

# FAMILY NEWSLETTER

Holy Angels School - West Bend  
*By our Works... We Show our Faith*

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Greetings...

*"As part of the parish community and relying on the grace of God, Holy Angels School shares in the ministry of teaching the Catholic faith which is practiced daily by forming community, proclaiming the Gospel, serving others, and praising God. With the support of parents and guided by the Holy Spirit, the faculty and staff are dedicated to helping students to grow and mature in faith, knowledge and values by providing a quality curriculum with high academic and behavioral standards."*

*Throughout each day of the 2015-16 school year, we have been trying to live up to this mission of our school...hopefully our works clearly showed our faith! We have appreciated the efforts of so many parents, teachers and others to make this mission statement a lived reality here at Holy Angels. Our students have been provided with abundant opportunities for growing in many ways. It's amazing how quickly 180 school days pass by when there is so-o-o-o much to accomplish!*

*Next week is Teacher Appreciation Week at Holy Angels. Holy Angels continues to be blessed with marvelous, talented and dedicated teachers at all levels. The living out of our mission can be seen each day as they show their faith through their works.*

*The 21st Century Classroom Project continues to move forward as planned. Over the Easter Break, a dozen volunteers quickly removed blackboards from most of the classrooms. These were sold to parish members and at the annual Rummage Sale. On June 2, 3 and 4, another crew (armed with hammers and crowbars) will remove old cabinets, sinks and blinds for disposal. They will also remove bulletin boards which will be re-used in various locations in the building. I'll be putting out a call for volunteers next week!*

*During the summer months, the painters will be next as they repaint the rooms included in phase one of the project. After that, new cabinets and sinks will be installed. Then, whiteboards and bulletin boards will be hung, along with the installation of new window treatments. It'll be an active construction scene over the summer. The capital campaign has been extremely successful with generous donors pledging close to \$400,000 to cover the cost of the three-year project. I am humbled by all the efforts that have come together so far, especially all of the behind-the-scenes efforts of Tim Heinen and Scott Helnes.*

*Speaking of Tim, he and Patti are again on top of things with this year's Calendar of Ca\$h raffle. Thanks to a wonderful group of volunteers, contact people will be delivering the packets for the Calendar of Ca\$h fund raiser to all current school families next week. As the major fund raiser, I'm hopeful that families will be successful in calling upon others to support our school through their participation (and even get lucky enough to win big!). If you don't get your packet, please let us know.*

*Finally, the end of the line is in sight for the Class of 2016. It has really been a good year with this group of students...a group with much to offer. They have been called upon to show their faith to others through their works and they have grown and matured over the years at Holy Angels. I'm sure that the changes which await them in the future will be affected by all they have experienced here.*

Peace be with you,

*Mike Sternig*

*P.S. If you are an alumni, watch for the next edition of the HA Messenger...there will be a FREE beverage ticket for the Festival of Angels. If you (or any siblings) are not getting the HAM, let us know so we can make sure you get on the mailing list!*

# the 2016-17 school year begins with changes

Registrations for the 2016-2017 school year are now being accepted. We had asked that current school families return their Financial Agreement Form and Tuition Option Form by April 15th and more than 95% of families returned the forms and avoided the \$100 per family re-enrollment fee. For those who met the deadline, the \$100 per family deposit will be credited to their 2016-17 tuition and fees.

All tuition payments for the current school year are due May 15th. We ask parents to make sure that they have paid all tuition and fees in order to avoid the 10% surcharge. It is necessary to receive these funds on a timely basis so that salaries for this year can be paid. If there are circumstances which are creating difficulties in making payments, parents are asked to send a letter to the principal or pastor with that information this coming week.

2015-2016  
Tuition Due:  
May 15th

Just a reminder that a portion of the Instructional Fee for the 2016-2017 school year is due May 31st (\$140/student, with balance due August 15th). It is also necessary to receive these funds on a timely basis so that books for next year can be ordered during the summer. We are grateful for your help in getting ready for a new school year.

2016-2017  
Instructional  
Fee:  
May 31st

As we continue with the process of planning for next year, there will again be some changes in class configuration. At first and second grade, there will still be one homeroom. We will continue to keep instructional groups small in math and reading/language arts with additional part-time RLC staffing at both grade levels. The third graders will also receive support from additional staff next year as we reallocate teaching and support responsibilities. In the junior high, the sixth and seventh grades will continue to be double classes. As always, there is a commitment to meeting the needs of every student enrolled at Holy Angels.

