

FAMILY NEWSLETTER

Holy Angels School - West Bend

"Come Holy Spirit... You Are Welcome Here"

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Greetings,

The long-awaited Accreditation Team Visit is coming on November 7th and 8th. The faculty and staff has been working overtime during the past year putting together the Self-Study and assembling documentation and evidence. I'd like to especially thank the Leadership Team for all of their efforts in coordinating the work that was involved: Phylis Gibbon, Kristin Walker, Marge Gengler, Jody Bender, Maureen Anhalt, and Renee Altendorf.

Speaking of "self-study", the annual Parent-Student-Teacher Conferences are coming soon! Actually, it's good to know that there is an opportunity for a "reality check" as students bring home the first quarter report card. Hopefully, all will be good news with students creating new knowledge and understanding each day of their journey through the school year. If you are a parent of a student in grades K4 through 5, be sure to sign up for conferences online by Tuesday, November 8th. See related article for the link.

As our theme for this year reminds us...the Spirit is welcome here!. There are so many evidences that God's Spirit is not only welcome, but thriving in our school community. Our students have so many wonderful role models around here. I'm forever amazed at the amount of energy and level of commitment to Holy Angels that comes from our school parents. It's terrific to see so many new parents also stepping forward eager to help and share new ideas.

Not long ago, our Big and Little Buddies Field Trip to the Shalom Wildlife Zoo was supported by many who sponsored busses: Guminski Family, Klausmeier Family, Faehling Family, Scott Sadownikow Family, Chris Guse Family, Walker Family, Therese Kohn, and Roger & Linda Liebetrau.

This week has seen Holy Angels student-athletes involved in the HA Volleyball Classic which is made possible by many volunteers. Then there's Trunk or Treat and intramurals. Whether it's Athletic Committee, Development Committee, Gifts from the Heart, HAS-HOPE, School Committee, HAS-PAC, or the multitude of angels helping during the school day, there are parents (and others) whose works really show the Spirit of God at work and welcome here! Thank you.

The Holy Angels faculty will also be involved in service and outreach activities this month. Every other year, the faculty retreat day is a service retreat. In the past, teachers have helped with Habitat for Humanity, Family Promise, Meal Programs, WB Food Pantry and more.

There will be a junior high dance in a couple of weeks for students at Holy Angels and Cabrini. One of the concerns that came up in planning was the worry about students using cell phones to take photos at the dance. To the naïve, this seems to be a fun thing to do. But for those charged with the physical and emotional safety of young people, the risk of someone taking an embarrassing photo and posting it for all to see is a real concern. I mention this again because our technological world and social media is not always a safe place. Parents really need to become aware of what their children are doing with technology whenever they choose to place such a powerful device in their child's hands.

Finally, with Thanksgiving just around the corner, I want to take this opportunity to express my deepest appreciation for all...teachers, parents and grandparents, students, parish members, parish staff...who make it possible to have a terrific school like Holy Angels. It is truly a blessing to be able to spend each day in a place where love can grow because of the people who are gathered.

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.

p/s/t signup: online by november 7th

Parents of students in grades K4 through 5 are asked to sign up for a Parent/Student/Teacher Conference time online this year. In the past parents have really appreciated the online method of scheduling their conference. The deadline for scheduling a conference is Tuesday, November 7th. Here is the URL for the online sign up: www.SignUpGenius.com/go/508054BACAA28A75-parentstudenttea1

For those who do not sign up, the classroom teacher will simply assign a conference time. Parents will receive a confirmation of their conference time with the report cards on November 10th.

For those grades where a child has more than one teacher, parents are asked to *only* sign up with the homeroom teacher. However, parents may also meet with teachers of phy ed, world languages, art, music and the RLC staff if they are available. If you need to have a conference with someone who is not available, contact that teacher directly to set up an appointment at another time.

p/s/t conference: need to know

The first quarter grading period ends next week (November 3rd) and the teachers will be spending the weekend on their computers using StandardsScore to calculate and post grades. Parents can get a preview of their child's report card by simply viewing assignment, quiz and test grades online. Report cards, confirmed conference times, and financial statements will be sent home with students on Friday, November 10th.

