidt 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 \$7000 for our school.

This year's Gifts from the Heart Raffle offered over 150 donated 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: Amy Barnes-chairperson, Kara Guse-chairperson, Colleen Beisbier-co chair, Ross Zautner-co chair, Julie Barnett, Kathryn Fisher Davies, Patti Heinen, Kim Kiefer, Ingrid LaForest, Lisa Reichenberger, Krysti Wick, and Kyle Zautner.

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Mountain Resort, 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 again handled MC duties. The Gifts from the Heart Raffle will generate close to \$20,000 for the Instructional Budget...WOW!!! A list of winners is posted on the school website. We're also grateful for the entertainment which The Acme Fiddling Company again provided during this year's event. It was a great way to begin the celebration of St. Patty's Day!

fourth grade: hgd session for student and parent

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 11th, at 7:00pm.

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).

