

# ECHOES OF ANGELS

Rooted in the Gospel of Jesus Christ...

## Conferences

If you have not yet returned your parent-teacher conference form, please do so as soon as possible so that we can get conferences scheduled. Please note November 20 & 21 are the only days available for this type of progress report and all 7th & 8th graders must attend with their parents.

## Drop Off /Movie Night

Drop Off Night for grades PK-4 will be held tomorrow from 5:30-8:00. Students in grades 5 & 6 can also enjoy games and a movie during that time.

## Staff Change

Ms. Schindlbeck accepted a new job and has been replaced by Mrs. Ann Belskis in fifth grade. Many of you may already know her as she has two children enrolled at Holy Angels and is a faithful volunteer in our school.



## Pumpkin Contest Winners

The annual KIDS' Club pumpkin decorating contest has again provided Halloween fun to our school! Over 100 students participated this year, turning the Holy Angels lobby into a pumpkin art gallery. Winners this year were: in the "prettiest" category - Arabella Hoffman 101, Ella Rennich 202, Katie Bender 501, and Charlotte Anderson 801. In the "funniest" category - Aiden LeCuyer K1, Grace Hafertape 201, Caden Medernach 402, and Rachel Soto 601. In the "most creative" category - Ariana Javier 101, Rhyan Abel 201, Reece Gilla 502, and Olivia Bender 702. Thank you to everyone who participated. There were so many wonderful entries!

The KIDS' Club will be using their proceeds as a donation to the





## Spirit Wear Store

Looking for Christmas presents? The Holy Angels School Spirit Wear online store is open again for shopping! All orders will be delivered before Christmas. The store will close on Sunday, November 12, 2017. The online store includes both youth and adult sizing of Holy Angels t-shirts, sweatshirts, pullovers, pants, hats, and cinch sacks. The youth green sweatshirt is approved to be worn over the uniform. You can start shopping now at the following link <https://holyangels17.itemorder.com> or from the school website under the HSA tab.

## Used Uniform Sale

HSA will be sponsoring a used uniform sale next Friday in the lobby from 2:30-4:00.

## School Store Open

The School Store will be open on Friday, November 10.

## High School Events

We advertise upcoming events at the area high schools on our website under *School Information*. Be sure to check it out as we add new items each week.

8th grade Hased House service project to raise funds to purchase starter kits for previously homeless families who will be moving into their own apartments. This worthwhile project began as a result of the 8th graders wanting to do more for their community as the result of reading a story about homelessness. They are still collecting donations through your child's classroom until tomorrow. So far, we have collected \$1,090! Please consider donating to this important cause.

## Win \$3,500 Tuition Credit

Looking for a way to trim your child or grandchild's tuition fees? Want to put some extra cash in their college savings fund? We have a winning idea for you!

The Seraphim Ball committee will be raffling off a \$3,500 tuition credit for the 2018-2019 school year. The winner will be drawn at the Twelfth Annual Seraphim Ball. Raffle tickets are \$30 each or four for \$100 and will be available for purchase from now until March 10th. All proceeds will benefit Holy Angels School and the winner does not need to be present to win.

The family named on the winning ticket will receive a \$3,500 credit that can be applied to their school tuition account or the



Guardian Angel Fund. A minimum of 150 chances must be sold. If fewer tickets are sold, the money collected will be credited to the family indicated on the winning ticket.

All completed tickets should be returned to the school office with payment made to Holy Angels School. If you need additional tickets, please contact the Holy Angels School office. To learn more, please contact April Ray at 630.636.8676, [april.ray.8676@gmail.com](mailto:april.ray.8676@gmail.com) or Cathy Medernach at 630.421.2284, [sandcat86@yahoo.com](mailto:sandcat86@yahoo.com).

In addition, the Seraphim Ball Committee has **extended the early-bird savings** on ball tickets until Monday, November 6. If you haven't yet bought your tickets, please consider joining us for this incredible fundraiser for our school.

