



FAMILY NEWSLETTER

Holy Angels School - West Bend

"Let Us Build a House Where Love Can Grow"

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Greetings,

A few weeks ago it looked like we would never see snow...how quickly things changed...and then changed again! Welcome to Wisconsin weather. I hope that your family's celebration of Christmas was a peace-filled experience! New Year's Day should be (I hope) a lot of fun with a Packer victory and no school on Monday!!!

The Advent (waiting) Season is really behind us and we can truly celebrate Christmas in its fullness. The liturgical calendar in the hallway at school clearly shows that the season really BEGINS on December 25th! And so...MERRY CHRISTMAS TIME to you! I'll even have Christmas music in the hallways during the week just to remind us that we are to celebrate the Savior's birth beyond the one day in December.

The fifth graders, as is their custom each year, provided a wonderful setting for the Christmas Eve 4:00pm Mass. Their prologue clearly told the beginnings of the story (and invited people to come back to hear the rest of the narrative in the coming weeks!). Thanks to Lindsey VanderWielen for directing the prologue and the fifth grade choir. Also a special thanks to music teacher Peggy Kriefall and the primary and intermediate students for their effort to set the tone for the season with this year's Christmas performance.

I've been absolutely amazed at the generosity of so many people who have supported the 21st Century Classrooms project. As I sit here writing this newsletter, it is with a deep sense of awe and gratitude that I can tell you that we've received sufficient pledge payments to complete the next phase of the project. In fact, I'm working on the plans and timelines this week. We're also looking at locker samples which need to be assembled. It promises to be an action-packed spring and summer. By the way, we will be selling off the old green lockers during the year at reasonable prices... more on that in the coming months. Those that are left will be simply sold for scrap.

Catholic Schools Week is coming! One of the important aspects of this celebration is taking an opportunity to spread the "good news" about our Catholic schools...especially Holy Angels!! I hope that as you tell others about HAS, they'll be eager to become part of this marvelous community. We'll be encouraging families to register for K3, K4 and K5 during Catholic Schools Week. We also hope that families will consider transferring to HAS so that their children may experience what we can offer each day. As we look at next year's kindergarten classes, we will be holding a Kindergarten RoundUp on Sunday, January 29th at 10:45am. We will continue to create the necessary programming to meet the needs of our parish families. Be sure to "pass the word" about our kindergarten programs.

May your New Year be filled with many ways to help "built a house where love can grow" by your good works. The "works of the Lord are all of them good"...may you find His peace and joy in bringing His goodness and love to others! As our kindergartners pointed out recently JOY means Jesus, Others and You.

Peace be with you,

Mike Sternig

We belong to a Catholic community which gathers together to proclaim the Gospel, serve others, and praise God. With the help of parents, teachers and others, we are here to grow in faith, knowledge, values and respect.

open house offers chance to come and see

In celebration of Catholic Schools Week, Holy Angels School will have an Open House on Sunday, January 29th. This year's Open House will again offer an opportunity for the community to "come and see".

Beginning at 10:30am, interested families and parishioners are invited to wander throughout the school to see what Holy Angels has to offer our students and families. Several of the teachers will be available to answer questions or provide insights about the Holy Angels experience. The classrooms which were remodeled during the summer as part of the 21st Century Classrooms project will also be open for visitors. The Open House concludes at 12:30pm.

Here's a wonderful opportunity to encourage your neighbors and friends to check out Holy Angels. If you know someone who will be making the transition from elementary school to middle school, suggest HA for a terrific middle school experience in a caring faith community...a place where love can grow!

rounding up future kindergartners...k3, k4, k5

Planning for the Holy Angels Class of 2026 (next year's Five-Year-Old Kindergarten class) has already begun. In addition, planning for next year's K3 and K4 programs is also underway. We invite all prospective kindergarten students (K3, K4 and K5) and their parents to attend the Kindergarten Roundup which will be held on Sunday, January 29th, at 10:45am, in Walnut Room, during the Open House (see above).

