





## School News ...

"God looked at everything He made, and found it very good." Genesis 1:31

Check out   for more school news and pictures!

### Wishing you a blessed Christmas Season!

As we approach the joyous celebration of Christmas, I extend my heartfelt wishes of peace and love to each of you. I am grateful for the precious moments we share as a community.

In the spirit of the Christmas story, we are reminded of the boundless love and compassion that brings hope to the world. We have felt this love over the last few weeks as we have gathered for our

Christmas Concerts, service projects and holiday celebrations. We have joyfully witnessed your compassion and generosity through our [Capuchin](#) toy and food collection. Your donations have certainly made a difference to those who need it most this season. Thank you!

As we gather with our loved ones over the next several weeks, may the light of the Christmas star guide you and your family to a place of peace, joy, and love.

In the coming year, may we continue to work together to nurture the growth of our students and strengthen the bonds of our school community. I am grateful for the privilege of serving as your principal and I look forward to the opportunities that the new year will bring.

Wishing you and your loved ones a blessed Christmas and a joyous New Year!

With gratitude,

  
Mrs. Lori Suarez



## CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

CHRISTMAS EVE SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24	CHRISTMAS DAY MONDAY, DECEMBER 25
4:00PM	8:00AM
6:00PM	10:00AM
10:00PM	

NOTE: MORNING MASS ON DECEMBER 24 IS FOR THE 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT.

### School Calendar

#### Upcoming Dates:

December 21—**RED AND GREEN** out of uniform day, **NO** Forensics, **NO** Art Club

December 22—January 2—**Christmas Break**

January 3—Classes Resume

January 4—Art Club, Forensics

January 5—All School Mass, January Birthday Table

January 8—Advanced Band, 9:30am Mothers with Munchkins meeting in the WC

January 9—Crescendo Choir

January 10—Discipleship Wednesday, Beginner and Intermediate Band

January 11—Art Club, Forensics, 2nd grade Brownie Meeting

January 12—All School Mass

January 15—Advanced Band, 4th grade Girl Scout Troop Meeting

January 16—Crescendo Choir

January 17—Intermediate and Beginner Band

January 18—Art Club, Forensics

January 19—All School Mass

January 21—Lego League STATE Completion

January 22—Advanced Band

January 23—Crescendo Choir

January 24—Beginner and Intermediate Band

January 25—Art Club, Forensics

**We mourn the loss of Nicole Flynn, mom to Addison (7th grade) and wife to Ron. Please pray for her family during this difficult time.**

Her visitation is scheduled at Holy Apostles Church for Saturday, January 6, 2024, from 9-11:15am. The funeral liturgy will immediately follow at 11:30am.

May she rest in God's peace and be risen in eternal glory!



**Attention Extended Care Families (Before School Care, Kids Connection/ After School Care, 3K Lunch Fun and 3K Wrap Care)!**

Holy Apostles will be using brightwheel to check students in and out for Before School Care, After School Care/Kids Connection, and also to track attendance in the 3K Fun Lunch and Wrap Care programs. Our go-live date is planned for January 3, 2024. You should have received an email invitation to sign-up to the HA brightwheel community. In the email, tap on create account, and follow the steps to create an account. If you did not receive an email, please email [extendedcare@hanb.org](mailto:extendedcare@hanb.org) so that we can verify your correct email address. **Please be sure to set up an account prior to 1/3/24, so that your already enrolled student(s) are active in brightwheel. We encourage you to download the mobile app too!**

Please refer to last week's Messenger or the email from Extended Care for the complete information. If you have further questions, please contact Kari Rikkola, Mission Director: Administration, at [krikkola@hanb.org](mailto:krikkola@hanb.org).

Thank you,  
Our Extended Care staff

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**Tune in as our Holy Apostles School Crescendo Choir, under the direction of Mrs. Wilda, leads Mass for Heart of the Nation on Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, January 14<sup>th</sup> at 5:30am on Channel 6 and at 7:00am and 9:00am on Channel 24.** You can also tune in on the Saturday prior to Relevant Radio FM 100.1 at 8:30pm. You can stream these Masses on the [Heart of the Nation website](#), Facebook, and [YouTube Channel](#).

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**All tuition and extended care checks/cash received by Thursday, December 21st by 3:15 pm will be recorded in the 2023 year. Online tuition payments can be made through December 31st. Any payments received after that time will be recorded in 2024. Thank you!**

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**7th & 8th Grade Open Gym Nights!** This year we are excited to host Open Gym Nights for the 7th and 8th grade classes. This will support the 2024 legacy project. The cost will be \$2 per student at the door. There will be Gatorade for sale for \$2 and no food allowed. The students will have access to basketball and volleyball. If they don't want to participate in a sport, they are welcome to bring a board game, cards, etc. A one time permission slip was handed out a few weeks ago. No student is allowed to leave the gym during the event and parents must walk in to pick up their student.

**Upcoming Open Gym Dates are: December 27 10am—12pm**, January 19th 7:15pm-9:15pm, Other dates to be determined.

Please contact either Beth Enea ([eenea812@hotmail.com](mailto:eenea812@hotmail.com)) or Liz Dinon ([ldinon@hanb.org](mailto:ldinon@hanb.org)) if you are interested in chaperoning these events.

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# Clubs and activities ...



## FIRST Lego League Sectional Competition Results 2023

This past Sunday some of our 7th and 8th graders represented Holy Apostles in the FIRST Lego League Sectional competition at Mukwonago Middle School. The Ninja Turtles did an awesome job presenting their Innovative Project, answering questions from the judges, and running their robot for the Robot Game. These students should be so proud of all their iterations since Regionals back in November and at Sunday's competition.

