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Holy Angels School - West Bend

By our Works... We Show our Faith

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Greetings,

The winter weather has been rather kind to us this year...but Catholic Schools Week is just around the corner. Last year we actually had the all-city Catholic schools Mass...a rarity it seems from past years! So what's the forecast for this year...wintery weather on the Wednesday again! We'll wait and see.

As you have probably already heard, we will be getting a new pastor in June. Fr. Jerry was able to stretch the usual maximum 12 year parish assignment to 21 years! On a personal note, it is completely unheard of for a principal to work with the same pastor for over 20 years. I have really been blessed with the opportunity to work with, not just a pastor, but someone like Fr. Jerry for all of these years!

The 21st Century Classrooms Project is well under way!! Many generous donors offered their support of the project through the recent Capital Campaign. To date we have received over \$365,000 in gifts and pledges. We exceeded the goal of \$329,000 which will allow us to tackle a few more minor security and safety concerns such as safety glass and stair treads. Thank you, thank you, thank you to all who have already given or made a pledge. Gifts and pledges are still being accepted into the near future. We will be looking for a few volunteers to help with some demolition work as soon as the school year ends.

Thanks to members of the HAS-PAC for their efforts in planning the Pep Rally Kickoff for Catholic Schools Week on Saturday and to the Marketing Committee for getting the word out about all of the week's special activities. The willingness of a few to coordinate the details make it possible for everyone to have a good time as families and friends. Hope to see you at the Kickoff event on Saturday!

The Kindergarten RoundUp (that's K3, K4 and K5) on Sunday morning is again expected to attract many young families to our school. We warmly welcome families from St. Mary School and hope that we can help with their transition to a new Catholic school in our West Bend or Kewaskum communities. Parents interested in the K5 program are reminded to submit all of the necessary forms by the February 15th deadline. Based on the amount of interest shown in the K3 and K4 programs, both will likely fill quickly.

We encourage current school families to continue to provide a terrific "network" for any new families and those still searching for a community like HA! If you have neighbors and friends with school-age children, pass the word about Holy Angels, invite them to join our learning faith community.

The School Committee and the Finance and Pastoral Councils have been working on the budget for 2016-2017 and we should be able to begin the re-enrollment process in the coming weeks. The task has been made easier by the hard work and decisions that have been made over the past several years to "right size" our school to meet the needs of our parish members. Based on projections in future enrollment, a five-year-plan was developed which took into account changes in the number of classes at particular grade levels. The result was a plan that will again provide modest salary increases for the staff while also minimizing tuition increases.

Finally, many families who received their Financial Statement with the report cards noted that their balance was significantly decreased. Over \$6,000 was credited to individual family tuition as a result of participation in SCRIP...wow!!! This also means that Holy Angels earned more than \$8,000 to help cover instructional expenses (and keep the Instructional Fee from increasing). Many thanks to the prime-movers of the SCRIP program Leslie Jamieson and Rhonda Faehling and everyone who has helped promote and "grow" the program. If you haven't started to buy and use SCRIP, you're missing an opportunity!

Peace be with you,

Mike Sternig

celebrating catholic schools

During the week beginning January 31st, Holy Angels will join schools throughout the country in celebrating Catholic Schools Week. Over and above the excellent curriculum, our Catholic faith is emphasized here at Holy Angels: strong moral values, Catholic social teaching and service, and respect for life. The entire community has been emphasizing our call to show our faith by our works.

There is also a “pre-week” activity planned by PAC on Saturday night (that’s tomorrow!). During Catholic Schools Week, we will celebrate many of the important aspects of our school which make it special...academics, faith formation, extra-curriculars, community building, family involvement.

