





## School News ...

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

Check out   for more school news and pictures!

**Welcome back Father Arul!** Father will be celebrating the Immaculate Conception Mass with us on Friday and back for this weekend's Masses!

**Thank you to all who attended our Open House on Sunday! We loved having you with us! We want to especially thank all of the volunteers who helped the halls look magical, all who gave tours, or helped clean up! THANK YOU!**

**5K—8th Grade Christmas Music & Band Concert: Please join us for our Christmas Concert: Ring Out with a Joyful Noise on Wednesday, December 13th at 6pm in church.** Doors to the performance space will open at 5pm. Students should enter school through the hallway by the music room ramp and meet in their homeroom at 5:55pm. **Until that time, they must remain quiet with their families in their pew.** Band students should see Mrs. Fellows for additional band instructions. Concert attire is Sunday best, adhering to our school dress code and making sure that walking up and down risers and aisles can be done safely. Students will be back and forth throughout the program and will be released to families at its conclusion. More details to come!



**Advent Service Project—Help us support [House of Peace](#) this Christmas season!**

**Capuchin Toy Drive: UNWRAPPED toys, with the tag, attached, can be dropped off by 8:15am TOMORROW, December 8th.**

**Holiday Food Collection:** We are collecting food to be distributed to families in need for Christmas. Very specific items are requested this year for the food boxes.

**To commit to donating items, we are asking that you use the [Sign-up Genius](#). All food must be brought back to school or church by Tuesday, December 12th.**



**Thank you for supporting local families in need this Christmas!**

### [School Calendar](#)

#### Upcoming Dates:

- December 7**—Forensics, Art Club, Toy Drive gifts due
- December 8**—Immaculate Conception Mass, 3K/4K Christmas Program, Family Movie Night
- December 9**—Communal Reconciliation Service in Church from 9-10am
- December 9-10**—Pick up your ordered poinsettia after all Masses, drop off food drive items to Welcome Center
- December 11**—Advanced Band, Food Drive donations due
- December 12**—NO Crescendo Choir, Cub Scout Pack Meeting
- December 13**—NO Afterschool Lego League, Christmas Music/Band Concert at 6pm in church, Band must bring instruments to school
- December 14**—3rd grade field trip, Advanced Band Field Trip, Forensics, Art Club
- December 15**—Our Lady of Guadalupe Spanish Mass, 7th & 8th Grade Open Gym Night
- December 16/17**—Fellowship Weekend
- December 18**—NO BAND
- December 19**—NO Crescendo Choir
- December 20**—NO band
- December 21**—NO Forensics or Art Club
- December 22—January 2**—Christmas Break

**Staffing Update: Mrs. Burns (5th grade) has decided to resign to spend time at home with her new daughter and family.** We are so grateful for her time with us and wish her and her family much happiness. Mrs. Suarez plans to be the substitute teacher in 5th grade through Christmas break. We look forward to announcing a new permanent 5th grade teacher as soon as possible.

**Message from Mrs. Burns:** To my Holy Apostles Community, it is with a heavy heart that I have decided to take a step away from teaching to spend time with my new daughter and family. HA has been and always will be home to me. The staff, school families, and mission of this school mean so much to me, but it is the students that truly make me love everything about Holy Apostles and why this decision was extremely difficult. Each and every one that I have taught has been a blessing. Teaching will always be my vocation, but God is calling me to be "mom" at this time. It is not a forever goodbye; it's a see you later.

With love and gratitude, Haley Burns

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**Remember to pick up your ordered poinsettias after any Mass on December 9th/10th in the Welcome Center.**

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**'Tis the season for inclement weather closure reminders. Student transportation safety is of the utmost importance to all of us. We will continue to follow the New Berlin School District (SDNB) for observed "snow days" due to extreme cold temperatures/heavy snow. The SDNB has HA school family contact information included in their ROBO phone/email system for weather-related school closings. In case of a closure, the district will call, send an email, and text message the information.**

**The following information was shared with us by the SDNB superintendent:** When faced with bad weather and having to consider delaying or canceling school, I consult with other area school superintendents, SDNB administrators and other professionals. We typically begin with a conference call around 4 a.m. to discuss travel conditions, busing, and student/staff safety. We closely monitor all factors before making a decision.

Our typical threshold for canceling school, as it relates to wind chill, is negative 35 degrees. There are weather-related circumstances, however, that warrant the school day to be canceled even if wind chills do not reach the threshold. For example, extreme temperatures may affect the starting and running of buses, which would affect our decision regardless of the wind chill.

The following options may be used when weather conditions require a change in the school schedule:

1. Normal schedule - Buses will run normal schedule but may be late due to road conditions.
2. Delayed morning start with normal dismissal times - All pick-up times delayed two hours with normal p.m. dismissal times.
3. School closed - All activities cancelled for the day and evening.
4. Early release - Implemented to avoid pending inclement weather conditions to allow students to be dropped off prior to the dark evening hours.
5. Cancellation of after-school and evening activities.

Emergency Weather Information for the SDNB can be found on WTMJ - Channel 4; WITI - Channel 6; WOKY - AM 620; WKTI FM 94.5. The Holy Apostles School Facebook page (linked from our school website) will also be updated with closing information.

