# **ECHOES OF ANGELS**

#### Rooted in the Gospel of Jesus Christ...

### **Poetry Contest**

All 6th-8th grade writers are encouraged to submit an original piece of poetry for Marmion's 2019 Middle School Poetry Contest. Winning entries will receive prizes and be published in Marmion's annual Literary Magazine. The deadline is March 29. Please visit <a href="https://www.marmion.org/poetry">www.marmion.org/poetry</a> for details.

#### **8th Grade Portraits**

Eighth grade portrait proofs have not yet been delivered to us. Once they arrive, they will be sent home with your child so that you may review them and choose the portrait package that you would like to purchase.

#### **Tardiness**

The most crucial learning hours of a school day are the morning hours, because they are when students are most attentive. Students who are tardy miss the beginning of their morning classes, and they also cause a distraction when they arrive late to class. Please be on time.



# **Safe Supportive Learning**

We have learned many things from our recent emergency crisis. Here is an update of changes that we are currently making. All the rooms have been equipped with security straps to provide an extra measure of security beyond a locked door. We need to install a new preschool door and speakers for our PA in the hallways and locker rooms as well as add emergency phones in several locations throughout the building. We have requested financial assistance through our state legislator, Stephanie Kifowit, with these expenses. We will soon have the capability of an all call text messaging system for parents with our first text message going out next Friday, March 15. I've attached the opt-in directions for this service. We have emergency backpacks on order and 37 families have signed up to help us with the expense of filling them. If there are any other families interested in





### **Soup for Souls**

Soup for Souls will return on Saturdays starting March 9 after 4:30 Mass. Please consider joining them for scrumptious soup and fabulous fellowship. Serving is from 5:30 — 6:30 PM. Free will offerings will be accepted and all proceeds benefit our school pantry. For any questions, contact Jackie at 630-290-3212.

### **Fish Fry**

Our Knights of Columbus will be having their annual Lenten Fish Dinners starting every Friday from March 8- April 12 from 4:30-6:30. They are looking for junior high students in need of service hours to help serve meals. Please contact Norb Rozanski (natr54@hotmail.com) if your child would like to help.

#### **Baby Bottles for Life**

Please continue to fill your family's baby bottle with loose change for our school's Lenten project. All proceeds will benefit Waterleaf. Waterleaf is a lifeaffirming pregnancy center operated in accordance with the teachings of the Catholic Church.

donating to this worthwhile cause, please email me at <u>tforbes@holyangelsschool.net</u>. Finally, our schoolchildren will be praying for our police officers through the Covering Our Police in Prayer (COP) initiative.

Pictured above are several of our current and former Holy Angels students with Chief Kristen Ziman at the *Aurora Strong* benefit held at Bally Doyle. Also if you missed The Beacon News article about our school here is the link: <a href="http://www.chicagotribune.com/suburbs/aurora-beacon-news/opinion/ct-abn-crosby-holy-angels-shooting-st-0301-story.html#share=email-story">http://www.chicagotribune.com/suburbs/aurora-beacon-news/opinion/ct-abn-crosby-holy-angels-shooting-st-0301-story.html#share=email-story</a>

## **Welcome Back**

Registration for the upcoming school year continues online. You can access the forms through Schoolspeak. Please log into your Schoolspeak account. The link to the registration is on the left hand side. Please make sure that you have your contact information available as you will have to update your profiles upon logging in. Once you have completed the online registration forms, please print out your completed form and send in your \$125 registration fee (per family) to the office. On March 15, registration fees rise to \$150 and new families will begin registering for next year. We anticipate that a few of the grades will fill up. This is on a first come first serve basis, so please make sure you reserve your spot before new families can register. If you have any problems please contact Mrs. Gurbal for help sgurbal@holyangelsschool.net

## **PIP Hours**

As a gentle reminder, all PIP hours need to be completed by April I. Most of the work has been done for you through <u>sign-up.com</u>. However, if there are hours that were not logged for you, please be sure to let us know in the office. Hours accumulated after April I will count towards your commitment for the upcoming school year.

# **More Than Mean Tweets**

Are you concerned about how to keep your children safe online? If so, please attend the next On Point Speaker Series presentation "Cyber Safety: Kids & Tech"on Thursday, March 14. This free event will be held from 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the Yorkville Middle School Auditorium, 920 Prairie Crossing Drive, Yorkville.

Detective Rich Wistocki will lead the cutting-edge presentation to empower parents and help them understand what is going on

in their child's technological world. The presentation will cover how parents can talk to their children about technology, parental responsibility, trending crimes, reporting incidents, collecting evidence, software for computers and cell phones, red flags, sexting, cyber-bullying, and social networking. As a child crime expert, Detective Wistocki has dedicated his career to helping children by pursuing, apprehending, and prosecuting child predators. As an active cyber-crimes detective, he educates others on investigative techniques and responsible digital activity.

# A+ Students

The end of the third quarter is rapidly approaching. Schoolspeak will be unavailable for checking grades beginning Monday, March 11. But you will still be able to confirm re-registration using Schoolspeak during this time period. With spring break starting on March 25, our Honor Roll Mass will be celebrated on March 22. Please note that all tuition and fees must be current in order to view report cards on March 22.

## **Next Week at a Glance**

Monday -

Tuesday -

Wednesday -

Thursday -

Friday - Mass 8:15

End of 3rd Quarter

# **Bringing Home the Faith**

The Spiritual Enhancement Committee from Home & School provided all students with a Lent 2019 Countdown to Easter calendar. It has some very clever ideas to help our children better understand Lent. Please consider using this as a resource to build your faith as a family.

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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