The week’s activities will include:

- + **Saturday (January 30th) - CSW Kickoff Celebration (5:00-8:00pm)**
- + **Sunday - Distinguished Graduate Award presentation (8:00am Mass);
Open House (10:30am-12:30pm); Kindergarten–K3, K4, K5-RoundUp (10:45am)**
- + **Monday - Catholic Quiz Bowl (8:25 - primary, 9:10 - intermediate, 10:30 - jr high)**
- + **Tuesday - All-School Special Assembly: Wiscon-sing with David WB Drake**
- + **Wednesday - Area Celebration Mass at Cabrini**
- + **Thursday - Service Day with Buddies**
- + **Friday - Student/Faculty Basketball Game (1:40pm).**

valentine party tradition continues

The annual Valentine’s Party will be held on Friday, February 12th...only because students generally do not like coming to school on Sundays!

This year’s celebration will begin at 11:00am with over 20 booths and games. Each of the homerooms, several “special” teachers, and the Student Council are sponsoring an attraction as students and parents help decorate and run each booth. Games typically cost 25¢ or 50¢ to play.

Attractions include: the world famous Cake Walk, Fish Pond, Lollipop Tree, the ever-popular Ring-a-Can-of-Soda, Tic Tac Toe, Football Toss, Bingo, Toss Across, and the World’s Best Valentine’s Day Raffle. Even Poker with the Principal is returning again to the lineup with another amazing grand prize. The Jumping Jupiter, which is being provided by Tennes Ace Hardware, returns for more thrills and spills. For safety purposes, students may not jump into, onto or through others during this activity.

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

At 2:00pm, students will return to their homerooms so that the areas used for the Valentine’s Party can be undecorated. Parents are asked to lend a hand in cleaning up the gym, Walnut Room and Cedar Room. The raffle drawings will then take place in the gym and Cedar Room followed by dismissal.

Students in the three-year-old kindergarten are also invited to join the fun, however, parents must accompany their children. Students in the full-day K4 program will spend some time at the Valentine Party with their class. Orders for lunch have already been placed; those who did not place an order are urged to bring a bag lunch.

Parents are reminded to send their donations of cakes and soda to school on the day of the party. Families may still donate items for the Valentine’s Day Raffle. Simply send your item to the school office (marked “Valentine Party”) by February 8th. We are always in need of items for junior high students.

The annual event has a colorful past which continues to evoke scores of memories for Holy Angels graduates as former students *still* talk about slides down the fire escape!

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 will support several organizations which provide “works of mercy” in our community and beyond. A portion of the proceeds will also be directed to support research and patient services for one of the many forms of cancer. This Monday’s assembly will provide students with an explanation of how the organization will be chosen for this support.



notes from the music room

Music at Holy Angels is as busy as ever. In January, five students attended the Honors Festival held in West Bend. This festival is only offered to 8th grade students. All the music is learned ahead of time during extra rehearsals.

This year our attendees were Anna Schneeberger, Bella Gilbert, Miranda McAndrews, Elise Sturn and Isabel Sadownikow. They prepared 5 pieces of music and then worked with a clinician on Saturday, January 16th, at an all day rehearsal. The clinic was followed by a concert given at 4:00 at the West Bend Silver Lining Arts Center.

Some of the songs performed were "There Will Come Soft Rains", "Praise His Holy Name", "Appalachian Fiddlere" and "When I am Silent".

Also coming up for Holy Angels students is the Solo and Ensemble festival. This is a county wide contest where students prepare songs from a predetermined list that are separated into classes. There are class C, B and A pieces that vary in difficulty.

This year we have students representing 6th, 7th and 8th grade. The students preparing vocal pieces are Katrina Wolfe, Miranda McAndrews, Laura Zautner, Joseph Zimmer, Lola Chemer, Caitlin Wohlt, Leah Nagel, Isabelle Sternig, Brooke Deppert and Jenna Rondorf. They have been working hard on their songs since November for the contest on February 27th in Port Washington.

Lastly, our chorus is usually set to perform for fine arts evening which is held in March. Instead, this year we will be having a combined Spring band and chorus concert on a date to be announced. Music is in full swing here at Holy Angels!