As we look at staffing for the 2016-17 school year, there will be a few changes. At the second grade level, Tracey Nowack will not be returning as part of the second grade support staff. Kate Walter will be working with Mrs. Tranel in meeting the learning needs of the second graders. Patty Arndt will again join the junior high staff and will have a sixth grade homeroom. Spanish teacher Jeff Kepner will not be returning and Heidi Duerst has agreed to join the World Languages staff here at Holy Angels.

Because of the 21st Century Classrooms remodeling project and the opportunity to more economically locate classrooms within the facility, there will be some changes in the locations of classrooms. The school year may have people actually looking for the right classrooms!

## evening of music in spring: k4, chorus, band

The student performance of *The Music Man* in April was a warm-up to the real thing as the combined Holy Angels-Cabrini-St. Mary's Band presents its Spring Concert on Wednesday, May 18th, at 6:30pm, in the Holy Angels Gym. Under the direction of Dr. Walter Rich, the band has developed its repertoire and incorporates a much fuller instrumentation each year.

Because of Mrs. Scheit's maternity leave, the HA Chorus and the Four-Year-Old Kindergarten were not part of this year's Fine Arts evening. Both groups will be the "opening acts" for this year's band concert. The evening will therefore include the delightful K4 students followed by the HA Chorus performing several selections, before the band takes the floor.

## policy input sought by hasc

Holy Angels School has been recognized in the past as one of the Exemplary Schools in the Archdiocese. Parent input during the accreditation process echoed that sentiment. One of the reasons is the continuous effort to improve and "fine tune" our school.

Each year, the School Committee considers suggested specific changes in school policies and regulations at its May meeting. This year's meeting is set for May 11th. If you have an idea or suggestion which might improve the quality of our school and its programs, please let us know.

To be considered, simply submit the following to the school office before May 6th: 1) What you would like to see changed; 2) How you would change it; and 3) Reasons why such a change would benefit our school community.

If you have something which you'd like to commend the school for, please feel free to submit commendations as well. It's always good to know what families appreciate most (so we keep those things in place!).

## junior high: retreats and graduation

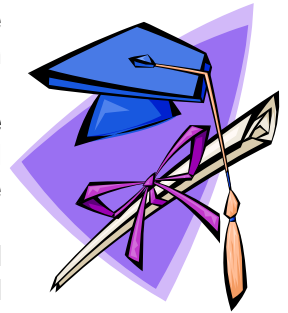
The string of cooler weather after a recent warm spell has certainly made summer (or spring) seem like it will never come. However, the flip of the calendar to May will likely tease many eighth graders into thinking the end is already here! It certainly means the conclusion of another school year really is just around the corner for another graduating class. The Class of 2016 will have an opportunity to pause and reflect on their years at Holy Angels and look ahead to the future as they participate in the Graduation Retreat Day on May 18th. This year's retreat will be led by Joseph Heit and held at the St. Michael's parish center.

The rest of the junior high will also be on the road that day: the sixth graders will be participating at the noon Mass at St. Josaphat's Basilica as well as visiting the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist and the Joan of Arc Chapel on the Marquette campus; the seventh grade will be visiting the basilica at Holy Hill.

Graduation Day, May 27th, is really early this year!!! It will begin with a special breakfast sponsored by the school and prepared by parents of the graduates. This will be followed by an awards assembly in the gym. The graduates will practice for the evening ceremony and hopefully get out of school early.

The Graduation Mass will begin at 7:00pm, and the Mass concludes with the awarding of diplomas and recognition of student accomplishments. The school-sponsored reception will be held after Mass in the Walnut Room. 7th grade Room Parents, with the help of the 7th graders, will be preparing the reception.

Thanks to the efforts of a committee of several parents of the graduates, the celebration will continue after the reception with a dance in the Cedar Room. The class is also planning a fun trip which is being sponsored by interested parents.



## checkmates and stalemates close out season

The annual Holy Angels Chess Tournament was the culmination of this year's Chess Club activity. The levels of competition provided a more even playing field for both novices and experienced players. During the season, an interesting twist was provided by coordinator Paul Myers. Students were able to play on a four-way/four-player chess board which created all sorts of new possibilities.



In the Good Knights (novice) division, fifth grader Alex Schneeberger and fourth grade Cameron McAndrews were both undefeated after pool play. In the championship matchup, Alex defeated Cameron to claim top honors.

