

ECHOES OF ANGELS

Rooted in the Gospel of Jesus Christ...

PIP Hours

As a reminder, all parents must complete 10 hours of service (5, if you're a single parent household) to our school before April 1. Be sure to watch for those invitations to volunteer in your email. Preschool parents are exempt from this requirement.

Also all sports parents must do an additional 4 hours per child per sport.

We currently have a need for help in our art classes. Art is taught Tuesday - Friday from 8:25-12:50. Please let me know if you can volunteer to help Mrs. Cella.

We also need one more room parent for Mr. Mayer.

Open House

St. Francis is hosting an informational meeting on September 21 at 6:30 for 7th & 8th graders.



Boostertthon

Monday is the beginning of an exciting week for our students! We will again be hosting a Boostertthon Fun Run. It is an incredible way to earn money for our school. Students are exposed to daily character building activities from an energetic team, gather pledges, earn prizes and t-shirts, and participate in the Fun Run to be held on Wednesday, September 21. Even if families choose not to support our school with pledges, all students participate in the festivities on September 21.





Altar Server Training

Those in grades 5 and above along with a parent are invited to attend training on Thursday, September 29 at 5:30 or Tuesday, October 4 at 5:30 in the church. Only one meeting is necessary, but you may attend both. For more information and to choose a date, please contact the Parish Center at 630-897-1194.

Camp Rock Recharge

Did your child attend Camp Rock and leave camp enthused and energized about his faith? Is it time for re-charge? If so, they are invited for pizza, friends, counselors, Camp Rock songs, camp memories, activities, and the Holy Spirit on Sunday, September 11, 5.-7 PM at Annunciation School Gym. The cost is \$5 per person. Even if your child has never attended Camp Rock, they can come to learn more. To attend contact Mark Fletcher at mfletcher@RockfordDiocese.org.

Or call Mark at 630-851-1436.

Our pep rally begins Monday afternoon so look for more information coming home about how to register your child for our Fun Run. What I particularly enjoy about this fundraiser is that it is so much fun for the students. They love it!

Trivia Night

Please plan to attend our first ever Trivia Night on Saturday, September 14 at Bliss Creek Pine Room in Sugar Grove. This event will be hosted by the HSA and dinner and drinks will be served. You can sign up yourself, as a couple, or with a group of eight for \$25 per person. If you don't have a group of 8, no worries! You will be placed with other couples to create a winning team. There will be many fun raffles including 4 Blackhawks tickets, a craft beer basket, a Grizzly cooler as well as vendor baskets from the Paramount, Funway, and Massage Envy. Several local restaurants will also be featured. Raffle tickets will be sold throughout the evening (3/\$5, 7/\$10, 20/\$20). Forms need to be returned by September 14 and addressed to Beth Christoffel. Hurry, as seating is limited.

American Heritage Girls

American Heritage Girls is having a Fundraiser/Parent Information and Registration Night tonight. If your daughter (K-8) is interested in being a part of scouting with American Heritage Girls or supporting their organization, please stop by at Luigi's between 5:30-7:30. All of the leaders will be there to assist with registration so you will be able to meet with your girl's unit leader. Tickets are \$5 per child and \$6 per adult at the door which includes a variety of pizzas, spaghetti, mostaccioli, salad, jello, and punch. Game room cards will also be available for purchase for \$4 each. A formal presentation will begin at 7:00 to learn more about American Heritage Girls.

Artsonia

Artsonia is the world's largest student art museum. Yet it's so much more than that! It's a free, safe, educational program. It is designed to connect parents and families with their child's creative activities at school. Artsonia is a gallery where your children's artwork is displayed and made into items that can be purchased by you as gifts. It's a fun and practical way to preserve those art projects as well as financially supporting the school. Artsonia now requires parents to create an online account and give explicit permission to Artsonia *prior* to publicly showcasing any artwork in the school gallery. In the past, artwork uploaded by Holy Angels School was publicly displayed in the school's gallery whenever Mrs. Cella certified parent permission by selecting "granted" in the student's permission settings, regardless of whether you had created an account or not. She can still post artwork prior to parents creating accounts, but artwork will become visible only when the parent creates an account and gives permission. To create an account for your child/children go to: <https://www.artsonia.com/parents/register/artist.asp>.

Air Conditioning

This is a topic that has been debated for as long as I have worked here (18 years.) In fact, when I got hired Sr. Paul Mary assured me that my room in the then under-construction new wing was going to be air-conditioned. Obviously, those plans never came to fruition. The discussion resurfaces every year when the heat rises. Having taught here for years in the heat, I am the first to admit that kids learn better and adults teach better in a much lower temperature. But contrary to the rumor-mill, I have never been approached by anyone offering to financially install air-conditioning in our building. However, if there is a generous benefactor who would like to make this dream a reality, the conservative estimate is \$25,000 for the gym and \$7,000 per classroom for a total price tag of \$228,000, and that's without the cost of electricity to actually run the system.

The single largest item in the school budget (aside from personnel costs) is building maintenance. This year we expect to spend over \$250,000 in just this one area. So assuming we could do a successful fundraiser and raise the amount of money to install air-conditioning, is it really the most fiscally responsible way to spend money for a few days or weeks of discomfort? Maybe it's not such a bad thing for our children to learn that there will be times in their life when things won't be easy or comfortable. Pope Benedict once said, "The world offers you comfort, but you were not made for comfort. You were made for greatness." Maybe we need to worry less about the comfort part and invest more in the ways to make our children become great in God's eyes.

The Week at a Glance

Monday - Boosterthon starts

Tuesday -

Wednesday -

Thursday -

Friday - Mass 8:15

Hot lunch