



Our Lady of the Angels Parent Organization Guardian Angel Gazette

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Whew!

With the first two months in the books all I can say is whew! We've had a great fall season with the intramural soccer program, the expanded soccer concession stand, the Halloween Party, Scholastic Book Fair as well as an incredibly busy Angel's Attic store. As they say time flies when you're having fun and boy is it going by fast. Now we'll begin to transition into the winter activities with the intramural basketball league, Santa's Workshop, and Ice Cream Social. I have a feeling the winter will fly by just like the fall. Outlined below are some updates on the various activities that have been completed and some about to occur. If you are new to the school community, or have wanted to volunteer but just haven't had the right opportunity, please consider picking an event and event and join in the fun.

- **Intramural Soccer** – Once again, the intramural soccer program was very successful and provided our children with a great opportunity to learn a new sport, get some exercise and bring our school community closer together. The program would not have been possible without the volunteer support of coaches. Thank you to Tim Jubinville who helped coordinate the program with team assignments and game schedules (as well as coaching). We changed the approach of the concession stand by offering more variety of drinks, snacks and home baked goods. Parents and the children loved it. Thank you to all the families who donated snacks and supported the program through their purchases throughout the season.
- **Scholastic Book Fair** – This year's Scholastic Book Fair was held on October 17th and 18th and again was a very successful event both in terms of providing our children with the opportunity to purchase new books and fundraising. Thank you to Jen Graves for coordinating this event and to our parent volunteers who helped staff the sale.
- **Halloween Party** – The annual Halloween Party was held on Friday October 28th and was a huge hit with the children and our parent volunteers. Thank you to all the parent volunteers and families who donated candy and prizes for activities. It was great to see about one-third of the volunteers were new to the party and brought in a high level of enthusiasm. This year we added a pizza lunch for the teachers and staff in appreciation of all their hard work and caring for our children. Also, our appreciation goes out to Susan Novak and David Huffman who have been coordinating this party for the past five years...and have indicated it is time to pass the torch on to new coordinators. Please consider volunteering to help coordinate this party next year and contact me if you have any questions.
- **Santa's Workshop** – On December 5th, 6th and 7th we will host our annual Santa's Workshop. This annual event provides our children with the opportunity to purchase "secret" presents for their friends and family members. Items for sale include homemade goods (e.g., scarves and pins), arts and crafts projects, toys and other small gifts. This year we are not using an external vendor but instead will be using gifts and supplies that have been purchased during the past year. We believe that the items for sale this year will be of a higher quality and lower price. If you, or a family member, has a craft hobby and would like to donate some items please contact us at your earliest convenience. Volunteers are needed for the event set up on Saturday December 3rd in the early afternoon and during school hours during the event. If you are able to volunteer please contact Christene Noonan at christened@aol.com or me at 508-853-0708 or olaparentorg2011@gmail.com.
- **Angels Attic Store – Updated Hours** – Thursdays, 7:30 -8 and 2:30 – 3:30.
- **Piccadilly Pub** –The next Piccadilly Pub night is scheduled for Tuesday November 8th. Please remember to print off the school certificate and bring it with you to the Piccadilly Pub on Shrewsbury Street in Worcester. This program is open all day, including lunch, and is a great benefit as kids eat free, are entertained by a magician, and the PO receives 15% of the total purchase as a donation.
- **Lunch Menu** - Just a reminder each month the lunch menu is added to the school website under the parents section (www.ourladyoftheangels.us/parents).
- **Magazine Drive Reminder** – Although the magazine drive isn't scheduled until March please remember the school can benefit by receiving 40% of the cost coming back to the school whenever you order or renew a magazine subscription. Simply go to www.qsp.com to order magazines and be sure to enter our school account number is: 425013828.

Next PO meeting – We're trying to pull together a meeting during the last week of November or first week in December. As soon as the date and time is finalized we will send out a communication.

Again, should you have any questions, comments, new ideas, or want to learn more about the PO please see me at afternoon pick-up or contact me at 508-853-0708 or olaparentorg2011@gmail.com.