

ECHOES OF ANGELS

Rooted in the Gospel of Jesus Christ...

Dress Down Day

Ray Rodriguez, husband to our librarian and father to Michael in 8th grade, has been battling cancer for well over a year. We would like to help the family in a very tangible way by hosting a *Dress Down Day for a Cause* tomorrow February 22. For \$1, students may dress down and all proceeds will be donated to the family to help with expenses. Please keep them in your prayers during this very difficult time and on behalf of the family thank you in advance for your generosity.

Pizza by the Slice

Students will be treated to a slice of pizza compliments of Rosatti's Pizza tomorrow for lunch. What a nice treat for them!

Calendar Change

As a result of the many snow days that we have used, we will be in attendance on March 1. There will be no bus service.



Read Across America Event

All are invited to attend a very special Dr. Seuss reading event. This exciting event brings attention to the importance of reading at all ages through games and activities, crafts, raffles, and shared readings. All students and their families are encouraged to wear pajamas or dress as their favorite Dr. Seuss character this night. It will be held on Thursday, February 28 from 6:00pm - 7:30pm. It is hosted by the Aurora University's Educators Rising Program. Admission is one canned good or children's book to be donated. Concessions will also be available for purchase. The Cat in the Hat will be making an appearance, as well as our very own former Aurora First Lady, Marilyn Weisner, to read *The Lorax*! Mark your calendars.

The Knights of Columbus will be hosting a restaurant fundraiser





Dupage STEM Expo

Calling all families for complimentary family fun, shows, and learning at DuPage Area STEM Expo to be held at the Illinois Institute of Technology, 201 East Loop Road, Wheaton. Mark your calendars for Saturday, February 23 from 10:30 AM - 3:30 PM. Students will be able to explore the explosive power of nitrogen and cryogenics at the infamous "Mr. Freeze" show, see robots from the Chicago Area Robotics Group, visit a simulated earthquake table, extinguish a simulated fire, construct structures, build cars, learn what keeps airplanes flying and have a shocking and hair-raising experience with static electricity. For any questions contact 630-682-6000 or ascorza@iit.edu.

Last Hurrah

There's still time for all 8th graders to join in the 8th grade's "Last Hurrah" to be held on Saturday, June 1 at the Blankenheim's. There will be swimming, snacks, drinks, and fun. The cost is \$20 and can be sent into the office marked "Last Hurrah."

at Colonial this same evening if you'd like to enjoy dinner before coming to our literacy event. All proceeds will support pro-life. The office has the flyers needed for the event if you want one.

Trying Something New

Registration for the 2019-2020 school year has just begun. This year we will be trying something new. Registration will be done online. Attached are the directions for completing the online registration process. Once you have completed the online registration forms, please send in your \$125 registration fee (per family) to the office. On March 15, registration fees rise to \$150 and new families will begin registering for next year. As an added incentive to register early, one lucky family will win their registration fee back from our registration raffle. Please note that there are several classes in our upper grades that are near capacity so it's vitally important to re-register in a timely manner to insure a spot for your child. In addition, re-registration numbers drive employment decisions for the upcoming year.

We try to keep tuition as affordable as possible. Tuition prices increased \$40 per level for the upcoming year.

Show Your Spirit

The Kirhofer's online Holy Angels Spirit Store is now open for business! Please use this link to order your favorite items: <https://holyangelsspiritstore.itemorder.com/>. As a reminder only the green Jerzees sweatshirt is approved to wear with the regular uniform. Don't delay! The store closes on Sunday, March 3.

March Madness

The Seraphim Ball committee is bringing back the March Madness tournament board. Every tournament game from Round 1, starting on March 21, through the National Championship on April 8 is a winner. All you have to do is be the name in the square that matches the final score of the game. It's just that simple! REMEMBER this is basketball so NO SQUARE is a BAD SQUARE. With only 100 squares on the board and an amazing 63 chances at winning, every game gives you an opportunity at cashing in.

