

# ECHOES OF ANGELS

Rooted in the Gospel of Jesus Christ...

## Empower Illinois

Empower Illinois sent an important e-newsletter with some timely news! Friday, November 2nd is the last day for families, who may be qualified, to respond to an e-mail link sent by Empower Illinois to complete the scholarship process. Please be sure to check your email and/or spam folder if you applied last spring in case you're one of the lucky recipients.

## What a Kick!

Justin Cebulski won the age 14 division of the Knights of Columbus Regional Soccer Kicking Competition. He will advance to the state finals on November 10 at Eastern Illinois University. Congratulations, Justin!

## West Branch Library

Many have probably heard of the proposed changes to the location of the Aurora West Branch Library. Meetings are scheduled on: November 1 at 6:30 and November 5 at 6:00 at 1877 W. Downer Place along with November 8 at 5:30 at the West Branch Location. All are welcome to attend.



Kindergarten Saints

## Pumpkin Picasso Winners

Thank you to everyone who participated in the annual KIDS' Club Pumpkin Decorating Contest! There were over 100 entries this year. The students' creativity was amazing! Here are the winners for this year's contest:

### Prettiest Category

Sophia Olson - PK4  
 Arabella Hoffman Room 202.  
 Jenna Seyller Room 202.  
 Kennedy Munro Room 201  
 Erin Barr Room 601

### Funniest Category.

Madeleine Almanzar PK3





## Lest We Forget

It has become a tradition at Holy Angels to honor our brave veteran at an all-school assembly. This year we will honor them on Friday, November 9 at 10:00. 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 e-mail [sgurbal@holyanangelsschool.net](mailto:sgurbal@holyanangelsschool.net) by tomorrow with the family member's name and branch of service so we can include them in the presentation. Unfortunately, we cannot honor late requests.

## No Peanuts

If your child attends extended daycare, please be cognizant of sending peanut products in lunches. Many times students save their peanut items to eat later. Unfortunately, this means eating them during extended daycare snack time. We have many students with allergies which is why we have made extended daycare peanut free. Please remind them that all nut foods must be eaten only at lunchtime.

Logan Rynders Room 101  
 Zoey Fick Room 102  
 Charlotte Chase Room 301  
 Logan Conover Room 402  
 Jack Christoffel Room 502

## Most Creative Category

Tyler Tull K1  
 Aidan Malley Room 101  
 Griffin Yates Room 202  
 Brecken Oester Room 301  
 Kyle Stanislo Room 402  
 Aria Miller Room 501

## M.A.I.Z.E.

Imagine having a museum curator come to you with an unknown artifact and ask for help to unravel its past. The situation will call for inquiry and research as you take on the role of an anthropologist seeking answers to the following questions: What is the artifact? Who made it? What was its purpose? Our fifth graders have been participating in M.A.I.Z.E., a problem-based learning project. This partnership with Aurora University's Schingoethe Center for Native American Cultures was recently featured in a front page [Beacon News](#) article. The fifth graders will be presenting their findings as museum docents on Wednesday, November 14 at 9:00 in Connor Hall. All are welcome to attend.

## I'm Not Scared I'm Prepared

The world will forever remember December 14, 2012...the day 26 angels from Sandy Hook Elementary were created. The outpouring of support for those affected by this tragedy is evidence that our world is still full of more good than evil. But unfortunately, in the world we live in, we have to ask the essential question: What options do we have for survival if we ever find ourselves in a violent intruder event? This question has led to new protocols known as ALICE which give our students and staff options for survival. ALICE stands for *alert, lockdown, inform, counter, and evacuate*.

**Alert:** We will get the word out using clear concise language and describe the location of the event.

**Lockdown:** This is still a good starting point. The lockdown will include locking the door but also barricading to deny entry.

**Inform:** Continual communication keeping the staff and students informed allows for good decision-making.

Counter: Apply skills of movement, noise, distance, distractions, and using our overwhelming numbers to gain control of the situation, as is age and ability appropriate. This is only if evacuation and lockdown is not possible. In NO WAY are we asking or teaching our students or staff to make any attempt to subdue an armed gunman outside of their secure area.

