

FAMILY NEWSLETTER

Holy Angels School - West Bend

"Let Us Build a House Where Love Can Grow"

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Greetings!

It's amazing how often this year's theme comes alive in everyday events. Here at Holy Angels, we're trying to focus on better building up a parish community that shares God's love with others. Fr. Pat continues to encourage parish members to warmly welcome each other and those around us when we begin Mass together as the People of God. Our parish outreach efforts are seen as more than just sending money to Sagrada Familia or All Saints in Milwaukee...it's sharing God's love by connecting with our brothers and sisters in those places.

In school, our newly remodeled area are places where something really great happens...students grow in faith, knowledge, values and respect. And above these is love...love of knowledge, love of faith, love of the Gospel values and love of those we share each day through acts and words of kindness. It seems that Pope Francis continuously calls on people of all nations (even the United States!) to act with kindness and mercy.

A few weeks ago, the sixth graders spent Thursday and Friday at Camp Gray and the evening vespers included the lighting of candles and a reflection on how our actions bring God's light to the world (and makes it a place where love can grow/glow!). Wherever we went, we experienced ways that we could show willingness to build God's "house" (all creation) by being good stewards/caretakers of God's wonderful creation. By the way, I'm really grateful to Maureen Anhalt, Barb Gunnare, Patty Arndt and Joseph Heit for making the extra effort to share their time with the students at the Environmental Stewardship Program.

I'm sure that many of you share my feeling of time rushing past us as we look at the calendar that is quickly flipping to a new month and realize that September is almost over. The Big and Little Buddies will be traveling to the Pleasure Valley Llama Farm on October 19th for our annual field trip. We're trying to keep the cost down for the Big/Little Buddy Trip by seeking bus sponsors. If you could help, give me a call (or get more information in the related article).

Thanks to all those who signed up for Playground Supervision to help keep things safe on the playground. We're blessed to have Sonia Muckerheide as our Lead Supervisor to provide a consistent day-to-day presence during recess and to provide directions for the other supervisors. Most days are completely covered...but there still a few openings (as usual). Let us know if you can help.

We could also still use volunteers to help in the Health Room during lunch hours. Parents and grandparents are a wonderful asset to our school. We appreciate all of the tender loving care that volunteers provide in taking care of minor injuries. For more information, simply contact Stephanie Rychtik in the school office.

As mentioned at the Parent-in-the-Classroom Night, the Soles for Catholic Education Walk is on October 15th. The walk is an Archdiocese-sponsored event to raise awareness of the value of Catholic education. Participants are encouraged to get sponsors for their walk. All money that is raised by Holy Angels families will stay at Holy Angels...half will go to the Family Assistance Fund (for tuition assistance) and half will be credited to the walker's (or designee's) tuition account or to the Family Assistance Fund. If you want to sponsor me, all of your sponsorship will go directly to the Family Assistance Fund!

The Family Newsletter will continue to be sent to families exclusively through the internet. I am hopeful that the moment you receive it you will actually read it in order to keep up-to-date on school happenings. The Newsletter is also posted on the school website.

Peace be with you,

Mike Sternig

buddies to visit pumpkin farm and more!

This year's Big/Little Buddies Trip takes the students in K4 through 8th grade to the Pleasure Valley Llama Farm near Adell. Holy Angels had previously visited to attraction in 2011 when the Big Buddies were Little Buddies. Now it's their turn to model care and kindness for our younger students.

At Pleasure Valley, groups of buddies will rotate among several stations. They include a corn field maze (with a huge silo), pumpkin picking, an agriculture fair, pig races and more.

The annual Big/Little Buddy event brings together the older and younger members of our school community for a day of fun and fellowship. The pairings this year are: grades 3 and 7, grades 2 and 8, grades 1 and 6, K5 and grade 5, and K4 and grade 4. Pray for good weather for a day outside!.

To help defray the cost of this event, we are seeking sponsors for a bus (or half-bus...one-way only!). If you're interested, simply send your donation (\$100/full bus or \$50/half-a-bus) to the school office.

