

Holy Angels Weekly News

From the desk of Mrs. Spaeth - September 1, 2022



Important Dates:

SEPT:

- 1... All School Mass: Beginning of the Year 8am
- 2... Professional Development – Teachers [No School]
- 5... Labor Day [No School]
- 6... Parent in the Classroom Night (K-5) 6:00-7:30pm
- 8... Parent in the Classroom Night (6-8) 6:00-8:15pm
- 26... Big/Little Buddy Trip EAA 8:30am - 2:30pm

What a Great First Week!

It has been a wonderful start to the year at Holy Angels School! The students have been kind, respectful, and are doing a great job adjusting to routines and expectations. Thanks, parents, for supporting our teachers, staff, and me as we all work together to provide an exceptional academic and faith experience for your children!

Our Faith in Action

The teachers participated in professional development August 29-September 2. One of our main focuses this year is on developing and implementing a version of PBIS (Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports). Teachers developed matrices of expected behaviors for various locations throughout the building (classrooms, hallways, cafeteria, recess, church). The emphasis will be on pre-teaching and reteaching the desired behaviors and recognizing moments where kids make the right choices. We've called our program, "Our Faith In Action," as we strive every day to model and live out our faith. Our four main values include being **respectful, responsible, prepared, and safe**. Ms. Lampereur's class made videos demonstrating the appropriate and inappropriate ways to walk in the hallways.



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First Assembly/September Virtue - Leadership

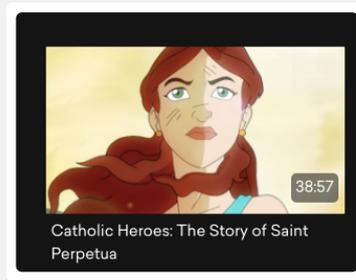
On Tuesday, we had our first assembly. This year, assemblies will revolve around our Catholic faith. We begin assemblies with playing a contemporary Christian song and projecting the lyrics as students enter the gym. I then deliver a message related to the gospel and/or the homily. And, we end with a more traditional song from the missalette. This week, I also talked about our virtue for the month of September, **leadership**. I talked about how important Holy Angels' reputation and tradition is to me, as my children are 4th generation in my husband's family to attend this school. I brought in my husband's 8th grade Holy Angels football jersey and his aunt's report cards and Student of the Week certificates from 1945. Students were reminded that even when they're playing sports in the community, people know they are from HA and expect good things from them. Students of the Week for September will be chosen based on their leadership abilities.



New Website Is Up And Running!

If you haven't already, please check out our new website at haswb.org. Ecatholic did a quick flip of information from our old site to the new one. Mrs. Gibbon and I have been working hard to delete old information and upload new information and photos. Eventually, we will have teacher pages on the site as well. We'd love to hear ideas of things you'd like to see on the website. Please contact Mrs. Spaeth, Mrs Gibbon, or Mrs. Rychtik if you have suggestions.

A Message From Mr. Breunig - Religious Opportunities



One of the things our religion parent survey last year revealed was that additional resources for parents and families would be welcome. One great, easy, and FREE resource the parish provides is a membership on FORMED.org. Just sign-up (again, for FREE), and the site has great Catholic videos (and more) for ALL AGES.

There are a number of great shows; some local children really enjoy the Ryan DeFrates and Benjamin Cello shows (think Kim Possible/Mr. Rogers, but Catholic and very well-produced).

Each month, we will highlight one great video for kids/families. This month, we are highlighting the story of St. Perpetua under the title "Catholic Heroes of the Faith: The Story of St. Perpetua". Her story goes incredibly well with the virtue of the month of leadership. While there is no graphic or inappropriate imagery shown, the movie does address the fact that she is martyred by wild animals in a coliseum-type environment (so make your own judgements as to your child's readiness for such content). The videos are likely aimed at third through sixth grade students, but younger and older students could certainly enjoy them. These videos may be mentioned at Monday assemblies; enjoy them with the family!

Parent Activity Committee (PAC) - Get Involved!

Year after year, families express that one of the greatest things about Holy Angels School is that it feels like a family. We are a community that looks after one another, prays together, and supports each other through good times and bad. This family feeling is made possible through the efforts of parents who volunteer their time in so many ways. The Holy Angels Parent Activity Committee (PAC) is a group of parents who plan fun and exciting events for our Holy Angels families, as well as support our wonderful HA Staff. Here are just some of our events:

- Trunk or Treat
- Adult Trivia
- Family Fun Events
- Teacher Appreciation Week
- Water and Weed

Click [HERE](#) to learn more about PAC.

Parent in the Classroom

Next week is Parent in the Classroom for elementary parents on Tuesday, Sept 6, from 6-7:30 and Junior High is Thursday, from 6-8:15. Parents will begin the evening by gathering in the gym to hear a presentation from Mrs. Spaeth, parents, and School Committee. **All elementary and Junior High students must have at least one parent attend the meeting at 6:00** (parents only need to attend one of the meetings if they have children at both levels). After the meeting, elementary parents will go to their child's classroom and hear a presentation from the teacher. Junior High parents will follow their child's schedule that evening, traveling from class to class. This event is for parents only - no children, please.

Commissioning of 8th Grade 2022

On Thursday, the 8th graders came forward at mass to acknowledge their roles as leaders of Holy Angels School. They were challenged to look for the goodness of God all around them and then share that with others by their words and actions. We asked them to lead by example, modeling Christian lives and values for the other students of Holy Angels and when they are away from school.



Future Problem Solvers

As you know, at the end of last year, our Chinese and German teachers retired. I've been searching for an American Sign Language teacher, but have not had luck. I am so excited to announce that we have a new class offering for students in K5-5 - **Future Problem Solvers**!! Mrs. Gunnare has offered to teach this class as a unique enrichment offering for our elementary students. Students will have this class for one trimester on Tuesdays and Fridays for 25 minutes. I had the opportunity to observe the 4th graders in their first FPS class - it was wonderful seeing the students thinking outside the box and finding creative ways to solve problems.

Future Problem Solving is a program that teaches students a 6-step process for creative problem solving. This process encompasses many important thinking and communicating skills. Students must work together effectively in a group, learning and applying creative thinking (such as brainstorming and thinking outside the box), as well as focused thinking, (such as cause-effect and criteria writing). Students work on communicating their ideas using structured writing formats. Mrs. Gunnare has experience with coaching teams and even judging Future Problem Solvers competitions. We are lucky to offer this class for our elementary students!

The 5th Graders were introduced to changing the states of matter by testing which candies more easily turn into a liquid under hot water!



Fun in K5

The kindergarteners made monsters and took them on a field trip. They went to the playground! The kindergarteners used their listening ears and moved their monsters around the playground. They were on top of things, under things, went down things and were on the side of things.



Mrs. Spaeth read a book to the 5K students about having jitters on the first day of school. Then, she enjoyed jitter juice with the class!

Puzzle Time in 3K



Holy Angels Reunion - Holy Angels School Class of 1968





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