

# FAMILY NEWSLETTER

Holy Angels School - West Bend

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

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Greetings!

You have probably heard this year's theme often mentioned at Mass recently. It's really great to come together as a parish family and focus our attention on ways to "welcome the Spirit" into our lives and into our faith community. I appreciate that Fr. Pat also helps to bring that message to our students at our Monday assemblies (he's a regular at the morning gatherings).

For October our monthly focus will be on "gentleness". That'll be a great fit for the Big and Little Buddies field trip on October 18th. We count on the "bigs" to gently care for their "littles" and are rarely disappointed in the way that our older students take on that important role.

In school, our newly remodeled areas are places where something really great happens...students grow in faith, knowledge, values and respect. There is a vibrancy that the new hallways, lockers and classrooms have turned on...it's exciting to be here!

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 (as we welcome the Spirit). Wherever we went, we experienced ways that we could show willingness to bring out the fruits of the Spirit by being good stewards/caretakers of God's wonderful creation. By the way, I'm really grateful to Barb Gunnare, Patty Arndt and Linda Sternig for making the extra effort to share their time with the students at the overnight 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 over and the warm months are now a thing of the past (really?). As I mentioned, the Big and Little Buddies will be traveling to the Shalom Wildlife Zoo on October 18th 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. I'm also putting a plug out there for ideas regarding the tire structure (again, see related article).

I'm feeling a little lonely as I look at the Holy Angels "team" for the Soles for Catholic Education Walk on October 21st. 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...we'll use it to cover some technology expenses without having to charge families a "tech fee". If you want to sponsor me, all of your sponsorship will go directly to that cause!

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*

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

## buddies to visit shalom wildlife zoo

This year's Big/Little Buddies Trip takes the students in K4 through 8th grade to the Shalom Wildlife Zoo near West Bend on October 18th. Holy Angels had previously visited to attraction in 2012 when the Big Buddies were Little Buddies. Now it's their turn to model care and kindness for our younger students.

At Shalom, students will be able to see some animals that may not be familiar to them as well as animals common to our part of the country. Mrs. Mitchell has prepared a scavenger hunt of sorts to help buddies discover some interesting bits of information!

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 Monday, October 2nd, students will participate in an all-school rosary beginning with the morning assembly. Student will begin the rosary in the gym and from there, carry a statue of Mary through the school so that each classroom can say one of the decades of the rosary in their class.



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 21st: walk for catholic schools

On October 21st, 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 does not have many participants (yet). 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](http://www.CatholicSchoolsWalk.org). You can also simply sponsor principal Mike Sternig with all funds going to help cover the cost of technology at Holy Angels (without adding to tuition and fees!).

## youth leadership forum

Several Holy Angels junior high students will be gathering with students from other Catholic schools in the Lumen Alliance for the bi-annual Youth Leadership Forum. The theme for this year's conference is "Leading with Jesus in Mind". The representatives from each school participate in leadership-building activities during the day. School teams will develop a project to bring back to their school which will provide an opportunity to "make a difference".

The Youth Leadership Forum is sponsored by the Catholic school principals of Washington and Dodge counties who comprise the Lumen Alliance. This year's event will be held on October 23rd in Mayville.

## catholic high school options to be explored

The Catholic school principals of the Lumen Alliance are also sponsoring a special evening to provide parents and junior high students with information about high school options. The first annual High School Fair Night will be held on Thursday, October 5th, at Cabrini. The event will begin at 6:00pm in the SFC Gym.

Following an introduction of the evening's format, families will have three opportunities to attend their choice of 20-minute presentations from several area Catholic and Christian high schools. Following the formal presentations, school representative will be an hand to answer more questions and provide additional information.

## star testing to begin at has

Several years ago, the Holy Angels staff piloted an assessment protocol for the Milwaukee Archdiocese that was published by Riverside Publishing, the maker of the Iowa Tests of Basic Skill and the current Iowa Assessments. The hope was to be able to better identify and track student progress in order to provide more effective learning opportunities for our students. The hope was that the shorter tests, taken several times during the year, would be a better tool for assessment than the bi-annual ITBS (now IA). The results were not good and the Interim Assessments plan (as they were called) was abandoned.

As we worked on the Accreditation Self-Study, this need for better and more frequent assessment again surfaced. STAR testing has become one of the more widely used protocol for assessment with many school now using this tool. In the West Bend area, Cabrini started using the protocol last year and the West Bend high schools plan to begin using it as well.

### **STAR ASSESSMENTS:**

**WEEK OF  
OCTOBER 9TH**

Holy Angels will begin using STAR to measure student knowledge and growth in reading and math. The assessment tool is computer-based. During the assessment, questions are adjusted based on the student's performance at the time. The result is a clearer indication of a particular student's knowledge and, when compared to previous testings, a student's growth over time.

During the week of October 9th, students will take the STAR assessment for the first time. This will provide a type of baseline score, although student results may be affected by the fact that the format will be new to them. The assessments will again be given mid-year and in spring.

More information will be sent home as data is collected, along with explanations of the results. Students in grades 2, 3, 5 and 7 will also take the Iowa Assessments in spring as in the past. The dates for the Iowas is still being determined by the Office for Schools.

## 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 16th.

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).

As mentioned at Parent-in-the-Classroom Night, we need someone to step forward to head up the team that works on the raffle. Here's an excellent opportunity for new parents to get involved, especially when past coordinators will be on hand to "shadow" this year! For more information or to just say, "Count me in!", call Ross Zautner (334-9833) or the school office.