In the Mighty Rooks division, fifth grader Tadd Jamieson and third grader Gabe Guminski needed a play-off to determine the winner of their pool with Tadd advancing to a final match against Mickey Edwards who was top finisher in the other pool. Tadd won their match to earn the title of Grand Master while Mickey claimed the Master title for this year's tournament.

## making connections at holy angels

Holy Angels students have many opportunities during the year to see firsthand how what they are learning in school can be useful in the real world. The Junior Achievement program has provided volunteers from the community who teach students about these connecting points. This year's volunteers included: Sarah Winkler (K4); Brian Birchbauer (JA-Ourselves, K5); Ben Kohnen (JA-Our Families, Gr1); Ryan Schneeberger (JA-Our Community, Gr2); Mark Fichtner (JA-Our City, Gr3); Kara Guse (JA-Our Region, Gr4); Katherine Conlin (JA-America Works, Gr6); Kara Guse (JA-Global Market, Gr7); and Pete Rettler (JA-Economics for Success, Gr8).



The fifth grade has been participating in BizTown during the second semester. JA-BizTown combines in-class learning with a day-long visit to a simulated town in Milwaukee which is sponsored by Kohl's. This popular program allows elementary school students to operate banks, restaurants, city hall, newspaper, retail store and ten other businesses. The program helps students connect the dots between what they learn in school and the real world. The fifth graders will be participating at the Milwaukee BizTown on May 3rd. Mrs. Thelen is a trained presenter of the program at Holy Angels.

## a day in the sun...though it's not rio

As another school year comes to a close, Holy Angels students prepare (not really) for their participation in the 35th annual Holy Angels Olympic Day (not to be confused with the Summer Games!). This year's event is scheduled for Tuesday, May 31st and the Holy Angels playground will be filled with activity (if the weather cooperates!) beginning at 9:30am. The first part of the morning will again be set aside to clean out lockers and desks as we prepare for a summer of classroom renovations.

In the event of inclement weather, the events will be adapted and moved indoors. Students in grades K5 through 7 participate in the annual Olympic Day. Parents are welcome to come cheer their favorite participant.

This year's celebration will again include events such as the limbo/high jump, water relay, obstacle course, speed pitch and free throws. The teachers will likely come up with something new to add to this year's fun and excitement.

Food will be available in the Walnut Room or on the grounds. Hot dogs will again be only 50 cents; chips and ice cream will be available for 25 cents each; water and other beverages will also be available.

Since the weather forecast for Olympic Day usually calls for sun (we have usually been blessed with great weather!), parents should consider providing hats or sunscreen for their children.



## battle of accelerated readers

The annual Battle of the Accelerated Readers will take place on Wednesday, May 11th, at 2:00pm. Throughout the school year, students have accumulated Accelerated Reader points by reading selected books and taking tests on their reading. The students with the highest point totals will form two teams and battle for this year's championship.

In the Battle of the Accelerated Readers, clues will be given about the author, character, setting, plot, or other details. The teams must identify the correct title of the book being described. The audience also has a chance to see if they can identify the correct answer before the Battle participants.

This year's Battle will again feature questions from Holy Angels readers in the Power Round. This year's power round special topic is Newbery Award winners. Students have the chance to earn a special treat if their question (and correct answer!) is used in the contest. Thanks to Mrs. Mitchell and Mrs. Sturm for all of their efforts in challenging students to read great books!

## volunteers to be recognized and treated

Parents frequently mention that one of the strengths of Holy Angels is the many volunteers at our school. As prospective families tour the school, a comment is often made about the number of volunteers in the building who are helping out. Our parish and our school could not exist without the involvement of many who offer a stewardship of their time and talent.

### Thanks-a-Brunch

The parish community also provides for many of the needs of its members through the sharing of ministries. Holy Angels School provides educational, formational, and recreational programs for many of the young people of our parish community. The participation of many volunteers really makes the spirit of family and community come alive here at Holy Angels.

### June 1st

### Following 8:15 Mass

Throughout the year, the names of some of these volunteers have appeared in the Family Newsletter or parish bulletin. There are so many unnamed people who make so much possible at our school... classroom aides and room parents, playground supervisors, field trip chaperones, health room caregivers, lunchroom servers, Junior Achievement volunteers, fund raising volunteers, yearbook staff, coaches and activity advisors, committee members,

guest speakers and readers, Valentine's Party workers, and a multitude of other roles.