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**2023 Teacher/Staff Christmas Fund: December 1-12**—Once again, a collection will be taken to honor and thank our teachers and staff through the annual Teacher/Staff Christmas Fund. The fund was set up as an alternative to giving individual gifts to your child's teachers and HA staff members. The fund is a convenient, equitable and inclusive way of recognizing ALL those individuals who impact our children's education – teachers (including our Librarian, Music, PhyEd, Art and Spanish teachers), along with teacher aides, school staff and maintenance personnel. On the last day of school before Christmas break, teachers and staff receive their Christmas fund cash along with a cookie platter provided by volunteers through Home & School.

All donations will be accepted by check, or through Venmo or PayPal. We will accept donations from 12/1-12/12. This is a great way to thank the staff for all of their efforts in the classroom. See attached flyer for more details.

Any questions contact Michelle Gutierrez at [am7gutierrez@gmail.com](mailto:am7gutierrez@gmail.com)/text 414-460-3055 or Jill Wrocklage at [jill.wrocklage1@gmail.com](mailto:jill.wrocklage1@gmail.com)/text 414-793-5455.



**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](#).

**Drop off safety reminders: Please remember to take turns entering into the church lot. Also, please be sure to allow PreK families to zipper into the car line so they can exit onto 159th Street. PreK families cannot exit back on to National Avenue from the West Lot. They must exit unto 159th Street.** Please review the early childhood [drop off map/pick up map](#) and the 5K-8th [drop off map / pick up map](#).

**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.

**Open Gym Dates are:** December 15th 7:15pm-9:15pm, 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.

**Check out ALL  
community events**

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



**Warm Fleece Collection**—Child, Youth and Family is collecting warm fleece to make tie blankets for the homeless this winter. Fleece must be precut to 2 yards, clean and free of pet hair. All colors and patterns accepted. Please bring to Parish Office in the Welcome Center. Questions: Contact Teresa Tobin [ttobin@hanb.org](mailto:ttobin@hanb.org) or 262-754-0157

# Parish & School AUCTION news ...



**HORSERACE UPDATE! Thanks to your donations, we raised \$8,147 (doubling our goal)! Congratulations to 5th grade for winning the race & a pizza party!**

## *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!**

**Early Bird Registration has begun!**

### *Registration*

By January 15: \$125/person

After January 15: \$150/person

Registration closes February 1, 2024

*Cocktail or your finest derby attire suggested.*

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



# Home & School Association ...



**[Holy Apostles Family Movie Night](#) TOMORROW- Sponsored by H.A. Home & School Association. Join us on Friday, December 8th, as we transform the school gym into a movie theatre, to experience the story of the first Christmas, by watching the family-favorite film: *The Star!* Doors will open at 6:15pm. Movie will promptly begin playing on the big screen at 6:30pm.**

Wear appropriate comfy clothes or your favorite, cozy Christmas pajamas. Bring a blanket, sleeping bag, a bean bag, and/or a pillow. Some folding chairs will be set-up for parents if you'd prefer not to sit on the hard gym floor.

\*\*\*No admission fee for this year's event. Concessions will be available for purchase.

\*\*\*All children must be accompanied by an adult, as this is intended to be a family event.

\*\*\*Please RSVP to this event by returning [this form](#) to the school office by today, December 7th, so we can plan accordingly. **Questions???** Please contact **Beau Banton** at [beaubanton@hotmail.com](mailto:beaubanton@hotmail.com)



**Merry Christmas, HA Families!** Once again, Home & School is celebrating our fabulous teachers and staff this Christmas season by creating Cookie & Dessert platters to gift to them on the last day of school before the holiday break. We need over 2000 treats to fill the platters and are asking for your help to bake them! Homemade or store bought treats are welcomed.

Please help us keep this wonderful tradition going by donating your time and talents! Please see the [Sign Up Genius](#) for more details.

Thank you! Contact Cory Marie Flores at 414-517-5861 or [cmflores@floresautomation](mailto:cmflores@floresautomation) with any questions.



**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 [online](#) OR send us an email of what you wish to purchase to [scrip@hanb.org](mailto:scrip@hanb.org).

**ORDER SCRIP EVERY WEEK IN DECEMBER for all of your Christmas needs!**

More information can be found on the [scrip website](#) or feel free to contact Elizabeth Carpentier at [epotter@uwalumni.com](mailto:epotter@uwalumni.com) for more details.

**Support HA Family Owned Business through SCRIP!**



# Advent Prayer and Service Opportunities



## CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

CHRISTMAS EVE  
 SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24  
 4:00PM  
 6:00PM  
 10:00PM

CHRISTMAS DAY  
 MONDAY, DECEMBER 25  
 8:00AM  
 10:00AM

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



## Breakfast *IN* Bethlehem

**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](mailto:mjg@boylefred.com) for further information.

## Clubs and activities ...

**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.

Friday 12/15

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](#).**



**Cub Scout Pack 93 participated in the Milwaukee County Zoo Trim-A-Tree event.**

The Pack's theme was Jungle Animals, their tree was decorated with Macaws, Monkeys, Piranhas, Crocodiles, Cheetas, and a Snake. The scouts had great time spreading Wild Christmas Cheer!

Be sure to visit all 4 HA Scout trees at the Zoo this season!



# Community News & Camps...



**GROUP  
SWIM LESSONS**

**December 26 – 30**  
**at Muskego High School**

*30-Minute Lessons / 1-3 Swimmers Per Instructor*

**Available Times**  
5:00 - 5:30 pm  
5:30 - 6:00 pm  
6:00 - 6:30 pm  
6:30 - 7:00 pm

**Registration Opens 11/26**  
For more information or  
to register visit  
[bit.ly/swim-america](http://bit.ly/swim-america)

**Save \$10 by registering by 12/2!**