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Prayer Warriors: Let us pray for the Bancroft, Leurck & Betsinger families. For ill staff members. For my wife, mother-in-law & daughter! For our teachers and staff! For the Keenan family! For all who support our school! For Mrs. Kaspar's husband who's brother lost his son-in-law suddenly. For Mrs. Kramer! For an increase in vocations!

Pro-Life: Catholics do not believe in abortion! You can't be Catholic, by definition, if you're pro-choice! How many babies have been murdered who might have found a cure for cancer or other diseases?

I'm going to offer another "**Protecting God's Children**" class next Saturday, February 20 from **8:30-11:30** in the school library. If you would like to take this class so you can volunteer in our school or parish when you work with children, please e-mail me at the address below. We'll have the class if we have at least **8** people. There are other dates available. So far we have 4 people from H.A.

There is an Open House for New Families on Thursday, February 18 starting at 6:30 p.m. Please encourage any friends to visit on this evening!

Registration will not occur at least until the week of the 22nd. If we can get the information to you sooner, we will.

*******Breaking News*******

Recently reported...angels have been cited at Holy Angels School! Thank you to all the angels that have contributed to this year's Seraphim Ball. It is only with our combined efforts that we can make this event a success. Be an angel and help by attending the ball or making a donation. No part is too small. There is still

time to make a nomination for Alumnus of the year, please send nominations to office marked "Seraphim Ball". This is the last week for RSVP's. If you are a sponsor or have purchased early bird tickets, please be sure to turn in your response cards.

Ladies, are you feeling like Cinderella? Going to the Ball but have nothing to wear? Join us for the second annual dress exchange at the home of Kelly Dickson **TOMORROW, Friday, Feb.12**. Bring a dress (or two) and hopefully take one home to wear to the ball. Dresses may be either given away or loaned. Don't have or need a dress? - You are still welcome to join us for a girl's night out. It's a pajama party, so wear your favorite PJ's. This is a Seraphim party, so items for a wine basket or free-will donations will be accepted. Call **Kelly at 801-0626** for more information.

The one-week food drive was fantastic! They had to bring the van over from the Parish Center **three** times because of the amount of food brought in for them! Thank you!

Suzanne Quinn is the Holy Angels National Geographic Bee winner. She has taken the written Qualifying Test to be eligible to go on to the Illinois State Bee in April. The top 100-scoring students will be invited to represent their school at the state level. In early March, letters will be sent to these students. Congratulations to Suzanne.

The **7th Grade Step-Up Day** to Aurora Central will be on **March 9**. If the same drivers that were to drive this past Tuesday can still drive you do not have to contact me. If you **CANNOT** drive, please send me a note via e-mail or hard copy by **Tuesday, February 16** so that I can secure additional drivers. Thank you!

Remember to turn in your Box Tops before February 20. This truly helps the school!

From Mrs. Catich: "...wanted to let you know that last week the fifth grade participated in a Penny War and collected **\$446.86** to send to Feed My Starving Children. 501 won the war, but the funny thing is that both classes put in the same amount of silver coins into each other's jars. The winner truly came down to the pennies! Mrs. Robinson and I are very proud of these kids as many of them emptied their own piggy banks to help the cause. Just thought you should know."

Reminder that the **Holy Angels Band** and the Saint Anne's Society will be hosting a "Pasta with Pizzazz" dinner. Come and enjoy a musical and pasta feast, including entertainment by the Holy Angels Jazz Band, a cupcake walk and special movie feature in the Jazzy Junior's Lounge. The event will take place February 20 in Connor Hall after the 4:30 p.m. Mass. Reservation forms have been sent out. More are in the office.

