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Prayer Warriors: Let us pray for the Bancroft, Leurck & Betsinger families. For two staff members who have ill family members. For my wife & daughter! For one of our grandmothers who is having tests for cancer. For the family of Emily DuVall's godparents who lost a son this week. For the people lost in Haiti and their families who have survived!

Pro-Life: **January 22, 1973** was and will remain a day of shame! You can check online those politicians who are pro-life. I urge you to do this before you vote! There is **NO** justifiable reason to take another life. Killing is killing so let us pray for those doctors and politicians who do not understand this.

Our students brought in more than **\$1,500** for the people of Haiti! This money will be combined with what the Diocese is doing for these people who experienced a second 6.1 earthquake on Wednesday!

IF YOU'RE READING THIS ON THURSDAY, THERE ARE NO AFTERNOON ACTIVITIES TODAY (THURSDAY) BECAUSE OF WATER PROBLEMS THAT NEED TO BE FIXED. SORRY FOR THE INCONVENIENCE. YOU SHOULD HAVE RECEIVED A PHONE CALL FROM US AND WE HAVE BEEN ANNOUNCING THIS TO THE STUDENTS SINCE TUESDAY!

As I've stated many times before, we have only four major fundraisers a year. Only one of them, the **Super Raffle**, is obligatory, meaning if each family's expectation of selling **\$100** worth of tickets isn't met, the \$100 is tacked on to the tuition owed. As of December 31, we have only raised **41%** of our budgeted expectations for fundraising. As of this date, **NO** decisions have been made on the number of teachers, etc. I call on **EVERY** family to do the best they can in this tough economic time to help us keep Holy Angels at the level it has achieved for almost **100** years. The Super Raffle ends on January 29—next week! Please do what you can to help us meet our goal.

We could still use more people to bake or buy cookies/cakes for the reception for Fr. Garrity on Sunday. If you can help with this, you can drop off your items either at school on Friday or at Connor Hall on Saturday morning any time from 8:15-9:00 a.m.

There will be more news on this in future newsletters but it's time for eighth grade parents to start gathering pictures for the video!

No additional milk orders are being accepted for 2nd semester! Parents need to **check** their child's backpack (especially the younger kids!) AND read the newsletter for notes!

IF YOU HAVE A NEW PHONE NUMBER OR NEW CELL PHONE NUMBER, PLEASE LET US KNOW WHAT IT IS. WHEN WE DO A "CALL-OUT" FOR CANCELLATIONS, ETC., YOU WON'T GET THE MESSAGE IF WE DON'T HAVE THE CORRECT NUMBER!

One of the events celebrated during Catholic Schools Week is the Teacher/Staff Appreciation Luncheon. On Wednesday, February 3rd, the Teachers and Staff members will be invited to a special luncheon where we can thank them for all that they do for our children. If you would like to donate a raffle item such as an Angel Wings gift card, or a gift basket, for this event, please contact Julia Shaff @ 630-554-6306, by Friday, January 29th. Thank You!

MARKET DAY COINS FOR COOKIES

Help stock the **food pantry** with cookie dough. We all have a sweet tooth and what better way to show you care than by donating a box of cookie dough. Each class will be provided with a clean empty container to put coins in. From now until Friday **January 29th** clean out those cup holders in your car, empty your pocket change, or pick up that penny on the ground (if you can find one in the snow) and drop it in the bucket. Thank you for your support.

First Communion meeting is **Sunday Jan. 24 at 6:30 p.m.** This meeting is for **parents only**. Both parents are preferred but at least one parent must attend.

Congratulations to our Cheerleaders who took 2nd at the St. Francis High School competition last Saturday. Also congratulations to Mary Kate Fleischer, Veronica Perez, Paige Allegretti and Maddy Deufel for being chosen by the judges as the All-Stars of our team! Thanks also to **Mrs. Gurbal** and **Mrs. Catich** for their help!

Three 6th grade girls **Rebecca Price, Jenna Cebulski** and **Abigail Melvin** who play on the Lady Knights team won first place in the middle school volleyball championship on Sunday January 17 at the Vaughn Center. All three girls did a great job.

Several Holy Angels students were honored at the Genesis Soccer Club Awards dinner. The Girls U14 team which includes Quincy Kellett, Kelly Latkiewicz, Gina Noecker, and Molly Stefanski were recognized for their first place divisional finish and being unbeaten since May of 2009. In addition, Quincy received Most Valuable Player Honors, Molly received Most Goals Honors (30 goals in 22 games) and Gina received Most Improved Player Honors. Drew Noecker received the U9 team Sportsman Award for the past season.