Following a general presentation about Holy Angels School, the kindergarten teachers will provide parents (and future students) with a breath-taking description of a typical day in kindergarten (they're really good at that!). Actually, there is nothing "typical" about a session in kindergarten at Holy Angels, except that each one is filled with all sorts of learning experiences and excitement!

Next on the morning's schedule is an opportunity to visit rooms and meet teachers and other parents. The three kindergarten classrooms will be open for tours and an opportunity for parents to chat with Kris Matthews (K5) and Sheila Rose (K4/K3).

The **Five-Year-Old kindergarten** (K5) is a full-day program. Based on parish demographic it is anticipated that one K5 session will meet the needs of active parish members interested in a Holy Angels education. If the number of registrations for a class is sufficient to warrant it, establishing a second class would be considered.

The typical class size limit for K5 is 25 students. The current Policy 5111.2 indicates that a priority list will be established based on parents' date of registration in the parish as well as involvement in the life of the parish (active in parish ministries, participation in the sacramental life of the Church, appropriate financial support of the parish), and involvement in the life of the school (active as a volunteer in school activities). Registrations are accepted and students are assigned to sessions using the priority lists.

All registrations for K5 received by February 15th will be ordered according to the priority policy. Registrations must include parish information, an original birth certificate for recording information, baptismal certificate (look for those now!), and non-refundable \$25 registration fee. Registrations received after February 15th and registrations of non-parishioners will be added to the list in the order received.

Based on preliminary feedback from perspective parents, the **Four-Year-Old Kindergarten** will likely have a three-day full-day format with an option for half-day. Other options for the program may also be considered. A final decision will be made in the coming weeks. The sessions will provide a wonderful experience of playing and working with other children in a structured setting. The K4 program has provided a foundation for developing the social skills which help lead to a successful transition to the K5 program. The **Three-Year-Old Kindergarten** will continue to be a Tuesday-Thursday morning program, although a full-day option is being considered.

Registrations for the K4 program are accepted on a tiered basis with registration of current school families accepted starting February 1st; parish members may register beginning February 3rd; and open registration (first come basis) begins February 6th.

Registrations for the K3 program will be accepted on a first-come basis beginning February 2nd.

The typical class size for the K3 and K4 program is 15-18 students. For each of the three programs, students must be the appropriate age on or before September 1, 2017.

If you want your child to be part of the special opportunities offered at Holy Angels School, plan now to attend the RoundUp on January 29th or contact the school office. If you know of someone with a three, four or five-year-old, be sure to pass along this information.

**Kdg
RoundUp:
January
29th
10:45am**

class of 2017 looking ahead

As we return from the Christmas Break, the eighth graders will undoubtedly recognize that they are the Class of 2017 and ... it's now 2017! The students will soon be looking down the road in anticipation of graduation and entry into high school.

The eighth graders will have their graduation pictures taken on Thursday, January 5th. Graduates will be receiving proofs at a later date. Orders will be placed at that time. Because there are multiple proofs available, retakes are usually not possible...students should come prepared for their "graduation portrait".

Eighth graders should also note that there are two Orientation Nights for WB East and West High Schools. Students and parents anticipating attending West will meet at the high school on January 17th. The East meeting will be held on January 18th. Parents and students will be receiving recommendations from the junior high staff to help them in choosing courses for freshman year. The course selection process will be completed on February 6th when WBHS counselors will meet with students at Holy Angels.

catholic schools week: starts january 29th

During the week beginning January 29th, Holy Angels will join schools throughout the country in celebrating Catholic Schools Week. The local theme for the West Bend Catholic schools is again "The Good News in Education". With many changes taking place in public schools across the state, Catholic schools continue to be the good news in what schools can provide.