**Sponsors
Welcome...
a Bus
(or Half-a-
Bus)**

the rosary: prayers for peace in our time

One of the titles for Mary is Our Lady of the Rosary. On Friday, October 7th, students will participate in an all-school rosary beginning at 2:00pm in church. Students in grades three through seven will lead each of the decades, with eighth graders leading the introductory prayers and those between each decade. Students are urged to bring a rosary to school on that day.

The Rosary has traditionally been said as a prayer for peace. At Holy Angels, we continue to try to become better peacemakers while relying on God to show our team the way! Our saying of the Rosary is one way of focusing on our continued need to not only pray for peace, but do something about it! With all of the continued political unrest in today's world, our actions and our prayers are a small step in the right direction.



october 15th: walk for catholic schools

On October 15th, students, parents and supporters of Catholic education will be gathering at Mount Mary University in Wauwatosa to raise awareness about the value of Catholic schools in the greater community (and also raise funds for tuition assistance). The archdiocesan-wide event is a two-mile walk along the Menominee River Parkway with supporters from across southeastern Wisconsin participating.

Holy Angels already has over thirty individuals registered for the walk. It's not too late to join the effort and experience the magnitude of the archdiocesan Catholic schools community. Online registrations are still being accepted. For more information, go to: www.CatholicSchoolsWalk.org. You can also simply sponsor principal Mike Sternig with all funds going to the HAS Family Assistance Fund.

young authors to gather

Several Holy Angels students will be gathering with students from other Catholic schools in the Lumen Alliance for the bi-annual Young Writers' Conference. This year's presenting author is Pamela Quinlan. She is a retired social worker who enjoys freelance writing. Her series of children's books about Spring Pond is inspired by her work as an outdoor tour guide in the Baraboo area.

Participants will learn how to get started in writing and publishing their own book by following the creation of one of the author's books and the nuts-and-bolts that are part of the process. This year's event will be held on October 17th in Mayville.

trunk-or-treat looks for better weather

The annual Trunk-or-Treat event has not experienced a favorable weather history. In fact, it's been cold and drizzly more often than not. However, 2016 promises to bring great weather to the event (perhaps Fr. Pat can have a more positive effect than past prayerful efforts by Fr. Jerry?!?!).

This year's event, sponsored by the Parent Activities Committee (PAC) will be held on Friday, October 28th. Setup on the school parking lot will begin at 6:30pm. At 7:00pm there will be a brief prayer and then the fun begins as students travel among the trunks, tailgates or liftgates in search of treats (and some tricks?).

Mark your calendar but look for more information in the coming weeks.

p/s/t: signup for november conferences

The school year has just begun (so it seems) and it's already time to think about Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences. The dates for these important conversations are: Tuesday, November 15th, 5:00-8:00pm; Thursday, November 17th, 5:00-8:00pm; and Friday, November 18th, 12:30-3:00pm. Please note that there will be an early dismissal (12:00) on November 18th.

This year we again ask parents to sign up for a conference time online. Parents of students in grades K5 through 5 will receive more information regarding the website for signup later in October.

Parents of students in the K3 and K4 programs generally have many opportunities to have conversations with those teachers. Parents should simply contact their child's teacher if there is a concern.

Parents of junior high students (grades six through eight) do not need to set up a meeting time. The junior high teachers will be available on Tuesday and Thursday evenings in the Cedar Room; Friday afternoon is reserved for scheduled group conferences.

magazine renewals through internet and students

It seems as though there's another fund raiser for something every other day in the neighborhood or at work. That's why the annual Magazine Renewal will again follow a no-pressure approach. It's not that we don't want you to renew your subscriptions through us (we do!). And it's not that we can't use the 40% profit from each subscription (we sure can!).

The effort is coordinated through Great American Opportunities which acquired QSP several years ago. We're continuing with the online "Magazine Renewal" in the hope that we can reach everyone who has supported this effort in the past. A link can be found on our school website and renewals can be made at any time...we'll get the 40%!! Or go to: www.qsp.com

More information will be sent home with contact persons at the end of the October or early November.

gifts from the heart and fish fry

The annual Gifts from the Heart Raffle is one of those events that is important in so many ways...it brings people together for an entertaining evening, it provides an opportunity for donors to truly give a gift from their heart, and it provides significant funding for our school. This year's raffle is March 17th.

