





School News ...

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

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Warm greetings to each of you! I hope your summer was filled with joy and relaxation. As we embark on a new academic year filled with endless possibilities, we are excited to update you on a few new learning initiatives and summer professional development for our teaching staff.

Education is a journey of exploration, discovery, and growth, and we firmly believe that every student deserves the opportunity to thrive and reach their full potential. Last year we began to make many substantial investments in our special services, including staffing the learning support center to focus on academic needs and hiring a guidance counselor to help with student social and emotional development.

During the 2023 Parish and School Dinner & Auction we raised almost \$100,000 to further grow our efforts to support student needs. We are incredibly grateful for your generosity! We are committed to using these funds wisely over a 3–5-year period. We have spent the last few months assessing student needs, gaps in learning, and identifying long and short-term growth strategies.

We have begun to use your donations to broaden our capabilities in our classrooms and in our Learning Support Center which include:

- Staff members took part in professional development focusing on reading, writing, multisensory literacy learning (supporting dyslexia), and universal screening tools.
- Mrs. Becker, our Math interventionist, is expanding her services and learning support hours. She will continue to meet with individuals and groups of students to help build their math skills and confidence. We purchased a full set of the math intervention curriculum to use along with manipulatives for hands on activities. This new intervention program will accelerate learning and will be used to complement classroom math instruction.
- This year we have a renewed focus on identifying learning gaps in literacy. Teachers will be using universal screening tools, consistent across PreK through 5th grades, to assess levels of proficiency for reading, writing, spelling, letter name identification, and letter sound identification. These tools are aligned to our academic standards, helping us to identify learning needs across the board and make adjustments in overall instruction.
- We will also be moving to a structured literacy focus following a systematic way of teaching and introducing skills. This process is a best practice in education and follows the science of reading. As part of our focus on literacy, we have invested in teacher manuals focusing on 3K-2nd grade sound awareness.

Our entire staff continues to strive to promote confidence, foster a love of learning, and enhance overall academic success. Thank you for entrusting us with the privilege of guiding your child's academic journey. We eagerly look forward to a year of faith, growth, achievement, and shared success.

Many Blessings,

Mrs. Lori Suarez

School Calendar

Upcoming Dates:

August 31 - Middle School Student Council Elections

September 1-4 - Labor Day No School

September 5—5th-8th Grade Volleyball Uniform Handout in Johnson Hall from 6pm-8pm, Crescendo Choir

September 6 - Beginner & Intermediate Band, Cub Scout Recruitment Night at 6:30 in Lofy

September 7—Advanced Band—daytime lessons only

September 8 - 8th Grade Commissioning Mass, 1st/8th Grade Zoo Field Trip, August & September Birthday Table

September 11 - Advanced Band (after school band begins)

September 12 - Cub Scout Pack Meeting, Crescendo Choir

September 13 - Discipleship Wednesday, Beginner & Advanced Band

September 15 - All School Mass

September 18—Advanced Band, 8th grade Parent Meeting—6:30 pm

September 19—Crescendo Choir

September 20—Beginner and Intermediate Band, Lego League

September 22—All School Mass at 8:30am

September 25—Advanced Band

[View the 2023-24 Important Dates Here!](#)

Save the Date for FALL FEST on Saturday, October 14th! There will be food trucks, games and more! Look for more information soon!

Please consider donating to the School Education Fund (SEF). Your tax-deductible support will help bridge the gap between the actual cost of education and tuition, as well as help us invest in new programming, technology, and educational resources. [Login and schedule a donation](#). Together we make a difference! Thank you in advance for your support and prayers.

As we continue to focus on safety, we wanted to share the types of safety drills our school will participate in as part of our comprehensive safety plan. The goal of practicing the drills is to help your children feel safe at school. We also want to ensure that teachers and students know what to do and are prepared to quickly make their way to safety in the event of an emergency situation. All of our drills and safety plans are executed with the close guidance of the New Berlin Police and Fire Departments. We are sharing the following information with you so you may discuss the drills with your children as you feel appropriate. Below is a brief description of the drills that we will be practice this year.

