

ECHOES OF ANGELS

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Art Helper

We currently have a need for help in our art classes. Art is taught Tuesday - Friday from 8:25-12:50. Please let me know if you can volunteer to help Mrs. Cella.

IOWA Testing

Our standardized testing for grades 2-8 begins on Monday and runs through September 30. We want our students to do well on these tests. We ask that you give them plenty of rest, send in a healthy snack, and refrain from scheduling appointments for this period for during the school day. Thank you so much.

Lunchroom Needs

Our lunchroom is in need of wipes for the table clean up we do everyday. If you can pick up a pack on your next shopping trip, we would be grateful.



Grandparents' Day

Our annual Grandparents/Grandfriends Day is just around the corner. We will welcome our children's grandparents on Friday, September 23 starting at 8:15 in the church for Mass. They will then enjoy refreshments and a wonderful musical program prepared by our talented Mrs. Taylor.

Grandparents/Grandfriends may then tour the school, stopping at the library if they wish to purchase a book to honor their grandchild. Once the tour is complete and after checking in with the teacher, students are free to enjoy the afternoon with their beloved grandparents and grandfriends.





Altar Server Training

Those in grades 5 and above along with a parent are invited to attend training on Thursday, September 29 at 5:30 or Tuesday, October 4 at 5:30 in the church. Only one meeting is necessary, but you may attend both. For more information and to choose a date, please contact the Parish Center at 630-897-1194.

Artsonia

To create an account for your child/children's artwork to be displayed in our online art gallery go to: <https://www.artsonia.com/parents/register/artist.asp>. Once the account is activated, you can order gifts featuring your child's artwork.

Chicago Steel Game

On Saturday, October 15, our choir will be singing the National Anthem at the Chicago Steel game in Geneva. Ticket information came home yesterday.

Boosterthon

Our Boosterthon Fun Run started on Monday. So far, on the first night, Mrs. Kass' class enjoyed the honor of being the best in school and got to throw a pie in the face of Doug E. Fresh from the Boosterthon team. Right now, kindergarten, first grade and third grade are leading the others in the most money earned for our school. The Boosterthon is an incredible way to earn money for our school. If you're new to Catholic education, you'll soon learn that we can't meet our financial needs without your support of our fundraising efforts. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

With Boosterthon, students are exposed to daily character building activities from an energetic team, gather pledges, earn prizes and t-shirts, and participate in the Fun Run to be held on Wednesday, September 21. Even if families choose not to support our school with pledges, all students participate in the festivities on September 21. This year we will host 3 separate runs. The first run with our preschoolers, kindergarteners, and 1st graders will start at 8:30 in Lincoln Park. They will be followed by grades 2-5 at 9:30. Finally, our junior high students will run at 10:30. Please plan to attend and cheer on our runners. It's an amazing sight seeing the excitement of the children!

Trivia Night

Please plan to attend our first ever Trivia Night on Saturday, September 24 at Bliss Creek Pine Room in Sugar Grove. This event will be hosted by the HSA and dinner and drinks will be served. You can sign up yourself, as a couple, or with a group of eight for \$25 per person. If you don't have a group of 8, no worries! You will be placed with other couples to create a winning team. There will be many fun raffles including 4 Blackhawks tickets, a craft beer basket, a Grizzly cooler as well as vendor baskets from the Paramount, Funway, and Massage Envy. Several local restaurants will

also be featured. Raffle tickets will be sold throughout the evening (3/\$5, 7/\$10, 20/\$20). You can still purchase tickets through Monday. Please send them via backpack to the attention of Beth Christoffel.

Specials Rubrics

Attached is the rubric we will be using this year to assess students in music, art, technology, and PE. Grading for specials classes has always had its own unique challenges because students spend such a limited amount of time each week in a specials class. A project in a specials class may take several weeks to complete. Theoretically, in a 9-week grading period, a specials teacher could have very few actual grades upon which to make an accurate assessment of your child's abilities. So the goal of this rubric is to streamline assessment and better communicate the expectations for grading.

The first page are the standards set forth by the Diocese for each of these classes. The second sheet is what these teachers will be using to assess whether students fall into the commendation, satisfactory, or needs improvement category. By far the majority of students will fall into the satisfactory category. For individual projects, teachers may also utilize additional means of grading. These will be discussed in class with the students. For example, a power point presentation may need to have a title, research, 3 slides, animation etc. to receive full credit for the assignment. These will then factor into the final category for their report card. Effort and conduct will continue to be a separate category on our report card for these classes.

The Week at a Glance

Monday- IOWA testing begins.

Tuesday -

Wednesday - Boosterthon Fun Run 8:30, 9:30, 10:30

Parent Confirmation Retreat 6:30 Connor Hall

Thursday -

Friday - Grandparents/Grandfriends Day 8:15

Early Dismissal 11:25 No bus service home

Saturday - Trivia Night