Spring choir rehearsals will begin Friday, February 12 from 2:30-3:30 in the music room. Our rehearsals during February and March will be held on Fridays from 2:30-3:30. Beginning in April, we will split rehearsals. One group will rehearse on Thursday and one group on Friday. Students in grades 3-8 are eligible to participate. Our spring concert looks to be one of our best ever! An information half sheet on pink paper was sent home with each student in grades 3-8 on Tuesday, February 9 or Wednesday, February 10. If your son or daughter is interested in choir, please fill out the form and send it in to Mrs. Taylor as soon as possible. The concert for this program is on Thursday, May 13th. Mark your calendars and Mrs. Taylor looks forward to seeing many of you on Friday! If you cannot make this rehearsal but wish to join choir, please fill out the form and see Mrs. Taylor. Also, if you need more information or have questions, please contact Mrs. Taylor at jtaylor@holyangelsschool.net.

We wanted to get this information to you as soon as possible. Cammie did a wonderful job and sold 40 boxes of cookie dough in one night during Market Day pick-up. We have reached the 250 mark!!! This means the school will receive **\$828.30** in just cookie dough profit. The raffles winners are as follows: Luigi's Pizza and Fun Center Family Pack: Joanne Sleezer. Market Day \$25.00 Gift Certificate: Ruth Wenzel.

In addition to the cookie dough profit, your total profit for February, including other market day items was **\$1,169.89**. We had 73 customers who purchased this month. As for TOTAL Market Day profit this school year you have **\$3,767.64**.

Lent is coming. What will you do to prepare for the Resurrection? We will be sending home baby bottles on Ash Wednesday for each family. I hope, as usual, you will encourage your children to be generous in this cause!

Here's what some of our classes are doing for Lent:

K—Mrs. McCrea will be doing good deeds. They will have a flower to mark their deeds down on and the class will watch their garden grow with good deeds.

1st grade will be praying an extra decade of the rosary, and as a classroom, we will be doing little Lenten projects as our 'footsteps to Easter'.

2nd & 3rd grade will be participating in a penny war. The proceeds will be donated to the American Red Cross Haiti relief Fund.

401 is going to "Feed My Starving Children" and taking up a collection for an animal shelter.

7th grade: 701 will collect money to plant a tree after Easter, pray the Unborn Child prayer every day, post Lenten reminders throughout the school. 702 will make Easter baskets for the elderly in a private nursing home. And 703 will raise money for foster children for gift cards, collect books for Mooseheart and raise money for Jack's bike (special bikes for kids with cerebral palsy.)

We are looking for a part-time (as needed) person to work Extended Day. For more information please call me.

Received this note from **Fr. Garrity** (plus a nice check for our Guardian Angel Fund):

Dear Norb,

Many thanks for the great and undeserved honor of being a Holy Angels Distinguished Alumnus and again, my apologies for not being able to attend in person.

Please accept this check as a very small token of my appreciation. I received an excellent education at Holy Angels and I know you're doing an outstanding job there today. God Bless you. H.A. 1969 Fr. Robert Garrity

Received this from **Frances Phelan**, Pantry Director:

"Please extend to the children of Holy Angels our sincere appreciation for the food collection that took three trips to transport across the street! In a word, it was, to say the least...SUPERCALIFRAGILSTICEXPIALODOCIOUS! It is encouraging that the children are learning the important of doing good things for other people—not just those who are family and friends. On the behalf of all those who will benefit we thank you, the children, their teachers, parents and the entire school staff for this gift of love. God bless you all."

Here's a note that **all** families should read:

As long promised, our first action alert of the year has arrived! The Governor is currently working on his budget recommendation for next fiscal year. Our challenge is to convince him to include funding for the **Textbook Loan Program** in his budget proposal. Accordingly, I am asking that you, your school's staff, your parents and your parishioners all take time to write the Governor with this important request. A sample letter (with mailing address) is attached, but if at all possible, I urge you to personalize your letter. Talking specifically about what Textbook Loan has provided your school will be especially helpful. The Governor will be preparing his budget for the remainder of the month and perhaps into March, so there is plenty of time to get the word out, gather support and flood his office with letters. Please do whatever you can to encourage broad participation. A high level of sustained grassroots engagement is essential to achieving our goals. The sample letter and this information can also be found on our web site. Please contact me if you have any further questions. The next three months will be busy, but with your help, we can succeed!

