



# St. Angela Merici Parish School

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*The Feast of the Guardian Angels*

Dear St. Angela Parents and Families,

St. Angela Merici Parish School is committed to providing a safe environment for our students and staff. As part of our commitment to wellness and safety, we will be launching a flu prevention education program next week. First, our faculty will be trained by our School Nurse, Mrs. Mary Pat Hargis, on Tuesday, October 6<sup>th</sup> on school-based prevention techniques recommended by the CDC to be implemented in the classroom. Next, Mrs. Hargis will conduct student education in classrooms beginning on Wednesday, October 7<sup>th</sup>. Also, full implementation prevention program will begin the week of October 11<sup>th</sup> after the student education component is completed. In this Family Mail, each family received a copy of the first of the parent education information. Please take a moment out of your busy schedule to read this information and subsequent information as it is sent home.

One of the components of the prevention program is for the students to daily wipe their desks with a disinfecting wipe. The purpose of this is both to actively involve the students in prevention and to minimize the spread of pathogens through sanitation. ***If the parish and school were to fund the purchase of the wipes, it would cost approximately \$19,000 this school year alone. To offset this extensive cost, we are requesting that parents send in donations of Clorox wipes (or other disinfecting wipes) of one container per student per month, if you are financially able. Any and all donations of Clorox wipes would be most appreciated.***

### **NEW! Web Based Accelerated Reader Launches on Monday**

Students may begin taking Accelerated Reader tests on Monday in both the Technology Lab and in the classrooms. Parents of students will be able to access on-line Accelerated Reader tools, which include lists of books available for Accelerated Reader tests and your child's Accelerated Reader testing record.

Each family with students in grades 1 – 8 should receive a letter providing login information including user name and passwords for each student in today's Family Mail. If you have not received this information, please email Mrs. Zell at [mrszell@samparish.org](mailto:mrszell@samparish.org). Once the Accelerated Reader testing procedures have been finalized, Mrs. Zell will be contacting the Parent Skills Bank volunteers to begin organizing our Accelerated Reader Incentive Programs.

***A special thanks goes out to Mrs. Zell for her diligence in setting up the new program and to our PTC for funding this new program!***

### **NEW! SAM School Newspaper**

Journalists in grades 5 – 8 will have the opportunity to apply to participate in St. Angela's School Newspaper this year. Mrs. Sarah Bobko and Mrs. Kara Johnston will be the advisors of the newspaper. Applications for the newspaper were given to students in grades 5 – 8 this week. Should you have any questions, contact Mrs. Bobko at [mrsbobko@samparish.org](mailto:mrsbobko@samparish.org).

### **This and That . . .**

- ***As of October 1<sup>st</sup>, parents are only permitted to drop off medication, eye glasses and lunches to be delivered to students during the day. Please encourage your child's development of responsibility by adhering to this policy.***
- ***Book Fair volunteer letters will be going home next week. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Sheila Cooper at [cooper@toast.net](mailto:cooper@toast.net).***

In Christ,

*Mrs. Urban*

Mrs. Denise Modic Urban, M.A.Ed.

Principal

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***Our mission is to provide an atmosphere for students to grow in their Roman Catholic faith, to achieve their academic potential, and to be of service to others.***

**This Week's Family Mail:** (Reminder: Deadline for submission for Friday's Family Mail is Monday at Noon.)

- Renaissance Home Connect Letter (Accelerated Reader Log In Information)
- CDC: Action Steps for Parents
- Respect Life
- Unity Catholic Credit Union
- Giant Eagle
- PTC Halloween Party

**Upcoming school events include:**

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Saturday October 3 <sup>rd</sup>	• <b>Pet Blessing, Noon</b>
Sunday October 4 <sup>th</sup>	• <b>Respect Life Sunday ~ Every child brings God a smile!</b>
Monday October 5 <sup>th</sup>	• <b>Student Council Election Treasurer Speeches during morning announcements</b> • <b>Accelerated Reader Begins for grades 2 – 8 today</b> • <b>6<sup>th</sup> Grade Math Session, 2:30 – 3 pm</b>
Tuesday October 6 <sup>th</sup>	• <b>Student Council Election Secretary Speeches during morning announcements</b> • <b>Final Turn-In Day for QSP Magazine orders</b> • <b>Grade 3 Community Plays, 9:30 and 12:35 pm</b> • <b>Faculty Meeting, Flu Prevention Training, 2:45 – 3:15 pm</b> • <b>Candy Cane Shoppe Meeting, 7pm, Social Hall</b>
Wednesday October 7 <sup>th</sup>	• <b>Student Council Election Vice President Speeches during morning announcements</b> • <b>Credit Union</b> • <b>Flu Prevention Training in Classes begin today</b> • <b>Class Mass, Grades 1 – 2, 8:30 am</b> • <b>7<sup>th</sup> Grade Math Session, 2:30 – 3 pm</b> • <b>School Wellness Committee Meeting, 7pm, Parish Center West</b> • <b>CYO Basketball Sign Ups. 6 – 8 pm, Rini Center Lobby</b> • <b>First Reconciliation Parent Workshop, 7 pm, Social Hall</b>
Thursday October 8 <sup>th</sup>	• <b>Student Council Election President Speeches during morning announcements</b> • <b>Children's Choir, 2:35 – 3:15 pm</b> • <b>CYO Basketball Sign Ups. 6 – 8 pm, Rini Center Lobby</b>
Friday October 9 <sup>th</sup>	• <b>Student Council Elections</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ <i>Grades 1 – 3 to vote as a class</i></li><li>○ <i>Grades 4 – 8 to vote by ballot</i></li></ul> • <b>Fire Safety Assembly, Grades 3 &amp; 4, 10 am, Social Hall</b> • <b>If you are able, please send in one Clorox Wipes (disinfecting wipes) per student today for October.</b> • <b>7<sup>th</sup> &amp; 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Dance, 7 – 10 pm, Social Hall</b>

A Prayer for Life

Father and maker of all,

You adorn all creation with splendor and beauty, and fashion human lives in your image and likeness.  
Awaken in every heart reverence for the work of your hands, and renew among your people a readiness to nurture and sustain your precious gift of life.

Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever. Amen.

*From the USCCB, by Rev. James P Moroney*