The dates for this year's Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences are November 14th, 16th and 17th. Each year, the teaching staff has tried to provide extra evening hours so that more parents can participate in these important meetings of teachers, parents and students.

The Tuesday evening conferences will start at 5:00pm and end at 8:00pm. On Thursday, conferences will also begin at 5:00pm and end at 8:00pm. Because teachers (and students) will have put in a full day and need to prepare for another school day, parents are urged to adhere to the 8:00pm closing time. There will again be classes in the morning on Friday; the Friday conference times will be from 12:30pm until 3:00pm.

Since many parents regularly have opportunities to meet with Mrs. Rose, conferences for K3 and K4 students are highly optional. Those K3 parents who wish to meet with Mrs. Rose should contact her directly.

The conference periods for grades 1-5 are 15 minutes long and a signal will usually sound (unless the principal gets tied up with something) at the end of each period. K4 and K5 conferences are 20 minutes. Please respect the schedule of others by completing your conference on time. If more time is needed, simply schedule a follow-up in the near future. Please do NOT extend your conference time.

Parents of junior high students (grades 6, 7 and 8) will be able to meet with their choice of junior high teachers during any of the evening conference times in the Walnut Room. However, parents and students must meet with at least one of their teachers for attendance purposes. It is suggested that junior high students bring their assignment notebook to the P/S/T conferences. Individual junior high conferences should be kept to 5-10 minutes. On Friday afternoon, junior high teachers will be scheduling group conferences and will not be available for individual conferences. Parents wishing to meet with the entire junior high staff should contact their child's homeroom teacher.

The teachers of phy ed, music, art, and world languages will also have tables in the Walnut Room during the evening conference times. However, the specialists may not be available on both evenings. Parents may simply request a call back if they are not able to meet with a specific teacher.

Because conference days are considered to be contact days at Holy Angels, students must be present for at least part of the P/S/T Conference. If there is a need for private discussion, the student may be asked to leave for a while. Conferences are most effective when other family members are not present since this is really a personal matter among teacher, student and parent.

Parents can prepare for the conferences by discussing with their child things they enjoy about school and things that they find difficult. We hope that the P/S/T Conferences will help parents and teachers communicate about the growth that is taking place and to discover the best ways to help students continue to grow.

<p>P/S/T Conferences</p> <p>Nov. 14</p> <p>Nov. 16</p> <p>Nov. 17</p>

book fair coming to h.a.s.

The annual Scholastic Book Fair returns to Holy Angels during the P/S/T Conferences. A wide assortment will be on display in the Library Media Center for students and parents to select from. Proceeds from the Book Fair are used to purchase new additions to the library collection.

The Book Fair will be open during the following times: Tuesday (Nov. 14th) and Thursday (Nov. 16th) from 5:00 until 8:00pm. The Book Fair will not be open on Friday. Be sure to stop in and browse while waiting for your conference. Payments by cash, check or credit/debit card will be accepted.

jrhi events just around the corner

Holy Angels and Cabrini continue the tradition of providing a dance for the junior high students of both schools. The Fall Dance will be sponsored by the Holy Angels Student Council. It will held on Friday, November 10th (this is a change from the original schedule), from 7:00 to 10:00pm.

Students are asked to bring a non-perishable food item for the West Bend Food Pantry, as well as snacks or beverages to share (depending on their grade). Students are not allowed to use cell phones during the event.

Friday, December 1st, is just a flip of the calendar away and Holy Angels junior high students will again have the option of extending their school day by over TWO HOURS! Instead of the usual 2:50pm dismissal, students can choose to stay until 5:00pm. Of course the junior high staff will make sure that the students have an assortment of activities to keep them busy...3-on-3 basketball, volleyball, board games, airless hockey and ping-pong, music and food!

The annual Junior High Winterfest is sponsored by the junior high staff to provide a chance for students to kick back and enjoy some out-of-school (but in-school) fun and time together.

local pizza location supports school

Papa Murphy's Take 'n Bake Pizza on South Main Street is again providing an opportunity to eat for the good of Holy Angels. On special Thursdays each month, our school receives a percentage of the sales from Holy Angels supporters. Flyers can be found on the Holy Angels School website. They are even available at Papa Murphy's thanks to some family volunteers who will be handing out the flyers to regular customers as well.



