



# FAMILY NEWSLETTER

Holy Angels School - West Bend

*Let Us Build a House Where Love Can Grow*

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Greetings...

As we've been working on the Self-Study for next year's Accreditation Visit, one of the standards involves the school's mission. It's clear that our students can easily tell you that... "we belong to a Catholic community which gathers..." (students can finish the rest!). I wonder if parents can also articulate our school's mission. I'm sure that our community has a sense of why we are here but perhaps not in so many words. A shortened version which maintains the essence of our mission statement can be found below.

The first week of May is Teacher Appreciation Week at Holy Angels...although it appears that the national celebration is the following week. 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 as they work to build a house where love can grow.

The 21st Century Classroom Project continues to move forward as planned. Some of the lockers were recently removed and we'll be looking for help with the rest of them as the school year ends (probably June 3rd). We'll also need some volunteers to empty the K4 classroom and science lab in preparation for remodeling of those rooms. During the summer months, the painters will be next as they repaint the hallways. Then the most visible upgrade will take place with the installation of new lockers. Much to do. We have been blessed by generous financial support and the giving of time by folks like Tim Heinen, Scott Helnes, Jim Schmidt and many others.

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 in the days to come. 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.

The Athletic Committee will be looking for two new members. With great appreciation we offer thanks to Linda Stanek and Stacey Birchbauer for their years of service to the program. Much of what our student-athletes have been able to experience has been through their efforts!

When Fr. Pat was assigned to Holy Angels Parish last June, according to the custom of Archbishop ListECKI, he was assigned as parish administrator. The Archbishop believes that the parish and the new priest should spend some time getting to know each other and determining if the assignment is a good "fit" before the assignment of "pastor" is given. The official title did not change his responsibilities but the official designation as shepherd of the parish does add an important spiritual dimension to the role of an administrator.

Fr. Pat and the parish and school spent some time getting to know each other over the past months and from everyone's perspective it was a good experience. And so he has now been appointed pastor of Holy Angels Parish. Archbishop ListECKI will celebrate the 4:00pm Mass on Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup>, and make the assignment official with the ceremony that accompanies the installation of pastor.

Finally, the end of the line is in sight for the Class of 2017. It has really been a good year with this group of students...a group with much to offer. They have been called upon to help make our school a place where love can grow. 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 shaped by what they have learned here.

Peace be with you,

*Mike Sternig*

**Mission: To proclaim the Gospel, serve others and praise God as we grow in faith, knowledge, values and respect.**

# the 2017-18 school year begins with changes

Registrations for the 2017-2018 school year are now being accepted. We had asked that current school families return their Financial Agreement Form and Tuition Option Form by April 28th and most of the 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 2017-18 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.

*2016-2017  
Tuition Due:  
May 15th*

Just a reminder that a portion of the Instructional Fee for the 2017-2018 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.

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Instructional  
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As we continue with the process of planning for next year, there will again be some changes in class configurations as the double-class grades move into seventh and eighth grade. At the intermediate level (grades 3-5), we will continue to keep instructional groups small in math and/or reading/language arts with additional part-time RLC staffing at these grade levels. As always, there is a commitment to meeting the needs of every student enrolled at Holy Angels.

As we look at staffing for the 2017-18 school year, there will be a few changes. At the second grade level, Renee Altendorf will be moving to the second grade and providing additional support. Librarian Porrie Sturm will not be returning and so students will find Kate Walter in the library, helping them to find books they will enjoy and resources that help them to discover new ideas. Music teachers Peggy Kriefall and Lindsey VanderWielen have helped us through this past school year, but will not be returning in that role. However, Lindsey will continue to assist with liturgical music.

The 21st Century Project will also provide a whole new look in several areas. Most notable changes will be found in the hallways, K4 classroom and junior high science room. The summer should again prove to be full of exciting renovations!

## band concert to be held at holy angels

The combined Holy Angles-Cabrini Band will be presenting its Spring Concert on Tuesday, May 16th, at 7:00pm, in the Holy Angels Cedar Room. Under the direction of Dr. Walter Rich, the band has developed its repertoire and incorporates a much fuller instrumentation each year.

