

# **FAMILY NEWSLETTER**

Holy Angels School - West Bend

*"By The Spirit... We Are Called"*

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## *Greetings!*

You have probably heard this year's theme mentioned at Mass more than once as we continue to realize that our welcoming of God's Spirit into our lives also means a call for us to DO something! We are called to act with justice, love tenderly, serve others and walk humbly with God (praise God). That sure sounds much like our everyday Mission here at Holy Angels School. 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: "strive for justice". There are many in our world with greater challenges than we face just to make it through another day. It could be that person in another part of the world searching for drinkable water. Perhaps it's that family without a suitable shelter because of a storm or flood. Or it could be those who lack many of the basic freedoms that we enjoy. Our first step must be to become aware of those needs and then to DO just one thing to make a positive difference...no matter how small.

Earlier in the month, 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, Maureen Anhalt and Brian Mase (our parish youth minister) 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. Maybe that'll mean no more mosquitoes??? The Big and Little Buddies will be traveling to the Wade House Historical Site next week 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. Because we had many days which lacked supervisors, I've hired Brooke Dorow to also be a "regular" on the playground. As we look to next year, we may need to re-think how we provide supervision of our students at recess. We also recently erected a new piece of equipment thanks to the generous support of the PAC and a gift in honor of the Class of 2018.

I'm feeling a little lonely as I look at the Holy Angels "team" for the Soles for Catholic Education Walk on October 20th. 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! You can also sign up to just enjoy the walk and witness the importance of Catholic education.

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 wade house site**

This year's Big/Little Buddies Trip takes the students in K4 through 8th grade to the Wade House Historical Site near Greenbush. Students in grades 1 and 6, grades 2 and 8, and grade 4 will be visiting on Tuesday, October 2nd. Grades K and 5, and grades 3 and 7 will travel to the site the following day. Holy Angels had previously visited the attraction in 2013 when the Big Buddies were Little Buddies. Now it's their turn to model care and kindness for our younger students.

At the Wade House, students tour the Carriage Museum, sawmill, and blacksmith shop. They will also visit the original Stagecoach Inn and try their hand at candle dipping.

The annual Big/Little Buddy event brings together the older and younger members of our school community for a day of fun and fellowship. Pray for good weather (and few mosquitoes) 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.

## **we are called to pray for peace in our time**

One of the titles for Mary is Our Lady of the Rosary. On Monday, October 8th, students will participate in an all-school rosary beginning with the morning assembly. Students 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 the Spirit to guide us in our call! 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.

## **focusing on vocations...everybody's call**

Regardless of who we are, God's Spirit calls us to do something special with our life to help build the Kingdom. For some it's as a married person while for others it's in living as a single person. Some are also called to special ministries in our faith community as priests or religious.

On October 1st, Holy Angels students will have the chance to learn a little more about life as a priest or sister. The day will begin with an all-school Mass at 8:00am with special guests from the Franciscan community. Father Ed Tlucek will be the celebrant and will share some of his experiences responding to the Spirit's call as a Franciscan priest.. Several sisters from the Franciscan Convent in Manitowoc will be leading the singing as they bring their instruments and voices to give praise. The sisters will also be able to spend some time after Mass with students.

## **young writers conference**

Several Holy Angels junior high students will be gathering with students from other Catholic schools in the Lumen Alliance for the bi-annual Young Writers Conference. At the conference, participants will hear author David Tiefenthaler talk about the process of turning a story idea into a book. Participants will be guided through the process of generating a story idea and developing it into a short piece. Several facilitators will guide our young writers through the writing process. This unique event celebrates the abilities of our young writers and unites the surrounding Catholic schools in a cooperative academic pursuit.

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 15th at Holy Angels.

## **catholic high school options to be explored**

The 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 second annual High School Fair Night will be held on Wednesday, October 10th, 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 high schools. Following the formal presentations, school representative will be on hand to answer more questions and provide additional information.

## star testing to begin again at has

Several years ago, the Holy Angels staff piloted an interim 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. Unfortunately, the format was not successful in being able to better identify and track student progress in order to provide more effective learning opportunities for our students.

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 schools

### **STAR ASSESSMENTS:**

### **WEEK OF OCTOBER 8TH**

now using this tool.

Holy Angels began using STAR last year to better 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. The results were studied by teachers and used to help identify individual student strengths and weaknesses, as well as those for general areas of the curriculum.

During the week of October 8th, students will again take the STAR assessment. This will provide another point of comparison to help identify patterns of growth and areas in need of remediation or strengthening. 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 will be March 4-15.

## 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 15th.

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. If you signed up on the Volunteer Form (one of those many forms at the beginning of the year), we'll be in touch. Or you can simply contact the school office and say... "Count me in!"

March 15th 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.



## 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.

Seventh graders have already helped to lead the community celebration. Here's a schedule for the rest of the year: October 21st (9:30pm) - grade 2; November 4th (8:00am) - grade 4; December 24th (Children's Mass) - grade 6; January 26th (4:00pm) - grade 3; February 17th (11:00am) - grade 8; March 17th (8:00am) - grade 5; April 28th (11:00am) - grade 1; and May 12th (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.