-Amelia Scheit



[Editor's Note: Mrs. Scheit prepared this article before leaving for maternity leave unexpectedly on the day of the Honors Festival. Since that time, she has become the proud mother of twin boys who were born on January 25th. Mrs. Komassa will be reprising her role as music teacher during the next six weeks.]

iowa assessments to be given later in school year

Students in grades 3, 5 and 7 will again be taking the Iowa Assessments (IA) and Cognitive Abilities Tests (CogAT) this year. For those who have been around a while, the usual testing window started in mid-February. However, the Archdiocese is again moving the testing window closer to the end of the school year. The IA and CogAT will begin on April 11th and will conclude on April 22nd. The following week will be used for any necessary make-ups. 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.

basketball potluck and awards

The 2015-16 basketball season is quickly coming to an end (after three months of intense action!). The annual Potluck Supper and Award Banquet will be held on Monday, February 29th (Huh??? This is a leap year?!?!?), beginning at 6:00pm. Parents will be receiving invitations (please RSVP right away) and directions regarding what to bring in the coming weeks.

The event provides an opportunity to share a meal together and recognize the many efforts that made the basketball season a success in a variety of ways. Holy Angels graduates are also featured each year as guest speakers.

all sorts of interesting odds and ends...

Optimist Award...

Congratulations to eighth grader Madelyn Rettler who was recently honored as the West Bend Optimist Club Student of the Month for January. Maddie is active in the community volunteering for West Bend events such as Enchantment in the Park and Riverfest. She also has volunteered at the Washington County Fair for the Executive Director. Maddie has been a "Festival of Angels" volunteer, along with being a safety patrol and a student volunteer at the annual Gifts from the Heart Raffle and Fish Fry Dinner. She is also involved as a Mass server.

Maddie actively participates and is a three-year member of the Holy Angels Student Council and is currently the council's treasurer. She also participates in girl's volleyball and basketball and is on several Elite teams in the area. She is also a member of the co-ed intramural softball team at school. Her teachers recognized her as someone who brings out the best in others and sets a good example.



Geography Bee Searches the World...

The annual Geography Bee will be held on Wednesday, February 24th. The event features challenging questions about the physical planet, geo-political features, famous sites, and more. Participants (and the audience) will try to come up with the correct answers to questions posed in a variety of ways.

Of course the Geography Bee will begin with a round of questioning about one specific topic such as last year's "All About Montana". The Geography Bee begins at 1:10pm in the gym. Thanks again to Mrs. Walker for organizing this year's Bee. Good luck participants!!

8th Grade Course Selection...

Holy Angels eighth graders planning to attend West Bend East or West High School will be meeting with counselors on Wednesday, February 10th, at Holy Angels. Students will submit their course selections for freshman year and briefly discuss academic plans with the counselors.

Rummage Sale...

Rejoice and be glad!!! There WILL be a Rummage Sale this year. Planning for the 7th Holy Angels Indoor Rummage Sale will begin soon and the 2016 dates will be: Saturday, April 2, 2016, 8:00 am – 3:00 pm and Sunday, April 3, 2016, 9:00 am – 1:00 pm.

Start your spring cleaning early and put aside gently used items you wish to donate. Donations will be accepted in the Holy Angels School Walnut Room: Friday, March 25, 3:00 pm – 6:00 pm and Saturday, March 26, 9:00 am – noon. Please make sure your items are clean and in working order. Donation receipts for tax purposes will be given upon request. We are unable to accept: cribs, car seats, computers, encyclopedias, major appliances, mattresses, horizontal blinds, TV's, tires, chemicals and opened paint or stain cans.

FSEA Continues with More Excitement...

The next three-week series in this year's Future Scientists and Engineers of America begins after school on February 24th with "Real World Chemistry" with instructor Gary Held. Participants will be discovering all sorts of chemical oddities and "sweet" experiments.

The FSEA program is offered each year to students in grades four through eight. The final series for this year will begin on April 13th.

school theme, parish mission and lent

This year, our observance of Lent will focus on the Year of Mercy which began on December 8th. For the Holy Angels School community, our theme for 2015-16 has centered on the Corporal Works of Mercy. In particular we have sought ways to Feed the Hungry and Clothe the Naked during the first two quarters. During the second semester we will: Shelter the Homeless and Visit the Sick.

