

Hark! the Herald



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DATES AND EVENTS TO REMEMBER

FUNDRAISING

Giant Bonus Cards

Please remember to take some time to sign-up for the Giant Bonus Bucks program. Thank you to those who have already chosen Angelus Academy as their designated school. We currently have 35 families enrolled at this point. The program ends March 24.

Register online at www.giantfood.com/plus. The school number for Angelus Academy is 03827.

NEWS AND EVENTS

News and Events

Mass is held at Angelus Academy each **Wednesday at 10:20 am**. All are invited and welcome to attend.

March

- 8th – Women’s Sodality (See details below)
- 9th – Ash Wednesday (Beginning of Lent - *Fasting*)
- 11th – Angelus Academy Spelling Bee (10:30 a.m.)
- 11th – Stations of the Cross (11:00 a.m.)
- 11th – End of 3rd Quarter - *Early Dismissal* (12:05 p.m.)
- 18th – St. Joseph’s Day - *Early Dismissal* (12:05 p.m.)
- 18th – Breakfast with Dad (at St. Raymond’s)

April

- 14th – **Annual Angelus Academy Golf Classic!!!**
Pleasant Valley Golf Club, Chantilly, VA

REMINDER: Eighth graders applying for high school admission, please request transcripts and recommendations at least one week in advance of the date due.

FIELD TRIPS

For additional information on field trips, please contact Mrs. Shlesinger.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Women’s Sodality

Vivian Zini will present the first of a two part talk on silence. Vivian will discuss silence as the way of fostering the holy union with the angels of God and how it brings us closer to our guardian angels.

Please join us at **Sally Allman’s** home after morning drop off:

**7503 Wilderness Way
Fairfax Station, VA 22039
703-569-8750**

Contact **Sioban Nalda** if you have any questions:
703-569-5417.

Bring your pre-school children for supervised play.

Spirituality, Sharing and Service for the Angelus Academy Community

St. Joseph’s Day Breakfast with Dad – March 18

This is a really fun half day where your Angelus Students will attend Mass and afterward enjoy a light breakfast in the St. Raymond’s Parish Hall with Dad. As with all the great events there is a lot of preparation and behind the scenes activity.

Please RSVP using the flyer that was sent home in the Blue Folder.

RESPONSIBILITY AND HONESTY

Jeremiah 17:7 “Blessed is the man who trust sin the Lord, whose trust is the Lord.”

Psalm 52:8 “I trust in the steadfast love of God for ever and ever.”

Teachers and Staff

Please send your weekly “*Hark! The Herald*” content to office@angelusacademy.com by the close of business on Wednesdays.

Thank you in advance.



Don't miss out on all the fun!
Register by April 1!

THE ANGELUS ACADEMY GOLF CLASSIC

When: Thursday, April 14th at 1:00 p.m.
Where: Pleasant Valley Golf Club in Chantilly, Virginia

We will have a great day of golf at the beautiful Pleasant Valley Golf Club in Chantilly, VA.
Shotgun start is at 1:00 p.m.
Come as early as 11:30 a.m. to practice at the driving range and on the putting green.
The event will include a best ball golf tournament, bag lunch, dinner and awards (beginning at 6:00 p.m.)

Register yourself or your foursome online at: <http://www.golfdigestplanner.com/17997-AngelusGolfClassic/>
(Click on "*REGISTER NOW*")

Register yourself (we will match you with other golfers), or register your foursome for this fun and worthwhile event.

SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE & AWARD PRIZES ARE APPRECIATED

Register for the dinner only - \$30 for non-golfers

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF ANGELUS ACADEMY!

EVENT CONTACT: Sioban Nalda
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"I don't know what it is about it, but I love this course!"

NEWS FROM THE CLASSROOMS

LM

Mrs. Tovey

This week we learned about the Good Shepherd. In history we learned about Abraham Lincoln. The students really enjoy learning about history.

I read the story Elmer and the Hippos, and the students made their own patchwork elephants. We looked at the painting "The Sleeping Gypsy" by Henri Rousseau. We came up with stories to go with the picture. In handwriting we learned the letter "P". We even had time to see our buddies.

K

Mrs. Grippo

It's beginning to look like spring in Kindergarten.

We've been working on kites and hats, both are items the wind likes to blow around in March. We're also busy making leprechauns and shamrocks in anticipation of St. Patrick's Day! The children seem to already know that leprechauns visit our classroom every year and they are excitedly awaiting their visit.

We've also celebrated Dr. Seuss' birthday with a visit from the Cat in the Hat and wrote about our favorite Dr. Seuss book in our journals. In phonics we have worked with the sound of the letter "J" and that has also been our letter in handwriting. In Sentence School we have been talking about animals that are endangered and extinct.

We've been reading some modern versions of Jesus' parable in religion and also preparing for Lent. We have learned how the president's faces got on Mt. Rushmore and we've also talked about the White House this week. We read and discussed The Black Cat in language and learned that pictures can tell stories as easily as words. We have learned how to count by fives, identify nickels, and identify cylinders in math.