Safety Drills: Students and teachers practice planning and safety when there is a potential threat or medical emergency within the school. We understand this is scary, but necessary language based on state and local police recommendations. Please know that the first drill is pre-scheduled and announced to teachers in advance. This allows teachers to prepare students for what they will experience and answer their questions about the drill and the language they will hear.

- Hold: Students and staff are asked to "hold" or stay in their classrooms and stay clear of the halls.
- Secure: This drill alerts staff to get inside and lock outside doors.
- Lockdown: Students and staff are asked to lock classroom doors, stay quiet and out of sight.
- Evacuate: This is most typically used for a fire drill, which will occur once a month. Students learn how to exit the school in a quick and orderly manner when the fire alarm sounds. Each class follows an exit route and are accounted for while waiting quietly with teachers outside the building.
- Shelter (formally tornado drill): This drill is practiced in the spring. Students learn to move to a safe place and how to utilize the "duck and cover" position.
- Bus Evacuation Drill: This drill is conducted by the bus company once a year. Students learn how to evacuate the bus in the event of an emergency.

Please let us know if you have any questions.

Last Chance for the Parent directory OPT-OUT—The school office is in the process of putting together the 2023-24 printed Parent/Student Directory. **If you do NOT want your family listed in the directory, please complete the [Opt-OUT form](#) by Friday, September 1, 2023.** All parent phone, email, and home address information will be listed in the Parent/Student Directory unless a request is made by a parent on this form. Parents are reminded that the information in the directory cannot be shared outside of the Holy Apostles School current parent community. Its sole purpose is to help parents communicate with each other. It cannot be used for any commercial purposes.

Drop off reminders: Please remember to take turns entering into the church lot. Also, please be sure to take turns allowing PreK families to zipper into the car line so they can exit onto 159th Street. The first week or two school is always an adjustment. As the weeks go on, the process will become much faster. Thank you for your patience as we gain efficiencies. Please review the early childhood [drop off map/pick up map](#) and the 5K-8th [drop off map](#) / [pick up map](#).

Reintroducing the Precious Blood—On Sunday, Holy Apostles will be reintroducing the Precious Blood during all weekend Masses. Holy Apostles School will be reintroducing the Precious Blood at a future time. We will communicate a timeline once it is determined. Thank you!



Holy Apostles is participating in the Love One Another Campaign! Learn how your pledge will make an impact on our school community and beyond! [Learn more here!](#)

The Messenger is the main parent communication for all school news and events. Please note that the Messenger will be updated/sent every week on THURSDAY. If you have a submission, please send it to messenger@hanb.org by Monday at 8am. Thank you!

Athletics news ...

Holy Apostles 2023 Basketball Early Bird Registration ends TONIGHT for all 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students! The early registration deadline is August 31st and the final registration deadline is September 15th (extra \$10 fee will be assessed for registrations received after August 31st). You must register online (<http://www.hanbschool.org/athletics>) by completing all forms and payments by the registration deadline. [Register through Realm](#) now or get more information about [HA Athletics here](#).

Early Bird Deadline: August 31st (\$100)
Final Deadline: September 15th (\$110)

The basketball season is planned to begin in mid-November and run through mid-March.

For questions and information about the HA basketball season or to volunteer, please contact our Basketball Coordinator, Rob Brenton (brentonrj@att.net). For questions related to online registration, forms, and payment, please contact James Van De Loo (james.vandeloo@allspringglobal.com).

Volleyball uniform handout is scheduled for Tuesday, September 5th @ 6:00 - 8:00pm in Johnson Hall.

Clubs and activities ...

