

ECHOES OF ANGELS

Rooted in the Gospel of Jesus Christ...

Spreading Christmas Cheer

On behalf of the faculty and staff, thank you for your generosity in our Christmas collection!

Super Raffle

Super Raffle tickets, our only mandatory fundraiser, is coming home today. Please check backpacks for the tickets. This year's grand prize is \$3,000. All tickets sales are due back to the office by February 1.

Late Fee

Please note that if you are late in picking up your child from extended daycare, there is a \$50 late fee that applies. Extended daycare closes at 5:30 PM.

Schoolspeak

The end of the 2nd quarter occurs the week we get back from break. Schoolspeak will be unavailable starting on January 8. If you need your log in information, please email Mrs. Gurbal at sgurbal@holyangelschool.net.



Quick Thinking

Last fall, Pete Doyle, from the Aurora Fire Department was here and provided training for our staff on what to do in the event of a heart attack or choking incident. It's one of those trainings that you hope you never have to use. But yesterday, Ms. Wagner, found herself in a position where she needed to put her training to use. Using the Heimlich maneuver, she was able to dislodge a particle of food from a choking student at lunchtime. After being checked by the nurse, the child was able to return to class. On behalf of the entire school, I applaud Ms. Wagner's quick thinking and her actions. It's gratifying to know that this story has a happy ending!





Compliment

I received this compliment from an audience member from last week's cheerleading competition. "I recently attended the City of Lights cheer competition hosted by East Aurora High School. I just wanted to pass on how impressed I was with your cheer squad. There were awesome on the competition mat, but what impressed me was their cheering for other teams as they finished competing. You should be proud of the sportsmanship they displayed. Your school was well represented."

Free Throw Contest

On January 15, the Knights of Columbus Cardinal Bellarmine Council #4849 will be hosting their annual free throw contest for any boy or girl ages 9-14 in the school gym starting at 2:30 PM. Participation forms will be sent home after break.

High School Events

We advertise upcoming events on our website under *School Information*. Be sure to check it out as we add new items each week. There are lots of camps posted that will be happening over Christmas break.

Seraphim Ball Needs Your Help

The Seraphim Ball Committee is looking for old pictures of students that have attended Holy Angels. More information will be forthcoming, but please begin looking for those old photos of students that may now have second or third generations following in their footsteps by attending Holy Angels.

Let Safety Lead the Way

Thank you to all the parents who follow our arrival and dismissal procedures. I know it's not always convenient but it is greatly appreciated having you put the safety of our students first. As a friendly reminder, for drop off there is no adult supervision until 7:30 AM. Please refrain from dropping off students until our teachers are outside. Also, parking in the pantry lot and walking children across is not advised. We are getting into the slippery season when cars may not be able to stop quickly so that children can safely cross. Consider using the front parking lot as an alternative if you want to park and walk with your child.

As a gentle reminder, those students who are car riders parked in the front parking lot are dismissed first. So please do not be offended if we hold your child in the safety zone in the front of the school if you are not parked in the lot. Also for the safety of all, please do not exit through the entrance to the lot. Rather wait to be dismissed from the lot and it is a right turn only when exiting onto Kensington. In case you did not know, parking along both sides of Russell south of Kensington is a no parking zone from 1-4 PM. Again, thanks for your patience in helping us keep our students safe.

All Bundled Up

We go outside everyday that the temperature is twenty degrees or above. It can be a miserable twenty minutes if your child is not dressed for the weather. I know the trending style is simply to wear a sweatshirt for the cold, but please make sure that your child has a coat, hat, and gloves. Girls may put pants on under their skirts for recess.

Have a blessed and Merry Christmas!

Next Week at a Glance

School resumes Monday, January 8.

Bringing Home the Faith

An Idea to Celebrate Christmas Like Catholics

Don't treat Christmas like it ends on December 25th. Don't forget that Christmas has 12 days. The 12th day of Christmas is the Feast of the Epiphany, when the three wise men arrived to present Jesus with gold, frankincense, and myrrh. Leave your Christmas decorations up the entire twelve days of Christmas. Don't take them down New Year's Day. Whatever other Christmas traditions your family keeps, keep them going through the twelve days. This is a time of feasting and joy to finish out the penance and fasting during the first part of December. (catholicmom.com)

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.

Education Commission Members

Deacon Tim White twhite007@comcast.net

Chuck Hilby CHilby@sd129.org

Bridget Stanislo bstanislo@holyangelsschool.net

Beth Baker bethbaker559@hotmail.com

John Cebulski bullman7@sbcglobal.net

Bridgette Oester bdevine98@yahoo.com

Margaret Vagnoni mvagnoni74@yahoo.com

Jeff Roberts jeff.eroberts@yahoo.com

Allison Kapitanoff allison.haga@gmail.com