

# ECHOES OF ANGELS

Rooted in the Gospel of Jesus Christ...

## Let's Have a Picnic

There will be a meeting on Thursday, May 2 at 2:00 and again at 6:30 in the library for all picnic volunteers and room parents. You only need to attend one session. Please plan on attending, especially if this is your first time helping out at the picnic. A sign up will be coming out soon for volunteer opportunities. Thank you in advance for helping to make this event fun for our kids!

## Baby Bottles

The Baby Bottle fundraiser is coming to an end. Students should bring in their baby bottles to school by Tuesday, April 23. They can also be dropped off at church starting the Sunday after Easter on April 28. Even if you did not collect money, please return the plastic bottle as it will be used again next year.

## Financial Aid

There is money set aside to provide financial help to families. Applications are due April 30 and the forms can be found on our website.



## Here's the Buzz

Planning is underway for the upcoming school year. Here are a few of the changes that will be implemented for the 2019-2020 school year:

1. *Dress Down Days* will be replaced with *Spirit Wear Days*. To participate students must wear a Holy Angels shirt or sweatshirt along with long shorts or loose-fitting sweatpants. No jeans, leggings, jeggings, yoga pants or running shorts will be allowed. Solid gray, navy, or black loose-fitting sweats will be acceptable. HSA is also researching some affordable pants options for students for those who would like to purchase Holy Angels gear. Exceptions to the *Spirit Wear Days* will be *Catholic Schools Week* and *Spring Picture Day*. HSA is selling \$5 t-shirts for the school picnic. These will make great spirit wear shirts for next year. Orders are





## A Note of Gratitude

The Holy Angels Fine Arts program wishes to thank all of the volunteers who helped make their dinner a huge success! They are grateful for all who joined them to support our fine arts program.

## Applause, Applause

The cast of Godspell wished to thank Mrs. Elizabeth Dallas for all of her dedication to the play. She was in charge of all the props and costumes and assisted with music and cast rehearsals. Her time, talent, and expertise is much appreciated.

## Bunny Crossing

The Aurora Noon Lions Club is sponsoring an all-you-can-eat *Pancake Breakfast with the Easter Bunny* at Luigi's on Saturday, April 20 from 7:00 AM - 11:00 AM. The cost is \$4 per child, \$6 per adult, or a family price of \$25. Tickets are available at the door. Questions can be directed to Dick Schindel 630-921-1307.

## Moments in Time

Yearbook order forms went home this week. Orders are due by May 3.

due next Friday, April 26.

2. Girls may wear navy blue socks or white socks with their uniforms.
3. The consequence for coloring, highlighting, streaking, or color-contrasting hair will be dismissal from school until the hair is returned to its natural color.
4. Excessive tardiness from school will result in tardy detentions and a meeting with the principal.

Please know that our school rules are in place to promote an orderly and peaceful learning environment. They provide a sense of predictability and consistency for our children. Rules ultimately help our school run more efficiently. While you may not personally agree with these changes, they were adopted because they will enable us to provide the best learning environment possible for our children.

I'd also like to put to rest the reoccurring sentiment about the teachers' jeans day. I allow teachers to wear Holy Angels spirit wear with jeans every Monday. Here's why: I think we can all agree that these teachers give a lot of themselves to this school. You also know that the parish cannot pay them nearly what they are worth. Allowing them to wear jeans and Holy Angels spirit wear on Mondays is a simple incentive that makes them happy because it's one less outfit to plan out for the week.

I've also heard the grumblings that if students can't wear jeans, why do the teachers get to wear jeans? In our society, there will always be different rules for adults and children. That's why a 7th grader doesn't get to drive. In all the years that I have been principal, I have found that there is **no** less teaching going on in the building on the days that they wear jeans. So for me, wearing jeans on Mondays ultimately seems like a very small price to pay for all that the teachers do for us.

## An Aurora Hero

The events of February 15, 2019 will forever be etched in our minds. Since the tragic event at Pratt, our students have prayed for the victims, made cards for the emergency responders, and joined a network of citizens who have vowed to pray for specific police officers on a daily basis. We now have an opportunity to show our appreciation for one of our own - Officer John Cebulski. John's youngest son will graduate in May. John has been a dedicated volunteer and enthusiastic supporter of all things Holy Angels. He is also our assigned police liaison officer.

John is still home recovering from his injuries. Let's join together

and help them financially during this time. We will sponsor a *Dress Down Day for a Cause* on Thursday, April 25. For the price of \$1, students can show their support for John's bravery. *Spirit Wear Days* will not begin until next school year so students are free to follow this year's guidelines and wear jeans. Since this is our last *Dress Down Day for a Cause*, let's make it the best one ever! I know John deserves our thanks and this is a very tangible way for us to show our appreciation. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

## Preschool - Where a Kid can be a Kid

We are excited to announce we are adding an afternoon 4-year-old preschool class from 11:30 AM to 2:30 PM Monday thru Friday to our 2019- 2020 school year. **Our current morning 4-year-old program is full.** We still have openings in our 3 year old morning preschool classes - 2 day, 3 day or 5 days is available. Please invite others you may know to come take a tour and become a part of the Holy Angels Family. Have them check out our website, [www.holyangelschool.net](http://www.holyangelschool.net) and call 630-897-3613 to set up a tour. We look forward to having them join our Holy Angels family.