Zach Wichmann, Catholic Conference of Illinois, Associate Director for Education
217-528-9200

Here's the letter that you can use:

February __, 2010

Governor Pat Quinn
Office of the Governor
207 State House
Springfield, IL 62706

Dear Governor Quinn:

I write today urging you to propose funding for the Illinois Textbook Loan Program in your fiscal year 2011 budget.

The Textbook Loan Program has been in operation since 1975. Its purpose is to provide secular textbooks, learning materials and instructional computer software to public and nonpublic school students grades K-12. Although most of the program's funding goes to public schools, Catholic schools have long depended on this program and have used the benefit to continually update math, science, and reading textbooks,

as well as to purchase new instructional software for technology labs. Students cannot learn or succeed without effective and up-to-date learning materials, and this program has helped ensure those materials are present in ALL schools.

According to the Illinois State Board of Education's (ISBE) published analysis, the Textbook Loan program impacts 2.1 million students and 164,000 educators. In fiscal year 2009, the program provided 849,214 instructional items to pupils in grades 7 through 12. There are not many grant programs in ISBE's budget that have had as far-reaching an impact for as long a time.

Obviously, the state's fiscal condition is dire. We understand funding cuts must be endured in these difficult times. However, when a long-standing program with a proven track record faces elimination, Illinois' entire education system suffers. It also problematic when programs serving both public and nonpublic schools – such as Textbook Loan – are subject to disproportionate cuts in the state's education budget. ISBE's strategic goals cite service to "all students" and "all schools." Unfortunately, last year's budget cut the Textbook Loan completely and failed to reflect similar concern.

We urge you to recommend that ISBE's budget restore funding at the fiscal year 2007 level of \$29.1 million. Such a recommendation recognizes the current fiscal condition of the state but also makes some attempt to meet the state's *obligation* to provide sound, up-to-date instructional materials to all children. Catholic schools provide great savings to the state: \$1.5 billion annually. We do not deserve to lose the limited state support given back.

Thank you for your attention and support.

A reminder from the school calendar...

**THERE IS NO BUS TOMORROW, FEBRUARY 12.
THERE IS NO SCHOOL ON MONDAY, FEB. 15
PROGRESS REPORTS NEXT FRIDAY.
NO SCHOOL ON FEBRUARY 26!**

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A couple more pages follow for students of Mrs. Waegner, 7th/8th grade Social Studies teacher.

To Parents & Students in Mrs. Waegner's History Class:

From: Mrs. Waegner & Mr. Ehrler:

In an effort to integrate technology into our classroom and use it to enhance student learning here at Holy Angels School, we have established a class blog. This letter will explain what a blog is, how it will be used in our classroom, address safety concerns and detail the responsibilities for all of us to ensure that this technology is used for learning purposes only.

What is a Blog?

A blog is a place online for students to write reflective responses to assigned prompts, respond to classroom readings, provide feedback on lessons or projects and share ideas with fellow students to deepen their learning experience here at Holy Angels. It will include original posts from their teachers and give us all an opportunity as teachers and students to write, react and share as a learning community. It will also include LINKS to web sites, other blogs, news articles, and recommend books and movies to support classroom lessons. This is a great opportunity for students to utilize a technology that they already are comfortable with and enjoy in a whole new manner, as a tool for learning.

Purpose of the blog

The members of Mrs. *Waegner's History Class* at Holy Angels will be participating in a classroom blog for the purposes of:

- Responding to and commenting on curriculum topics as we study them
- Creating written projects and commenting on each other's work
- Encouraging process writing
- Practicing persuasive writing
- Creative writing
- Sharing classroom events with families
- Discussing current events
- Making classroom suggestions

This will be a work in progress and we will continually strive to maintain a site that is beneficial to student learning and serves to enhance lessons being conducted in the classroom. We welcome comments and suggestions from parents, students and faculty as we strive to incorporate this important technology in our instruction.

Safety

This blog will be created using *blogger.com*; our web address is *www.mrswaegnershistoryclass.blogspot.com*.