The Honor Roll assembly will be after Mass NEXT Wednesday, January 27 starting at **APPROXIMATELY 9:30 a.m.** Parents are welcome to attend!

Grandparent sweatshirts are available. Limited numbers are available! Order now for Catholic Schools Week—order forms outside the Main Office.

Taylor St. Pizza and Catering wants to help our school! They will donate 10% of all subtotals to Holy Angels School; in addition, the classroom with the most items ordered will receive a FREE pizza party! Just call 630-844-0044 and order pick-up or delivery, and mention you would like to help our school. Fill out the bottom portion, with the items ordered, the grade, and teacher's name, & turn in while paying for your order. **Only valid until Jan 31.**

Please help Holy Angels School

Teacher Name:

Grade:

Sub total:

Taylor Street Pizza

The Junior High Dance is **tomorrow**, January 22 from 6:30-8:30—Superbowl theme! Doors open at 6:15. Please pick your students up **PROMPTLY** at 8:30 p.m. The students were given an extra week to get permission slips submitted. Late slips will not be accepted.

For those people who have offered to make cookies or bars for the reception for Fr. Garrity this Sunday, January 24 after the 9:30 Mass, you may bring your donations to school tomorrow, January 22 OR to Connor Hall next Saturday from 8:15-9:00 a.m. Thank you!

I'm going to offer another "**Protecting God's Children**" class on 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.

The Family Life Office/Bishop Lane Retreat Center is offering some programs which you may find useful:

A Mother-Daughter Tea for 10-12 year old girls, April 11, 1-4:30 p.m.

A retreat for Widow & Widowers of all ages, April 10-11 @ Bishop Lane

"Cozy Country Night of Romance—dining, dancing & inspirational talk—Feb 13, 6-9:30

Diocesan Seniors Lenten Retreat, "Praying with the Saints", March 16-17.

A Day of Healing, Care & Welcome for Divorced Catholics, March 21, 9:30-4:30.

A Quiet Lenten Woman's Prayer Retreat, March 5-7

Midwest Catholic Family Conference, July 23-25

Healing Childhood Hurts, March 26-28

Is Your Marriage Tearing You Apart, Feb 19-21.

Call Bishop Lane Retreat Center, **815.965.5011** at any time for more information!

Parents can sign up for Meijer's rewards for our school ... the school code is 969972. Received this note from Mrs. DuVall:

"I went to Meijer today and took advantage of this great opportunity for the school. I purchased 20 items and received 140 bonus box tops. Yeah -- **\$14.00** for school plus the original 20 box tops that equals **\$16.00**. Thanks for sending the info to me as I did not read the Meijer add this week." A wealthy friend of mine once said, "Count the pennies and the dollars take care of themselves!" I think this is so important to understand. If the purchases you have to make for your home anyway can generate funds for the school, it is **NO** extra work or **expense** for you! Just think if **each** family shopped at Meijer or whatever store that would give us cash back once a week, that would generate **\$5,712** a week, **\$22,848** a month and **\$274,176** a year!

Illinois state law requires children **under 8 years of age** be secured in an appropriate child safety seat (a car seat or booster seat). Children under the age of 8 but weighing more than 40 pounds may ride in the back seat with a lap belt only if there are no lap/shoulder belts available in the vehicle to be used with a booster seat. Children ages 8 - 16 must be buckled in a seat belt or appropriate child car seat. Children under the age of 18 are required to wear a seat belt when riding in a vehicle driven by anyone under the age of 18.

A law that took effect on January 1, 2010 is Senate Bill 72 titled "***Vehicular Phone Use in School Zones***". According to the new law: "***A person, regardless of age, may not use a wireless telephone at any time while operating a motor vehicle on a roadway in a school speed zone***"

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Catholic School Week Schedule is as follows:

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| 1/24 | Sunday | Faculty/Staff Mass @ 9:30. Fr. Bob Garrity recognized! |
| 2/1 | Monday | Student Appreciation Day: Dress as your favorite fictional or factual book character. |
| 2/2 | Tuesday | Service Appreciation Day: Thank you cards for soldiers! |
| 2/3 | Wednesday | Teacher/Parish Appreciation Luncheon |
| 2/4 | Thursday | Parent Appreciation Day—Open House from 8:30-10:00 a.m. |

2/5 Friday **School Spirit** Appreciation Day—Jeans along w/crazy hat and