The planning for this year's event is already beginning and there is always a need for some new involvement. The leaders are in place, but there are a lot of small tasks that need to be divided (if everyone takes a small task, no one gets overwhelmed).

Here's an excellent opportunity for new parents to get involved and share some fresh ideas about the event. For more information or to just say, "Count me in!", call Ross Zautner (334-9833) or the school office.

March 17th is also the evening of the annual Famous Friday Fish Fry. In addition to the usual Holy Angels Festival of Angels fish recipe, this year's event will continue many of the changes from the last couple of years to make the dining experience a delight, including baked fish, dessert bar, beverages-while-you-wait., and the hugely popular all-you-care-to-eat.

The Celtic Company dance troupe is also planning a St. Patty's Day performance during the evening.



sunday liturgies with school students

As part of the parish praying community, Holy Angels students have celebrated our faith each week at Mass on Thursday (unless we have a special feast day) mornings. When families celebrate Eucharist together on weekends, the school and parish come together as a welcoming and supporting faith community.

During the school year, each grade will step forward to add to the prayer experience of a weekend Mass. This is an opportunity to be of service to the parish community as well as a chance for Holy Angels students to witness their growth to the rest of the supporting parish members.

Here's a tentative schedule for the year: October 2nd (11:00pm) - grade 7; October 30th (9:30am) - grade 4; December 24th (Children's Mass) - grade 5; February 5th (8:00am) - grade 3; March 5th (9:30pm) - grade 8; March 18th (4:00pm) - grade 1; March 26th (9:30am) - grade 2; April 30th (11:00am) - grade 6; and May 14th (8:00am) - Kindergarten. Although we expect all students to actively participate in Mass each weekend, this is a special opportunity to be involved in the parish.

setting up for volleyball...then spike

The Holy Angels Volleyball season features some great opportunities for girls to see action. There is one team at the sixth grade level and two teams at the fifth, seventh and eighth grade levels.

Holy Angels belongs to the Washington-Ozaukee Catholic Conference. The league consists of: Holy Angels, St. Frances Cabrini, Port Catholic, St. Francis Borgia, St. Gabriel, St. Kilian, and St. Joseph.

The Holy Angels 6th, 7th and 8th grade teams are also participating in tournaments during the season. While the regular season provides greater opportunities for participation of all team members, tournament play is intended to provide a higher level of competition for those players capable of extra challenge.

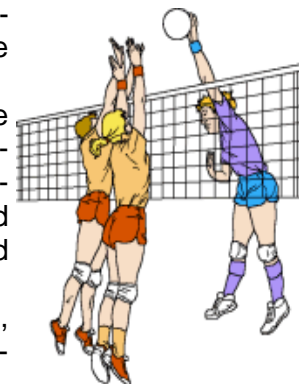
The fifth grade players include: Hannah Andrews, Lorna Bonertz, Claire Cegielski, Teagan Cole, Jade Ericson, Emelia Guse, Emma Hertel, Olivia Klausmeier, Brooke Koebel, Tess Laforest, Megan Minz, Maria Olson, Kate Wiedmeyer, and Brianna Zywicki. They are coached by Kris Bonertz, Liz Minz, Memorie Wiedmeyer and Jenny Zywicki.

The sixth grade VB players are: Reese Stellmacher, Macey Steier, Delanie Heinen, Ellie Eckert, Aislinn Carey, Veronica Beisber, Maddy Ciriacks, Sophie Dahlberg, Natalie Daute, Allie Glaszcz, Estella Lambie, Emily Rauch, Lydia Reichenberger, Kaylee Schiller, Mya Spaar, Claire Voelker, Nora Walter, Olivia Walker, and Caroline Peplinski. Coaches include: Pat Daute, Patti Heinen, Chris Walter and Craig Walker.

At the seventh grade level, the following represent the Royals: Ericka Beistle, Hailey Matenaer, Grace Waala, Caitlin Wohlt, Greta Zier, Leah Rosene, Lydia Bolten, Kira Guse, Leah Nagel, Hannah Schroeder, Isabelle Sternig, and Avelina Wolfe. They are coached by Heidi Sternig, Amy Barnes, Kelly Walla and Casey Wohlt.

