

# ECHOES OF ANGELS

Rooted in the Gospel of Jesus Christ...

## Flu Season

The flu season is in full-swing. As a gentle reminder, children should be free from fever, diarrhea, and vomiting for 24 hours without medication before returning to school. Also, the best prevention is washing hands. Please continue to remind your children of this.

## Mardi Gras Masquerade

On Friday, February 14, from 2:45-4:30, 7th & 8th grade students are invited to attend the Junior High Dance. Students are encouraged to wear Mardi Gras themed attire. Cost of the dance is \$7 and a canned good. Raffles will be available for purchase. All proceeds go toward the 8th Grade Banquet.

## Super Raffle

Congratulations to the Kopec family who won first prize in our drawing and the Dallas family who won our Super Raffle grand prize!



## Registration Begins

On Tuesday, February 4, the Parish Finance Council met to review proposed budgetary items for the 2020-2021 school year. Based on their guidance, tuition costs for the upcoming year will be:

1 child - \$4,450

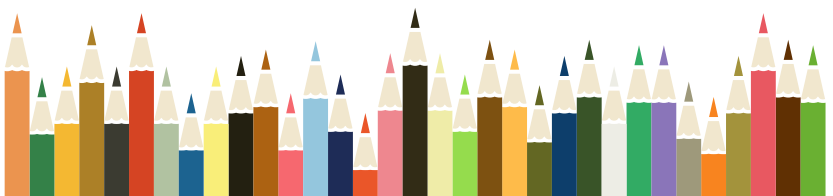
2 children - \$6,910

3 children - \$9,050

4 children - \$10,460

5 children and more add \$200 for each additional child

Without a doubt, Catholic education is a sacrifice. In these



## School Store

The date for the School Store has been changed to Tuesday, February 11. Rosary Basketball Night

## High School Happenings

Marmion Boosters is hosting their Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, February 16 from 8 AM - 12:30 PM in the Marmion Academy Lux Dining Hall. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$5 for children. Our Holy Angels Choir will be performing. For more information check out [www.marmion.org/pancake](http://www.marmion.org/pancake).

Rosary is offering free dance lessons for girls in grades 4-8 on Monday, February 10 and/or Wednesday, February 19 from 3:30-5:30 PM. More information can be found by emailing [gakemper@rosaryhs.com](mailto:gakemper@rosaryhs.com).

Marmion, along with BANA Youth Football, is excited to host an INDOOR passing league for young football players in grades 1-8. The league will start on Saturday, February 22. Register online at [banayouthfootball.org](http://banayouthfootball.org).

## Table Event

St. Anne's Society will be hosting a Themed Table Event on Sunday, February 23 from 2:00-4:00 in Connor Hall. This fun event will feature beautifully decorated tables with centerpieces to be raffled. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased by contacting Cathy Medernach ([sandcat86@yahoo.com](mailto:sandcat86@yahoo.com)).

times, it's not an easy decision to skip a meal out or drive the same car for a year or two longer to provide a quality Catholic education for your children. However, I am confident that the rewards of a Catholic education far outweigh these relatively minor inconveniences. We have tried to keep tuition as affordable as possible with this modest increase.

Registration for the upcoming year will open on Monday, February 10. You will find the instructions and forms to complete through your Schoolspeak account. If you are registering a new child from your family, you will also need to complete the forms found on our website. You may then pay your registration fee (\$150) online, in cash, or by check to the office.

## Sign Gypsies

Home & School is partnering with *Sign Gypsies* in a fun and unique way to celebrate your child's talents. Students in grades 5-8 received information to purchase a personalized sports sign such as these. Not only are they colorful and sturdy, they are also affordable. Plus it's a simple way to promote our incredible school. Orders are due on Monday, February 10.



## Grand and Green

Below are answers to some of the most frequently asked questions about the Seraphim Ball.

### **CAN I STILL BUY TICKETS?**

Answer: Yes! Haven't purchased your tickets to the Seraphim Ball yet? Tickets can still be purchased up until Friday, March 6.

### **WILL IT BE AN EXPENSIVE EVENING?**

Answer: No! You CAN wear that old suit or dress in your closet you've only worn once. Revive an old look, visit your local resale shop or borrow from a friend – supporting your child's school is always in style. Contributions are welcome but NOT mandatory. You can give as little or as much as you would like – in the form of a silent auction bid, a live auction bid and/or a raffle ticket purchase. The ball is also a great opportunity to shop for products and services you may already be in the market for – gifts, jewelry, event tickets, spa, travel, and more. Turn a budgeted expense into an investment for your child – now that's guilt-free shopping!