In addition to a strong core curriculum, there is a continued emphasis at Holy Angels on fine arts and world languages. Holy Angels students use a variety of technologies as tools for learning...junior high students use personal Chromebooks as part of their daily experience. The Project Lead the Way curriculum Robotics Club offer pre-engineering components for junior high students. The HABC broadcasting club creates news programs for broadcast. The Resource Learning Centers provide a multitude of enrichment opportunities and additional learning support.

Over and above the 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. In particular, school families will again provide Meals on Wheels in connection with CSW (see related article). There is also a "pre

-week" activity planned by PAC.

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 28th) - CSW Kickoff Celebration (5:00-8:00pm). See related article.

Sunday - Distinguished Graduate Award presentation; 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 - junior high);

Tuesday - Career Day

Wednesday - Fun4All Day: bowling, swimming, skating, and tubing

Thursday - All-City Mass at Holy Angels

Friday - Student/Faculty Basketball Game (1:40pm).



day 100 and "zero the hero" coming soon

The kindergarteners and first graders are excitedly waiting for Day 100 which, this year, will be on Wednesday, February 1st. Their celebration will be filled with fun, learning centers, Day 100 snack (a special treat) and so much more!

The first graders will be invited to dress like they are 100 years old! The K5 students will be challenged to do one hundred exercises! Of course, included in their day of celebration, there will be a special visit from none other than "Zero The Hero!"

Day 100 will also be part of our Catholic Schools Week celebration (see above article). Be sure to look for 100 reasons we love Holy Angels School !!!!!

spelling bee for lumen alliance schools

Each year, about this time, top spellers compete in the annual Spelling Bee in schools across the area. Holy Angels is no exception. The local 2017 Spelling Bee will be held on Tuesday, January 17th beginning with the primary students (grades 2-3) at 8:15am, followed by intermediate (grades 4-5) at 9:00am, and junior high (grades 6-8) at 1:00pm. The event is held in the HA Gym.

For some grades, preliminary classroom spell-downs are used to determine the participants; at other grade levels, written pre-tests may be used; and still other grades may determine participants using spelling grades. The winner and runner-up of the junior high Spelling Bee will represent Holy Angels at the Lumen Alliance (Catholic schools in Washington, Dodge and Fond du lac counties) Spelling Bee on February 21st.

Parents are welcome to watch and encourage the participants. Of course, parents can encourage their own child's accuracy in everyday situations just by taking notice of their spelling on assignments or even everyday notes around home. Even at a time when tweets and texting is affecting the way in which thoughts and ideas are shared, correct spelling is still a valuable tool in the communications world...just ask any employer!

has-pac prepares for january family event

Once again the PAC will be sponsoring a family event at the start of Catholic Schools Week. The Walnut/Cedar Rooms and the HA Gym will be filled with activity so...take out your pen and mark January 28th from 5:00 until 8:00pm as "busy" on your 2017 calendar for the PAC-sponsored Catholic Schools Week Kickoff Celebration. We encourage you to bring another HA or even non HA family with you! It will mark the start to another great Catholic Schools Week! The night will be filled with:

- Music, lets see your best dance moves!
- Bags or "corn hole" tournament in the gym (teams of 2 will sign up prior, watch for more info soon!)
- Table games & more- bring your favorite table games to enjoy with other families, or play with what is provided that night.
- Kid's Poster Contest - Families will vote for a winner the night of the Kickoff! (Watch for more info after break)
- Kohl's Color Wheel, a mobile art experience where kids take part in fun projects through art.
- Concessions with pizza, snacks, baked goods, soda, water and more - all for a small fee.

If you are willing to volunteer an hour of your time to help set-up, at the concessions, with activities or clean up the night of the Kickoff volunteer by going to the "SignUpGenius" link: <http://bit.ly/2hUA07N> Hope to see you all at the Catholic Schools Week Kickoff Celebration on January 28th!

