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Dear Parents of the Class of 2030:

Thank you for joining us for this year's Open House and an opportunity to discover more about our Five-Year-Old Kindergarten Program. Your child will be entering kindergarten this fall and that gives Holy Angels a chance to open up a whole new world for your family. We realize that the choice of an elementary school is a very important one which you probably have thought about for quite some time. Your choice of Holy Angels School is an indication of the importance you have placed in your own faith and the faith life of your child.

As our philosophy states, "Holy Angels School recognizes the elements of faith already present in the home...the faculty and staff of Holy Angels School are dedicated to the spiritual, intellectual, psychological, moral, physical, aesthetic and social growth and development of the students who are enrolled." We see this as an extension of what you have begun with your child from the date of his/her birth.

This year our theme is: "Follow Your GPS (God Positioning System) to Success". We welcome all of the opportunities which God has provided to fill our lives with the Spirit. Our mission statement reminds us that we are called to "grow in faith, knowledge, values and respect"...in other words, these years are filled with a spirit of growth in so many ways! What an appropriate theme for all of the children in our kindergarten program as they begin to see the world as a member of a community that comes together each day to answer the call to live our faith, to grow in knowledge, to develop Gospel values, and to respect the diversity of God's creation.

Choosing any school for your child is a leap of faith. At Holy Angels School, we have a long history of helping each child to discover and develop their gifts and talents, using their abilities to reach their full potential. As you talk to other parents whose children have experienced the full range of a Holy Angels education, you will undoubtedly be more confident in your leap of faith. The kindergarten program is a wonderful opportunity for children to stretch their own limits of learning and growing in a caring and nurturing environment. We're thrilled to be able to join with you and your child in the excitement to come!

Registration:

According to Wisconsin state law, a child must be five (5) years old on or before September 1st, to enter kindergarten. Experience reveals that children have a much better start in school when they begin kindergarten at a more mature age.

Each year, there are questions concerning class assignments and waiting lists. Handbook 5111.2 indicates that an informational meeting, including registration information, will be offered to parents in conjunction with Catholic Schools Week each year. Completed registrations received on or before February 15th will receive top priority in class placement. In looking at the current demographics of our parish, we anticipate that all registrations for this coming year's program will be accepted.

However, if necessary for some years, the first priority with regard to program choice will be given to members of Holy Angels Parish currently enrolled in the K4 program and Holy Angels School families with siblings presently enrolled in the school and who have registered on or before February 15th. Within the first priority and extending to those who are not included, a secondary enrollment and/or waiting list priority shall include the following criteria: date of parish membership, involvement of the life of the parish (active in parish ministries, participation in the sacramental life of the Church, appropriate financial support of the parish), and involvement in the life of the school (active as a volunteer in school activities).

All registrations received by February 15th will be ordered according to the priority policy. Registrations received after February 15th will be prioritized on a first-come basis. Registrations must include parish registration information, a birth certificate (we'll record the necessary information and return it to you) and baptismal certificate, and nonrefundable \$25 registration fee.

The current handbook states that "classroom size in grades K5 through eight is ordinarily limited to 25 students...When the number of registrations for a particular grade level reaches 40 students, a second class shall be established...the Parish Council may...establish a second class with less than 40 students in a particular grade."

Transportation:

To be eligible for bussing the student must live within the Holy Angels attendance area which has been established through mutual agreement among the pastors of the Catholic parishes of West Bend, and must live at least one mile from school. The bussing assignments are published by the public schools in August.

Screening:

Before your child enters kindergarten, we may wish to conduct an initial screening for students who have not been enrolled in our pre-school program. The purpose of the screening is two-fold. First, it gives parents an objective appraisal of their child's ability to perform certain tasks which anticipate kindergarten performance. Second, it gives the school some basic information which helps us in determining how we can best meet your child's developmental needs.

Orientation:

A special Visitation Day is still being planned for May. Kindergarten teacher Renee Altendorf will provide students with a sample of life in the K5 kindergarten. This will give your child an opportunity to see what kindergarteners do and to become a little more familiar with Holy Angels.

Forms:

If your child is ready for kindergarten, the following activities will need to be completed between now and the first day of school in August.