Our parish is sponsoring a special Parish Mission this month which will be held on February 23rd through 25th. It is called *Act of Mercy, A Drama Mission* and will feature Frank Runyeon (he's starred in over 1000 TV shows). On Tuesday, the theme is "John, Sign of Mercy"; on Wednesday, it's "Luke, Stories of Mercy"; and on Thursday, the focus will be on "James, Works of Mercy". It should be noted that our school theme this year comes from this part of the Letter of James.

On Thursday afternoon, there will be a special mission presentation for the Holy Angels students in church. It is hoped that all parish members will take advantage of these special opportunities to make Lent, 2016 a time for renewal and mercy.

catholic quiz bowl challenges students

The annual Catholic Quiz Bowl will be held on Monday during Catholic Schools Week. At each of the school levels, two teams were formed from students in each grade level. The format of the event centers around students answering questions about Catholic faith and doctrine, vocabulary, Scripture and practices.

Teams receive two points if the student could answer the question without assistance; one point if the student asks for possible choices. Participants rotate giving each team member several opportunities to answer questions.



At the primary level, the following students will participate: Kylee Altendorf, Zach Behn, Maya Beistle, Madee Bell, Gabriel Guminski, Paige Guse, Georgia Haddorff, Derek Hetzel, Rachel Nagel, Olivia Worth, Mitchell Birchbauer, Emily Cegielski, Laney Georgenson, Elliot Weber, Morgan Winkler, Krista Hetzel, Ella Kohnen, Ellison Schrauth, Natalie Walter, Evelyn Laforest; Alternates: Seth Hubbard and Jack Dahlberg.

The following students have been selected to participate at the intermediate Quiz Bowl: Thomas Arndt, Aislinn Carey, Sophie Dahlberg, Ellie Eckert, Cal Stanek,

Delanie Heinen, Nora Walter, Matt Zier, Sam Wiedmeyer, Jack Bell, Hannah Andrews, Lorna Bonertz, Jade Ericson, Olivia Klausmeier, Brooke Koebel, Megan Minz, Maria Olson, Tyler Sternig, Kate Wiedmeyer, Brianna Zywicki; Alternates: Cade Kohnen, Maddy Ciriacks, and Nick Paul.

At the junior high Quiz Bowl, the following students will match their knowledge: Ricky Conlin, Isaac Fichtner, Leah Rosene, Will Mueller, Keegan Tennes, Leah Nagel, Greta Zier, Isabelle Sternig, Kate Davies, Joseph Zimmer, Andrew Glaszcz, Taylor Chemer, Ronnie Sadownikow, Casey Gerber, Ellie Meuer, Nate Waech, Aidan Schmidt, Matt Bonertz, Katelyn Matenaer, MiKenna Sterr, Elise Sturn, Kaya Faehling, Maddie Rettler, Morgan Hanrahan; Alternates: Bella Gilbert, Isabel Sadownikow, Curtis Holbrook, Laura Zautner, Lola Chemer, and Nick Whittle.

top spellers participate in local bee

This year's annual Spelling Bee was held on January 12th and featured some of the top spellers from grades two through eight. Students were challenged with common words and some that are simply not simple to spell. The following students were selected for this year's competition...

Participants in the Primary Level Spelling Bee included...Grade 2: Violet Zier, Jaylee Heinen, Addisyn Gundrum, Greta Friemel, Rylee Faehling, Layla Reichenberger, Olivia Daute, Max Sadownikow, Mikey Held, Hudson Taylor, and Elliot Weber (alt); Grade 3: Olivia Worth, Rachel Nagel, Paige Guse, Gabriel Guminski, Maddee Bell, Maya Beistle, Henry Peplinski, Jimmy Schiller, Kylee Altendorf, Georgia Haddorff, and Sam Ciriacks (alt). Henry Peplinski took first place honors and Georgia Haddorff was the runner-up.