During the End-of-School Mass on June 1st, our many volunteers will be recognized as a group for their ministry to our school. Following the 8:15am Mass, there will be a Thanks-A-Brunch in the Walnut Room for volunteers until dismissal time at 10:15am. For some parents, this is the last year that they have children enrolled at Holy Angels and their spirit of giving will be missed. It is our hope that new members of our community will continue to step forward to provide important service to our school.

## academic honors - third quarter

Congratulations to the following junior high students who earned distinction by being named to the Academic Honor Roll for the third quarter. Students with a 3.00 GPA are recognized on the Honor Roll. Those with a 3.50 GPA or higher (\*) are awarded high honors.

**Sixth Grade:** Ericka Beistle\*, James Bohn, Lola Chemer\*, Richard Conlin\*, Blake Ericson, Isaac Fichtner, Alex Gonzalez, Aiden Guse\*, Kira Guse, Joseph Held\*, Michael Kleinhans, Daniel Krause, Will Mueller\*, Leah Nagel\*, Jacob Rauch, Leah Rosene\*, Konnor Sadownikow\*, Owen Schmidt\*, Hannah Schroeder\*, Isabelle Sternig\*, Keegan Tennes, Nicholas Whittle\*, Caitlin Wohlt, and Greta Zier\*.

**Seventh Grade:** Taylor Chemer\*, Kate Davies\*, Casey Gerber, Andrew Glaszcz\*, Curtis Holbrook\*, Morgan Krause\*, Elizabeth Meurer\*, Payton Rossebo, Veronica Sadownikow\*, Christian Spaeth, Tyler Stanek, Aaron Tennes\*, Laura Zautner\*, and Joseph Zimmer\*.

**Eighth Grade:** Matthew Bonertz\*, Kaya Faehling\*, Isabella Gilbert, Aaron Gonring, Morgan Hanrahan, Katelyn Matenaer\*, Miranda McAndrews, Chase Melstrand, Madelyn Rettler\*, Isabel Sadownikow, Aidan Schmidt\*, Anna Schneeberger, Kelsey Schommer\*, Sophia Slaughenhoup, Mikenna Sterr, Elise Sturn\*, Megan Tennes, and McKenzie Zywicki.

## scrip sales continue to support school...big time

The SCRIP program provides an opportunity to purchase gift cards and give the profit to Holy Angels...and take a nice credit toward tuition! Several families regularly knock off some tuition by using SCRIP instead of cash. You can do as little or as much as you want. Can you imagine the funds raised if all our school families participated?! It takes just a little organization and you can join in on the savings now.

For those who still don't know, here's how it works...decide on a few cards that you would use from time to time (like Pick 'n Save or McD's or Kohl's or Fleet Farm or Piggly Wiggly or Cousins or ...). Purchase the card at the face value. Use the card when you go to the store or restaurant. Holy Angels and YOU both get a return! Watch your Friday folders for your SCRIP order form. SCRIP orders are collected weekly on Mondays and SCRIP cards are delivered that following Friday. Order forms can also be found on the school website.

You can also order online! Go to [www.shopwithscrip.com](http://www.shopwithscrip.com) to sign up! When school breaks for the summer, you can still order scrip online and support Holy Angels as you decrease your tuition. There are even plans to make SCRIP available after Mass during the summer (watch for details!) If you'd like to help or need help with placing an order, contact Rhonda ([rfaehling@gmail.com](mailto:rfaehling@gmail.com)).

Last school year, the SCRIP program generated over \$12,000 for the school and another \$12,000 for families to pay their tuition. What a great way to generate funds for the school while also paying down tuition costs...just by shopping!

## festival of angels: june 10-12

The annual Festival of Angels will kick off the summer on June 10th, 11th and 12th with free entertainment all weekend. This year's event ends up being a week after the end of the school year because of the late date for Memorial Day.

Friday evening features Rebel Grace, one of the hottest country/rock bands in the state playing country the way it was meant to be played. Saturday evening will have Cold Sweat and the Brew City Horns with a great selection of dance variety for all. There will be a Polka Mass at 11:00am on Sunday, featuring Chuck Thiel and the Jolly Ramblers who will play until 4:30pm. Carol and the Keynotes will close this year's festival from 5pm until 9pm. There will be a gently used book sale and puzzles throughout the weekend. Advanced ride tickets will be available at Tennes Hardware, Klotz's Piggly Wiggly, as well as the Parish and School Offices. Buy ahead for a really great deal on ride tickets.

