

# Hark! the Herald



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*Where the truth of Catholic teaching takes flesh in young lives*



***Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord (March 25<sup>th</sup>)***

# DATES AND EVENTS TO REMEMBER

## FUNDRAISING

### Angelus Academy Golf Classic

Do not miss one of our biggest events of the year! Whether you are a golfer, simply enjoy a day outdoors with fun people or just wish to come for dinner...the Golf Classic is sure to hold something for you! Come out and join us on **April 14<sup>th</sup>** at **Pleasant Valley Golf Club**. *See details below.*

## NEWS AND EVENTS

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

### *March*

**20<sup>th</sup>** – Regional Spelling Bee at Hayfield SS. (2:00 p.m.)

**21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>** – Kindergarten Conferences (\*\*\*)12:05

Dismissal for Kindergarten Only(\*\*\*)

**23<sup>rd</sup>** – Mass (10:20 a.m.)

**24<sup>th</sup>** – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip

### *April*

**4<sup>th</sup>** – Registration for the **2011–2012** school year begins!

**14<sup>th</sup>** – **Annual Angelus Academy Golf Classic!!!**

Pleasant Valley Golf Club, Chantilly, VA

### *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, 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> grades @ 1:30 p.m.**

**3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> grades @ 2:00 p.m.**

**6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grades @ 2:30 p.m.**

**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.*

## LENTEN SERVICE PROJECT

Please have your child bring in non-perishable food items during Lent and place them in the boxes in the lobby. The collection will run through Friday, April 15<sup>th</sup>. The food will be donated to the **Christ House Food Pantry** in Alexandria that serves those less fortunate in our area. Due to the poverty in the southern and southwestern portions of Arlington Diocese, the Christ House Food Pantry has now expanded service to include delivery of food donations to the rural poor. They call it CHOW (Christ House on Wheels).

Thank you for helping Christ House re-supply their food pantry, which is nearly empty due to increased demands. Please be as generous as possible. Thank you for your generosity! If you have any questions, please contact **Lisa McCrumb** [lisamccrumb@verizon.net](mailto:lisamccrumb@verizon.net) or **Paula Hugo** at [paula@timhugo.com](mailto:paula@timhugo.com). Listed below are the needs of the Christ House Food Pantry.

- canned meats (corned beef, spam)
- peanut butter
- jelly
- tuna
- canned vegetables (corn, green beans)
- individual fruit cups
- cereal
- pasta
- instant potatoes
- Macaroni & cheese kits

## RESPONSIBILITY AND HONESTY

**Proverbs 28:20** “A faithful man will abound with blessing.”

**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](mailto: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



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**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF ANGELUS ACADEMY!**

## NEWS FROM THE CLASSROOMS

LM

Mrs. Tovey

This week the Little Messengers were busy as we learned how the cruets and chalice are prepared and how the priest mingles the water and wine. In science we learned about the three forms of water (solid, liquid and gas). In

handwriting we learned the letter "R". I read the *story Runaway Bunny*, and the students made beautiful rainbows.

K

Mrs. Grippo

The highlight of the week was the leprechaun's visit to

Kindergarten yesterday! While we were out they made a mess of our room, but the children loved cleaning it up. A couple of children were positive they'd seen a leprechaun in the classroom, too. In religion we discussed St. Patrick, St. Joseph, and also read Boxes for Katje by Candace Fleming. The story is about an American girl who sent a care package after WWII to a young girl in Holland named Katje. Katje sends a thank you letter telling Rosie how she shared what had been sent. One thing led to another and many packages were sent to Holland to feed and clothe the people in their time of need. We discussed how the food we'll be collecting during Lent can help people just the way Rosie's gifts helped Katje and her neighbors. The letter "w" was the focus in handwriting, and its sound was the focus in phonics. We learned to play the card game "War" in math to help us identify and compare numbers through 10. In addition we learned the difference between odd and even numbers, paid for items to \$.50 in nickels, and also solved simple subtraction problems. We continue our study of George Washington and have learned of his job as a surveyor and of his friendship with the Fairfax family.

We have discussed how gardens grow in science. I look forward to meeting and discussing your child with you during conferences on Monday and Tuesday. Please remember that dismissal for Kindergarteners Monday and Tuesday is at 12:00. Please remember to send a snack with your child on those days as well. Enjoy the weekend!

**1st**

**Mrs. McCrumb**

The fourth quarter is off to a great start this week. We made meat and cheese sandwiches for Martha's Table. As always, the children put lots of love into each sandwich. In language arts, we read several stories written by Tomie DePaola. After reading Big Anthony-His Story and Big Anthony and the Magic Ring, we noticed some of Big Anthony's character traits were the same in both stories. We also wrote stories about leprechauns.

In religion, we talked about Jesus' sufferings, and also about Saint Patrick, and Saint Joseph. In addition to the school wide celebration honoring Saint Joseph, we enjoyed a simple celebration with a craft activity.

We practiced dividing a set of objects and learned about comparison symbols (<, >, =) in math. We also figured out how many cups are in a quart and a gallon.

In science, we started our unit about the 3 states of matter-solids, liquids, and gases. We discovered that some liquids mix with water, while others separate and some solids dissolve in water while others do not. Have a great week-end!