**CSW
KICK-OFF
CELEBRATION
JANUARY 28TH**

fish fry / gifts from the heart coming in spring

Many thanks to all who have already offered to generously donate items from their heart for this year's Gifts from the Heart Raffle. This year's format will again offer the opportunity to personally select from the many wonderful prizes as you place your raffle ticket in the buckets location in the gym throughout the exciting night of activity!

The Gifts from the Heart committee is now starting to put together the booklet which contains descriptions of all those wonderful gifts. If you have another terrific gift from your heart that you want to share, please contact Ross Zautner right away with your information. If you'd like to contribute to make the cash prizes even more eye-popping, simply send your donation (be sure to mark that it is for the Gifts from the Heart Raffle) to the school office.

There will also be classroom gift baskets and several other special items available through the Silent Auction. We've already heard of some really interesting items...just wait til you see what's up for auction!!!

Be sure to mention this wonderful event to family and friends over the holidays (oops...the holidays are over...just give 'em a call or send them a text message or email today!).

The Gifts From the Heart Raffle along with the Famous Friday Fish Fry will be held on Friday, March 17th. The Celtic Company will again perform...it's St. Patty's Day! Mark the date on your new 2017 calendar!



delivering meals on wheels - 2017

Holy Angels families have again been asked to participate in the Meals-on-Wheels Program in conjunction with Catholic Schools Week. Many families have gotten involved in the past. In fact this will be the 12th year that Holy Angels School will participate in this service activity. The response from the families who participated has been overwhelmingly positive.

The response from the area shut-ins has been tremendous as well. Those receiving the meals have expressed the joy that Holy Angels students have brought to their day as the students made deliveries.

We have again offered the opportunity for families to serve others in our community (something important for a Catholic school) by participating in the Meals-on-Wheels Program during the week of January 23-27.

This year, sign up forms have been sent home using an email attachment that's being sent along with this January Newsletter. If you'd like to be part of this service opportunity for you and your child, please return the emailed form. If your form gets caught up in a spam filter somewhere, please contact the school office or go to the links on our school website.

Special thanks to Kristin Walker for coordinating the program this year.

gathering to plan for more success (new date)

It seems like just a few days ago that parents and students were gathering with teachers for P/S/T Conferences. In order to follow up on plans which were developed at that time, another conference opportunity has been scheduled. This year's P/S/T2 will be held on Tuesday, February 7th, from 4:00 until 6:00pm. This is a change from the original school calendar. Mark your new calendar now!

**P/S/T-2
Feb. 7th**

During the school year, there are many informal opportunities for teachers and parents to share information about student progress. The StandardsScore online grade book can be a valuable resource in helping parents keep track of student progress. Parents who have misplaced their child's password code can simply send an email to the principal requesting the code.

P/S/T2 is scheduled in order to provide another avenue of communication. Parents will receive details about this opportunity in January and a schedule will be included with report cards on January 27th.

17-18 school year calendar is a work in progress

As the calendar rolls forward to 2017, many parents have to post vacation requests. At this point in time, we do not have the entire 2017-18 calendar set.

Holy Angels will likely begin school on the Tuesday before Labor Day as usual, with Open House on August 27th and the first day of school on August 29th. There will be District Inservice on October 19th and 20th. The Thanksgiving Break will again include the day before the holiday. The Christmas Break will begin after the December 22nd closing prayer service with a return to classes on January 2nd or 3rd (TBD). The Spring Break for the West Bend public schools will again be the last week in March which happens to be Holy Week again. The break will include Easter Monday as well.

valentine party to be held on february 10th

The annual Valentine's Party is one of those "memories" which are recalled by generations of Holy Angels students. This year's event will be actually be held on the Friday before Valentine's Day...February 10th Here's a chance for students to win some prizes for their favorite "valentine" at home!

Among the varied activities and games each year are the Raffles...one for the younger students (K-4) and one for the older students (5-8).