Attention 5th—8th grade parents! Crescendo Choir starts rehearsals on Tuesday, September 5th. Rehearsals will be 3:20-4:15pm every Tuesday. Please send them with [this permission slip](#) on Tuesday.

Join Cub Scouts!

Calling all boys and girls K5 through 5th Grade interested in joining Cub Scouts at Holy Apostles!

Join Night for HA Cub Scout Pack 93
Wednesday September 6th, 2023
Lofy Hall 6:30-7:30pm

New Scouts only, existing Scouts need not attend

Questions? Contact Erin Lassanske—elassanske@hotmail.com

Discipleship Study—The Sermon on the Mount



You are invited to save the date for the following: **Exploring & Living The Sermon on the Mount.** The Sermon on the Mount is at the heart of Matthew's Gospel, the gospel that we proclaim at Sunday Mass in the Year of Matthew through November 2023. There are **nine Beatitudes in Matthew, so we will have nine sessions** where we cover one beatitude per session, exploring how Jesus calls us to live it through the Sermon and Matthew's Gospel.

- **When:** Tuesday evenings 6:30 - 8:00 pm, starting on September 19 OR Wednesday mornings 9:00 -10:30 am, starting on September 20
- **Where:** Holy Apostles Welcome Center
- **How:** Praying with Scripture, icebreakers, ritual, small group sharing, large group work, videos of those seeking to live the Beatitudes, and more.

The Beatitudes kick off the Sermon on the Mount. If the Sermon on the Mount is the symphony of Matthew's Gospel, then the Beatitudes are the central theme of the Sermon. The Beatitudes announce the theme of the Kingdom of God that Jesus establishes in his ministry. If we seek to follow Jesus by living the way of the Beatitudes, we will be richly blessed. For more information, contact Jay Landry at (262) 754-0164 or jlandry@hanb.org. Sign up online at <https://bit.ly/HATheSermon>

Get involved ... service opportunities for your family!

Care For Creation Logo Contest—In Laudato Si, Pope Francis wrote, “Everyone’s talents and involvement are needed to address the damage caused by humans abuse of God’s Creation. All of us can cooperate...each according to his or her own culture, experience, involvement and talents.” We are concerned about the quality of our water, our food, the air we breathe and preserving the phenomenal natural resources abundant in our world. The Care for Creation Ministry will seek and adopt alternative practices that are ECO friendly to create a culture of sustainability in our Parish and School.

The Care for Creation Ministry at Holy Apostles is searching for a logo to be use for communication and sponsoring an art contest open to all adults and children of the parish and school. A few requirements are requested for this design.

- Design should be simple, original and represent the mission of Care for Creation Ministry.
- Design should represent an ECO way of life.
- The design should be colorful yet look good in black and white.
- Logo can be hand designed or computer graphic.

Please submit original artwork/design along with name/email of creator to: cfc@hanb.org. **Submissions are due by September 22nd, 2023.**

The ministry team will choose the winner the week of September 25th and the prize of a \$100 Visa gift card will be awarded.

If you have questions, please use the email address provided.

Thank you for supporting the Care for Creation Ministry.

Liturgy of the Word with Children



Children are the future of our church and through biblical teaching we know that Christ specifically calls them to Him. Please join us as we bring back Children's Liturgy of the Word to the 8am Mass beginning September 10th. We will need 2 adult volunteers and at least 1 teen volunteer for each 8am Mass twice a month. The volunteer commitment is only 1 hour a month. This is a great opportunity for parents, grandparents, friends and teens to get more involved in the faith of our children. Resources and training will be provided. All volunteers must be

safeguarded. For Safeguarding information, please contact Kari Rikkola at 262-754-0172.

CLOW Training will be on August 28th, 6:30 PM in Mary Conference Room. Please RSVP to Teresa Tobin 262-754-0157 or ttobin@hanb.org.