In the interest of students' safety, the following restrictions have been configured on the blogging site:

- Only students, parents and faculty invited by the teachers are allowed to register.

- Only registered members can enter the blog
- Only registered members can comment or post to the blog
- No individual or identifiable profiles are available on the blog; screen names will consist of first name and last initial ONLY.
- Parents are encouraged to use their child's password login and see what's happening in Mrs. Waegner's class.
- Only teachers are able to add or modify content.

Terms and Conditions

- All students and participants in this blogging project must agree to the terms and conditions of this agreement.
- Mrs. Waegner & Mr. Ehrler, will make every reasonable effort to monitor conduct on the class blog in order to maintain a positive learning community.
- No student or other participant may include any information or images on the site that could compromise the safety of him or other blog members.
- All participants will be respectful in their postings and comments. No trash-talk, inappropriate language, personal insults, profanity, spam, racist, sexist or discriminatory remarks, or threatening comments will be tolerated.
- All participants must protect their login and password information. If participants suspect that a password has been compromised, he/she must notify the teacher immediately.
- No participant may share his/her login information or protected information about the site with anyone who is not a participant.

Consequences

Any violation of the above terms and conditions shall make the violator subject to both immediate termination from the blog, **with all related sacrifice of points toward grades** and to discipline through the school code of conduct, where applicable. At the teacher's discretion, a warning may be given in the case of minor infractions.

This is a **free** service and takes only a few minutes to register. Screen names will be restricted to first name and last initial. Once you have registered your user name and password you will enter those and click "accept invitation." Once this is completed successfully, you will be able to go directly to our blog at www.mrswaegnershistoryclass.blogspot.com, login and participate.

Students who choose not to participate in blogging activities will be given alternative assignments.

Please direct any questions to Mrs. Waegner at lwaegner@holyyangelsschool.net or Mr. Ehrler at rehrlr@holyyangelsschool.net.

Please keep this letter for your records and as a reference for information regarding our blog activities.

Please return this letter by February 17th, 2010

Student/Parent Agreement

Please return this form to the classroom by February 17th, 2010. Your son or daughter cannot participate in blogging activities until we receive this form.

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Signatures

I agree to the terms and conditions of the class blog for Mrs. Waegner's History Class for the 2010 school year and permit my student to participate in the blogging project.

Student signature	Date	Parent signature	Date
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Once you have returned this signed form, we will send you an invitation via email to join the class blog. Click on the link within the email and it will take you to our class login. It does require a Google account; if you do not have one you will be prompted to sign up. This is a free service and takes only a few minutes to register. Once you have registered your user name and password you will enter those and click "accept invitation." Once this is completed successfully, you will be able to go directly to our blog at www.mrswaegnershistoryclass.blogspot.com, login and participate.

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***The Cougars are coming to town!
It's almost that time... aren't you ready for some Baseball??***

Unit 23 of St. Anne's Society is hosting a Kane County Cougars ***fund-raiser*** where we are selling tickets. **50%** of fundraiser proceeds will go for **tuition assistance** for Holy Angels!

If your child is participating in the Ozzie Reading Club – he/she will get one free **Reserved** ticket – and you will need to purchase the rest of your family's seats. What an excellent opportunity to get this done!

Not participating in the reading club? Or not sure when you are going? NO PROBLEM! Buying an undated ticket is like buying a **Gift Certificate – you can redeem it for the date of your choice when you know your schedule.
Great for Anniversary, Birthday and Graduation Gifts!
Check out the schedule at www.kccougars.com**

***Call Frances Phelan with questions. (630)896-6941
Please turn in the form below by March 30th either to School office, Parish Center or Church collection basket***

***Kane County Cougars St. Anne's Unit 23 fund-raiser
Please turn in this form by March 30th***

Lawn Seats \$8
Reserved tickets \$10,
Box tickets \$12

**Questions? Call Frances Phelan (630) 896-2941.
Return this form in Collection envelope at church, Parish Center or to School office.**

Quantity Undated Tickets

Pay by check or cash. Please call if you would like to pay by Credit Card. Make your check to: Kane County Cougars