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### School News ...

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

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for more school news and pictures!

**2024-25 Priority Enrollment!** We are excited to begin registration for the 2024-25 School Year! <u>Use this form</u> to enroll new siblings planning on attending HA next school year, as well as to re-enroll your current students for next school year. Enrollment will open to Parish members and open house attendees on December 3 2023.

# Please register 3K, 4K, & 5K students ASAP. Spots will fill up fast for next year!

Once you complete the <u>registration form</u>, please pay the \$95/family registration fee. You can send in a check or cash to the school office or pay by credit card (3% processing fee) or bank withdrawal by logging into your Edutrak account.



It's Fellowship Weekend! Join us for fellowship and refreshments in the Welcome Center after every Mass!

**Join us for Mothers & Munchkins!** The Mothers & Munchkins Ministry meet 2-3 times per month from 9:30-10:30am in the Welcome Center. There will be toys and a play area for the kids to enjoy while moms sip coffee and talk about Jesus. No preparation is necessary, we welcome you to come as you are! To learn more, please contact Courtney O'Leary at <u>courtney.oleary0@gmail.com</u> or (262) 352-4495 or Rose Simonelli at (414) 690-3570.

**Upcoming Meeting Dates:** November 6 & 20, December 4 & 18, January 8 & 22, February 5 & 19, March 4 & 18, April 1, 15, & 29, & May 13

## Have you signed up for Parent/Teacher Conferences? If not, sign up now.

#### Love God. Love Others. Transform Our World

**Our Mission** calls us to live and share the teachings of the Catholic Church by creating a compassionate atmosphere which develops faith, service, and academic excellence.



School Calendar

#### **Upcoming Dates:**

**November 2**—Art Club, 2024-25 current family enrollment begins

**November 3—**NO School Mass, Hot Lunch: Hot Dog

November 4-5—Fellowship Weekend

**November 6**—Advanced Band, 4th grad Girl Scout Troop Meeting

**November 7**—Crescendo Choir, basketball uniform handout and volleyball uniform turn in 6-8pm in the Johnson Hall

**November 8**—Discipleship Wednesday, Forensics kick off meeting for MS during lunch recess, Lego League, Beginner and Intermediate Band

**November 9**—Art Club, 2nd grade Brownie Meeting

**November 10**—All School Mass of Remembrance, Trimester Ends, November Birthday Table, Family and MS Dance

**November 13**—Forensics Parent Meeting at 6pm, Advanced Band, 4th grade field trip

November 14—Crescendo Choir

**November 15—**Beginner and Intermediate Band, Lego League

**November 16**—Art Club, Quarterly Tuition Payments Due

November 17—All School Mass, Trimester 1 Report Cards go home

November 20-21—Parent/ Teacher Conferences—NO SCHOO. November 22-26— Thanksgiving Break



On Monday, we celebrated what would have been longtime volunteer and veteran, Al Stigler's 75th birthday. Thank you to Andrew Horschak ('85 HA Alum) for providing cookies for each student and staff member to celebrate!

Many know that our gym is named after AI, but might not know why. Al Stigler went to Vietnam and, just weeks after arriving in the country was shot while patrolling through a rice paddy. He was airlifted to a nearby base, stabilized, and then sent to Germany where he spent months in recovery, before returning to the US, where he spent more months in recovery. Al then returned to his childhood home in New Berlin. The injuries he suffered made it difficult for him to speak, he walked with a cane, and, with only one eye, he had difficulty seeing. For some time after he came back to New Berlin, he stayed home.

His mother encouraged him to get out and do something ... anything. One day Al showed up at Holy Apostles School, where he had attended as a child, and told them that he would do whatever they needed him to do. He started out cleaning chalkboards and erasers and helping out the cleaning staff by doing anything he was physically capable of doing. He came back the next day and the next day, and as the weeks went by the teaching staff and the administrators began to trust that Al to help in classrooms even more. The weeks turned into semesters and the semesters piled up one after another. Al showed up every day and worked the entire day, and when the school decided that they wanted to pay him for his work, he declined the pay, saying that his veteran's disability checks were enough for him.

For more than 20 years, Al Stigler showed up at HA every day and did whatever needed to be done to help, from tutoring and mentoring students, to acting as a field trip chaperon, coaching, and fundraising. He bought, out of his own money, restaurant certificates for every student which he gave to them as a gift at Christmas every year. He also bought flower bouquets for staff members on their birthdays.

Al Stigler died on November 9, 2008, at the age of 60. He is buried in the Holy Apostles cemetery. He never complained about what happened to him in Vietnam, never complained about his loss of sight, his loss of mobility, or the lost opportunity to have a family of his own. He just went to work helping others.

