

Hark! the Herald



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DATES AND EVENTS TO REMEMBER

FUNDRAISING

Giant Bonus Cards

We have 36 Designated Bonus Cards and have earned \$514.78 so far. The A+ Bonus program ends March 20th . Thank you for your participation with this fund raiser.

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

- 15th – National Latin Exam – Grades 7 & 8
- 17th – St. Patrick’s Day
- 18th – St. Joseph’s Day - *Early Dismissal (12:05 p.m.)*
- 18th – Breakfast with Dad (*at St. Raymond’s*)
- 18th – Lenten Soup Dinner (*5:00 p.m. at St. Raymond’s*)
- 20th – Regional Spelling Bee (*2:00 p.m. @ Hayfield High School*)
- 21st & 22nd – Kindergarten Conferences (**12:05 Dismissal for Kindergarten Only**)
- 22nd – 8th Grade Field Trip

April

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

Stations of the Cross will be said every Friday during Lent. Parents and Family members are welcome to attend.

The Class schedule is as follows:

- Kindergarten, 1st & 2nd grades @ 1:30 p.m.
- 3rd, 4th & 5th grades @ 2:00 p.m.
- 6th, 7th & 8th grades @ 2:30 p.m.

Lenten Dinner

5:00 to 6:30 at St. Raymond of Penafort. Angelus Academy will be one of the evenings host. Please bring a crockpot of soup “or” bread and salad and join us!

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.

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 trusts in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord.”

Psalms 52:8 “I trust in the steadfast love of God forever 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!

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"I don't know what it is about it, but I love this course!"

NEWS FROM THE CLASSROOMS

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Mrs. Tovey

This week we learned the gesture of epiclesis, and the students traced the prayer. In math we measured three lengths, and put them in order from shortest to longest. I read the story Tikki Tikki Tembo. I focused on introducing new vocabulary. In handwriting we learned the letter "B". On Tuesday we talked about the beginning of the Lenten season and we decorated an alleluia banner. We buried the banners outside, and we will dig them up when we lent is over. We listened to the song "sabre dance", and learned about the composer (Khachaturian).

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Mrs. Grippo

I am astounded that today is the last day of the third quarter. This year has absolutely flown by!! This week in religion we have discussed why we have Lent each year and what it's purpose is. We also discussed different kinds of sacrifices we can make. We discussed the Stations of the Cross and everyone did a marvelous job this morning as we made the Stations for the first time as a class. Many thanks to Mrs. Hunt for making *Mardi Gras* a fun day by hosting pancake races. Everyone also enjoyed the pancakes we had for lunch on Tuesday and should be able to tell you why we ate them. We have begun talking about plants in science by learning how trees grow. George Washington has been our focus in history. We have read and discussed the Legend of the Cherry Tree and also made silhouettes of George Washington. We have been discussing his life as a child. During centers this week for handwriting we copied some of the Rules of Civility that George copied from when he was a child. The sound of the letter "x" was the focus in phonics and the letter x was the letter of the week in handwriting. We have worked with ABC sound and movement patterns and paying for items with nickels in math. We created hats this week for the bulletin board and also had fun making leprechauns and mice out of shamrocks. The children enjoyed watching the Spelling Bee this morning and are excited about being able to participate next year.

Please remember that report cards are not given out for the third quarter in Kindergarten and that conferences are mandatory. If you have not already returned your

appointment slip please do, so we can take care of any rescheduling that may need to be done. Enjoy the weekend!

1st

Mrs. McCrumb

Wow! It's hard to believe the third quarter is over. The school year is going so fast!! Colonial Day was the highlight of our week. It was a fun day and we enjoyed sharing what we learned about Colonial times. Thank you so much for helping make this day special. We participated in numerous Colonial activities and games such as making candles, soap and pomegranate balls and playing pick-up sticks, marbles, hula hoop games, and sack races. Our Colonial lunch was delicious and the performance by the 4th grade was great.

In Language Arts, we read Pancakes, Pancakes by Eric Carle and Pancakes for Breakfast by Tomie DePaola. We wrote the steps to making pancakes. We read the poem, Washington, from our Core Knowledge collection and illustrated it in our poetry journal. We learned strategies for solving our adding 9 facts in math. We also discuss one-half, thirds, and sixths.

