

# ECHOES OF ANGELS

Rooted in the Gospel of Jesus Christ...

## Thank You

Thank you to the Jump family who were able to donate a used VHS/DVD player for one of our classrooms. We are grateful for the device.

## Sports PIP Hours

As a clarification for *Parent Involvement Program* hours, parents of students participating in sports are required to perform four hours of service per student per sport. This is in addition to the 10 PIP hours that every family is required to perform.

## Celebration of Faith

Our first two all-school Masses will be held at 9:00. We start our regular Mass schedule (8:15) after Labor Day. Please consider joining us. All are welcome to celebrate our faith with us.



## Back To School

On Tuesday, September 4 at 6:30, we welcome all parents to our Curriculum Night. The evening begins in the "Salti Saltijeral" Gym with a short presentation. Parents are then invited to visit their children's classrooms to learn more about what's happening in each grade. This event is designed for parents, so we kindly request that children not attend.

## Mind Spark Mystery Lab

For the past several years, we have partnered with Boosterthon to fundraise for our school. This is a unique opportunity for our students to learn character lessons, engage in physical activity, and raise money for our school. Our Boosterthon is scheduled to





## Coach Jim

You may have heard about “Coach Jim” from your child. He is filling in for Mrs. Wagner who is on leave for a few weeks.

## Restaurant Nights

Anytime that you dine at Buffalo Wild Wings on Orchard, please mention “Team A.” This code word earns the school a percentage of your dinner proceeds. Also be sure to check out our framed sports jersey on their wall.

On Thursday, August 30, plan to head to Culver’s in Oswego for Holy Angel’s first *Give Back Night Fundraiser* of the school year.

After a long holiday weekend, don’t cook - instead head to Lou Malnati’s in Aurora on Orchard or in Oswego on Route 34 and raise some money for our school. It’s also Curriculum Night, so it’s definitely a good night to order pizza.

Check backpacks for flyers with more information coming home today.

For Grandparents’ Day on September 21, there will be a restaurant fundraiser at Mother’s.

begin on September 10 with the actual run on September 19. This fundraiser is so much fun for our students! We usually profit over \$20,000 for our school with your help. The Boosterthon works like this: students ask parents, grandparents, other relatives, friends, and neighbors for pledges for how many laps they can complete on the Fun Run track. Typically, students complete 35 laps (it’s a small track.) There are different levels of prizes that students can earn as they get their pledges. Classes also compete to earn classroom prizes as their classroom levels increase. This is an optional fundraiser but every child gets to participate in the Fun Run regardless of pledge level. Please look for more information to be forthcoming about this exciting adventure!

## Jesus Take the Wheel

Thank you for your patience with the parking lot dismissal. As a gentle reminder, please use Hardin Avenue instead of Kensington to enter our drop off line in the mornings.

Also if it is close to 8 AM, please drop your child off at the front door. There is teacher supervision in the rear but they do have teaching duties that begin at 8 AM. This will insure that no child is left unattended in the rear.

## Fun and Games

Please plan to join us for our first fundraiser of the year. The third annual Trivia Night will be held this year on September 29 in the Pine Room at Bliss Creek Golf Course from 6 - 10 PM. The cost is \$25 per person or \$250 for a team of ten. You can sign up as an individual or as a team. The price includes dinner and limited beer and soft drinks. Flyers are due back to the office by September 21. Space is limited, so sign up early to guarantee your spot!

Are you looking for a way to advertise your company? If so, the Trivia Night Committee is looking for business sponsorships. The cost is \$100. This sponsorship includes business advertisement, a shout-out at the event, and a Facebook thank you. There are also sponsorships available to offset the costs of appetizers and pizza. These are \$10 and \$20 respectively. Please return the forms that were sent home via backpack.

Finally, there are an additional fun ways to win at our Trivia Night. Buy a square to win four Blackhawk tickets with a parking pass and four passes to the Ketel Club on Sunday, October 28 at 5 PM. Each square is only \$20 and only 50 squares will be sold. Please contact Myra Michels at [MYRARN15@comcast.net](mailto:MYRARN15@comcast.net). You

can also buy a raffle ticket for your chance to win two tickets to the Seraphim Ball (a \$200 value) for just \$10 apiece. The raffle winner will be drawn at Trivia Night. You need not be present to win either prize.

Any questions can be directed to Beth Christoffel at [elizabeth.a.christoffel@gmail.com](mailto:elizabeth.a.christoffel@gmail.com).

## Math Whiz

The after-school math club, *Mighty Math Minds*, will be meeting again this year! This is a club where students explore fun and challenging math activities together in a relaxed environment. Our guiding principle is: Math is more than a set of rules and procedures. Math is multidimensional – full of creativity and flexibility! There will be a 3rd grade group meeting every other Tuesday until 3:40, and a 4th & 5th grade group meeting every Thursday until 3:40. If you have any questions, contact the instructor Rachel Wing DiMatteo at [rwingdimatteo@gmail.com](mailto:rwingdimatteo@gmail.com).

## For the Very First Time

The Seraphim Ball is our largest and most spectacular fundraiser. This year it will be held on February 9. Starting October 1, you will be able to purchase your Seraphim Ball Early Bird tickets online. You will also be able to choose your seating arrangements online as well as purchase sponsorships. This will create an electronic advertising page for all of our families to view.

Thank you to all of the 3rd & 4th grade parents who have stepped up to help with Seraphim Ball. We are still in need of volunteers to sell tuition raffle tickets on Grandparents' Day and at the Christmas Program. We could also use some additional help reaching out to local businesses for a donation or an advertisement. Please visit the Seraphim Ball table outside the library on Curriculum Night on September 4 for more information.

## Next Week at a Glance

*Monday - No School*

*Tuesday -*

*Wednesday -*

*Thursday -*

*Friday - Hot Lunch*

*Mass 8:15*

## Bringing Home the Faith

### Quick and Easy Ways to Make Mealtime Prayer More Meaningful

Imagine, for a moment, a family gathering around the dinner table. Believing that the food on the table is a blessing from God, the family takes a few moments to pray, to thank God for the goodness He has

shown them in providing nourishment for their bodies. They've said this prayer a thousand times before—and perhaps that's why it sounds so rushed, so uninspired, so forced. Sound familiar?

In any family, each person probably has a particular form of prayer that's most meaningful to him or her. Honor that by letting each individual choose a different prayer for the meal at least once a week... and have some fun with it. Here are just a few ideas:

- **Sing the traditional Grace Before Meals prayer**—improvise the melody.
- **Say a prayer chain**—go around the table and let each person tell God something he or she is thankful for that day.
- **Read a passage from Scripture**—don't worry about having to add anything to it. Let the verse be the prayer.
- **Take 15 seconds of total silence**, letting each family member pray to himself or herself. You may be amazed at how powerfully prayerful a pause can be!
- **Move the prayer from before the meal to after the meal.** Simply changing when you say the prayer can help people focus more on the act of praying.

By mixing up the ways you pray at the table, you can ensure that habit won't trump heart. In the process, you'll discover again the joy of meeting God in mealtime prayer!

*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.