March 16th 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 theme 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.

Some classes have already helped to lead the community celebrations. Here's a schedule for the rest of the year: October 1st (9:30pm) - grade 2; October 29th (8:00am) - grade 4; December 24th (Children's Mass) - grade 5; January 27th (4:00pm) - grade 3; February 10th (4:00pm) - grade 1; March 4th (11:00am) - grade 8; April 8th (11:00am) - grade 6; and May 13th (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 fifth grade level and two teams at the sixth, 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 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: Kylee Altendorf, Maya Beistle, Chloe Goratowski, Paige Guse, Georgia Haddorff, Lyra Keegan, Rachel Nagel, Grace Peters, Ava Roell, Olivia Russ, Kaylee Spaar, Grace Spartz, and Olivia Worth. They are coached by Renee Altendorf, Toni Keegan and Jenny Stoffel.

The sixth grade VB players are: Hannah Andrews, Lorna Bonertz, Claire Cegielski, Briannah Busch, Teagan Cole, Jade Ericson, Emelia Guse, Emma Hertel, 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.

At the seventh grade level, the following represent the Royals: Ava Tolfa, Macey Steier, Delanie Heinen, Ellie Eckert, Aislinn Carey, Veronica Beisber, Maddy Ciriacks, Sophie Dahlberg, Natalie Daute, Allie Glaszcz, Estella Lambie, Emily Rauch, Kaylee Schiller, Mya Spaar, Claire Voelker, Nora Walter, Olivia Walker, and Caroline Peplinski. Coaches include: Pat Daute, Patti Heinen, Tom Voelker and Craig Walker.

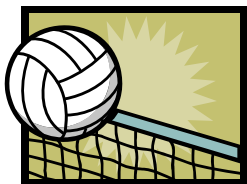
Finally, eighth graders are Caley Beimborn, Lola Chemer, Ericka Beistle, Hailey Matenaer, Grace Waala, Caitlin Wohlt, Greta Zier, Leah Rosene, Jenna Rondorf, Brooke Deppert, Kira Guse, Leah Nagel, Isabelle Sternig, and Avelina Wolfe. They are coached by Heidi Sternig, Amy Barnes, Kelly Sajdak and Casey Wohlt.

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 20th annual Holy Angels Volleyball Classic during the week of October 23-28. 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 1st, at 6:00pm 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 feature Catholic schools from the area and beyond with the 8th grade championship being played during the week of January 15th to 20th. The 7th grade championship will be played during the week of January 22nd to 27th. 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.



The 2017-18 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 provides 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.

## 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 30th 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.

## 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.

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.

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.

**SCRIPT  
CARDS  
AVAILABLE  
EACH WEEK:**

**Order Monday;  
Receive Friday**

## field trips help students explore and learn

The field trip schedule for the 2017-2018 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..

## 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.

## 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 14th, 5:00-8:00pm; Thursday, November 16th, 5:00-8:00pm; and Friday, November 17th, 12:30-3:00pm. Please note that there will be an early dismissal (12:00) on November 17th.

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.

## after-school on the playground and more

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. 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.

Here's the "and more" part!!

During the summer, we needed to replace all of the woodchip surfacing which had been installed years ago and added to every couple of years. In the process, the old tire structure was moved about which ended up tearing it apart. It is no longer safe to use.

We're looking for a few volunteers to help look into something to replace the tire structure and perhaps do a few things (like paint) to improve the playground equipment area. If interested, contact principal Mike Sternig in the next week or so.

**TIRE  
STRUCTURE  
BITES THE  
DUST!**

## 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 2018 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 11th).

Past recipients of this award were Noreen Laufer (1994), Ted Casper (1995), Judy DuCharme (1996), Herb Tennies (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 Tennies (2012), Carl & Ethel Groth (2013), Scott and Amy Schmidt (2014), Anne (Matenaer) Casper (2015), Claire Rolfs (2016), and Pamela (Tennies) Carter (2017).

## 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: Leah Nagel (co-captain), Konnor Sadownikow (co-captain), Caroline Peplinski, Alex Gonzalez, Kira Guse, Olivia Walker, Riley Becker, Aiden Guse, Cal Stanek, Sam Wiedmeyer, Emily Rauch, Delanie Heinen, Will Mueller, Caitlin Wohlt, Ellie Eckert, Greta Zier, Joe Held, Jack Sadownikow, Lola Chemer, Ericka Becker, Isabelle Sternig, Nora Walter, Aislinn Carey, Fiona Shaw, Owen Schmidt, Hailey Matenaer, Ava Tolfa, Lydia Bollen, Leah Rosene, Mya Spaar, and Allie Glaszcz.

## area teachers to meet at has; preparing for visit

On Friday, October 20th, many of 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 19th, Holy Angels teachers may be engaged in preparing documents for the Accreditation Team's visit on November 7th and 8th. Teams of faculty members have been working on various domains and standards from the National Standards and Benchmarks for Catholic Elementary Schools. So...no school on Thursday.

## trunk-or-treat still looking 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, 2017 promises to bring great weather to the event (perhaps Fr. Pat can have a more positive effect than he did at the HA Golf Classic?!?!).

This year's event, sponsored by the Parent Activities Committee (PAC) will be held on Friday, October 27th. 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.