

Holy Inquirer

The season of joy and giving is upon us once again! This truly is a time to be so ever thankful for the many blessings that God has given us! As I reflect on this past trimester, the days certainly have passed by very quickly but each one has been filled with special moments. Your children (all 424 of them) grace and enrich us at Holy Angels everyday with their smiles and unique presence.

As all of you know, the year started off with many new changes. The summer months were filled with building renovations and the creation of two new sixth grade classrooms... thus giving us a new "middle school wing." The library was moved to the second floor, and we welcomed a new age group.....our pre/k 3 year olds to Holy Angels. Spanish was also added to the middle school curriculum. We are on a good momentum, and the positive spirit that is so needed in our world is quite evident here

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each day. It is awe inspiring to walk into the classrooms and witness so many engaging activities

Principal's Corner

and lessons presented by our faculty!

Dr. Renee O'Leary and many other professionals have volunteered their time to guide and instruct our students in the areas of science and reading.

The children have also experienced some great field trips to various sites such as Adventure Aquarium, Gettysburg, Pennsylvania Renaissance Faire, Coleman Farms, Hagley Museum, and Ashland Nature Center to name a few.

This year we are focusing on a "Value of the Month". Respect, cooperation, and honesty are among them. Our Catholic Identity and mission statement are always at the

forefront of our daily actions at Holy Angels and beyond these doorways. It is important for the students to know that their faith will carry them through life including the good times and not so good times.

As we approach this Christmas season, may you and your families be blessed with God's many gifts...health, happiness, and the gift of each other.

All of us at Holy Angels wish you a beautiful holiday season!

Mrs. Barbara Snively
Principal

Fire Poster / Essay Winners

Each year the students in grades 4 through 8 participate in the annual Fire Essay Contest run held by the Aetna Fire Department. Once again we had students in several grades who placed. Grade 5- Sarah Waegele, Grade 6-Jonathan Ray, Grade 7-McKenzie Conner, and Grade 8-Ryan Teloh. The students in grades K through 3 participated in the art contest illustrating some form of fire safety. The following students placed: K- Reece Vanderslice, Alyssa Whitmarsh, and Mateo Filpo. In Grade 1-Anna Singer. Congratulations to all!

Your Catholic Horoscope



If you were born in **SEPTEMBER**, you should follow in the footsteps of Saint Jerome. He was known for his curiosity. Even though you may question things with such curiosity, it is God's plan to answer.

If you were born in **OCTOBER**, be like St. John the Dwarf. He was known for his obedience. Next time you stray down the wrong path, learn from your wrong choice and make it the right path. All is forgiven, even when you disobey.

If you were born in **NOVEMBER**, you can be like St. Frances Xavier Cabrini. Follow in her ways by having courage and determination. For example, you can stand up for others, even if you are made fun of for doing that.

If you were born in **DECEMBER**, be like St. Nicholas. He threw gold out a window for the poor. You can donate money or food to the poor and less fortunate in your community.

Aftercare With Dolores Schmidt

My love for children is what brought me to Holy Angels. In 2005, I started here as a counselor in the After Care Program. A short while later, I was asked to be the new director and accepted the position. I enjoy every minute I am here and love every student as if they were my own. They have brought much joy to my life.

My After Care Program consists of a staff of 18

counselors, which include students from UD and mature women from the work force. We start the day with attendance, then snack time, followed by homework hour. Students in 2nd through 8th grade are required to do their homework in After Care. Counselors, as well as a few teachers, monitor the homework hour. After homework hour, it's off to fun and games! The students use the field, blacktop, playground, and gym for their enjoyment. In addition, they may play board games, and on special days we have arts and crafts. We have parties on St. Patty's Day, kindergarten and 8th grade graduation, and Special Treat Days. The Pre-K and K students perform a show right before Christmas break. I am very proud of the program and welcome any new students. The doors are always open!

**It's 3 p.m.,
do you
know
where your
kids are?**

How Well Do You Know Your Teachers and Staff?

T-1 edition: Choose from the following teachers/staff.

Mrs. Lawler Mrs. Maiura Ms. Turssline Mrs. Rotenberry Mrs. Watchilla Mrs. Snively Mrs. Reburn Mrs. Gugerty Mr. McKenica Ms. Darlene Mrs. McIntyre Mrs. Hooks Mrs. Goff Mrs. Walsh Mrs. Alvarez



1. I was the Homecoming Queen when I was a senior in college.
2. I was born on Friday the 13th, in October.
3. I used to twirl a flag in high school.
4. I got married in Las Vegas.
5. I have never seen the whole movie *Titanic*.
6. I was the highest scorer on my high school basketball team.
7. I played the clarinet for 4 years.
8. I was drum major for 2 years in high school.
9. I have a black belt in karate and have competed in many tournament, including the “World Championships.”
10. I went to HA, my mother went to HA, and now my child attends HA.
11. I exercise at the gym at 9:00 p.m. each night.
12. I have visited 23 countries.
13. I was awarded Miss Congeniality in a pageant in high school.
14. I have never been to Disney World or Disney Land.
15. I like tofu.

Safety Patrols



Safety Patrols are new to Holy Angels School this year. Some of our eighth-grade students assist with morning car drop-off duty. These students assist our preschoolers in getting out of their car or booster seats, help them get out of

their car and get their backpack on. In addition, the eight-graders will walk each preschooler to the appropriate entrance for their class. This new patrol has been very effective in helping to

maintain the orderly flow of our morning car line while alleviating parental fears about their preschooler walking into school alone. Now, preschoolers are walked from their cars directly to their smiling teachers without mishap! Thank you Safety Patrol!