## Volunteers - The Heart of our School

Holy Angels' Home and School Association is seeking volunteers. Please prayerfully consider joining this amazing group of volunteers. This is a great way to earn your PIP hours. They are currently looking for chairs and committee members for the following committees:

Vice President  
 Spirit Wear  
 School Store  
 Easter Egg Hunt  
 Room Parent Coordinator  
 Communication Chair  
 Fun Fair  
 Morale Luncheons  
 Welcoming Sunday

If interested, please contact Laurie Wirtz at [lukelaurie2@gmail.com](mailto:lukelaurie2@gmail.com).

## Just Dance 2020

Planning for the Seraphim Ball 2020 is already underway! Please prayerfully consider sharing your time and talent by volunteering to help with the Ball. There are many different committees, so whatever your interest, there is the perfect spot for you! We also need committee chairs for the Ads, Sponsorship, Program, Finance, and Volunteer Committees. Chairing a committee will complete your PIP hours for next school year. Please contact Elizabeth Dallas at [etdallas@yahoo.com](mailto:etdallas@yahoo.com) or 630-567-1341 if you are interested in volunteering.

We would also like your input to make this the best Seraphim Ball yet. Please use this link to share your thoughts:

<https://forms.gle/2zD3yTt3e4sk5cpM9>

## A Star-Studded Night

Junior High students are invited to attend *A Star-Studded Night* on Friday, May 3 from 6:30-8:30 PM in the Saltijeral Gym. The paparazzi (parents) are invited to join them at the event to snap photos of the stars at 8:15 PM. This is a dress up dance. Girls wear a nice dress or skirt and boys wear a collared shirt with tie optional. Sleeveless dresses are fine but no bare collar/shoulders, midriffs, or spaghetti straps. Clothing must abide by the *Dress Down* rules in the *Parent Handbook*. Snacks and drinks will be provided. Raffle tickets will also be available 3/\$1 to purchase for a chance to win various prize baskets. All proceeds benefit the 8th grade banquet. For more information please contact Nicole Coffman ([thgoods@comcast.net](mailto:thgoods@comcast.net)) or Emily Anderson ([emilyanderson005@gmail.com](mailto:emilyanderson005@gmail.com)). Permission slips and \$7 admission per student will be due on Wednesday, May 1.

## Family Bingo Night

Our upcoming bingo night on April 26 won't be possible without your help. HSA is seeking both volunteers and toy donations. Gently used toys, games, and books are used as prizes for *Family Bingo Night*. There are two collection boxes, one by the front office and one by the library entrance. Volunteer hours count toward your commitment for next year. Please contact Gaby Mankowski if you can help ([szlmankowski@gmail.com](mailto:szlmankowski@gmail.com)).

## Autism Awareness Month

April is *Autism Awareness Month*. "Autism spectrum disorder (ASD) is a complex developmental disability; signs typically appear during early childhood and affect a person's ability to communicate, and interact with others. ASD is defined by a certain set of behaviors and is a "spectrum condition" that affects individuals differently and to varying degrees. There is no known single cause of autism, but increased awareness and early diagnosis/intervention and access to appropriate services/supports lead to significantly improved outcomes. Some of the behaviors associated with autism include delayed learning of language; difficulty making eye contact or holding a conversation; difficulty with executive functioning, which relates to reasoning and planning; narrow, intense interests; poor motor skills' and sensory sensitivities. Again, a person on the spectrum might follow many of these behaviors or just a few, or many others besides. The diagnosis of autism spectrum disorder is applied based on analysis of all behaviors and their severity."

If you are interested in learning more, I have an incredible parent who is willing to share her knowledge of the social struggles that autistic children face. Please email me ([tforbes@holyangelschool.net](mailto:tforbes@holyangelschool.net)), and I will get you her contact information.

## Next Week at a Glance

**Monday - No School**

**Tuesday -**

**Wednesday -**

**Thursday - Dress Down Day for a Cause for Officer Cebulski**

**Friday** - Mass 8:15

Family Bingo Night 6:00

## ***Bringing Home the Faith***

### **Holy Week in Just Two Minutes!**

<https://bustedhalo.com/video/holy-week-in-two-minutes>

*Easter Triduum Masses: Holy Thursday*

*7:00 PM - Mass of the Lord's Supper*

*8:30 PM - 12:00 AM - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament*

*Good Friday*

*9:00 AM - Morning Prayer*

*12:00 PM - Liturgy of the Lord's Passion*

*1:30 PM - 3:00 PM - Confessions*

*7:00 PM - Veneration & Stations of the Cross*

*Holy Saturday*

*10:00 AM - Blessing of the Easter Baskets*

*7:30 PM - Easter Vigil*

*Easter Sunday - 6:45 AM, 8:00 AM, 9:30 AM, 11:00 AM*

*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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