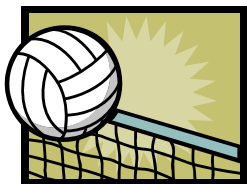
Finally, eighth graders are Ellie Meurer, Ronnie Sadownikow, Morgan Krause, Brooke Voelker, Payton Rossebo, Jordyn Wedemayer, and Kate Davies, with coaches Jo Sadownikow and Tom Voelker.

The schedule of matches can be found on the school website; follow the School Links to Athletics for the full schedule.



h.a. volleyball classic...gathering the area's best

The Holy Angels Athletic Committee will be sponsoring the 19th annual Holy Angels Volleyball Classic during the week of October 24-29. The Classic uses an eight-team bracket format with some of the best teams from the area competing at the seventh and eighth grade levels. Each team is scheduled to play three matches during the week.



On Monday night, the 7th grade teams meet in the first round with matches beginning at 5:00pm. There are four matches each evening. The 8th grade teams take the court on Tuesday for their opening round of play.

The second rounds will be played on Wednesday (7th grade) and Thursday (8th grade). The final round will be played on Saturday starting at 10:00am and culminating with the 7th and 8th grade championship matches at 3:30pm and 5:00pm respectively. Trophies and awards will be presented to all of the teams after each final game.

basketball parents meet for updates

The annual Parent Meeting for basketball is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, November 2nd, at 7:00pm in the gym. At least one parent of each player is expected to attend. If unable to attend, parents should contact an Athletic Committee member to schedule a private informational meeting.

The meeting will cover expectations of the program, the players, the coaches, and the parents. A successful combining of all these elements helps to make the program successful in terms of learning, skill development, and enjoyment for all. It will also provide an update regarding possible changes in conference scheduling of games.

In addition to working with admissions/concessions during league home games, parents will be asked to sign up for assisting at the HA Basketball Classic. This year's tourney will continue to feature The West Bend Championships with the 8th grade championship being played during the week of January 11th to 16th. The 7th grade championship will be played during the week of January 18th to 23th. Parents are needed to help at concessions, admissions, scoreboard or scorebook, and other areas of involvement during the tournament.

junior high dance dates in the works

As part of ongoing efforts to collaborate with neighboring schools, Holy Angels and Cabrini are combining efforts in providing social events for the students of both West Bend schools. In the past three dances are usually planned for the year. However, with only two schools, there will only be two dances.

The 2016-17 school year "dance season" is scheduled to begin at Holy Angels. One of the first tasks of the new Student Council is to come up with a date for the Holy Angels-sponsored dance. There are plans for a spring dance at Cabrini with dates to be determined.

A common set of guidelines have been established...Time: 7:00-10:00pm; only school students in grades 6-8 may attend, guests from other schools are not allowed; permission forms must be turned in at the door; each school will provide door security to check identification and a chaperone; no student will be admitted after 7:30pm (unless approved by the principal); and admission may include a cost and/or items such as snacks/beverages or items for charities.



tuition reduction and school support with scrip

Holy Angels School continues to sponsor the SCRIP program as a means of generating additional income. For those who are still unaware of what SCRIP is (in spite of several previous attempts to explain it), it's simply an offering of prepaid merchandise cards/certificates for a variety of businesses and merchants at face value.

Holy Angels School receives a percentage of the sale on each of the cards/certificates. For example, a \$25 card for Business XYZ costs \$25 (really!), but HA gets to keep \$2.50! The payback to the school varies with some retailers offering up to 17% return.

Involvement in the SCRIP program is optional. Here's how the profits are disbursed...At Holy Angels, participants can designate that 50% of the profit from their purchase can go to each of two of the following: family tuition, school Instructional Budget, or parish. Choice designations may be changed each year through the participation form.

This year, the school's 50% of the profit is being earmarked for the purchase of new teacher desks for the remodeled classrooms. Here's a chance for families to also help classroom teachers update their workspace.

SCRIP is available each week! Orders placed by 9:00am on Mondays will be available for distribution through contact persons (or other means of distribution) on Friday! Got a birthday or anniversary coming up and don't have time to shop for a gift? Simple...order a gift card through SCRIP! Many popular cards are also available for immediate purchase after Mass on the weekend.