The next opportunity to "raise some dough" is Thursday, November 9th, from 4:00pm until 6:00pm. The December date has also been set...Thursday, December 7th.

student-faculty game to serve up excitement

This year's Student-Faculty Volleyball Game will be played on Tuesday, November 21st starting at 1:30pm in the gym. The game traditionally matches the eighth grade girls volleyball team against the faculty. This year's Faculty Team is again bringing in reinforcements from the parish staff to help them out. They are up against a formidable student squad which saw its share of success throughout the volleyball season and the Holy Angels Classic. One of the eighth grade teams was invited to this year's Seton Invitational and several of the players will likely have an impact if they decide to continue the sport at the high school level.

magazine drive generates reading and funds

The annual Magazine Renewal Drive is once more upon us. Instead of the usual renewal packages, parents will be receiving a flyer via email. At one time the Magazine Drive was our school's major fund raiser. However, with technology, many people have moved to e-magazines for their reading. There are still many who enjoy reading a real magazine. Here's an opportunity to renew a subscription and provide a benefit to Holy Angels...we receive 40% of the subscription rate!

Look over the flyer (when you receive it), contact a few family members and friends, and re-send the flyer to them as well. Simple and low-keyed. Thanks for your help.

royals in volleyball classic trophy matches

The fall sports season will soon come to an end for the Holy Angels volleyball teams. At the 21st annual Holy Angels Volleyball Classic this week, the 7th and 8th grade teams have been playing through pool play and eight-team brackets to reach the final rounds on Saturday. Holy Angels will be well-represented in the awards matches in the final round.

Both Holy Angels 8th grade teams won their first round match to move into the championship bracket. In the second round, HA-Blue faced a resilient St. Joseph team in a match that went into a third game. HA took an early lead but ended on the short side of a 17-16 score in the deciding game. They will play for third place on Saturday at 2:15pm.



HA-White defeated St. Monica/St. Eugene 2-0 to claim a spot in Saturday's championship match against St. Joseph at 3:15pm.



The HA-Blue team will extend its season with participation in the Seton Volleyball Tournament. The team faces St. Monica/St. Eugene on November 1st, at 7:30pm.

In pool action at the 7th grade level, HA-Blue lost both matches by slim margins against Cabrini and John XXIII. HA-White split their pool play matches, defeating St. Agnes and losing a tight match against St. Joseph. They will face John XXIII for third place honors on Saturday. Cabrini and St. Joseph will vie for the 7th grade championship.



Many thanks to the coaching staff for sharing their time and talent throughout the entire season. Players, coaches and volunteers will be recognized at the Fall Sports Pot Luck Supper on October 30th as families gathered in the Walnut Room to share a meal and memories of the volleyball season. This year's guest alumni speakers will be high school senior athletes Virginia Arndt and Emma Dahlberg.

basketball begins with practices in november

The 2017-18 basketball season will begin with the Parent Meeting on November 1st, at 6:00pm. At least one parent of each player is expected to attend the meeting which covers expectations of the program, the players, the coaches, and the parents. Emergency and Parental Consent forms will be distributed at the meeting; these must be on file along with a physical form before a player can participate in practices. There will be a make-up session scheduled for parents who are not able to attend.



All of the teams will begin practices during the week of November 6th. This year, there will be two boys teams at the eighth grade level and one team for boys at each of the other grade levels. For the girls, there will be one team at fifth, sixth, and seventh grades. Holy Angels and Cabrini will again combine at the eighth grade level, this year as a Holy Angels team.

Holy Angels participates in the Washington-Ozaukee Catholic Conference where the competition includes teams from the following schools: St. John XXIII (formerly Port Catholic), St. Joseph, St. Francis Borgia, St. Kilian, St. Gabriel, and St. Frances Cabrini.

Teams may also participate in tournaments sponsored by Catholic schools and in games with other Archdiocesan schools. However, Archdiocesan teams are not permitted to play in tournaments or with teams that are not associated with the Archdiocese.

