

# ECHOES OF ANGELS

Rooted in the Gospel of Jesus Christ...

## Legislative Goals Accomplished

Beginning this year, the education expense tax credit will be increased from \$500 to \$750. As a reminder, the credit is for tuition, book and lab fees and be claimed for 25% of expenses over \$250.

## Come Join the Band

If you missed the band sign up on Wednesday evening, there is still time to join. You can go directly to their site at [www.musicedservices.org](http://www.musicedservices.org) and our school code is HACS or you can call them directly at 847-805-1800. Please see the attached letter about band.

## Uplift Mark

Mark Herwaldt was at one time our Director of Religious Education. He was diagnosed with ALS in 2016. Funds raised from a catered Italian Dinner to be held on September 23 after 4:15 Mass at Holy Cross Church will support Mark and his family.



**Preschoolers after reading Ten Apples on Top!**

## Castle Quest

Parents! This year's main fundraiser is our 4th annual Holy Angels Fun Run! Families will gather pledges for every lap your student runs (30-35 laps), and we'll celebrate at the Fun Run on September 20th. With our big goal of raising at least \$21,000 to balance the school budget, here are a few quick stats:

We have pledges from 24 different states and 2 different countries. 82% of our students have registered at [www.funrun.com](http://www.funrun.com). 54% of our students are participating and have already earned 235 pledges. Plus we're already over 50% of our goal.

All families are invited to come out and cheer on your student at the Fun Run! We are especially excited for our new Color Run





## Pasta for Priesthood

The Knights of Columbus are hosting a Pasta for Priesthood spaghetti dinner on Saturday, October 7 from 5:00-7:00 PM in Connor Hall. Cost is \$10 per person or \$25 per family for eat-in or carry-out.

## Underwear Drive

Thank you to all the families who supported our recent underwear drive for the hurricane victims. Also thank you to Mrs. Pam Kopcio for all of her help.

## Extra Hot Lunches

HSA is doing a couple of extra hot lunches this year because they would like to have a special fund for families in times of need. This would be in addition to our tuition assistance program.

## High School Events

We advertise upcoming events at the area high schools on our website under *School Information*. Be sure to check it out as we've added some new items this week.

challenge for our 5th-8th graders this year! As always, thank you for your support.

## Safety Concerns

Thank you to all our parents who follow our established guidelines for arrival and dismissal. It is greatly appreciated. Just to make everyone aware it is a ticketable offense to use your cellphone in a school zone. Also, for the safety of all the students, we kindly request that all animals be left at home. Again, thanks for your compliance.

Please know that students cannot be left unattended on school grounds while waiting for extracurricular activities to begin. We have an extended day care program and are willing to watch your children at a *greatly* reduced rate when there are those times when your child needs to wait for a coach or choir to begin, etc, and you need to be somewhere else and can't wait for the supervising adult. But due to liability issues, we simply cannot allow students to be at the school without adult supervision.



## Extended Day Care Peanut/Tree Nut Free

Due to life-threatening allergies of students who attend extended day care, after school care must be peanut and tree nut free. Please check the handbook for a list of approved snacks that you can send in with your child. I appreciate your vigilance in helping keep all of our children safe.

## Grandparents/Grandfriends Day

It is one of the most special days of the year when we open our doors to all of those grandparents and other older people who are very special in our children's lives. This year our event will be on Friday, September 22 starting with Mass at 8:15. There is a musical program after Mass in the church involving every student. Our special friends can then tour the school, purchase a book in the library, and then leave early to enjoy lunch. There is early dismissal that day with no bus service home. We are still looking for volunteers to help with Grandparents Day so please look for volunteer spots on [signup.com](http://signup.com) to help with this incredible day.

If you have volunteered to bake for Grandparents/friends Day please keep in mind that baked goods are being dropped off this year at the circle drive over at the church not in the school office.

## Home and School Happenings

Signup.com for volunteering is up and running. All families K-8 should have received emails about a few upcoming opportunities. If you have not please check your spam folder or let Laurie Wirtz know the correct email address so the database can be updated. [lukelaurie2@gmail.com](mailto:lukelaurie2@gmail.com)

You can also see school wide volunteer opportunities any time by following this link [signup.com/go/HolyAngelsHSA](http://signup.com/go/HolyAngelsHSA) or by using the Volunteer Sign Up button on the school website.

Currently HSA is looking for a few Art Class weekly helpers.

Upcoming restaurant fundraisers this month are Culvers in Oswego on September 18th and Mother's Pancake House for Grandparents day on September 22nd. Please watch backpacks for flyers for these two events.

## Christmas Program

It's hard to imagine but Christmas will be here before we know it. For many years at Christmas time, Holy Angels Parish has coordinated a program to help families in our area with Christmas gifts. This program is called the Angel Tag program, in which parishioners may help an individual child in our area with a clothes item and a toy. We are reaching out to our Holy Angel School families to ask you to contact Rose Gatze at the Parish Center by email or phone, if you or if you may know of a family that could use some help with Christmas this year. This program is completely confidential.

Christmas is a time of giving, and our Holy Angels families are some of the most generous people there are. Christmas is for our children and we as parents, just like our Heavenly Father, love to bless our children with presents. So please contact Rose no later than October 27 at [rgatze@holy-angels.org](mailto:rgatze@holy-angels.org) or call 630-898-1194 ext. 160 for more information.

## Next Week at a Glance

Monday - IOWA testing begins (grades 2-8) - please help children get plenty of rest, send in a snack, and refrain from scheduling appointments during this week

Tuesday -

Wednesday - Fun Run starting at 8:30 Grades 5-8

Fun Run starting at 9:30 Grades PK-4

Confirmation Retreat 6:30

Thursday -

Friday - Grandparents/Grandfriends Day 8:15 Mass

Early Dismissal 11:30 - No Bus Service Home

## Bringing Home the Faith

Prayer for Grandparents/friends Day

Dear St. Ann, You were truly twice blessed To have our blessed Mother As your daughter And Jesus our Savior As your grandson. I know that every period Of our lives Has its responsibilities As well as its joys.

Today, it seems That grandparents Have either too little Use or too much; Either we are shunted aside To do nothing, Or we are called upon To do everything.

Help me to know Just where my duties lie In my particular situation And to carry them out as best I can.

Take care of my family, My children, and their children. Inspire them all To follow your Grandson And lead truly Christian lives.

Keep all of us In your loving care, Never let us turn away from Jesus, And help us in the end To receive the joy Of entering into your Grandsons' Glorious presence forever.

Good St. Ann pray for us grandparents.

Amen.