ECHOES OF ANGELS

Rooted in the Gospel of Jesus Christ...

Calendar Change

As a result of the many snow days that we have used, we will be in attendance on March I. There will be no bus service.

Safe Environment

As a reminder, high school students ages 16 and above who volunteer to work with our students for service hours must complete *Protecting God's Children*. The course is found on the Diocese of Rockford's website. Certificates should be printed and forwarded to Mrs. DuVall in the office.

Super Raffle Winners

Congratulations to the Morehouse family who won the grand prize of \$3500 in our recent Super Raffle. The Scales family won \$500 and the Stanislo family won \$100 for selling the most tickets.

Essay Winner

Congratulations to Anya Ritchie! Her essay for the Knights of Columbus competition will advance to the next level for judging.



Dress Down for a Cause

Ray Rodriguez, husband to our librarian and father to Michael in 8th grade, has been battling cancer for well over a year. We would like to help the family in a very tangible way by hosting a *Dress Down Day for a Cause* next Friday, February 22. For \$1, students may dress down and all proceeds will be donated to the family to help with expenses. Please keep them in your prayers during this very difficult time and on behalf of the family thank you in advance for your generosity.

Trying Something New

Registration for the 2019-2020 school year has just begun. This year we will be trying something new. Registration will be done





Recess Help Needed

We are in need of recess supervision help on Tuesdays and Fridays. This is a tuition credit program. Contact Steve Rynders steverynders1960@gmail.com if you are interested.

Restaurant Night

Our monthly restaurant fundraiser with Culver's in Oswego is Monday, February 18. Flyers will be coming home in the school folders the week before, and we will also post on Facebook. See you there!

West Aurora Volleyball

Any 8th grade girl planning to attending West Aurora next year who would like to participate in volleyball is invited to attend a middle school combine on February 23 from 12-2 in the main gym. Please enter through door 16. Parents may then attend a personalized tour of WAHS immediately following the event. Contact kmortlock@sd129.org for more information.

online. Attached are the directions for completing the online registration process. Once you have completed the online registration forms, please send in your \$125 registration fee (per family) to the office. On March 15, registration fees rise to \$150 and new families will begin registering for next year. As an added incentive to register early, one lucky family will win their registration fee back from our registration raffle. Please note that there are several classes in our upper grades that are near capacity so it's vitally important to re-register in a timely manner to insure a spot for your child. In addition, re-registration numbers drive employment decisions for the upcoming year.

We try to keep tuition as affordable as possible. Tuition prices increased \$40 per level for the upcoming year.

You are also our best form of marketing. If you know of anyone looking for a school to call home, please direct them to our New Parent Open House on Thursday, February 21 at 6:30.

March Madness

The Seraphim Ball committee is bringing back the March Madness tournament board. Every tournament game from Round 1, starting on March 21, through the National Championship on April 8 is a winner. All you have to do is be the name in the square that matches the final score of the game. It's just that simple! REMEMBER this is basketball so NO SQUARE is a BAD SQUARE. With only 100 squares on the board and an amazing 63 chances at winning, every game gives you an opportunity at cashing in.

Here's how to enter: There is a Google Docs web link on all our Facebook group pages. Just click on the posted link and the board will populate in another web browser window. Once the board is loaded, simply pick one or more squares and enter your name. The Google Docs link will save the information automatically but please feel free to exit out and re-enter again to make sure your name is still present.

All additional rules for entry, payouts per round, board setup, etc. will be placed in those Facebook groups. Please invite others to the Facebook groups and/or share the posts to get this filled up quickly. The entry fee will be \$25/square. Please make checks payable to Holy Angels School, indicate in the memo section it's for "MM19" and send through your child's backpack to the office to the attention of Ron Rudow. If anyone has any questions, please contact Ron at ronaldrudow@yahoo.com or on Facebook. Good luck and have fun watching the games.