The Intermediate Level participants included...Grade 4: Hannah Andrews, Lorna Bonertz, Claire Cegielski, Olivia Klausmeier, Brooke Koebel, Cade Kohnen, Megan Minz, Maria Olson, Kade Rossebo, Kate Wiedmeyer, and Tyler Sternig (alt); Grade 5: Ellie Eckert, Allie Glaszcz, Caroline Peplinski, Estella Lambie, Jack Sadownikow, Nathan Ratzel, Alex Schneeberger, Kaylee Schiller, Mya Spaar, Matt Zier, Amber Georgenson (alt), and Jack Bell (alt). The winner at the Intermediate Level was Megan Minz with Hannah Andrews taking second place honors.

At the Junior High Level, this year's participants included...Grade 6: Owen Schmidt, Caitlin Wolht, James Bohn, Keegan Tennes, Brandon Reichardt, Konnor Sadownikow, Isaac Fichtner, Greta Zier, Hannah Schroeder, Nick Whittle, Joe Held (alt), and Ricky Conlin (alt); Grade 7: Aaron Tennes, Taylor Chemer (alt), Ronnie Sadownikow, Curtis Holbrook, Joseph Zimmer, Laura Zautner, Jack Peters, Kate Davies, Andrew Glaszcz, Nate Waech, and Quentin Butschlick; Grade 8: Aidan Schmidt, Aaron Goring, Samantha Cooley, Mikenna Sterr, Isabel Sadownikow, Sophia Slaughenhoup, Elise Sturn, Maddie Rettler, McKenzie Zywicki (alt), Logan Birchbauer, and Kegan Tighe.

Aidan Schmidt took first place honors and Samantha Cooley was the runner-up at the junior high level. They will both represent Holy Angels at the Lumen Alliance Spelling Bee on February 22nd. They will compete with students from Catholic schools in Washington, Dodge and Fond du lac counties.

38th annual basketball classic concludes

The 38th annual Holy Angels Basketball Classic (the unofficial "West Bend Championships") was again played in two sessions this year...eighth grade, followed by seventh grade.



After dropping their opening round game against tournament runner-up Badger-White, 30-26, the Royals used pressure defense and good ball movement to jump out to a 12-6 first period lead over Good Shepherd in second round action. HA continued to control the tempo of the game and gradually increased its lead, posting a 41-28 win. In its final game, Holy Angels jumped out to a 14-12 first period lead against St. Francis Borgia. A 12-2 run in the second period gave the visiting team a lead that would take them to a 50-39 win.

The championship game of the 8th grade tourney saw St. Joseph blank Badger-White in the first period 14-0 and coast to the title with a 41-26 win.

Final 8th grade standings: 1st-St. Joseph; 2nd-Badger-White; 3rd-Badger-Red; 4th-St. Frances Borgia; 5th-Cabrini-Green; 6th-Holy Angels; 7th-Good Shepherd; 8th-Cabrini-White.

In the Monday pool play, the seventh grade Holy Angels team outscored Badger-White, 16-6, in the first period. The Royals used a 12-4 third period run to clinch their opening game, 44-27.

The second evening of pool play set the stage for Saturday's finals. The host team advanced to the championship game with a 49-15 victory over St. Kilian. Seven players tallied for the Royals.



The 7th grade championship saw the Royals take on Badger-Red. The Badgers took a first period lead, 15-8, and maintained control of the game to claim this year's title with a 60-39 win.

Final 7th grade standings: 1st-Badger-Red; 2nd-Holy Angels; 3rd-Badger-White; 4th-Cabrini; 5th-Port Catholic; 6th-St. Kilian.

Thanks to everyone who: helped with the tournament booklet (especially the sponsors); worked in the concessions area, admissions and shootout table; announced and scored the games; or served as security and cleanup. Our gratitude goes out to Mountain Outfitters for again providing a bike for the Halftime Shootout

which was won by Tanner Schmoltdt. Special thanks to members of the Athletic Committee for their countless hours of service.

forensics season under way

The new forensics season is off to a great start as sixth, seventh, and eighth graders selecting pieces and practicing for the competitive season that begins February 5th. By the end of the season, they will be polished, confident speakers competing at the state level.

