



Frequently Asked Questions

This document is designed to answer some of the most asked questions about our school.

BASICS

What grades does Holy Angels Regional School Offer?

Holy Angels offers Early Childhood Pre-K (turning 4 by December 1st of the current school year); Elementary School (Kindergarten – 5th grade), and Middle School (6th, 7th, and 8th).

Where can I find additional information about the school? We are frequently updating our website, www.holyangelsregional.org, with information for current and prospective families. The main menu includes tabs on items such as Admissions, Virtual Back (Calendar, Weekly Updates) Parents (Forms & Health Information), and Class Pages

Does the school have a Facebook page? Yes. News, reminders about upcoming events, and alumni updates are posted frequently during the school year. Like us at www.facebook.com/holyangelsregional

Does the school have any special accreditation? Yes, Holy Angels Cognia-Advance-Ed

Who is the school's administrator and how do I contact them?

Mrs. Jeannine Stewart – Principal – 631-475-0422 – jstewart5573@holyangelsregional.org

Mrs. Roseann Zarrella-Administrative Assistant – 631-475-0422-rzarrella@holyangelsregional.org

Mrs. Karen Wiebe-Business Office-631-475-0422 Ext 3 – kweibke@drvc.org

What are the best phone numbers to reach the administration, health office, and main office?

The school's main number is 631-475-0422. You can reach all other offices by dialing that number and following the prompts.

What is the best way to contact a teacher or an administrator? You may communicate however you are most comfortable. You can contact both teachers and administration via email or call the main office and leave a message.



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If parents have a question or concern about a classroom situation, what should they do? Please contact the teacher via email, handwritten note, or phone call as soon as you are made aware of a situation that needs to be addressed. If further action is needed, please contact the administration.

Does the school have a policy related to teacher emails? During the school week, teachers will return an email within 48 hours. If a teacher received an email over the weekend or during a vacation break, they will return the email within 48 hours of school resuming.

How are we informed about emergency situations and snow days? We use School Messenger, an automated program that will notify you by phone and/or email in the event of any emergency or closing. In order for School Messenger to work effectively, your contact information must remain current in the school office at all times. Please call the main office to inform us of any changes.

SCHOOL SCHEDULE/HOURS:

What are the school hours? A typical school day is from 8:25 a.m. - 2:25 p.m. Students may enter the building at 8:00 a.m. Morning announcements will begin at 8:25. If a student arrives after announcement begins, your child will be marked late.

Does Holy Angels offer before and aftercare? Is there an additional fee? Yes, Holy Angels offers both before and aftercare. It is strongly recommended that families register for these programs. ****There is no After Care on Early Dismissal days.*** For both services, families are billed monthly. Additional information on this program can be found at www.holyangelsregional.org under the Parents Tab.

Where and at what time do the students have lunch? Lunch is eaten in the classroom and recess takes place outside (weather permitting) from 12:00-1:00 pm. Grades K-4 will eat lunch from 12:00-12:30 and have recess from 12:30-1:00. Grades 5-8th will have recess from 12:00-12:30 and eat lunch from 12:30-1:00.

What other services or professional help does the school offer? We have a full-time nurse, a school psychologist (2 days/week), and Resource Room. Pre-K and Kindergarten have a full-time teacher assistant.

SCHOOL PROCEDURES

What are the procedures for children who are absent? Please call the school nurse at 631-475-0422 ext 2 by 8:45 am to inform her that your child will be absent. It is essential that this call be made. An absent note stating the reason for the absence is required when the child returns to school. A doctor's note is required if the student is absent more than two days.



How do I know if my child has homework? Homework assignments are posted on the Class pages on our website. Some teachers also use the Remind App to inform parents of homework, special projects, and test dates.

How do I access Google Classroom? A list of classroom codes is giving to school families by the student's homeroom teacher at the beginning of the school year.

How can I keep track of my child's grades? Grades are posted regularly on PowerSchool. Some teachers also post grades on each assignment on Google Classroom. To access PowerSchool, please use your student's individual log in information.

Does the school provide a Chromebook or other device to each student? Yes, each student in grades K to 8th is assigned a Chromebook for instructional purposes. There are strict policies on the use of school-supplied devices and families are responsible for these devices.

Are cellphones, tablets and other devices allowed in school? Students may bring these devices to school. However, they are not allowed to use them during the school day and the devices must remain off and safely stored. Please see our School Handbook for further details.

What are the procedures for children arriving late to school? If a student arrives late, he/she must go to the main office first and receive a late pass. The student will then go to his/her classroom with the late pass and present it to the teacher.

If my child leaves lunch or an assignment at home, can I bring it to the school? In an effort to promote responsibility, we suggest that you do not bring assignments to school. If you child forgets lunch, you may bring it to the Main Office with your child's name on it, and it will be delivered to your child. If you know you will be late to school on the days that they would like to order lunch, please call the main office to place your order prior to arrival. Money should be given to the main office upon arrival.

What is the procedure if my child wants to go home with a friend after school? You must write a note addressed to your child's teacher informing him/her that your child is permitted to go home with another family. No student is allowed to ride on another child's bus (unless they are within the same district).

How do I pick up my child after school? Please inform the school at the beginning of the school year of your child's dismissal plan (walker/buser). If on any given day your plan is different from the usual, please send a note to your child's teacher advising him/her of the change. If you designate your child as a walker, they will be dismissed at 2:25 from the South exit door. Car riders are picked up after all buses are dismissed (approximately 2:45). Please line up along the driveway fence and wait to move your vehicle until directed by school personnel.