## digging volleyball...then kill or block

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: Emily Cegielski, Olivia Daute, Rylee Faehling, Jaylee Heinen, Laila Hertel, Ella Kohnen, Evelyn Laforest, Layla Reichenberger, Katie Steier, Natalie Walter, Morgan Winkler, and Violet Zier. They are coached by Tracey Steier, Lisa Reichenberger and Patti Heinen.

The sixth grade VB players include: Kylee Altendorf, Maya Beistle, Chloe Goratowski, Paige Guse, Georgia Haddorff, Lyra Keegan, Bridget Kiefer, Rachel Nagel, Grace Peters, Ava Roell, Olivia Russ, Kaylee Spaar, Grace Spartz, and Olivia Worth. They are coached by Renee Altendorf and Jenny Stoffel.

At the seventh grade level, the following represent the Royals: Hannah Andrews, Lorna Bonertz, Briannah Busch, Claire Cegielski, Teagan Cole, Emelia Guse, Emma Hertel, Brooke Koebel, Tess Laforest, Megan Minz, Maria Olson, Kate Wiedmeyer, and Brianna Zywicki. They are coached by Liz Minz, Memorie Wiedmeyer and Jenny Zywicki.

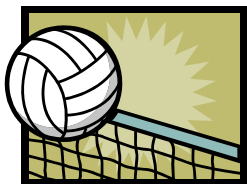
Finally, the eighth graders are: Veronica Beisber, Aislinn Carey, Sophie Dahlberg, Natalie Daute, Ellie Eckert, Delanie Heinen, Estella Lambie, Emily Rauch, Kaylee Schiller, Macey Steier, Mya Spaar, Ava Tolfa, Claire Voelker, Olivia Walker, and Nora Walter. Coaches include: Pat Daute, Patti Heinen, Tom Voelker and Craig Walker.

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



## gathering the best for h.a. volleyball classic

The Holy Angels Athletic Committee will be sponsoring the 22nd annual Holy Angels Volleyball Classic during the week of October 22-27. 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 updates for parents

The annual Parent Meeting for basketball is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, October 30th, 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 feature Catholic schools from the area and beyond with the 8th grade championship being played during the week of January 14th to 19th. The 7th grade championship will be played during the week of January 21st to 26th. 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 2018-19 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 29th Student-athletes and their parents are invited to share a meal beginning at 6:00pm in the Walnut/Cedar Rooms. Watch for information about this year’s special feature!!

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 2018-2019 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 6th, 5:00-8:00pm; Thursday, November 8th, 5:00-8:00pm; and Friday, November 9th, 12:30-3:00pm. Please note that there will be an early dismissal (12:00) on November 9th.

This year we again ask parents to sign up for a conference time online. Parents of students in grades K4 through 5 will receive more information regarding the website for signup later in October.

Parents of students in the K3 program generally have many opportunities to have conversations with Mrs. Rose. Parents should simply contact her 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.

## teachers meet, award presented at convention

On Thursday, October 4th, 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.

On Friday, October 5th, teachers from all archdiocesan Catholic schools will gather at the Wisconsin Center in Milwaukee for this year's Catholic Educators' Convention. After the morning sessions, participants will gather in the main ballroom for a luncheon and keynote address. For the Holy Angels staff, the highlight will follow with the presenting of the Exemplary Recognition awards. Holy Angels is being honored with this award for its Catholic Identity and Mission.

## october 20th: walk for catholic schools

On October 20th 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. If you register by September 25th, everything is FREE!

For more information, go to: [www.CatholicSchoolsWalk.org](http://www.CatholicSchoolsWalk.org). You can also simply join in the walk or help raise money by getting a sponsor or two (or sponsor principal Mike Sternig) with all funds going to help cover the cost of technology at Holy Angels (without adding to tuition and fees!).



## 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 2019 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 17th).

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), Pamela (Tennies) Carter (2017), and Gayle (Juech) Ritter (2018).

## safety patrols serve others and keep 'em safe

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: Ellie Eckert (co-captain), Fiona Shaw (co-captain), Olivia Walker (co-captain), Megan Minz, Emily Rauch, Nora Walter, Maria Olson, Maddy Ciriacks, Bo Tennies, Aydan Busch, Jackson Davies, Cade Kohnen, Macey Steier, Mya Spaar, Briannah Busch, Sophie Dahlberg, Jack Sadownikow, Sam Wiedmeyer, Cal Stanek, Aislinn Carey, Kate Wiedmeyer, Tyler Sternig, Delanie Heinen, Brooke Koebel, Bryce Barnett, Emma Hertel, Allie Glaszcz, Ava Tolfa, Claire Voelker, Emelia Guse, Kaylee Schiller, Tess Laforest, and Claire Cegielski.

## 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!".

## trunk-or-treat ...pac just havin' fun

The annual Trunk-or-Treat event had not experienced a favorable weather history. In fact, it's been cold and drizzly more often than not. However, in 2017 the weather was great and the turnout was tremendous! This year promises (?) to again bring great weather to the event.

This year's event, sponsored by the Parent Activities Committee (PAC) will be held on Friday, October 26th. Setup on the school parking lot will begin at 6:15pm. At 7:00pm there will be a brief prayer near the playground equipment area and then the fun begins as students travel among the trunks, tailgates or liftgates in search of treats (and some tricks?). Everything should wrap up by 8:00pm.

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