**2nd**

**Mrs. Mullen**

In second grade we are finishing off the immigration and citizenship section in history this week. We learned that the immigrants wanted four different things when they came to America. Those were land, freedom, food and opportunity. In science we continue to watch our garden grow and we are documenting how the plants change from week to week. We planted some of the seedlings in their permanent pots this week and started some new seedlings to make up for the seeds that didn't produce.

We are in great shape with math and phonics. In math, we are starting in on the times tables. The students have learned their times 0,1,10,100 and are starting their times 5's tables. In phonics, we are studying the multi-syllable words and emphasizing how to break them down to make them easier to read them. We will continue practicing our dictionary skills. In language arts we are working from the Wordly Wise book. We are also writing paragraphs and showing the three parts to a great paragraph.

We continue to practice our cursive writing. The students have learned the correct way to make all their lowercase letters in cursive. Please encourage them to write in cursive at home. You may notice that your child's handwriting may actually improve when he or she uses cursive.

**3rd**

**Mrs. Fantz**

In Third Grade this week we learned about the use of descriptive words for nouns (adjectives): big, small, brown, smart, pretty, etc. We used the unusual language of "Jabberwocky" to find descriptive words and we also identified the nouns and verbs. I told the students that I've never had a class that didn't memorize the "Jabberwocky"! We continued our history unit on the Spanish exploration by learning about Coronado and his search for the cities of gold. We learned that he found the Grand Canyon instead. We also learned that horses were not indigenous to our country --- they were brought here by the Spanish.



Even the mustangs in Colorado can be traced back to Spanish horse blood. We will be reading Misty of Chincoteague, which tells the story of some of these horses along the Eastern coastal islands.

We continue drilling multiplication facts and have now learned basic division skills. In science we will complete our unit on the skeleton by learning names of some of the major bones, and then learning about some of our protective elements: the skull, cartilage between bones, and the cushion between vertebrae in the spine.

4th

Mrs. Trono

This week in 4th grade we started our new history unit on

Africa. We talked about Africa's geography and learned about it's varied landscapes. We learned about the ancient kingdoms of Kush and Aksum. During snack time, we were entertained watching different filmstrip stories about African legends and short tales. Among those we've already viewed are: Anansi- the Clever Spider, the Water Spirit, and from Ashanti tribe, the Magic Ring. In religion we continued to reflect on how we can better serve God with our time and talents. We're taking our cue from the 2nd graders who will "clean" our chapel for about 10 minutes every Tuesday. We were so inspired by their service that we decided to do a once a week "cleaning" of the main chapel and small chapel too. We also continued to use our purple prayer booklet daily. In science we started our lesson on digestion. We had a fun activity figuring out how long our intestines are! We will start a new book, Johnny Tremain by Esther Forbes. Have a great weekend!

5th

Mrs. Held

The fifth grade is busy rehearsing "Romeo and Juliet"

to be performed during our Renaissance festival in May. We look forward to many, many rehearsals.

Our class is beginning a "word study" spelling approach, used and taught by experts at The University of Virginia. This technique has been adopted by Fairfax County Schools, and is used in many school systems across the country. It should be interesting to see if learning the patterns will work when we apply them to our writing!

In science we are studying about Mammals, and will begin a unit on the Human Body and its systems in a week or so.

In English we are learning all about subject and object pronouns, and when to use each. We'll then be onto complex sentences and pronouns.

In social studies we are learning about the early United States, as we prepare to go into the Civil War in a few weeks!

We held our "Green Food Banquet" on Saint Patrick's day!! It was enjoyed by all. Our Saint Joseph's Day at Saint Raymond's was truly lovely in every way.

Have a restful weekend.

MS

Mrs. Hunt

This week in pre-algebra, we celebrated Pi Day!

Thanks to all the families that sent in pies. We also learned about areas of rectangles, parallelograms, triangles, trapezoids, and circles.

In 7th grade language arts, we learned about sentence fragments, run-on sentences, correcting fragments, and two common types of fragments. We continued reading *The Hiding Place* by Corrie ten Boom. We also continued researching Pope John Paul II.

In 6th grade science, we learned about propane, solar energy, and uranium.

In 7th grade science, we reviewed DNA, talked about protein synthesis, and reviewed for a test we will have next week (3/22) on DNA, mitosis, and meiosis.

In 8th grade science, we completed our chapter on waves. We took a test on Wednesday. We also started studying sound, its uses, and its properties. We learned about the interaction of sound waves and the quality of sound.



**Canon 1251:** Abstinance from eating meat or another food according to the prescriptions of the conference of bishops is to be observed on Fridays throughout the year unless they are solemnities; abstinance and fast are to be observed on Ash Wednesday and on the Friday of the Passion and Death of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

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On the Fridays **outside of Lent** the U.S. bishops conference obtained the permission of the Holy See for Catholics in the US to substitute a penitential, or even a charitable, practice of their own choosing. They must do some penitential/charitable practice on these Fridays. For most people the easiest practice to consistently fulfill will be the traditional one, to abstain from meat on all Fridays of the year. **During Lent** abstinance from meat on Fridays is obligatory in the United States as elsewhere.

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**Excerpts from source site:** [http://www.vatican.va/archive/ENG1104/\\_P4O.HTM](http://www.vatican.va/archive/ENG1104/_P4O.HTM)  
<http://www.catholic.org/clife/lent/abfast.php>



**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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Psalms 56:3 **“When I am afraid, I put my trust in thee.”**