Pre-K 3



The Pre K- 3 program is a hands-on learning environment. The children are exposed to learning through play and sensory exploration. Through various centers located throughout the classroom, the children are able to use their imagination at the sand table, block center, house-keeping, legos, math and science centers. There are weekly themes and sub themes that are utilized in the daily work tables of art, science, language arts, and math. Religion, PE, music, and library are specials that the children attend weekly.

1st grade

First graders are working hard on subtraction facts! We are becoming more fluent readers, as well. In science class, we are learning all about animals. We are patiently waiting for Jesus at Christmas!



3rd grade

Third grade students are busy learning about some very important Christmas traditions. They have made their own Advent Wreath, Christmas crèches and continue working on their Jesse Tree. In math, they have begun learning their multiplication facts and are thrilled!



Pre-K 4

In Pre-K 4, we have been busy getting ready for our first field trip! Many of us will be riding a school bus for the first time! We will be visiting the Masonic Home of Delaware to share some Christmas cheer with the residents there. We have been busy little elves making angel ornaments and nativity cards to share. Our songs for the Christmas concert will be perfect to perform while we are there making friends and having juice and cookies!



Kindergarten

Kindergarten has been busy! We've learned all about turkeys, Pilgrims, Native Americans, and the Gingerbread Boy! We are learning to read and to use our numbers. We are really excited for Christmas!

2nd grade

The second grade class had two field trips in the fall. The students visited Alpine and Rafetto Orthodontists to learn about dental health. In addition, they actively participated in the Hagley School Tour to learn about what it was like to live 150 years ago! Back in the classroom they are preparing for First Reconciliation and working on their Mad Minutes to improve speed and accuracy of math facts.



Grade 4

4th grade students made Christmas ornaments and character maps that explained their ethnic backgrounds. Their presentations allowed us to gain an understanding and respect for the customs from many countries. In addition, in social studies class they are learning about our economy and ultimately created their own business depicting their income, costs, and profits made.

Grade 5

5th grade traveled to the National Christmas Center in Lancaster, PA. They learned about Christmas traditions around the world. In social studies class, they are learning about Native American dwellings and early American lifestyles. In science class, after creating a DNA chain out of pipe cleaners, students learned about adaptations of plants and animals

Trimester 1



Grade 6



Students in the 6th grade are working in groups on their upcoming project, Christmas Around the World. They are nearing the end of the book *Tuck Everlasting* and will soon complete projects that focus on this wonderful book. When the unit ends, they will view the movie. In January they will be traveling to the DuPont Theater to see the play *Harriet Tubman and the Underground Railroad*.

Grade 7

For the second year in a row both seventh grade classes will be wrapping dozens of donated Christmas “Toys for Tots” delivered by the Newark Police Department and the Marines. What a great way to share in the holiday spirit of giving!

Grade 8

During the fall, the 8th grade class traveled to Gettysburg, PA, to walk in the footsteps of soldiers during the Revolutionary War. Climbing Big Horn and walking through Devil’s Den helped make the connection for them. In addition, they traveled to Possumshire amongst pirates, knights, jesters, and the Queen’s Court to experience the life and times of the Renaissance Era.



Wise Saying

“Talk low, talk slow,
and don’t talk too
much”

John Wayne

Teacher Spotlight by Taylor Sedar and Megan Lloyd Welcome to Mrs. Reyburn and Mrs. Schnell

Mrs. Reyburn is the new first grade teacher. Her class is IR and she says they always have fun in her classroom.

Mrs. Reyburn decided to be a teacher when she was eighteen because she likes helping people, especially children. This is her sixth year teaching and before she came to Holy Angels, Mrs. Reyburn taught at St. Catherine of Siena. She

came to Holy Angels because her old school closed and her son goes to kindergarten here.

Mrs. Reyburn always looks forward to coming to school. She enjoys watching the students grow in their spiritual, social, and academic development.

Interviewing Mrs. Reyburn was a lot of fun. Thanks for all you do!
(by Taylor Sedar)

Mrs. Kathryn Schnell is our new PE teacher for the primary grades. She's been teaching for 10 years. Prior to coming to Holy Angels she taught at St. Matthew's and St. Peter's. She decided to come to teach at Holy Angels because she was a former student here. What Mrs. Schnell finds most rewarding about being a PE teacher is watching the students learn new things and develop new skills from year to year.

In her free time, Mrs. Schnell enjoys running, scrap booking, and taking her children from place to place.

We are thankful for all the work you do for everyone here.

Ask An Angel Advice Column

Dear Angel,

How do I confront a student who is talking behind my back? -A fifth-grade student

Talking behind someone's back is a type of bullying, believe it or not, and it can really hurt people. When confronting a person who talks behind your back, use "I" statements such as "I feel upset," or "I feel hurt." Don't use "you" statements, like "You aren't smart." Using "you" statements makes the other person feel like they have to use "you" statements against you, and because of this, they often don't listen to what you have to say. "I" statements help you communicate your feelings openly and honestly. I hope this works and good luck!

Your Angel Adviser



Dear Angel,

How do I pick between two friends to have just one best friend? -A fourth grader

Why can't you have more than one best friend? When I was younger, someone chose someone else over me as their best friend, and it didn't make me feel good. How would you feel if you weren't picked? One friend might be your best friend to watch movies with and the other might be your best friend to do puzzles with. One friend shouldn't be your best friend to do everything with all the time. Including everyone helps others to feel good, so include both your friends as best friends.

*Don't box your feelings up, drop me a note in the Angel Advice box. **Your Angel Adviser**