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Can my child distribute Christmas cards and birthday party invitations in school? Yes, however, every child in the class should receive a card and/or invitation. If every child is not being invited, please mail the invitations from home.

CATHOLIC EDUCATION:

Holy Angels is comprised of seven supporting parishes: St. Francis de Sales, Patchogue; St. Sylvester, Medford; Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Patchogue, St. Margaret of Scotland, Selden; St. Joseph the Worker, Bellport; Mary Immaculate, Bellport; St. Frances Cabrini, Coram.

If I have a question about Sacraments, whom should I talk to? All sacraments are made at the parish you are registered with. Any questions regarding Sacraments should be directed to the Director of Religious Education for that parish.

Are there school Masses? Can parents and siblings attend? We have School Mass on designated Fridays of each month. Families are welcome to attend!

GENERAL INFORMATION:

Where do Holy Angels graduates attend high school? A majority of our graduates attend a Catholic High School.

What is School Board? The School Board is made up of parents representing the parish and the School Principal. The School Board is an advisory board. School Board meetings are closed to the public.

What is Virtus Training? Virtus Training is a three-hour one-time course required of all school parents who volunteer for any position that involves the supervision of children. Classes are offered at many parishes several times throughout the year. For further information, visit the Diocesan website at www.drvc.org, under the Protecting Our Children link.

Is participation in fundraisers required? Fundraising is an important part of meeting the budget in a Catholic School. There is a fundraising fee of \$390 per family. We will run various additional fundraisers throughout the year that we encourage you to participate to the level that you can.

Does the school have a lunch program? Yes, Holy Angels offers pizza on Wednesday and Friday's. On Monday/Tuesday and Thursday, students are able to purchase the item on the monthly calendar from Dashboard Diner.

Do the children have snack time? Students in Kindergarten – Grade 5 have a morning snack time. Snacks for middle school (6-8) should be a workable snack and not include use of a spoon/fork. Snack time will be designated by the teacher.



What academics does Holy Angels offer?

Holy Angels offers a rigorous academic curriculum that centers on all of the major subject areas, with the Catholic faith weaved in at its core. Students in grades Pre-K to 8th grade are prepared academically, physically, spiritually, and emotionally throughout their years at Holy Angels. Many of our students continue on with academic excellence at one of our local Catholic High Schools.

What is your enrollment?

Our current enrollment is approximately 215 students in grades Pre-K to 8th grade.

What are your class sizes?

Our average class size is 18 students.

Do you offer a discount for a family who enrolls multiple children?

Yes, there are discounts offered for families with multiple children. Our current tuition rates can be viewed here, under tuition schedule: <https://holyangelsregional.org/necessary-documents-to-register>

Do you offer financial aide?

Yes, financial aide is offered through the Tomorrow's Hope Foundation. Please visit <https://holyangelsregional.org/tomorrows-hope-foundation-scholarship-information> for more details.

Is tuition paid all at once, or can I make payments?

Tuition is payable on a ten-month schedule, July to May (excluding January). In addition, a fee of \$200 per child, is payable upon registration for new families and by January 1st for current families. This registration or re-registration fee is not refundable. It will be applied to the following expenses: Student Accident Insurance, Diocesan testing, NYS testing, Diocesan Educational TV, religion books, art and duplicating supplies, and technology fees. A Security Fee has been included this year to support the addition of school security personnel during the operating hour of 7:00 am until 6:00 pm.

Who wears a uniform? All students wear a uniform. Pre-K students wear the gym uniform every day. In grades K- 8, the gym uniform is worn on gym days while the formal uniform is worn the rest of the week. There is no changing at school. The school uniform supplier is Flynn O'Hara. Please see uniform information under the Admissions Tab/Necessary Documents to Register of our website for further details.



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How do I find out about extracurricular activities at school? Information about all extracurricular activities will be posted on the website. Registration forms will also be sent home with students.

Where can I find flyers/information that is sent home with my child? All flyers/information that is sent home with your child is also posted online under the Virtual Backpack tab/Weekly Updates.

Do you offer sports? Extracurriculars?

At Holy Angels, our middle school students have the opportunity to participate in the following sports:

Fall: Cross Country (CMSAA Boys All Saints Cup Team Champion 2018 - 2019) & Soccer

Winter: Basketball & Bowling (CMSAA Champion 2017, 2018 and 2019)

Spring: Softball, Baseball, Lacrosse, COED Volleyball (CMSAA Champion 2019)

Our athletes are encouraged to be dedicated, fair athletes who start every game with a prayer. Annually, our athletes and their coaches are recognized at a Sports Award Dinner.

We also offer a wide variety of clubs with fall, winter, and spring sessions for students in all grades Pre-K to 8th grades.

Finally, students have the opportunity to learn how to play an instrument. Paul Effman Music Service provides instrumental music lessons at Holy Angels Regional School. Students have the opportunity to receive band lessons during the school day (for an additional fee).

Grades 1-8: Violin

Grades 4-8: Band / Instrumental Lessons including clarinet, flute, percussion, trumpet, saxophone

Is there a school handbook? Yes, the handbook is available under the Parents tab of the school website.

Are school tours for new families available? Yes. If you are interested in a tour, please visit our website under Visit Holy Angels and set up a one-on-one personal tour with Mrs. Stewart.

How do I register for Holy Angels Regional School? Please go to the Admissions Tab of our website. All information is available under this tab. If you need additional information, please call the main office at 631-475-0422.