Sunday's traditional chicken plate will again be available on the festival grounds rather than in the Walnut Room. The menu includes a half or quarter chicken plate with potato salad and coleslaw. This will allow families to eat together with choices of the chicken dinner and the usual burgers and brats! Also on Sunday, the Kohl's Wild Theater Jamboree will perform in the afternoon at 2:00pm.

Many thanks to all who have already volunteered to make this year's festival a success for our parish. There are a lot of areas where help is needed: games, food stands, chicken dinner, silent auction, announcing, sweet corn, and more. If you haven't already signed up to help, please sign up during the upcoming weekends at church or on the parish website.

## co-ed intramural softball to start

The Holy Angels Intramural Slowpitch Softball League will begin its 35th season. The co-ed program for seventh and eighth graders is played on the school parking lot. The after-school sporting/social event emphasizes participation and fun (this is not for the serious competitor!).

Participants include: TEAM A-Chase Melstrand, Kenzie Zywicki, Ronnie Sadownikow, Quentin Butschlick, Morgan Hanrahan, Morgan Krause, Ty Stanek, Anna Schneeberger, Laura Zautner, Christian Spaeth, Kaya Faehling, and Andrew Glaszcz.



TEAM B-Joey Zimmer, Katelyn Matenaer, Brooke Voelker, Aaron Tennies, Isabel Sadownikow, Kate Davies, Megan Tennies, Logan Birchbauer, Jordyn Wedemayer, Brady Steier, Nate Waech, and Kelsey Schommer.

TEAM C-Aidan Schmidt, Matt Bonertz, Casey Gerber, Elise Sturn, Maddie Rettler, Ellie Meurer, Curtis Holbrook, Sophie Slaughenhou, Payton Rossebo,

Taylor Chemer, Bella Gilbert, and Kegan Tighe.

Preliminary Round games are played on Mondays and Wednesdays...April 27th, May 2nd, May 5th, May 9th, May 11th, and May 16th. The Playoffs are scheduled for May 19th with the 2nd and 3rd place teams playing at 3:00pm, followed by the winner taking on the 1st place team for this year's title.



## golf classic promises great weather, lots of fun!

The 13th annual Holy Angels Golf Classic will again be held on a Friday with participants in this year's Classic having an opportunity to "play hooky" at the end of a work week in support of our school. This year's date is Friday, August 5th, and things will begin with a light breakfast before the 8:00am shotgun start. Foursomes will play a "scramble" format (which means that even if your round is anything like the principal's, you can still have a good time!).

Following a fun-filled morning of accurate drives and well-read putts, golfers will be treated to lunch in the clubhouse. Of course, some of the time on the course may involve finding wayward shots in the water or laughing at the principal's drive into the trees or just past the ladies' tee.



There will be prizes for action on the course (including a putting contest), and raffle items in the clubhouse. This year's Classic again promises as much fun as past events while providing an early start to a summertime weekend...all in support of Holy Angels School. More information and links to registration forms will be posted on the school website.



Over the past twelve years, the Golf Classic has generated over \$100,000 for Holy Angels School. The funds have been used to acquire lunchroom tables and desks for classrooms, and to help purchase textbooks for math, social studies and science. This year's effort will allow us to provide new bookcases for classrooms as part of the 21st Century Classrooms project.

Many thanks to Phil Dahlberg for putting together this year's event committee. We are still looking for volunteers to help on the day of the Golf Classic on the course and in the clubhouse. If you can spare a Friday morning, please contact Phil (262-305-3063).

In addition, we are looking for more event sponsors. Supporters can sponsor a hole, provide hole prizes, donate door prizes, or anything else that might come to mind!

## more unused meds and hazardous waste

As another school year ends, most of the everyday student supplies and belongings will be sent home with the students. Some students also have medication locked in the office. Parents should either pick up their child's medication at the end of the school year or send a note authorizing the school to send medication home with the student. Any medication which is left in the office after June 15th will be disposed of.

Speaking of disposal...There will be a Clean Sweep for Washington County residents on May 7th, 8:00am until noon. This year's event will be held at the Slinger Highway Shop. The sweep will include: hazardous waste and electronic goods, pharmaceuticals, and used tires. For more information, visit the website: [www.co.washington.wi.us/cleansweep](http://www.co.washington.wi.us/cleansweep) or call 335-4808.