1. Your child's **birth certificate** will need to be submitted (so that we can record necessary information) if we do not already have information from K4 and a **baptismal certificate** will also be needed (a copy will be sufficient). This information is in your child's cumulative folder in the school office. (Due: February 15th)
2. A **physical examination** is required with a form completed by your family doctor and sent to the school office. (Due: before the start of school)
3. A **dental examination** is also required with a form completed by your family dentist and sent to the school office. (Due: before the start of school)
4. Appropriate **immunizations** should be in process. The immunization form must be returned to the school office by the thirtieth (30th) day of the school year. A report must be completed by each school administrator and sent to the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction after that date. Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Fees:

The tuition fee structure for the 2021-2022 school year has not yet been finalized by the members of the Holy Angels Pastoral and Finance Councils.

1. Parents are requested to give 2.2% of their gross income as part of church stewardship. This amount should then be divided into 52 weekly contributions. This 2.2% of gross income is requested of all parishioners of Holy Angels Parish.
2. A registration fee of \$25 should accompany the registration form.
3. The tuition fee for the regular full-day kindergarten (K5) program for the 2020-21 school year was \$2950.00. This amount of \$2950.00 divided by the number of required school days (177) comes to a little over \$16.67 per day.
4. In addition to the tuition, an instructional/textbook fee is charged for each student. This fee for the 2021-22 school year is \$250.00.

I hope that this packet provides you with all of the information you need regarding registration for the five-year-old kindergarten program. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me through the school office.

Blessings,

Anne Weise
Principal

DEAR PARENT:

We extend a warm welcome to you, the parents of children who are entering the five-year-old kindergarten in fall.

As you are aware, your child is learning and growing in new and exciting ways each day. The Holy Angels Kindergarten program is a wonderful and valuable experience in the life of your child. What children learn during this year will provide a foundation for later learning, not only in the elementary school, but far beyond the walls of Holy Angels School.

We look forward to working together in making your child's kindergarten year a terrific experience, filled with the joys and challenges of learning.

Anne Weise, Principal

ABOUT REGISTRATION

Who May Enter?

According to school policy, a child must be five years old on or before September 1st to enter kindergarten.

Experience reveals that children have a much better start in school when they begin kindergarten at a more mature age.

Registration:

Please fill out the registration form so we can begin planning our program. You will also receive the following forms to be completed and returned to Holy Angels School office on or before the 1st day of school:

- Birth & baptismal certificates (w/registration)
- Physical form
- Dental form
- Immunization card
- Financial Agreement Form

Round-Up:

You will meet the teacher and principal and be introduced to the school and kindergarten program via a virtual tour this year (due to COVID). You will be invited to visit the classroom and meet the teachers via a Google Meet in Spring (date TBD).

Before School Begins:

There will be several more forms to complete before school starts. The forms will be found on the school website. You can bring these completed forms with you to the Open House in August.

- Emergency Card
- Insurance (dental & medical)
- School Handbook
- Information regarding school fees, milk payment, etc.

HOLY ANGELS SCHOOL MISSION STATEMENT:

As part of the parish community, Holy Angels School shares in the ministry of teaching the Catholic faith which is practiced daily by forming community, proclaiming the Gospel, serving others, and praising God. With the support of parents, the faculty and staff are dedicated to helping students to grow and mature in knowledge and values by providing a quality curriculum with high academic and behavioral standards.

MISSION STATEMENT FOR STUDENTS:

We belong to a Catholic community which gathers together
to proclaim the Gospel,
serve others, and
praise God.

With the help of parents, teachers and others,
We are here to grow in faith, knowledge, values and respect.

HOLY ANGELS SCHOOL PHILOSOPHY & GOALS

Holy Angels School recognizes the elements of faith already present in the home and the role of parents as “the first and foremost catechists of their children” (NCD 212). The faculty and staff of Holy Angels School are dedicated to the spiritual, intellectual, psychological, moral, physical, aesthetic and social growth and development of the students who are enrolled. The school strives to meet the developmental needs of each student through a variety of instructional experiences and the daily modeling of Christian values. Because each person is highly treasured in the eyes of God - Father, Son and Spirit - all students, parents, faculty and staff participate in a faith community based on love and respect.

Based on this philosophy, the primary goals of Holy Angels School are to:

- + Develop caring, empathetic, respectful young people with a sense of moral and social responsibility;
- + Provide a well-rounded education which includes academics, spiritual formation, and social life-coping skills; and
- + Maintain an academic program with high standards which provides a foundation for future life-long education.