We've been blessed in the past by generous parents and parishioners who donated items for the raffle. We again are putting out a request for raffle items, especially for the upper grades. Some suggested items include: gift certificates, movies, CDs, sporting event tickets, posters, etc.

Also needed are prizes for the fish pond. "Still packaged" toys from McDonalds or other fast food restaurants are great! Simply send donations to any of the teachers (they will pass things on to this year's coordinators).



39th annual basketball classic

The 39th annual Holy Angels Classic will feature some of the top seventh and eighth grade boys' teams from West Bend and surrounding area. This year's Classic will again focus on providing a showcase for the WBE and WBW teams of the future as area West Bend middle school teams compete.

The "West Bend Championship" event will give the winners local "bragging rights" for a year. The tournament also offers an opportunity for the West Bend high school coaches to catch a glimpse of their incoming freshmen players for the next couple of years. In addition, several teams from the Washington-Ozaukee Catholic Conference are also participating.



The tournament has a two-week format to better accommodate the league schedule for the local middle schools. The eighth grade division starts things off on Monday, January 16th, and Wednesday, January 18th, with preliminary round play. The finals and championship game for the eighth graders will be played on Saturday, January 21st. The following week will feature the seventh graders with the opening matchups on January 23rd and second round on January 25th. The final round and championship will be played on January 28th.

Teams will be competing for the tournament title and individual first place trophies at each grade level. Second place teams will receive individual medals. All other players will receive ribbons at the conclusion of each game on Saturday.

Last year's Classic saw Holy Angels (see photos) come up short against Badger-Red in the championship game of the 7th grade division, earning 2nd place honors. At the eighth grade level, St. Joseph defeated Badger-White to claim the title.

The 2017 Classic will continue to feature a halftime event...and a chance to win a bike provided by Mountain Outfitters. Chances to participate in the halftime event can be purchased at the admissions table for 25¢.

The funding for most of the school's athletic programs is provided by the Holy Angels Classic. Your support of the tournament and the athletic program is appreciated. We are grateful to the advertisers who contributed to the tourney booklet.



Many thanks to those who have already signed up to give of their time in making the HA Classic possible. Parents of all basketball players (boys and girls) are reminded to sign up for one of the various duties at the Classic by going to the LINKS section of the Holy Angels website and follow the link to Athletics.

forensics team on the road to state tourney

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

This year's team includes eighth graders Laura Zautner, Taylor Chemer, Kate Davies, Ronnie Sadownikow, Curtis Holbrook, Tyler Stanek, and Brady Steier.

Seventh grade members of the teams are Greta Zier, Avelina Wolfe, Caitlin Wohlt, Hannah Schroeder, Leah Rosene, Ricky Conlin, Lola Chemer, Joe Held, Daniel Krause, Alex Gonzalez, Ericka Beistle, Kira Guse, Brooke Deppert, Jenna Rondorf, Leah Nagel, and Isabelle Sternig.

Sixth graders include Caroline Peplinski, Ellie Eckert, Matt Zier, Sophie Dahlberg, Emily Rauch, Kaylee Schiller, Lydia Reichenberger, Maddie Ciriacks, Allie Glaszcz, Amber Georgenson, Aislinn Carey, Fiona Shaw, Cal Stanek, Delanie Heinen, Macey Steier, and Tadd Jamieson.

Our parent volunteer judges this year include Lisa Krause, Andrea Schroeder, Tricia Held, Tracey Steier, Beth Holbrook, Christy Carey, Nicole Eckert, and Leslie Jamieson. Our thanks to these parents for sharing their time and talent with our team.

Our Middle Level Forensics Association (MLFA) season looks like this: Friday, February 10th...St. Frances Cabrini Meet; Friday, February 17th...Badger Meet; Friday, February 24th...Silverbrook Meet; Saturday, March 4th...St. John the Baptist Meet, Plymouth; Friday, March 10th...Campbellsport Meet; and Saturday, March 25th...MLFA State Tournament, West Bend High School.