### **WILL I HAVE TO BRING A DATE?**

Answer: No! Is your better half working that evening? Are you a single parent? Can't find a sitter? Go stag, or better yet, grab some friends and make it a memorable girls or guys night out – you'll be glad you did!

### **WILL I HAVE TO DANCE?**

Answer: No! No moves? No problem! The room will be filled with familiar faces, fabulous food, refreshing libations, and unique auction items – including items made exclusively by your child and their classmates for the Seraphim Ball. This is a GREAT opportunity to connect with student parents and socialize with friends. No dancing required!

If you're unable to join us, there are still many opportunities to show your support, including making a donation, becoming a sponsor, purchasing a tuition raffle ticket and/or having a friend bid on your behalf at the ball. To learn more about the Seraphim Ball or to place a bid that evening, visit <https://aesbid.com/ELP/SERAPHIM20>. To become a sponsor, make a donation, place an ad or purchase tickets, contact Elizabeth Dallas at 630-567-1341 or [etdallas@yahoo.com](mailto:etdallas@yahoo.com).

## PIP Hours

There's still time to complete your PIP hours for this year. PIP hours are due on April 1.

## STEM Expo

Join Illinois Tech for complimentary family fun, shows and learning at DuPage Area STEM Expo for an interactive exploration into science, technology, engineering, and math. The event is free and open to the public with over 50 displays, presentations, projects, and activities for school age children, grades K-12. The event is scheduled for Saturday, February 22 from 10:30 AM - 3:30 PM at the Illinois Institute of Technology, 201 East Loop Road, Wheaton.

## Next Week at a Glance

Monday -

Tuesday -

Wednesday -

Thursday -

Friday - Mass 8:15

Junior High Dance 2:45-4:45

## Common Catholic Questions

This was brought to my attention earlier this week, and I wanted to share a Catholic perspective about a game that some of our younger ones may be playing so you can make the best possible decisions about what your children are exposed to. From *The Catholic Courier*:

"Hello Neighbor: Hide and Seek" (tinyBuild) is the prequel to a surprise cult favorite of 2017, "Hello Neighbor." This suspenseful puzzle game answers many questions players were left asking after the first title's conclusion.

Gamers enter into the imaginations of two young children, exploring new worlds shaped out of ordinary household objects like chairs and bookshelves. However, despite its innocent-sounding name (shades of TV's Mr. Rogers) and colorful graphics, buyers should be aware that this latest release has a grim undercurrent.

The main character, Mya, engages in a series of hide-and-peek games with her brother, Aaron. Each stage includes scenarios that become darker as the children cope with the sudden loss of their mother and the rapid deterioration of their home life.

In one scenario, Aaron pretends to be a tiger, another finds him using a popgun to hunt down a zombified Mya. As gameplay continues, Aaron's demeanor shifts: initially lighthearted, he becomes increasingly agitated at the family's new situation. Whereas he's playful as the tiger, he's kicking at toys and angrily firing his toy gun at Mya by the zombie stage.

The family home is converted into a variety of worlds, from a city beset by cops and robbers to a snowy cemetery. Throughout, Mya collects toys hidden around the house that must be deposited into a basket for the player to advance. The object collecting can be repetitive, and the puzzles come with a hint mechanism but no real explanation, which can be frustrating for newcomers. Mya can manipulate the environment and use devices like water pistols or spud cannons to reach new locations.

Dialogue is minimal and consists of gibberish. But characters can still be understood through gestures and facial expressions.

Music can make a powerful contribution to movies and games, and "Hide and Seek" is a case in point. The soundtrack typically triggers when Aaron is closing in on Mya, filling the player with a sense of urgency to complete the task at hand.

An important factor when it comes to purchasing games is re-playability, which "Hide & Seek" lacks. There's no reason to start a new play through unless gamers want to beat the levels faster or complete in-game trophy achievements.

There is no graphic or bloody violence. After being hit by an imaginary car, for instance, Mya gently flies backwards. Similarly, when she falls off a table, she merely glides down to safety. Aaron's increasing disturbed behavior in the cutscenes is distressing and tragic, as he is clearly traumatized by the loss of his mother. His outbursts ultimately culminate in a heart-wrenching final exchange between the siblings.

Veteran fans of the "Hello Neighbor" universe might enjoy this new release. But it ultimately feels unsatisfying and will likely fall flat for the uninitiated.

Playable on PlayStation 4, Xbox One, Nintendo Switch and PC.

The game contains some occult elements, perilous situations and dark themes, including the death of a parent. The Catholic News Service classification is A-II - adults and adolescents. The Entertainment Software Rating Board rating is T - Teens.

(The Catholic Courier)

*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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