This year's team includes eighth graders Aidan Schmidt, Matt Bonertz, Kaya Faehling, Katrina Wolfe, Isabel Sadownikow, Elise Sturn, Morgan Hanrahan, and Samantha Cooley. Seventh grade members of the team are Laura Zautner, Kate Davies, Ronnie Sadownikow, Andrew Glaszcz, Tyler Stanek, Nate Waech, and Brady Steier. Sixth graders include Greta Zier, Hannah Schroeder, Leah Rosene, Ricky Conlin, Lola Chemer, Joe Held, Jenna Rondorf, Carly Melstrand, Daniel Krause, Alex Gonzalez, Ericka Beistle, Kira Guse, Brooke Depert, Leah Nagel, and Isabelle Sternig.

Our parent volunteer judges this year include Mrs. Krause, Mrs. Cooley, Mrs. Hanrahan, Mrs. Schmidt, Mrs. Schroeder, Mrs. Faehling, Mrs. Held, and Mrs. Steier. Our thanks to these parents for sharing their time and talent with us.

The Middle Level Forensics Association (MLFA) season looks like this:

Friday, February 5, 2016 **Badger Meet**

Friday, February 12, 2016 **Silverbrook Meet**

Friday, February 19, 2016 **St. Frances Cabrini Meet**

Saturday, February 27, 2016 **St. John the Baptist Meet**, Plymouth

Saturday, March 5, 2016 **Webster Meet**, Cedarburg

Friday, March 11, 2016 **Campbellsport Meet**

Saturday, April 9, 2016 **MLFA State Tournament**, Neenah H.S.

mark calendars for march 18th: fish and gifts

This is the 27th Year of the Gifts from the Heart Raffle! We have again been blessed with many extraordinary donations from our Holy Angels community. You'll be amazed as you sit down and page through the raffle booklets which will be coming home in the weeks to come 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.

Prizes include: a semester tuition for a Holy Angels School student, \$\$\$ cash prizes, a fit-bit, i-pad mini, Legos, a 32" and a 50" HD flat screen TV, Chromebook, Brewer tickets, carpet cleaning, tickets to area entertainment destinations, many gift cards from area stores, and many other fantastic prizes. Truly something for everyone! You may just want to set some extra money aside for this year's event!



Remember Raffle tickets can be purchased in the gym and placed in the appropriate bucket only on the day of the event. Because of recent rule changes, winners need to be present at the drawing to claim their prize (or designate someone to accept your prize for you...Mr. Sternig might be a trustworthy person). Tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00

There will be a special Silent Auction Event during the Gifts From the Heart Raffle for gift baskets prepared by the various grade levels and other unique items. 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. Many thanks to everyone who has offered items for this year's raffle!

This year's Famous Friday Fish Fry will again offer a terrific menu, including the delicious fried and baked fish, that will keep people coming back each year. The entire Walnut Room and Cedar Room complex will provide ample seating for an all-you-can-eat fish fry. The homemade dessert selection will be immense! The large venue will provide a more leisurely dining experience before diners move on to the excitement of the Gifts from the Heart Raffle. The Carry-Out line will continue to provide fast take-home service.



The Celtic Company will be back to perform Irish dance during the Gifts from the Heart Raffle display time. Remember, the drawings for the raffle will begin at 8:00pm.

Watch for your raffle books in the weeks to come and mark your calendar for Friday, March 18th for the Holy Angels Famous Friday Fish Fry and Gifts from the Heart Raffle. Be sure to tell your friends!

p/s/t2 coming next week

The teachers at Holy Angels have continued to inform parents regarding their child's progress in school. Throughout the first semester, teachers have been sending home information about what is going on in school...academic topics, homework and project information, special events, etc.

Student grades have been posted online by teachers using StandardScore and many parents have been keeping up-to-date regarding their child's progress.

On the evening of February 2nd, teachers will be available from 4:00 until 6:00pm for parents who have requested a second Parent/Student/ Teacher Conference. These P/S/T2 Conferences are provided to give parents an opportunity to meet with classroom teachers if there is a continuing concern about a student.

Parents had been asked to identify these concerns when requesting a conference time on the form which was recently emailed to parents after report cards were sent home. Confirmations of conference times will be sent home on Monday.