We focused on Lent in religion. We talked about Ash Wednesday and the importance of making sacrifices. We enjoyed pancakes for lunch and pancake races on Fat Tuesday.

In history, we learned why Washington DC was chosen as the spot for our new country's capital. We talked about important symbols such as the eagle, American flag, and liberty bell. We made flip books about some of the American Patriots. Have a great week-end!

2nd

Mrs. Mullen

The second grade class planted seeds to see if their garden would grow. We are happy to announce that we have quite a few seedlings that are making their way into the world. They will be in small starters for another week or two and then we will plant them into soil and keep them in the stairwell for a month until it is safe to place them outdoors. Thank you to all who sent in their old pots and planters. We will put them to good use.

This week we also went on a field trip to see Freedom Train at George Mason. This was the story of Harriet Tubman and her involvement in the Underground Railroad. You should be proud of your student. We had some amazing young ladies and gentlemen show other students the correct way to behave. They represented our school well.

We continue learning about forgiveness and we are starting to work our way into the days before Christ was crucified. This is the most important part of our religion course this year as it teaches us all about Holy Communion. We will spend many hours on this in the next 5 weeks.

3rd	Mrs. Fantz
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Third graders are enjoying classic works of literature with a portion of "Black Beauty" and of course Lewis Carroll's "Alice in Wonderland". The students have identified the difference between realism and fantasy, and are enjoying the fun poems "Father William" and "Jabberwocky".

We have begun a new history unit on the Early Explorers of North America. We are mapping geographically the paths of Christopher Columbus and Juan Ponce de Leon. We have discussed why were the Spaniards interested in exploring the New World? They wanted a short cut to the East, and they wanted to spread the Faith.

Our religion discussions have taken us through the handing of the keys from Jesus to Peter. We have learned about the great gift that Our Lord left us in His Church, which isn't a building, but its people, to include ourselves. We have identified the path of authority that flows from the Pope, to the bishops, and down to the priests, right to our own home the domestic church. We have discussed how wonderful it is that we have the authority of the Pope, so we are not vulnerable to individual interpretation of scripture.

Our science for the rest of the year will focus on the human body. We are starting with the skeletal system and the students have learned that there are 300 bones in a baby while adults have around 206. We have talked about the make up of each bone, and learned the strongest bone in the body is the femur.

In math we continue to drill skip counting facts--- multiplication and division. Congratulations to our Third Grade representatives to the Spelling Bee: Jacob Hurley and Patrick Wood.

4th	Mrs. Trono
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The 4th grade class had been blessed with the varied events and activities this week. First, we had a field trip to Wegman's in Fairfax. We learned how to "eat well and live well." The coordinators taught us about the different food groups and amount of daily servings for a well-balanced diet. What a great way to start off our new science unit on the Digestive system! Plus, we get to sample some food products and take home goodie bags. We were fortunate to have also observed Ash Wednesday and Mass. We started using our little purple booklets during religion class and reflect on how we can be closer to God and make our prayer time more meaningful. Another highlight our class enjoyed was the Colonial Lunch we shared with the first grade class. Many thanks to Mrs. McCrumb for inviting us to the feast and to all our 1st grade and 4th grade parents for their time and contribution. Our 4th graders were also thrilled to dress-up and perform a Read-Aloud entitled "The Declaration of Independence." We were joined by our friends from the Co-op and we hope they were entertained by our performance.

In reading, we are in the final chapters of Treasure Island. The next book we will read is Johnny Tremain by Esther Forbes. In grammar we reviewed our Irregular verbs. We started Wordly Wise this week since we completed our Spelling Bee list of words. We were proud to be represented by Caitlin Nalda and Carolyn Young in our school's first held Spelling Bee. What a fabulous and memorable week this was! Have a blessed Lent!

MS	Mrs. Hunt
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This week in pre-algebra, we learned about using graphs to solve problems, how to calculate slope given two ordered pairs, and how to graph inequalities. We had a test on chapter 9 on Friday.

In 7th grade language arts, we continued our grammar unit on punctuation. We started reading The Hiding

Place by Corrie Ten Boom. We took a quiz on our March Latin and Greek roots.

In 6th grade science, we continued our unit on energy.

In 7th grade science, we finished our DNA keychains. We also learned how chromosomes produce proteins and about meiosis.

In 8th grade science, we reviewed our chapter on waves. We will have a test on waves on March 1



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.

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