

ECHOES OF ANGELS

Rooted in the Gospel of Jesus Christ...

Invest in Kids

The Invest in Kids application process through Empower Illinois has been suspended. The site was overwhelmed by 24,000 families taking advantage of this opportunity. As soon as the site is available, you will be notified.

Seraphim Video

The Seraphim Ball Committee is looking for current and year's past photos of your children, fellow HA alum pictures of parents and grandparents, or family that have attended HA. Pictures provided will be used in the slide show the night of the Seraphim Ball. All photos will be returned by end of March 2018, unless emailed.

Please email pictures to Jill Burroughs
jcburroughs@yahoo.com
 or send them to the school office, clearly marked "Attention: Seraphim Ball."



Bee the Best

Congratulations to Lola Blankenheim who was crowned this year's Spelling Bee champion on Monday. She successfully spelled "peroxide" to win. She now moves on to represent Holy Angels in the regional competition. Our first runner up was Matt Leslie. Representing their classrooms in the school spelling bee were: Ryan Churchill, Jackson Michels, Anthony Quail, Anna Hafertepe, Emerson Hollarbush, Daniel Eberle, Winnie Fiaccato, Charlie Reynolds, Ryan Swann, Sam Hilligoss, Emma Kasper, Sammy Smith, Jordan Vitale, and Ean Wilson.

Lola also won our spelling bee last year. Again, congratulations, Lola!





Seraphim Invites

There's still time to attend! Please check backpacks for your invitations to the Seraphim Ball. They are in a green envelope.

A Grateful Heart

I want to take this opportunity to express how grateful my family and I are for the ongoing support during these trying times. We are amazed by the generosity of Holy Angels School and the Aurora Community. There are not enough words to express our gratitude and thanks to everyone. Please continue to pray for Ray and our family.

Thanks,
Diane Rodriguez

HSA Happenings

Colonial Night for Holy Angels is February 6. The school store will be open again on February 16.

High School Events

We advertise upcoming events on our website under *School Information*. Be sure to check it out as we add new items each week.

Building for the Future

Catholic education is a sacrifice. But as a parent, the sacrifice is well worth the price knowing how happy and well educated our children are here at Holy Angels. As we begin the planning process for next year, please return the re-registration forms coming home early next week by April 15. After this date, the registration fee will raise from \$125 to \$150. So get in on the savings and return your forms early!

The Parish Finance Council met this past week and approved a \$100 increase for K-8 tuition and a \$40 increase for preschool tuition. This increase will be used to offset the cost of a modest pay increase for our devoted staff.

Please spread the word that our New Parent Open House is scheduled for Thursday, February 22 at 6:30. Your enthusiastic endorsement is our very best advertisement!

As a way to grow our faith through generosity, I am currently looking for volunteers who would like to review our school's current fundraising efforts. This review would help us to better plan for our future and may result in new and different ways to raise funds. If you are interested in joining this dynamic group, please email me at tforbes@holyangelsschool.net.

Super Bowl, Super Cash

With only 3 days left until the big game, **we have 7 squares remaining!** What an outstanding show of support in the last week for the Seraphim Ball and Holy Angels! Let's get the last 7 off the board. Remember, Cubs vs Phillies tickets are being raffled off as well! Simply go to <https://www.superbowlsquares.org/haseraphimball> and put in user ID: haball and password: seraphim to learn how you can win! With your entry, 50% goes to the square winners (sign up to learn more) and with the other 50% going directly to the school for the Seraphim Ball. (Limit is 5 entries per email.)

Baskets, Invites, and More!

Itching to start spring cleaning? Still holding onto baskets from Easter, Christmas or even a past Seraphim Ball? The Holy Angels Seraphim Ball committee is looking for medium- and large-sized baskets for auction items. To donate, simply label your baskets SERAPHIM BALL and drop them off outside of the school office no later than February 17.

And look for your official Seraphim Ball invitation in this

week's mail! Please complete your RSVP card and send it to school via backpack or mail. Also, indicate any preferences you may have for seating on the back of your RSVP card by February 25. The committee will do their best to accommodate all seating requests for each 10-person, round table.

If you have questions, please contact April Ray at 630.636.8676 (april.ray.8676@gmail.com) or Cathy Medernach at 630.421.2284 (sandcat86@yahoo.com). Thanks for your support!

Daddy, A Daughter's First Love

Save the date for a "sweet" night out for dads and daughters. This year's Daddy-Daughter Dance is February 16 in the gym from 6:00-8:30 PM. Please join us for dancing and fun in Candy Land. Please contact Susan Cruz with any questions (susanfi30@yahoo.com).

Putting the Rumors to Rest

There has been much speculation about the future of several Catholic schools on the east side of Aurora. The Diocese announced late last week that St. Joe's, St. Peter's, St. Therese, and OLGc will be combining next school year. Their new school with a north and south campus (St. Joe and OLGc) will be Pope St. John Paul II Catholic Academy. We wish them well in this new collaboration.

Next Week at a Glance

Monday -

Tuesday -

Wednesday - First Communion Parent Retreat 6:30

Thursday -

Friday - Mass 8:15

Saturday - First Communion Parent Retreat 9:00

Bringing Home the Faith

Here are some special saints that we recognized this week for their contributions to Catholic education. St. John Neumann helped organize Catholic education in the United States. St. Katharine Drexel used her personal fortune to fund schools for Native Americans and African Americans. St. John Baptist de la Salle worked to improve schools and is the patron saint of teachers. St. Elizabeth Ann Seton opened the first American parish school and established the first American Catholic orphanage. She is the patron saint of Catholic schools. St. Catherine of Alexandria was famous for her debating skills and is a patron saint of students, teachers, and librarians.

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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