Bee Bop

Junior high students are invited to attend the 50's Sock Hop on Friday, February 22 from 2:30 p.m. - 4:45 p.m. in the Saltijeral Gym. Students are encouraged to wear their favorite 50's era gear. Clothing must abide by the dress down rules in the Holy Angels Handbook. Snack and drinks will be provided. Candy will be available for purchase for \$1. Raffle tickets will also be available 3/\$1 to purchase for a chance to win various prize baskets. All proceeds go toward the 8th grade banquet. For more information contact Nicole Coffman (thgoods@comcast.net) or Emily Anderson (emilyanderson005@gmail.com). Permission slips and \$7 admission (per student) are due on Wednesday, February 20.

Read Across America Event

All are invited to attend a very special Dr. Seuss reading event. This exciting event brings attention to the importance of reading at all ages through games and activities, crafts, raffles, and shared readings. All students and their families are encouraged to wear pajamas or dress as their favorite Dr. Seuss character this night. It will be held on Thursday, February 28 from 6:00pm - 7:30pm. It is hosted by the Aurora University's Educators Rising Program. Admission is one canned good or children's book to be donated. Concessions will also be available for purchase. The Cat in the Hat will be making an appearance, as well as our very own former Aurora First Lady, Marilyn Weisner, to read The Lorax! Mark your calendars.

The Knights of Columbus will be hosting a restaurant fundraiser at Colonial this same evening if you'd like to enjoy dinner before coming to our literacy event. All proceeds will support pro-life. The office has the flyers needed for the event if you want one.

Dupage STEM Expo 2019

Calling all families for complimentary family fun, shows, and learning at DuPage Area STEM Expo to be held at the Illinois Institute of Technology, 201 East Loop Road, Wheaton. Mark your calendars for Saturday, February 23 from 10:30 AM - 3:30 PM. Students will be able to explore the explosive power of nitrogen and cryogenics at the infamous "Mr. Freeze" show, see robots from the Chicago Area Robotics Group, visit a simulated earthquake table, extinguish a simulated fire, construct structures, build cars, learn what keeps airplanes flying and have a shocking and hair-raising experience with static electricity. For any questions contact 630-682-6000 or ascorza@iit.edu.

Next Week at a Glance

```
Monday - No School

Culvers Night

Tuesday -

Wednesday - 8th Grade Pictures

Thursday - New Parent Open House 6:30

Friday - Dress Down Day for a Cause

Mass 8:15

Junior High Dance 2:45-4:45
```

Bringing Home the Faith

Saint Valentine the Patron Saint of Marriage (Here's his story in a simple way retold for our kids to understand.)

Hi, I'm Saint Valentine. I lived a long, long time ago when Claudius II was the ruler of Rome. There were two important things to know about this king. First, Claudius II did not like Christians. Second, he loved having lots of soldiers to fight in his wars!

Claudius II thought having soldiers for his wars was so important that he made a law that people couldn't get married. Claudius II thought that if young boys got married and had families they would not want to go off and fight in his wars.

This made things really tricky for the Christians following God. First, they knew that God wanted them to worship Him, not the false gods of Claudius II. Second, they knew that God wanted them to get married and start families.

I, Saint Valentine, had the special job of being God's helper during this time. I was a priest, so I would marry the men and women who wanted to get married. This is why I am called the patron saint of love and marriage.

The Beauty of Marriage today

Times have changed but not that much. It can be really tough teaching our children about the beauty of marriage in a world that is so very confused. Saint Valentine's Day can be a perfect day to show and remind kids of the beautiful gift of marriage.

(My Catholic Kids)

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.

Education Commission Members

Deacon Tim White twhiteoo7@comcast.net
Bridget Stanislo bstanislo@holyangelsschool.net
Jeff Roberts jeff.eroberts@yahoo.com
Allison Kapitanoff allison.hag@gmail.com
Stephanie Hipp hippsteph3@gmail.com
Nathan Powell nathan.powell@countryfinancial.com
Michael Minnihan 2minnihan@comcast.net
Dominico Villalpando dmgriffin4@aol.com
Becky Barr beckyarbi@yahoo.com