The public is invited to come and enjoy this year's final performance of the band.

## 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.

The recent responses to the Parent Questionnaire will provide some direction for possible changes. In addition, 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 17th. 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 10th: 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.

At the beginning of each school year, the School Committee considers goals which are more long-range in nature. Parents are also encouraged to make suggestions with regard to future directions and needs of the school.

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 spring a time of endless change. 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 2017 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 24th. This year's retreat will again 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 touring 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, June 2nd, is really the big day for the eighth graders. 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. Many thanks to coordinator Paul Myers, who was assisted by HA alum and former Grand Master Liesel Myers.



In the Good Knights (novice) division, Cameron McAndrews defeated Alex Matenaer in one semi-final while Michael Held defeated Aiden Schneeberger to advance to the finals. Cameron claimed top honors by defeating Michael in the championship matchup.

In the Mighty Rooks division, sixth grader Tyler Tennies defeated fourth grader Gabe Guminski to claim the title of Grand Master in this year's tournament with Gabe being recognized with the Master title. Other top finishers were Joseph Zimmer (3rd place) and Joe Held (4th place).

## the real world 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: Ryan Schneeberger (JA-Ourselves, K5); Jamie Kroening (JA-Our Families, Gr1); Ben Kohnen (JA-Our Community, Gr2); Brian Birchbauer (JA-Our City, Gr3); Mark Fichtner (JA-Our Region, Gr4); Sherry Tennies and Ryan Schneeberger (JA-America Works, Gr6); Kara Guse (JA-Global Market, Gr7); and Carol Altschwager (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 5th. Mrs. Thelen is a trained presenter of the program at Holy Angels and will be assisted BizTown by Memorie Wiedmeyer, Amy Barnes, Matt Sternig, Amanda Palmstein, Jennifer Koehn, Todd Guse, Chris Olson, and Kelly Waala,.

## hoping for another day in the sun

As another school year comes to a close, Holy Angels students prepare (not really) for their participation in the 36th annual Holy Angels Olympic Day. This year's event is scheduled for Monday, June 5th 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 empty 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.

## accelerated readers to battle

The annual Battle of the Accelerated Readers will take place on Wednesday, May 10th, 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 participants include: Blue Team-Greta Friemel, Madison Bell, Megan Minz, Matt Zier, Isaac Fichtner, and Taylor Chemer; White Team-Addisyn Gundrum, Olivia Worth, Maria Olson, Natalie Daute, Greta Zier, and Zoey Zimmer.

The Battle will again feature questions from Holy Angels readers in the Power Round. This year's power round special topic is "books in a series". 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!

## many thanks to many volunteers

Parents frequently mention that one of the strengths of Holy Angels is the many volunteers at our school. We are truly blessed by the countless hours that our many volunteers share in service to our school community. As prospective families tour the school, a comment is often made about the number of volunteers in the building who are helping out.

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.

Throughout the year, the names of some of these volunteers have appeared in the Family Newsletter or parish bulletin. However, 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 6th, our many volunteers will be recognized as a group for their ministry to our school. Following the 8:00am Mass, there will be a Thanks-A-Brunch in the Walnut Room for volunteers until dismissal time at 10:00am. 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.

**Thanks-a-  
Brunch**

**June 6th**

**Following  
8:00 Mass**

## 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:** Sixth Grade: Veronica Beisbier, Jack Bell\*, Aislinn Carey\*, Madeline Ciriacks\*, Sophie Dahlberg\*, Natalie Daute, Ellie Eckert\*, Peyton Fountain, Amber Georgenson\*, Jessica German, Allison Glaszcz\*, Delanie Heinen\*, Thaddeus Jamieson\*, Jonah Nagel\*, Nicholas Paul\*, Caroline Peplinski\*, Mason Peters, Nathan Ratzel, Emily Rauch\*, Jack Sadownikow, Kaylee Schiller\*, Alex Schneeberger, Fiona Shaw\*, Calen Stanek\*, Tyler Tennies\*, Olivia Walker\*, Nora Walter\*, and Samuel Wiedmeyer\*.