## Veterans Day Celebration

The students at Holy Angels are preparing a Veterans Day program to recognize the contributions that veterans have made to our country. This ceremony will be held on Friday, November 10, 2017 at 9:30 AM in the gym. We wish to extend a special invitation to the veterans who are family members of our students. If any veterans in your family would like to attend our program, please feel free to have them wear their uniform to the program. In addition, we would like to also include any pictures of family members who have served in the armed forces in a short video presentation. All pictures must be in a digital format. Please email [sgurbal@holyangelsschool.net](mailto:sgurbal@holyangelsschool.net) with their names and branch of service so we can include them in the video. Your participation is greatly appreciated for their service to this great country. Thank you in advance.

We will also be supporting our veterans through a special dress down day "Jeans for Troops." For \$1, students may wear jeans along with a shirt honoring our nation's colors of red, white, and blue on Friday, November 10. All proceeds will be put towards bettering the lives of these most honorable Americans.

## Honor Roll Change

Due to our Veterans Day Celebration we will be postponing our Honor Roll Assembly to Friday, November 17 after the 8:15 Mass. Please plan to join us.

## Advent Project

As hard as it is to believe, Advent is right around the corner! To promote service, the school sponsors an Advent project. This year we will be collecting new toys for Hesus House. There will be boxes located in our lobby to drop off new unwrapped toys for any age (Doc McStuffins, Mickey Mouse Clubhouse, Ninja Turtles, Batman, Spiderman, Paw Patrol, etc.) Also please remember teens with items like makeup sets/palettes, perfume/cologne, lotion sets, nail polish/manicure sets, wallets, or gadget watches.

## Next Week at a Glance

Monday - 5 B's Fundraiser - Don't forget to pick up your dinner from 4:30 to 6:30 in the back of the school. If you didn't preorder, there will be a limited number of meals available to purchase that day. Volunteers are still needed.

Tuesday -

Wednesday -

Thursday -

Friday - Mass 8:15

Veterans Day Assembly 9:30

Used Uniform Sale 2:30-4:00

AHG Mother-Son Dance

## Bringing Home the Faith

Even though Halloween just passed, here are five ways to celebrate the Halloween period like a Catholic:

**First**, go to Mass. It is on the eve of a holy day of obligation and Mass can prepare us to celebrate the feasts that follow as originally intended. Remember Halloween was originally a cycle of holy days that went from the eve of All Saints Day to All Souls Day.

**Second** is to pray to all the saints and martyrs. Saints and martyrs are the natural role models of the Church. Our struggle to attain the salvation of our souls is helped by admiring the saints who came before us. Imitating a great athlete from the past is an excellent way to become an athlete. To obtain holiness, we need to imitate the blessed that came before us.

**Third** is to encourage devotion to patron saints in children. The act of admiring saints has to be restored and become part of our culture. It needs to start with children since they have a natural inclination to admire people that surround them. It is especially during this period that they need to acquire the habit of looking up to saints for inspiration. If they need to dress up in a costume, encourage them to dress up as a Catholic saint or hero.

**Fourth** is to pray for deceased family members. In conjunction with paying respect to all the saints, the feast day following All Saints Day is All Souls Day. It is understood that the faithful who have attained salvation but have not attained eternal reward are suffering in the fires of purgatory. We may have family members who are still suffering in Purgatory. We should pray for them throughout the year. It is at this day that the Church reminds and encourages us to have them present in our thoughts and concerns.

**Fifth** is to pray for all the souls in Purgatory. There are suffering souls in purgatory who have no one to pray for them. Their family line may have ended or family members may have forgotten about them. Their descendants may no longer practice the faith. Whatever the case may be, there are always suffering souls in need of prayers.

As a school, we are focusing this month in religion classes on number four which is to pray for the deceased members of our families. Please encourage your children to remember them in their nightly prayers also.

**Mass Times:** Saturdays 4:30

Sundays 6:45, 8:00 (Extraordinary Form, Latin, 1st & 3rd Sundays), 9:30, 11:00

**Confession Times:** Sunday after 9:30 Mass

Tuesday after 8:00 Mass

Wednesday 6:30 PM - 7:00 PM

Friday after 6:30 AM Mass

Saturday after 8:15 Mass and 3:15 PM - 4:00 PM

### **Mission Statement**

Rooted in the Gospel of Jesus Christ, Holy Angels School is committed to spiritual formation, which nurtures the Catholic faith and inspires its practice. It is committed to academic excellence, which fosters the growth of each individual. Holy Angels School strives to meet the intellectual, social, and ethical challenges of living in a technological, global, and culturally diverse society.

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