1st

Mrs. McCrumb

We had another fabulous week in first grade. We read a couple of stories about Anansi the spider in language arts. We enjoyed reading some Dr. Seuss stories in

honor of his birthday. We worked on turning good sentences into great sentences by adding descriptive words and details. We made a web about important facts about Benjamin Franklin and used information from the web to write a paragraph. We practiced spelling with "oi" and "oy" in phonics.

In math, we practiced subtracting a number from 10 and checking our answers by "adding up." We talked about dozen and half dozen and measuring in feet.

We focused on the Last Supper and the Eucharist in religion. We talked about how Jesus is truly present in the Blessed Sacrament.

We learned about Thomas Jefferson and the significance of the Declaration of Independence in history. We also talked about Benjamin Franklin and made a mural of his accomplishments. We crossed the Delaware with George Washington and discussed the significance of that battle. We are looking forward to celebrating Colonial Day on Thursday, March 10.

See you at the class gathering! Enjoy your week-end.

4th

Mrs. Trono

This week in 4th grade we enjoyed our Ice cream party

that our class won during our Gala Auction last year. We've wrapped up our history unit on Islam and the Crusades. We learned about Prince Saladin, Prince Richard the Lion Heart, and Pope Urban II. We have expanded our vocabulary and know what a muezzin, a minaret and mosque means. We drew the different architectural elements of a cathedral and a mosque and compared them.

In science, we reviewed our layers of the atmosphere focusing on taking care of our ozone layer and conserving energy. In spelling, we completed a unit review of lessons 10 to 16 and also learned from our spelling bee word list for 6th through 8th grade. Next week we're switching back to Wordly Wise. In grammar we had a test on verbs and direct objects. In religion we continued to learn about our commandments. We're half way through our reading of Treasure Island and we're excited to know what will happen to Jim Hawkins

and his friends. Also, we're busy practicing for our read-aloud play about the Declaration of Independence. We are to perform this to the 1st graders when we have our colonial lunch with them next week. It was a busy week for us! Have a great weekend!

5th

Mrs. Held

The fifth grade is working diligently to prepare for Middle School They have begun to use pens for Language Arts, learning to organize for each class separately, and concentrating on responsibility.

Rehearsals for "Romeo and Juliet" by William Shakespeare have begun, and the children are enjoying the storyline, which has been transposed for fifth graders. We look forward to performing this at our annual Renaissance Festival in late spring.

In science we are completing our unit on the Elements and matter, and will begin the final units on animals, then on to the Human Body and its systems.

In English we are beginning to practice identifying analogies, and we are using context clues to identify new words.

We are also enjoying the warmer weather, but remember some of the days are cool in the morning, so try to help students remember their Angelus Academy sweaters.

We are also working on proofreading our writing very carefully by using dictionaries when needed.

We are preparing for Lent by discussing what we can do extra as well as giving up something during the forty day period. How can we especially help others, behave better, or generally be kinder during this period? We hope to say a daily rosary during snack to pray for peace and the spread of Christianity throughout the world.

Have a wonderful Mardis Gras and Mandi Tuesday, next week!!

MS

Mrs. Hunt

This week in pre-algebra, we learned about solving equations in two variables, graphing equations in the coordinate plane, and graphing a system of equations.

In 7th grade language arts, we reviewed commas, semicolons, colons, and quotation marks. We finished watching Cyrano de Bergerac and took an essay test on the play. We began our March Latin and Greek roots.

In 6th grade science, we continued learning about sources of energy.

In 7th grade science, we started a unit about DNA, mitosis, meiosis, and DNA synthesis.

In 8th grade science, we took a test. We began a chapter about waves, types of waves, and the speed of waves.

Mr. Hoenscheid

Social Studies with Mr. Hoenscheid: Our trip to Richmond was postponed last week due to the icy

weather in the morning. We are looking into April for an alternate date. This week we completed our unit on the "Fabulous Fifties" with a Jeopardy contest and a chapter test. Next week 8th grade students will be writing and presenting papers on noted persons from the Civil Rights Era.

Spanish with Mr. Hoenscheid: As the season changes, so does the Spanish topic. We are looking at Spanish vocabulary regarding the calendar, the month, the days of the week and the weather (el calendario, los meses, los dias de la semana y el tiempo). For grades K-2, this is mostly a new topic, for grades 3-4, it is a review of last year's material, with slightly more difficult work.

Angelus Academy was founded in 2000 by the **Women's Apostolate to Youth**, whose mission is to promote the spiritual well being of children and youth and to provide spiritual formation and moral support for women who are called to work in a variety of ministries dedicated to this end, whether as mothers, teachers and catechists, youth ministers, social workers or as relatives, godparents and friends. W.A.Y. recognizes that such women have their own particular spiritual needs and therefore seek to foster a helpful pattern of personal and communal spiritual practice as well as a philosophy of Christian formation that will be especially helpful in work with children and youth.

<http://womensapostolatetoyouth.blogspot.com/>

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