#### A note from Andy Horschak to our community about his experience with AI:

No matter how old you get, you will always remember your teachers, friends, and classmates from grade school. As a 1985 graduate of Holy Apostles, I look back on those years with great fondness. Many times, when I do reflect, I think of Al Stigler.

Simply put, Al is one of the most extraordinary, selfless people I have ever known. Despite the debilitating injuries he suffered just weeks into his Army tour during the Vietnam War, Al was a shining example of overcoming adversity and tackling life without bitterness.

For three decades, AI was a familiar face at Holy Apostles. In a volunteer role, he served as a devoted tutor, mentor, field trip chaperon, athletic booster, coach, friend, and generous financial donor.

Al knew the name of every student who walked the hallways at HA. After graduation, if years passed between meetings, Al would remember you. Al was authentic. He was the real deal.

One of my former teachers, Sister Jodene Zehren, said it best about the relationship between AI and Holy Apostles after he passed away at the age of 60 in 2008.

"This was his family," she said. "He loved the kids, and they loved him."



## Giddy Up! We're Running the Greatest Race and need your help!

Just like the Kentucky Derby is one of the grandest races in sports, we're running the race God has set before us! This March, Holy Apostles will take center stage as we Run the Greatest Race to benefit our parish and school!

Help make the 2024 Holy Apostles Auction the greatest race yet!

Place your bets between now and December 1! True to Kentucky Derby tradition, each grade will have their very own racehorse hanging outside of the library. Family and friends can place their bets on the Derby horses, or "contenders" of their choice. Horses will move as we track class donations.

- Donations are being accepted now! The horse in the lead on November 15 will win their class an ice cream party!
- Donations will continue to be accepted through December 1. The horse that raises the most by December 1 will win a
  pizza party!
- Donations can be in the form of cash/check (payable to Holy Apostles) or through this link in Realm (please log in to your account if you have one). It is very important that you clearly note what grade you are placing your bets on!
- All proceeds will be pooled together to purchase some of our most desired silent/live auction items on our wish list.
- Please note, this fundraiser will replace individual class baskets this year.

Which horse will cross the finish line first and walk away with the roses? In addition to the ice cream and pizza parties, the winning classes will be featured at the Holy Apostles Auction on Saturday, March 9!

Join us as we Run the Greatest Race at our ultimate Derby night! Saturday, March 9 Ingleside Hotel Early Bird Registration begins December 1, 2023 Website with event information and registration will open soon!



**Consider volunteering for our Open House!** We need help putting out yard signs prior to the open house and need volunteers to check in, tour, help with crafts, and refresh snacks on the day of the open house (8:50am—10:45am). <u>See all available slots here.</u> THANK YOU!

### Athletics news ...



Congratulations to our 8th grade girls volleyball team for earning a FINAL FOUR spot in the <u>Seton Volleyball</u> <u>Tournament</u>!

**Their semi-final games will be:** Saturday, November 4th at 6pm and Sunday, November 5th at 6pm at Catholic Memorial High School. **GO CHARGERS!** 



**Congratulations to our 8th grade boys for a great season!** Unfortunately their Seton journey came to an end last Thursday. We are so proud of their HA sprit and dedication. Up next: we can't wait to watch them play basketball!!

**Volleyball uniform turn-in & Basketball uniform handout** is scheduled for Tuesday November 7th @ 6:00 - 8:00pm in Johnson Hall.

### Clubs and activities ...

Attention Middle School Families! Your child is invited to the Forensics Team kickoff meeting on November 8th in room 108 during Recess. If you are new to Forensics, please attend a parent meeting on November 13th at 6pm in the school library.

Are YOU interested in coaching/judging/coordinating? Volunteers will be trained. I promise that Forensics days will become the best part of your week! We will need a head coach/coordinator for the 2024-25 season. Contact Sue Bindl sbindl@hanb.org with interest/questions.

Forensics practices are held weekly on Thursdays from 3:15 p.m. - 4:15 p.m. and run from November 30th - mid March. Practices will begin on November 30th. Forensics Meets are generally on Friday nights from late January through early March. Save the date for the State Meet on Saturday, March 16, 2024.

What is FORENSICS? It is a great way to build public speaking skills. Students will select or prepare a presentation and present it during Forensics Meets. There are many categories, so you can choose what would be FUN for you. If this sounds interesting to your child, please encourage them to come to the kickoff meeting and learn more about Forensics at Holy Apostles!

### Parish news & events ... Looking for ALL events and service opportunities?

#### <u>Check out ALL</u> <u>community events</u>

Also check out the parish social media sites:





#### SAVE THE DATE! St. Nick at Night Family Event Tuesday, December 5 6:30-8:15pm

Join us to learn more about the generosity of St. Nicholas through various activities and a special visit from St. Nick. Bring one pair of new socks per person to donate to the homeless.