**Seventh Grade:** Ericka Beistle\*, Lola Chemer\*, Richard Conlin\*, Jonathan Dorow\*, Isaac Fichtner\*, Alex Gonzalez, Aiden Guse, Joseph Held, Michael Kleinhans\*, Daniel Krause, Hailey Matenaer, Will Mueller\*, Leah Nagel\*, Jacob Rauch, Leah Rosene, Konnor Sadownikow\*, Owen Schmidt\*, Hannah Schroeder\*, Caelen Spartz, Isabelle Sternig\*, Keegan Tennies\*, Nicholas Whittle, Caitlin Wohlt, and Greta Zier\*.

**Eighth Grade:** Taylor Chemer\*, Kate Davies, Casey Gerber\*, Andrew Glaszcz\*, Curtis Holbrook, Morgan Krause\*, Elizabeth Meurer\*, Payton Rossebo, Veronica Sadownikow\*, Christian Spaeth, Aaron Tennies\*, Nate Waech, Jordyn Wedemayer, Laura Zautner\*, and Joseph Zimmer\*.

## scrip sales continue to support school

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. 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 plans to again 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)).

What a great way to generate funds for the school while also paying down tuition costs...just by shopping!

## festival of angels just around the corner

The annual Festival of Angels will kick off the summer on June 9th, 10th and 11th with free entertainment all weekend. 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. Music begins at 7:00pm. Of course the famous Festival of Angels Fish Fry will be available, while supplies last...come early, stay late!

Saturday afternoon's entertainment is the *Jackson Park Jazz Orchestra* which features HA alum Dean Teofilo. He organized this entertaining group of dads several years ago and they have brought enjoyment to many different gatherings. They will be here from 1:00pm until 3:45pm. Saturday evening will feature *The Now* starting at 7:00pm...again, no cover charge.

On Sunday, the *Goodtime Dutchmen* will be here for the Polka Mass at 11:00am as well as the afternoon. Later in the day, there will be a family band from Grand Rapids, Michigan. This is an extremely talented family so plan on having a fun time as they play from 5:00pm until close.

Advanced ride tickets will be available at 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!

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.

To join other Holy Angels School families in volunteering to help with the children's games, simply use this link: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f48aeaf29a6fe3-holy>

*Festival  
Of  
Angels:*

*June  
9-11*



## co-ed intramural softball to start

The Holy Angels Intramural Slowpitch Softball League will begin its 36th 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: Casey Gerber, Christian Spaeth, Quentin Butschlick, Aaron Tennes, Andrew Glaszcz, Curtis Holbrook, Ty Stanek, Brady Steier, Joseph Zimmer, Taylor Chemer, Ronnie Sadownikow, Ellie Meurer, Jordyn Wedemayer, Morgan Krause, Brooke Voelker, Laura Zautner, Payton Rossebo;



Konnor Sadownikow, Michael Kleinhans, Keegan Tennes, Alex Gonzalez, Jayden Omernick, Joe Held, Daniel Krause, Will Mueller, Riley Becker, Owen Schmidt, Blake Ericson, Aiden Guse, Caelen Spartz, Jenna Rondorf, Beth Bateman, Leah Nagel, Leah Rosene, Avelina Wolfe, Hailey Matenaer, Lola Chemer, Ericka Beistle, Isabelle Sternig,



Hannah Schroeder, Grace Waala, Caitlin Wohlt, and Beth Bateman.

Preliminary Round games are played on Mondays and Wednesdays...May 1st, May 3rd, May 8th, May 10th, May 15th, and May 17th. The Playoffs are scheduled for May 22nd with the 3rd and 4th place teams playing at 3:00pm, followed by the championship matchup between the 1st and 2nd place team.

## u.s. open has nothing on the h.a. golf classic

When this summer's U.S. Open fades into memory, the 14th annual Holy Angels Golf Classic will again provide a premier golfing event for the area. Held again on a Friday, participants in this year's Classic will have an opportunity to "play hooky" at the end of a work week in support of our school. This year's date is Friday, August 4th, and things will begin with a light breakfast before the 8:00am shotgun start. Foursomes will play a "scramble" format.

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 years, the Golf Classic has generated over \$110,000 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 science equipment for next year's revised science curriculum.

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 6th, 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.