

# ECHOES OF ANGELS

Rooted in the Gospel of Jesus Christ...

## Luck of the Draw

Congratulations to the Stanislo family who sold the most tickets for our recent Super Raffle. Winning \$500 was the Nash family and the grand prize winner of \$3,000 was the Hipp family!

## Seraphim Video

The Seraphim Ball Committee is looking for current and past year's photos of your children, fellow HA alum pictures of parents and grandparents, or family that have attended HA. Pictures provided will be used in the slide show the night of the Seraphim Ball. All photos will be returned by end of March 2018, unless emailed.

Please email pictures to Jill Burroughs [jcburroughs@yahoo.com](mailto:jcburroughs@yahoo.com) or send them to the school office clearly marked "Attention: Seraphim Ball."



## Sowing Saintly Seeds

In 1911, the Springfield Dominican Sisters founded Holy Angels School. Many of the traditions found today in our school have their origins with these wonderful nuns. They were instrumental in creating this school built on academic excellence and a solid foundation in our Catholic faith. Unfortunately, as with most religious orders of today, they are facing an aging population with few financial resources available to them to provide the best possible care that these nuns deserve for a lifetime of service to our Lord. Please consider these simple ways to help support them. Our Knights of Columbus sponsor a Lenten Fish Fry each Friday of Lent. They are pledging a portion of their profits to the Dominicans. Please consider attending one or all of the Fish Fries. Attached is a flyer with their menu. There will also be a





## 8th Grade Field Trip

The 8th grade field trip to the Holocaust Museum has been rescheduled to March 27.

Unfortunately, the timing of the trip has changed and 8th graders will return around 4:00 PM that afternoon.

## HSA Happenings

Tomorrow, February 16, is the last day to turn in Box Tops. Please make sure your name and room number are on the envelope or baggie. Every Box Top earns \$.10 for our school.

The school store will not reopen until March.

The winning grades from the Buffalo Wild Wings Fundraising Night were PK-2 grades. Thank you to all the families that supported our school. Mark your calendars for Holy Angels Day at Oberweis on February 26 from 3PM - 9PM at the North Aurora location.

Daddy-Daughter dance is tomorrow night, February 16, from 6:00 - 8:30 PM. Feel free to pay at the door. Expect a super sweet time at our Candyland event!

collection box located in the lobby if you would like to offer a monetary donation to the order. Finally, we will sponsor a Black and White Dress Down Day on Wednesday, February 28. To honor these nuns, students are asked to add the colors of black and white to their dress down clothes. Please join me in showing your gratitude for the saintly seeds that they sowed over 100 years ago!

## Building for the Future

Catholic education is a sacrifice. But as a parent, the sacrifice is well worth the price knowing how happy and well educated our children are here at Holy Angels. As we begin the planning process for next year, please return the re-registration forms coming home today by April 13. After this date, the registration fee will raise from \$125 to \$150. So get in on the savings and return your forms early! We will also choose one lucky winner from the returned forms to receive a free family registration.

The Parish Finance Council met and approved a \$100 increase for K-8 tuition and a \$40 increase for preschool tuition. This increase will be used to offset the cost of a modest pay increase for our devoted staff.

Please spread the word that our New Parent Open House is scheduled for Thursday, February 22 at 6:30 PM. Your enthusiastic endorsement is our very best advertisement!

As a way to grow our faith through generosity, I am currently looking for volunteers who would like to review our school's current fundraising efforts. This review would help us to better plan for our future and may result in new and different ways to raise funds. If you are interested in joining this dynamic group, please email me at [tforbes@holyanangelsschool.net](mailto:tforbes@holyanangelsschool.net).

## Lads and Lasses: Mark Your Calendars

The Seraphim Ball is less than a month away, and plans have already commenced for an evening packed with friends, food and fundraising fun! As we continue to prepare for Holy Angels School's largest fundraiser of the year, please note the upcoming deadlines below:

### Auction Items

Please deliver your auction items to Holy Angels School no later than Wednesday, February 21. Please be sure to label your item(s) SERAPHIM BALL. Any

donations received after this date will gladly be accepted for next year's event. If you've already committed to a donation and secured a drop-off plan with a Seraphim Ball committee member, this deadline does not apply to you.