If you are interested in getting involved with this beautiful ministry, please contact Beth Lunow at 414-732-0499 or lunowbeth@gmail.com or Teresa Tobin at ttobin@hanb.org

Please use this link to sign up. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0b49abae2caafd0-childrens#/>

Looking for ALL parish events and service opportunities? [Check out our parish bulletin!](#)

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



Alumni News

Congratulations to the following HA Alumni for their hard work and effort at Marquette University High School! The following boys were on the Honor Roll in 2022-23:

Ryan Bindl
Jacob Black
Michael Czamecki
Mick Iggen
Luke Josetti
Chase Kennedy
Jack Lemke

Emory Leuterman
Bryce Roder
Miles Von Rueden
Ben Wisniewski
Matt Wisniewski
Zach Wisniewski
Owen Wrocklage

Home & School Association ... It takes a village! Volunteer to help!



Scrip Resumes! 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 [online](#) OR send us an email of what you wish to purchase to scrip@hanb.org.

Future order and pickup/delivery dates:

- September 11 / pickup 9/14
- September 25 / pickup 9/28
- October 9 / pickup 10/12
- October 23 / pickup 10/26
- November 6 / pickup 11/9
- November 27 / pickup 10/30
- December 4 / pickup 12/7
- December 11 / pickup 12/14

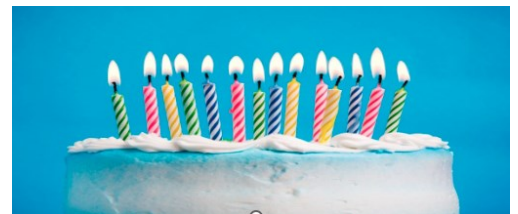
Why purchase Scrip? Scrip is one of the major fundraisers for Home and School! We raise roughly \$10,000-\$12,000 each year! Also, with every purchase through Scrip, Holy Apostles receives a rebate. Half of the rebate goes to Home and School but the other half accumulates in your family account and at the end of the school year is rolled over and applied OFF of your tuition. It is a win – win situation. So let's start the school year off right! Start purchasing Scrip right away and get family members and friends to purchase also. More information can be found on the scrip website or feel free to contact Elizabeth Carpentier at eapotter@uwalumni.com for more details.

Please join us for the August & September Birthday Table On Friday, September 8th 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 st	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 Birthday 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 SCHOOLOFFICE@HANB.ORG TO GET YOUR BADGE PRE-PRINTED

8th grade news ...

8th grade parents! There are so many special events and activities ahead for your children. Please mark your calendars for the following dates:

September 8—Commissioning Mass—wear white shirts with skirts/pants (no shorts)
 September 8—Buddy Field Trip to the Zoo immediately following Commissioning Mass (bring change of clothes and a cold lunch)
 September 18 at 6:30pm—8th grade parent meeting
 October 4/5—8th Grade Overnight Retreat
 April 25-27—Washington D.C. Trip
 May 30—Graduation Mass (8:30am) Graduation Ceremony (6:30pm)
 May 31—Graduation Picnic

Please note that these are just a few of the dates specific to 8th grade this school year. Continue to watch the Messenger as additional events and information becomes available. Thank you!

Catholic High School Admissions Information:



Open House—October 15
 Placement exams—11/3 and 11/11—8-11:30am
[Shadow Information](#)
[Application Information](#)
[Financial Aid](#) — Applications due 11/17/23



[Open House— October 22](#)
[Shadow Information / Schedule](#)
[Application Deadline](#)— November 4
[Financial Aid Application Information](#)—Deadline early November
 Entrance Exam—November 3 or 4th



Open House—[October 22](#)
 Shadow Information—[schedule a day here](#)
[Application Deadline](#)—November 1
[Financial Aid](#) Application Deadline—November 1
[Entrance Exam](#)—November 3 or 4th



Open House— [October 18](#)
[Shadow Information](#)
[Application Deadline](#)— November 6
[Financial Aid Deadline](#)— November 22
 Entrance Exam—October 28 & November 11