Order forms are available in the school office or on the school website...see the LINKS page on the school website. Scrip can also be ordered directly online!!! Many thanks to Rhonda Faehling and Leslie Jamieson for coordinating the program again this year at Holy Angels.

field trips help students explore and learn

The field trip schedule for the 2016-2017 school year has been posted on the school website (under the Calendars link). We hope this will provide parents with some advance notice about a field trip for your son or daughter. All field trips have an educational or formational goal and it's expected that all students will participate in them. Field trips are viewed as a part of the curriculum.

We are aware of concerns about the added costs of field trips for families and therefore we try to provide a few good experiences for students which are as reasonably priced as possible. Destinations are combined when possible to keep transportation costs down. One of the great unknowns as we tried to estimate field trip fees is the cost of transportation with today's wildly fluctuating fuel prices.

If the expense of a field trip creates a burden for your family, please contact the principal. There are some "friends of HA" who have offered to help cover the expense so that no student is denied an educational experience..

**SCRIPT
CARDS
AVAILABLE
EACH WEEK:**

**Order Monday;
Receive Friday**

needed forms for cell phones, inhalers

From time to time, procedures are put in place which don't affect everyone at school right away. However at some later time, they may affect a family and therefore need repeating...

Cellular phones: Students are not allowed to carry or use cellular phones without written permission. If parents need their child to have a cell phone at school, they must request the application form. The completed form will be signed by the principal and returned. Students who violate the provisions on the application will be denied further use of a cell phone at school. Please note that cell phone permission must be renewed each year.



Inhalers: Several students have inhalers in the school office for use in the event of an asthma attack. At times, parents may want their child to carry their inhaler. Medication forms are required for all medications in school. In addition, permission for a student to possess and use an inhaler must include training and approval by the student's physician. A separate form assures the school that the student knows when and how to self-administer a medication (inhaler). This form also provides classroom teachers with the necessary information regarding a student's use of an inhaler. Students may not carry an inhaler without the proper training and permission.

thinking about yearbooks

In order to get a step ahead in producing the best Holy Angels Yearbook ever, planning for the 2016-17 edition has already begun. The first step is to contract with our printer for this year's work. To complete that process, we need to have a solid figure for the number of yearbooks which will be produced.

The ordering of yearbooks this year will be a little different than in the past. An order form envelope is being sent home with contact persons. Family orders should be placed with the family contact person's envelope. (Note: the envelope *should* say "one envelope for each family"). Families may also order online with a credit card. Although the deadline for the pre-sale price of \$14.00 will be honored until December 31st, don't wait...information like this tends to get lost easily when set aside.

Finally, photos for the yearbook can be submitted by e-mail to gibbonp@hawb.org or through a link that will be established in the future.

vb banquet/pot luck coming

To celebrate the end of a successful fall sports season, the Athletic Committee is sponsoring a Volleyball Banquet on Monday, October 31st. Student-athletes and their parents are invited to share a "pot luck" meal beginning at 6:00pm in the Walnut/Cedar Rooms.

After the meal, highlights of the season will be recalled along with messages from some special guest speakers. As the event nears, Mr. Draxler will send more information home with student-athletes. Families are asked to RSVP as requested so that plans can be made for the large gathering.

after-school on the playground

Each year there seems to be a need to review after school rules about use of the playground. At the end of the school day, the playground is closed and students should be aware of the rule. That has caused some questions by parents. There are several reasons which may not be apparent, but they have to do with safety.

First of all, the playground is not supervised after school. Although some parents are here and their children are being supervised (we assume), there are often friends whose parents are not present (translate: not supervised) who want to also play on the equipment. It's really hard to figure out each day who is being supervised and who is just there on their own! When students are playing on the playground, they are not watching for their ride which causes dangerous and frustrating backups for other families waiting to pick up students. There are signs posted at the request of the parish's insurer and their purpose is to limit the parish's exposure to litigation in the event of an injury after school hours.

It's great that parents have an opportunity to gather and socialize (face to face!) at the end of the school day...that's one of the ways community is formed. However, the students have enough opportunities to play on the playground together during the regular school day. And so it's suggested that parents simply gather a little earlier to talk and then leave when students are dismissed at 2:50pm.