THE KINDERGARTEN PROGRAM

Kindergarten is:

- a happy place
- a busy place
- a learning place

Kindergarten schedules will vary from day to day. Most days include morning meeting, work and choice time, centers, game time, and a story time.

Throughout the year your child will experience activities in:

Art	Health/Social Development
Music	Technology/Computer Lab
Physical Education	Dance/Movement
Science	Social Studies
Mathematics	Reading Readiness Skills
Literature	World Languages

All of these experiences are integrated with the heart of our school program - the Faith Dimension.

KINDERGARTEN IS IMPORTANT...

- To develop positive, Christian attitudes toward themselves and school
- To help children to work and play with others
- To help children realize that they are unique and possess certain needs, skills and gifts
- To establish a happy and secure environment
- To develop the ability to listen and carry out directions
- To grow in responsibility
- To express themselves clearly
- To encourage good speech patterns
- To become aware of the world about them
- To respect the rights of others
- To establish desirable attitudes toward work and play
- To increase the children's ability to express themselves
- To facilitate the child's physical, mental, social, moral, spiritual and and emotional development.
- To develop good health and safety habits
- To offer a wide variety of experiences in work and play with which to meet success at their own level

RELIGION

The kindergarten program includes the following units to help students develop positive Christian attitudes and to begin their faith connection:

- The World is a Gift from God / Creation
- God Loves Us / Bible
- We Are Friends of Jesus / Mass
- We Live as Friends of Jesus / Make good choices
- We Celebrate Special Days / Show our love for God

SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

Children will be encouraged to:

- Be considerate of others
- Respect school property
- Learn self-discipline
- Take care of belongings
- Accept responsibilities
- Cooperate with others
- Share
- Take turns
- Be courteous
- Play fairly
- Follow directions

Students participate in a health education program called The Great Body Shop. This program helps build students' social skills and self-esteem. It also provide students with tools to solve everyday problems.

READING READINESS

Auditory & Visual

- Sound and letter recognition
- Phonemic awareness
- Phonics and decoding words
- Concepts of print: sentences
- Writing & language: journaling
- Reading and writing high frequency words
- Beginning Reading

Comprehension

- Attention span
- Listens to stories/comprehends
- Retells things seen and heard
- Orders a story by events
- Develop oral language

Communication

- Vocabulary and sentence development
- Reciting and retelling
- Writing experiences and journaling
- Recognize the relationship between oral and written language
- Contribute to group discussion

MATHEMATICS READINESS

- Sorting & classifying
- Exploring numbers
- Counting and cardinality
- Shapes / Geometry
- Measurement
- Comparing numbers
- Exploring addition
- Exploring subtraction

SCIENCE

Children in kindergarten will learn to become aware of the world about them. Many interesting topics are included in the science curriculum:

Life Science
Earth Science
Physical Science
Space and Technology

ART

The children will have the opportunity to freely express themselves through the use of:

Clay	Chalk
Paint	Fingerpaints
Paper	Scissors
Yarn	Paste
Crayons	

MUSIC AND RHYTHMS

During this year the children will take part in many musical experiences including:

- Enjoying music
- Listening to music
- Learning to sing
- Matching tones
- Listening and identifying instruments
- Interpreting music through rhythms
- Participating in the Christmas Concert

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Students will practice / develop:

- listening skills and following directions
- interacting well with peers
- gross motor skills
- singing games, music and movement
- eye, hand, and foot coordination
- throwing and catching activities
- tumbling / gymnastics
- jumping rope
- basic running techniques

SOCIAL STUDIES

Units of study include:

- My Family, My School
- Everybody Works
- Where We Live
- Our Traditions
- Life: Then and Now

Field trips are taken throughout the year in connection with some of the above.

WORLD LANGUAGES

Students learn about three world cultures and languages by studying: Spanish, German, and Chinese.

Topics include:

Greetings & Goodbyes / Courtesies

Feelings

Numbers: 1-19 (counting only)

Colors

Parts of the Body

Family members / Pets

Seasons

TECHNOLOGY

Holy Angels School uses technology as tools for learning. Students utilize computers, SMARTBoards and i-pads to interact with the world around them. They learn and grow by using technology for communicating, developing new ideas, and reinforcing skills.

WRITING NAME

It is very important that children be taught to write their name correctly. The correct method for our school system is to start the name with a capital letter and follow with small letters. We use Zaner-Bloser block printing.