In addition to working with admissions/concessions during league games, parents are expected to sign up for assisting at the HA Basketball Classic: January 15, 17, 20 (8th grade) and January 22, 24, 27 (7th grade). Parents help with concessions, admissions, scoreboard or scorebook, security, and other areas.

food baskets prepared for others

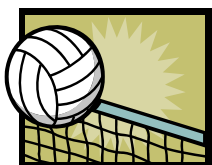
During the month of November, the junior high students are learning and serving. The House of Peace in Milwaukee is again involving schools in their annual Holiday Food Basket program to help teach compassion and feed those in need. The House of Peace provides over 1000 needy households with food for holiday meals.

Each junior high homeroom will be filling four Food Baskets containing items that will help a family prepare holiday meals: mashed potatoes, stuffing, green beans, corn, cranberry sauce, sweet potatoes/yams, cake mix, frosting, pudding/jello, cornbread mix, and mac 'n cheese.

The students may also get involved in decorating the food boxes and writing notes to the recipients. Classroom teachers hope that students will see their efforts as being angels to others as the students answer their call to serve.

fourth graders take over volleyball court

Now that the interscholastic volleyball season is over, the fourth graders have the opportunity to take the court as part of the intramural volleyball program. The multiple sessions fit snugly during the break between interscholastic volleyball and basketball. The gym will be filled with serves, sets, bumps, and an occasional spike (unfortunately, not many spikes actually make it over the net). This year's program was again co-ed with new teams formed each session.



Participants included: Mitchell Birchbauer, Ky Busch, Emily Cegielski, Olivia Daute, Ry-lee Faehling, Addisyn Gundrum, Jaylee Heinen, Mikey Held, Laila Hertel, Ella Kohnen, Evelyn Laforest, Layla Reichenberger, Max Sadownikow, Aiden Schneeberger, Katie Steier, Colton Steinmetz, Hudson Taylor, Elliot Weber, Morgan Winkler, and Violet Zier.

Thanks to Renee Altendorf for coordinating the intramural volleyball program and a note of appreciation to all of the parents who have offered their help during this year's intramurals.

pac news...treats and packer pizza party

The annual Trunk or Treat will be held on the school playground tonight (October 27th). With no rain in the forecast (huh???), this year's event promises to be the best ever!! Thank you to everyone who will be decorating their trunks and providing treats for the children of Holy Angels. Also, a huge thank you to those who helped plan the event, and to all the volunteers who'll be there early to help with setup.

There will be a PAC meeting on November 1st, at 7:00pm. Kindly RSVP by October 31st if you can attend (New members are welcome to join in planning an upcoming event or share ideas). Contact: Heidi Sternig at heidisternig@gmail.com

The next PAC event is "Pizza, Packers, and Parents". Here's a chance to get a babysitter (they'll enjoy making some cash on a weekend) and join other adults (only) for a raucous green-and-gold party. The event will be held on November 12th, beginning at 11:30am, in the Walnut Room. Wow...Adults getting together for some fun before noon!!! Be sure to register by November 6th...free pizza for the most represented grade level!

team to visit school for accreditation

As part of the Milwaukee Archdiocese, Holy Angels School is completing the process for accreditation that is required every seven years. During the 2016-17 school year, the faculty and staff completed a Self Study which encompassed four domains: Mission and Catholic Identity, Governance and Leadership, Academic Excellence, and Operational Vitality. Seventy-three benchmarks were studied and evaluated.

On November 7 and 8, several educators from other archdiocesan schools will form a Visitation Team. Their goal is to verify the results of the Self Study by examining all of the documents, interviewing teachers, parents and community members, and observing firsthand what Holy Angels School is all about.

Parents may be contacted by team members as part of the process and you are encouraged to "share your story".

Already, the results of the Self-Study have provided us with areas where we can "do better" and we are sure that the Visiting Team will also provide new insights which will assist us in making Holy Angels a "unique, premier and enduring Catholic school for many generations to come.

from the shalom wildlife zoo...



...thanks buddies!!!