Here's how to enter: There is a Google Docs web link on all our Facebook group pages. Just click on the posted link and the board will populate in another web browser window. Once the board is loaded, simply pick one or more squares and enter your name. The Google Docs link will save the information automatically but please feel free to exit out and re-enter again to make sure your name is still present.

All additional rules for entry, payouts per round, board setup, etc. will be placed in those Facebook groups. Please invite others to the Facebook groups and/or share the posts to get this filled up quickly. The entry fee will be \$25/square. Please make checks payable to Holy Angels School, indicate in the memo section it's for "MM19" and send through your child's backpack to the office to the attention of Ron Rudow. If anyone has any questions, please contact Ron at ronaldrudow@yahoo.com or on Facebook. Good luck and have fun watching the games.

Thankful for You

Our community was forever changed by what happened last Friday. It was deeply personal to Holy Angels on so many levels. On behalf of the school, I would like to take this moment to thank you for all of the well wishes, prayers, phone calls, emails, cards, treats, and lunches that were provided to my staff this week. Their quick-thinking and calmness in the midst of crisis is truly commendable. They are a great staff and I am humbled that they call me their principal. May God continue to heal the wounds of the brave first responders and heal the hearts of the victims' families.

Next Week at a Glance

Monday -

Tuesday -

Wednesday -

Thursday -

Friday - School is in session. No bus service,

Mass 8:15

Bringing Home the Faith

Turning to God in Times of Tragedy

by James P. Campbell, D.Min.

Times of disaster or great sadness are trying for us all. Yet these times present opportunities to teach your children lasting spiritual lessons and the importance of trusting God. In the days after September 11, 2001, churches, synagogues, and mosques were filled with people. Around the world candles were lit. Impromptu shrines were filled with flowers and prayer intentions. Prayers were offered for the dead and their suffering families. In tragic times our children naturally have questions about God and heaven. Treat their questions with respect. Be patient, knowing that you do not have all the answers. Pray with your children for all those caught up in tragedy.

Starting the Conversation

Think of concrete ways that you as a family can be a source of help and comfort for those who suffer, especially those faced with tragic situations.

To Help You Connect

One practical and easy first step after a tragedy has struck a community, group, or country—the earthquake in Haiti, the floods in New Orleans, the famines in Africa, or the tsunami in Asia—is

to check the website of organizations such as Catholic Charities, the Campaign for Human Development, Red Cross, Amnesty International, Jesuit Refugee Service, and Catholic Relief Services. Or perhaps you can get on their mailing list beforehand. These organizations often distribute information about various ways people can immediately help after a disaster, such as donations of urgently needed goods and services. Also, check with your local parish to see what it might be organizing. Then help your child to appreciate the many good things that people of faith are doing in the world and to see how she might become part of this effort.

To Support You

Suggested Bible Reading

Jesus' parable of the Last Judgment tells us that we will be judged according to our faith and how we treat others: Matthew 25:31-46

What the Church Says about This Topic

In Catholic Church teaching, the corporal and spiritual works of mercy are actions we can perform that extend God's mercy and compassion to those in need. In order to better understand this, it is helpful to clarify what we mean by God's mercy. At Mass, during the penitential act, we pray, "Lord, have mercy!" Sometimes, when we think of the word mercy, we picture someone throwing himself on his knees before a cruel villain, pleading to be spared some punishment. This is not our understanding of God's mercy. We do not ask for God's mercy because we are afraid of incurring God's wrath as punishment for our sins. Rather, when we call on God to have mercy, we are calling on God in the only way we know him—as one who responds with infinite compassion to those in need. When we show mercy to others, we are responding as God responds: with compassion. Works of mercy are opportunities to extend God's compassion to those in need.

There are two kinds of works of mercy: corporal and spiritual. Corporal works of mercy are the kind of acts by which we help our neighbors with their everyday material and physical needs. These include things like feeding the hungry, finding a home for the homeless, clothing the naked, visiting the sick and those in prison, giving alms to the poor, and burying the dead. Spiritual works of mercy are the kind of acts through which we help our neighbors meet the needs that are emotional and spiritual, including instructing, advising, consoling, comforting, forgiving, and bearing wrongs with patience. (Loyola Press)

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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