

# ECHOES OF ANGELS

Rooted in the Gospel of Jesus Christ...

## Spirit Wear

You can still order spirit wear until tomorrow when the online store closes. Check out [holyanangelsspiritstore.itemorder.com](http://holyanangelsspiritstore.itemorder.com) to order. Please note that only the Jerzees Youth 50% Cotton 50% Polyester sweatshirt (\$14) is approved uniform wear for everyday.

## Save the Date

First Reconciliation is Tuesday, January 22 at 6:30

First Communion Parent Retreat is Wednesday, February 6 at 6:30 or Saturday, February 9 at 9:00.

First Communion is Saturday, May 4 at 11:00.

## Festive Fall Fun

All girls in grades 4-8 are invited to Fall Art Activities at Rosary on Monday, November 12 from 3:30-5:30 PM. In this event, girls will create a fall tree art project and a Thanksgiving table decoration. To register contact Sister Geraldine Kemper at 630-896-0831 ext. 233 or [gkemper@rosaryhs.com](mailto:gkemper@rosaryhs.com).



Author Visit

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## 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.





## 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 November 2 with the family member's name and branch of service so we can include them in the presentation. Unfortunately, we cannot honor late requests.

## Family Bingo Night

Family Bingo Night is tomorrow Friday, October 26, 6:00-7:30. Students are encouraged to wear their Halloween costumes and everyone will win a prize.

## Socktober

Still leading the school with over 200 pairs of donated socks is Mrs. Catich's second graders. Please help support the efforts of 5th graders by sending in new socks for the homeless for Socktober.

**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.

## Havin' A Ball Y'all

Time is quickly running out! Seraphim Ball tickets are on sale at a reduced rate until Thursday. Don't miss out on the savings! The Seraphim Ball is our largest fundraiser of the year. In the past nine years, we have raised over \$500,000 for our school to make it the best in the Aurora area! But we can't do it without you. Please plan to attend on February 9 to show your support. It is a lovely evening with good friends who all have hearts for

fundraising for our school. There is dinner, dancing, an open bar, silent raffle items as well as a live auction. To purchase tickets, visit [www.aesbid.com/ELP/SERAPHIM19/](http://www.aesbid.com/ELP/SERAPHIM19/) or contact Cathy Medernach at 630-421-2284 or [sandcat86@yahoo.com](mailto:sandcat86@yahoo.com) before Thursday to get this incredible deal.

## A Haunting We Will Go

The 8th grade class is sponsoring a *Help the Homeless Haunted House* in response to reading the story "Homeless" by Anna Quindlen. They were moved by the theme of this story to do something for those less fortunate than themselves. After brainstorming various ideas, they decided to create a fun activity for PK - 4th grade students. Groups of 8th graders were responsible for designing, building, marketing, public speaking, and baking for this cross-curricular project. On October 30, from 4-6 PM they will showcase their efforts with a haunted house experience at Connor Hall. The entry fee will be \$1 per person and a \$5 cap for a family or you could also bring in a pack of new socks instead. The haunted house will be directed towards pre-k through 4th grade, but everyone is welcome. Spooky themed treats will be sold for \$1.00-\$2.00 All proceeds will be benefit Hesed House. Please plan to join the 8th graders for this very worthwhile and incredibly creative activity to help the homeless.

## 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 [susanf120@yahoo.com](mailto:susanf120@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 October 31. Questions can be directed to Becky Barr at [beckyarbi@yahoo.com](mailto:beckyarbi@yahoo.com).

## Thanking a Teacher

Farmers Insurance promotes a special program called *Thank America's Teachers*. Not only does a teacher receive encouragement through the program but it also allows him/her a chance to submit a proposal for a classroom project grant for \$2,500. There is even a grand prize grant of \$100,000! Knowing our teachers, they would put this money to good use. If you'd like to thank one of your child's teachers and help them earn a special grant, please go to <https://www.farmers.com/thank-americas-teachers/thank-a-teacher/>.

## Drop Off Night

Our first Drop Off Night for the year will be held Friday, November 2 from 5:30-8:00. Drop Off Nights are fun-filled events for Holy Angels' preschool through fourth grade students. Activities include games, crafts, gym activities, and a movie. While students are having a blast with their friends, parents can enjoy a couple of child-free hours knowing that they are being well-cared for by loving and dedicated Holy Angels teachers. Popcorn and water are provided. Children must wear gym shoes for safety and bring a blanket and pillow for the movie. Reservation forms are due tomorrow. Please contact Liz Bancroft ([ebancroft13@gmail.com](mailto:ebancroft13@gmail.com)) or Romney Skorupski ([romney52@yahoo.com](mailto:romney52@yahoo.com)) if you have any questions. All proceeds benefit the Home & School Association.

## Pasta for Priesthood

The Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a pasta dinner to support priests, seminarians, and evangelization on Saturday, November 3 from 5:00-7:00 PM in Connor Hall. The cost is \$10 per person or \$25 per family which includes salad, bread, all-you-can-eat spaghetti, drink and dessert. You can eat in or carry-out.

## Changes to Angel Wings

1. Walgreens will no longer accept gift cards as payment for the purchase of Visa gift cards or for any other gift cards in their stores.
2. Jewel/Albertsons updated their gift cards at the end of September. If you reload your gift card for Jewel/Albertson's through the Angel Wings program, you will need to purchase a card from the program that was issued since the change over to reload it now.

If you have any questions regarding Angel Wings, please do not hesitate to email Jodi Sundberg at [sundbrg22@gmail.com](mailto:sundbrg22@gmail.com) with any questions.

## Next Week at a Glance

Monday -

Tuesday - 8th Grade Haunted House 4-6 PM Connor Hall

Wednesday -

Thursday -All Saints Day Mass 10:30

Friday - Mass 8:15

Hot Lunch

Report Cards

Drop Off Night 5:30

## *Bringing Home the Faith*

### **Holy Days of Obligation**

The Holy Days of Obligation are the days other than Sundays on which we celebrate the great things God has done for us through Jesus and the saints. On Holy Days of Obligation, Catholics attend Mass.

Six Holy Days of Obligation are celebrated in the United States.

January 1—Mary, Mother of God

Fortieth day after Easter—Ascension

August 15—Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

November 1—All Saints  
 December 8—Immaculate Conception  
 December 25—Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ

*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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