Space is limited to 40 families. Questions? Contact Teresa Tobin ttobin@hanb.org 262-754-0157



ALL ARE INVITED to the Holy Apostles Annual Family "Breakfast in Bethlehem" Children's Nativity Pageant and Breakfast Event on December 17, 2023 at 11:30 AM Sunday, in the Holy Apostles Gym (following the 10:00 AM Mass).

Come join our children in celebrating our first Christmas. This breakfast is free, but a goodwill offering is always appreciated! Note we will also be collecting newborn baby items for the Women's Care Center of Milwaukee.

A small gift will be provided for all children under 8.

## Little actors and actresses are needed and the practices are being planned for Saturday, 10-11:30 am on December 9th and 16th.

#### Please RSVP at this Signup Genius link today to reserve your spot.

Feel free to call or email Michael Gratz at 262-524-4027 or email him at mjg@boylefred.com for further information.



Join us for our next Care for Creation breakfast and to watch "Brave Blue World - Racing to Solve Our Water Crisis" on Saturday, Nov. 11 at 8:00 am - 9:15 am. For breakfast, you are welcome to try a new banana bread recipe that uses the entire banana. You are welcome to RSVP <u>here.</u>

### Marriage Enrichment Night - November 18



Join us for a special date night at the next Marriage Enrichment event at Holy Apostles on **Saturday**, **November 18**, that includes: 4:30 pm Mass, 5:30 pm happy hour, childcare & dinner for the kids, a great dinner for adults, and you get to hear Deacon Mike & Mary Chmielewski share, **"Our Story, Your Story: The Hand of God in the Marriage Journey."** 

Registration is now open at https://bit.ly/HAMarriageNov18.

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### Home & School Association ...



Please join us for the November Birthday Table On Friday, November 10th during your student's lunch period. PARENTS, GRANDPARENT, & OTHER SPECIAL PEOPLE ARE WELCOME! (Please be sure to enter the school through the main entrance by the flagpole.) Lunch Periods:

K5 & 1 <sup>st</sup>	11:10 - 11:30
Middle School (Grades 6 – 8)	11:33 - 11:50
Intermediate (Grades 4 & 5)	11:55 - 12:12
Primary (Grades 2 & 3)	12:15 - 12:35
K4	12:20 - 12:50

For families new to HA: Birthday Table is a Home & School sponsored event where H&S provides cake to students who are celebrating their birthdays that month. During <u>Birthday</u> Table it is encouraged that you bring a special lunch and have lunch with your child! If a special guest is not available for your child that day, your child may invite one friend to sit with them at the birthday table.

IMPORTANT MESSAGE IF YOU ARE ATTENDING:

PLEASE SEND YOUR RSVP TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE AT <u>SCHOOLOFFICE@HANB.ORG</u> TO GET YOUR BADGE PRE-PRINTED

Join us on Friday, November 10th in the school gym for the Family Dance from 5:30pm-7pm, followed by a Middle School Dance from 7:30pm-9pm. Sponsored by H.A. Home & School Association. In order to give back to our community, we kindly ask that everybody bring a non-perishable food item to donate to our local food pantry!

Concession items will be offered for nominal prices during the dance from 6-8:30pm. To help contain the potential for any messes and any garbage, we will have a specific designated area in the gym for all snacks to be enjoyed. <u>Permission slips</u> due back by Friday, November 3rd.

**THANK YOU!** The Charger Chase Color Run fundraiser totaled \$20,391.12! As a reminder, your donations will go directly to support our specialty programs (Music, Spanish, PE, and Art)!



**Scrip Update!** Please have all Scrip orders placed or sent into school by 8:30 am on Monday order days. You may place an order three ways: send a completed form into school with a check made out to Holy Apostles Home and School OR order <u>online</u> OR send us an email of what you wish to purchase to <u>scrip@hanb.org</u>.

Next order & pick-up/delivery date: November 6 / pickup 11/9

More information can be found on the <u>scrip website</u> or feel free to contact Elizabeth Carpentier at <u>eapotter@uwalumni.com</u> for more details.

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## Catholic High School news ...



Placement exams—11/3 and 11/11—8-11:30am <u>Shadow Information</u> <u>Application Information</u> <u>Financial Aid</u> — Applications due 11/17/23



Shadow Information / Schedule Application Deadline – November 4 Financial Aid Application Information – Deadline early November Entrance Exam – November 3 or 4th



Shadow Information—<u>schedule a day here</u> <u>Application Deadline</u>—November 1 <u>Financial Aid</u> November 1 <u>Entrance Exam</u>—November 3 or 4th



Shadow Information <u>Application Deadline</u>— November 6 <u>Financial Aid Deadline</u>— November 22 Entrance Exam—October 28 & November 11