For the safety of all and the orderly flow of the dismissal process, the playground is not open at the end of the school day. Parents are asked to model support for our school rules and the after-school closure.

calling for distinguished graduates

During Catholic Schools Week, the Holy Angels School Committee will again present the NCEA Distinguished Graduate Award. At this time, the School Board is accepting nominations for the 2017 Distinguished Graduate Award. Parishioners are invited to nominate a Holy Angels graduate for this year's presentation.

If you would like to place someone's name in nomination, simply send a note to the school office with the person's name and mention a few reasons why this person should be considered for the award. If you don't know the year of graduation, please provide an approximate date (we'll look it up!).

You can also nominate someone by contacting any School Committee member before the regular October meeting (October 12th).

Past recipients of this award were Noreen Laufer (1994), Ted Casper (1995), Judy DuCharme (1996), Herb Tennes (1997), Harry German (1998), Mike Gonring (1999), Andy Gonring (2000), Jim Schmidt (2001), Nancy Mehring (2002), Richard Klumb (2003), Ken Hemauer (2004), Patty Hupfer Riedel (2005), Joe & Diane (Klumb) Carlson (2006), Chuck Dwyer (2007), Mark Jansen (2008), Mike J. Gonring (2009), Sister Laura Jean Spaeth (2010), Katie Schoenwetter (2011), Todd and Terry Tennes (2012), Carl & Ethel Groth (2013), Scott and Amy Schmidt (2014), Anne (Matenaer) Casper (2015), and Claire Rolfs (2016).

patrols help to provide safety for others

The Holy Angels Safety Patrol provides important services to the school community each day. These students help to assure safe crossings at the many street corners around Holy Angels for those who walk home each day. The patrols also help younger students to safely board the busses at the end of each day and help direct students in the 9th Avenue pick-up area. In addition to these safety duties, patrol members help with monitoring morning kindergarten students, flag duty, as well as other activities which are needed during the year.

Under the direction of Mr. Draxler, the patrol members are a vital part of our school. To become a member, students need to receive recommendations from their teachers and must be willing to share their time and talents for the good of the students of Holy Angels School.



This year's Safety Patrol includes: Morgan Krause (co-captain), Ronnie Sadownikow (co-captain), Laura Zautner, Ty Stanek, Ericka Beistle, Ellie Meurer, Will Mueller, Joseph Zimmer, Kira Guse, Caitlin Wohlt, Christian Spaeth, Joe Held, Lydia Bollen, Isabelle Sternig, Jordyn Wedemayer, Andrew Glaszcz, Casey Gerber, Aaron Tennes, Brooke Voelker, Konnor Sadownikow, Owen Schmidt, Leah Nagel, Lola Chemer, Payton Rossebo, Nate Waech, Aiden Guse, Hailey Matenaer, Taylor Chemer, Brady Steier, and Greta Zier.

students off on fridays, but teachers to meet

The bi-annual Catholic Educators' Convention will be held on Friday, October 14th. Teachers from the Milwaukee Archdiocese and Madison diocese will gather at the Wisconsin Center in Milwaukee. Professional development sessions are presented throughout the day with a variety of topics. A keynote luncheon along with a prayer service led by Archbishop ListECKI will conclude the day.

On Friday, October 21st, the Catholic school teachers from Washington and Dodge counties will participate in the Sustaining the Mission program here at Holy Angels. Each year, teachers in archdiocesan Catholic schools complete five sessions in several areas of religious education formation. Two sessions were provided in August before the start of the school year.

However, on Thursday, October 20th, Holy Angels teachers will be engaged in preparing documents for the Accreditation Self Study report. Teams of faculty members have been assign various domains and standards from the NSBECS which was presented at the Parent-in-the-Classroom Night. So...no school.

join us for lunch (as in serving)!!!

Are you looking for a way to help out at school? The Health Room is in need of volunteers during the lunch hour. We'll provide any training necessary (mainly how to provide TLC!). Contact the school office for more information. The Hot Lunch Program also has a few open spaces for the school year. It's one hour per month helping serve hot lunch to the students. Call Kathy Staehler at 262-707-6089 for further information or to just say "I can help!".