Evacuate: Reduce the number of potential targets for the shooter and reduce chances of injuries resulting from friendly fire when help arrives. In the event of an emergency, DO NOT come to the school. Our rally points are Conner Hall and the fire station behind Lincoln Park.

All staff have been trained in these research based enhanced lockdown procedures, and we've done a safety inspection of our building. We could use your help with several upgrades that we'd like to implement. With our current PA system we cannot talk room-to-room, only to the office. We'd like to add Echo Dots to each room which will allow us to talk room-to-room at a fraction of the cost to completely renovate our old wiring and PA system. We need 32 Dots. Please consider a donation of \$40 to purchase one for a classroom. We also need 32 bungee cords to further secure classroom doors. They are about \$3 a piece. Finally, we want copies of the book I'm Not Scared I'm Prepared to be used to train our little ones in a non-fearful way how to respond. These book are \$9.51 and we need 12 copies. Any donations to upgrade our security will be greatly appreciated and can be sent to the office. Please mark it for ALICE. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Here is a link to a video that Mrs. Gurbal and I made about our new safety procedures: <https://youtu.be/6frIbt7yKkU>. Please take the time to view it so that you know more about what we are teaching your children. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

## A Work of Heart

Are you in need of PIP hours? Do you like to craft? The Seraphim Ball is looking for volunteers to assist with classroom projects which will be auctioned the night of the ball. We are still in need of volunteers for grades PK, 1, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8. This volunteer is responsible for a class idea and assisting students in completing the project. This task would fulfill your PIP hours for the year and is a great option to get your PIP hours completed in a more flexible way. For more information, contact Alysia Schramka at [alysianne1234@gmail.com](mailto:alysianne1234@gmail.com).

## A Haunting We Will Go

The 8th grade class' *Help the Homeless Haunted House* was a huge success! The younger students enjoyed all the "tricks and treats" provided by the 8th graders. They raised \$834 for Hesus House. A very special thank you to Mrs. Lundsberg, Mrs. Panizzi, Mrs. Chaberski, and Mrs. Sheridan for all of their help in creating this special project.

## Mama's Boy

Please join us for a mother and son night of fun on Friday, November 9 from 6 - 8 PM at Funway. Tickets are \$15 per person and includes the options of bowling and laser tag or bowling and a game card. Ticket orders must be purchased in advance and received by November 2. Please make checks payable to Holy Angels. For any questions, contact Susan Cruz at 630-853-3456 or [susanfr20@yahoo.com](mailto:susanfr20@yahoo.com)

## Chicago Steel

Holy Angels' choir has been invited to sing the National Anthem at the Chicago Steel Hockey game on November 30. Tickets to attend this event are \$12 with an optional meal ticket of \$6.50 that includes hot dog, chips, and pop from the concession stand. If you'd like to join in the fun, tickets can be purchased through the flyer that came home. All money is due to the office by November 5. Questions can be directed to Becky Barr at [beckyarbi@yahoo.com](mailto:beckyarbi@yahoo.com).

## Next Week at a Glance

Monday -

Tuesday -

Wednesday -

Thursday -

Friday - Honor Roll Mass 8:15

Veterans Day Assembly 9:30

Mother & Son Night of Fun 6:00 Funway

## *Bringing Home the Faith*

On the feast of All Saints, we honor those men and women who—whether they've been canonized or not—have led lives of heroic virtue that set an example for all Christians. Saints are big dreamers. They believe that with God on their side, no one and nothing can stop them. Saints are go-getters. They don't wait for someone else to do good first; they jump right in. Saints are love-bringers. They try to see Christ in every person and every situation. Saints tell us what matters most in life is not what we earn or own, not the job we have or the people we know. What really matters is how much we love God, others, and ourselves, and how well we show that love in all we do.

### **Collect Prayer from the solemnity of All Saints**

Let us pray today.

Almighty ever-living God,

By whose gift we venerate in one celebration the merits of all the Saints,

bestow on us, we pray, through the prayers of so many intercessors,

an abundance of the reconciliation with you for which we earnestly long.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

(from [Saints and Feast Days](#), by Sisters of Notre Dame of Chardon, Ohio)

*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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