### **Baskets/Bins**

Please deliver your small- and medium-sized baskets/bins for auction items to Holy Angels School no later than Wednesday, February 21. Any baskets/bins delivered after this date will gladly be accepted for next year's Seraphim Ball. To donate, simply label your baskets/bins SERAPHIM BALL and drop them off outside of the school office.

### **RSVP Cards**

Please complete and return your RSVP card to Holy Angels School via backpack or mail no later than Friday, February 23. If you have any special dietary or seating requirements, please be sure to note this information on the back of your card.

If you have questions, please contact April Ray at 630.636.8676 (april.ray.8676@gmail.com) or Cathy Medernach at 630.421.2284 (sandcat86@yahoo.com). Thanks for your support!

## **Junior High Dance**

Junior high students are invited to attend the Winter Candy Land dance on Friday, February 23 from 2:45 p.m. - 4:45 p.m. at the Holy Angels Curley Lambeau Gym. Students are encouraged to wear their brightest candy colors and bring their sweetest dance moves. Clothing must abide by the dress down rules in the Holy Angels Handbook. Snack and drinks will be provided. Candy will be available for purchase for \$1. Raffle tickets will also be available 3/\$1 to purchase for a chance to win various prize baskets. All proceeds go toward the 8th-grade banquet. For more information or to inquire about volunteering, contact Patti Bianchi (bianchip@hotmail.com) or Julie Blankenheim (Julie\_brad@sbcglobal.net). Permission slips and \$7 admission (per student) are due on Wednesday, February 21.

## **Some Assembly Required**

Admit it. We all have them - those well-intentioned gift cards we've received that we know we will never use. In fact, over *\$1 billion* is wasted by consumers every year because they go unused. So, this year let's do something different and donate them to the Seraphim Ball Committee. They will use them to assemble and round out the auction baskets at the Seraphim Ball, and you'll feel good knowing that you put them to good use even if you didn't spend them on yourself. They will take any gift cards but to make it even more fun they are promoting an ice cream party for the class that brings in the most "theme related" gift cards. Here is the break down:

Kindergarten - any fast food restaurant

First - sports themed stores

Second - grocery stores

Third - department stores

Fourth - gas stations

Fifth - online retailers

Sixth - entertainment

Seventh - restaurants

Eighth - home improvement stores

It will not be the dollar amount that wins, but the quantity of cards that are sent in per grade. They would like to have all cards sent in by February 23.

## Soup for Souls is Back!

Come and enjoy six varieties of soup along with bread and socialize with other parish families after Mass in Connor Hall on Saturday evenings during Lent. From 5:15-6:30 PM, February 17 - March 24, you can enjoy this fundraiser for the food pantry and get a night off from cooking. There is even take out available. The only cost is a donation to the food pantry.

## Stand the Test, Join the Best

Please consider joining the best team of recess monitors in the area! We are currently looking for someone to help us monitor recess on Thursdays from 11:30 AM -12:10 PM. This is a tuition assistance program so if you're not available to assist, perhaps your child has a grandparent who enjoys kids and would like to help with their grandchild's tuition bill. If so, please invite them to contact Jessa Leslie at [jandjleslie@hotmail.com](mailto:jandjleslie@hotmail.com).

## Next Week at a Glance

Monday - No School Presidents' Day

Tuesday - No Bus

Wednesday -

Thursday - New Parent Open House 6:30

Friday - Mass 8:15

Hot Lunch

8th Grade Pictures Retakes

Junior High Dance 2:45-4:45

## Bringing Home the Faith

The care with which the Church has assembled the prayers, the readings, the rituals of Lent and Holy Week remind me that Lent really is a school, a school of conversion and grace. The first day of Lenten school is Ash Wednesday. It is the day when more pupils show up at this school than almost any other day of the year. Why? To receive ashes traced in the form of a cross on one's forehead as a reminder of our sinfulness and mortality. "Remember, man, that you are dust and unto dust you shall return."



### **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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