Here's how they did:

Ninja Turtles #46252 (Amelia Ballard, Bella Banton, Holden Benishek, Ally Bindl, Linnea Fisco, Nick Gratz, Morgan Seaverson, Nathan Stepanski, and Finley Sullivan)

- Won 2nd place for the Core Values award
- Collected a high score of 270 points on the Robot Game
- Scored enough points to move on to the STATE tournament!
- Congratulations to Mrs. Laabs for winning the Coach's Award!

**Congratulations to the Ninja Turtles as they did an excellent job representing HA in the FIRST Lego League Competition!**

## 2023-2024 Holy Apostles Ski Club—Happy holidays!!! Please consider joining the HA Ski Club for the 2023-2024 season!!!!

The HA Ski Club is open to any HA student or child in the HA Parish ages 7 -18. On club nights, every member of the student's family receives the same great discounts on tickets (\$30) and rentals (\$30). On non-ski club nights after 3pm (excluding Saturdays), the child can use his or her annual ski pass to get ski club rates (\$30). Here's the info for your consideration:

**WHERE?** Alpine Valley Ski Resort in East Troy - an easy 25 min drive from New Berlin

**WHEN?** We will ski as a club on the following Thursdays and Fridays at 5:30pm.

**TONIGHT, Thursday 12/21, Friday 1/5, Friday 1/19, Friday 1/26, Friday 2/2 (afternoon, no school), Friday 2/16**

*\*Backup dates in the event of prior cancellation due to inclement weather:  
Thursday 3/1 & Friday 3/8*

Find out more [here](#). Permission slip can be found [here](#).



# Home & School Association ...

<p>Youth Crewneck Sweatshirt *UNIFORM APPROVED*</p>  <p>\$24.00</p>	<p>Adult Crewneck Sweatshirt *UNIFORM APPROVED*</p>  <p>\$22.00</p>	<p>Youth Heavy Hooded Sweatshirt *UNIFORM APPROVED*</p>  <p>\$26.00</p>	<p>Adult Heavy Hooded Sweatshirt *UNIFORM APPROVED*</p>  <p>\$26.00</p>	<p>Youth Gildan - Heavy Blend Full-Zip Hooded Sweatshirt - 18600B</p>  <p>\$40.00</p>	<p>Adult Full-Zip Hooded Sweatshirt *UNIFORM APPROVED*</p>  <p>\$40.00</p>
<p>Youth Posicharge Competitor 1/4-Zip Pullover *UNIFORM APPROVED*</p>  <p>\$27.00</p>	<p>Adult Posicharge Competitor 1/4-Zip Pullover *UNIFORM APPROVED*</p>  <p>\$27.00</p>	<p>Ladies Posicharge Competitor 1/4-Zip Pullover *UNIFORM APPROVED*</p>  <p>\$27.00</p>	<p>Bella + Canvas 8803 Womens Flowy Muscle Tank</p>  <p>5 Colors \$17.00</p>	<p>Gildan Ultra Cotton® Youth T-Shirt</p>  <p>6 Colors \$10.00</p>	<p>Gildan Heavy Cotton™ T-Shirt</p>  <p>7 Colors \$10.00</p>

**Spirit Wear Sale ends Tuesday, January 2nd!**

# Parish & school event news ...

*Holy Apostles Parish and School  
Dinner & Auction*



**Saturday,  
March 9, 2024**

**Ingleside Hotel**  
2810 Golf Road, Pewaukee

**Early Bird Registration  
begins December 1, 2023**

**Join us as we celebrate the Ultimate Derby Night!**

**Gather a table of 10 or be placed with fellow parishioners or school parents.**

**Early Bird Registration ENDS January 15th!**

## Advent Service Recap

Thank you to all who served and donated this Advent season. Through your help, we were able to donate **850 toys and books** to Capuchin Community Services, fill over **300 holiday meal boxes** for the House of Peace, create **75 Joy Socks** for the homeless, make **40 tie blankets** for MacCanon Brown Homeless Sanctuary, and much more! Thank you for sharing your time, talent, and treasure with those in need this season. If you are interested in getting involved with service projects year-round with Holy Apostles, check out the Serving page on our website for all the organizations and ministries that we support throughout the year.



**Check out ALL community events**

Also check out the **parish** social media sites:



## Marriage Enrichment Night

Guest Speakers  
Christine & Joe Winters



"Our Favorite Tips, Tools, & Tangible Takeaways for Couples at Any Stage of Marriage"

**Saturday, February 10th**

**Join us at Holy Apostles for a special date night with your spouse to grow in relationship with each other and God!**



<https://bit.ly/HAMarriageFeb1024>



**Mass, Dinner, Happy Hour, Discussion, & More!**

## Community News & Camps...

### **Pius XI Winter Youth Dance Clinic - Friday, January 19th**

Join Pius XI's award-winning Varsity Poms team for a winter youth dance clinic on Friday, January 19th from 4:30 - 8:00pm at the Pius XI Field House. Participants will learn a short dance routine and have the opportunity to perform it that same night at the Varsity basketball game. Open to all K4 - 8th graders. Event fee of \$35 includes pizza dinner, t-shirt, poms, and hair bow. More information included on the flyer. Register by January 10th by visiting: <http://bit.ly/xipoms-clinic>.

Direct questions to Coach Karyn Schlacter at [piousxipoms@gmail.com](mailto:piousxipoms@gmail.com).