Example

Incorrect: ROBERT Correct: Robert

BEFORE SCHOOL STARTS

Prepare your child to think of kindergarten as a friendly place.

Walk with your child in the direction of the school many times to familiarize him/her with the safest route. Discuss who will bring your child to and from school.

Buy clothing which your child can easily manage.

Your child's health needs should be taken care of before coming to school.

Have physical and dental examinations.

Label all outside clothing, boots, rain clothes, mittens and sweaters.

Your Child Should Practice:

- full name
- address
- telephone number
- how to take care of bathroom needs
- how to use a handkerchief or tissue
- how to put on and zip outer clothing
- how to tie shoes

THE FIRST DAY

If you bring your child to school, leave him/her with the teacher. Do not remain with your child at this time. The adjustment to school will be easier on you and your child if you do not linger. Reassure your child that you will again meet outside the school when kindergarten is over. With a loving good-bye, leave your child with the teacher.

SCHOOL SCHEDULE

7:32am ... First Bell
7:35am ... Students (grades 1-8) enter building
7:50am ... Announcements begin
2:50pm ... General dismissal

When the children arrive, K5 students should immediately enter the building using the entrance to the left of the main office doors (close to the Cedar Street parking lot). The kindergarten safety patrols will assist them.

For dismissal, non-bus students will exit using the same doors.

WHAT PLAY MEANS TO A CHILD

Play is valuable, important and necessary! It incorporates exploration, movement, manipulation of objects, interaction and language from which the young children gain knowledge of self and the world around them.

Play is the medium through which young children learn. The kindergarten curriculum is encourages play. Play becomes the vehicle for cognitive activity and accomplishing curriculum goals.

Play is "Choice Time" in kindergarten. Choice Time will:

1. Relieve tension
2. Build self-confidence
3. Encourage imagination

4. Develop skills of mind and body
5. Develop understanding toward others; sharing
6. Develop cooperation and respect for others
7. Encourage vocabulary development

YOU CAN HELP BY...

- Sending your child to school regularly and promptly
- Calling the school office before 8:30 a.m. if your child will be absent from school.
Please state the reason for the absence. **A written excuse should be given when the child returns to school.**
- Checking in at the school office if you are "running late" and your child is tardy
- Contacting the teacher when questions or information arise
- Being interested in the things your child tells you about kindergarten

- Going through your child's Friday Folder each week with your child; it is an important part of kindergarten.
- Giving your child a nourishing breakfast each day
- Teaching your child how to manage his outer clothing independently
- Giving your child responsibilities at home
- Providing your child with many and varied experiences
- Reading with your child
- Discussing things with your child; ask the right questions about school
- Attending parent/teacher meetings
- Modeling true Christian living in your family; **attend Mass regularly**

THINGS YOUR CHILD NEEDS FOR KINDERGARTEN

I. GYM CLOTHING:

1 pair of tennis shoes on gym
days (these can be worn to school)

II. A SMOCK

To be used while working with
paints, chalk, etc.

We recommend a large old shirt

Cut the sleeves short

Mark the child's name in the collar

III. PROPER CLOTHING

Clothing suitable for existing
weather conditions

PROPERLY MARKED clothing to
include boots and mittens with your
child's name (things your child
can manage)

Appropriate Mass Day attire
(see Family Handbook)

IV. SUPPLIES

- 5 regular pencils
- 1 pocket folder (sturdy, glossy)
- 1 art box for supplies
- 1 smock
- 1 school bag/backpack (folder size)
- 1 box crayons (24)
- 10 glue sticks
- 1 pair sharp scissors (Fiskars)
- 1 pkg. markers (washable)
- 1 box ziplock bags, any size
- 1 box kleenex
- 1 roll paper toweling
- 1 container disinfecting wipes
- 1 spiralbound notebook (8.5x11)
- 1 small blanket for rest time
- 1 container baby wipes
- 1 headphones

V. SNACKS

To encourage socialization skills we will have a snack time daily. Snacks will be provided by the parents. Our special snack bucket will be sent home with your child when it is his/her turn.

Milk will be provided at no cost to families for the 2020-2021 school year by completing an order form at the beginning of the year.

VI. EXTRA CLOTHING

In case of an emergency, please provide a change of clothing to keep at school in a bag with child's name on it.

