

Dear AHA families,

I am thrilled and deeply honored to serve as the President of Academy of Holy Angels, an institution steeped in tradition and excellence where education transcends mere knowledge. As we start our 94th year, I am reminded of the faith, passion, and commitment of the Sisters of St. Joseph; virtues that still permeate the AHA community today.

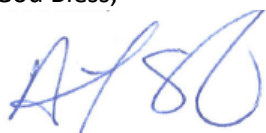
The great joy of being an educator is the opportunity to – as Pope Francis encourages us – accompany students on their journey of learning and understanding. What many may not realize is that educators are transformed just as profoundly as their students. There is a theological axiom founded in our faith's doctrine that Jesus was both fully God and fully man that says 'whatever humanizes divinizes'. Essentially, the more fully human we become, the more divine we become. Have you ever witnessed a truly remarkable dancer or athlete and been filled with awe at their abilities, or heard a song that moved you to tears? In those moments we glimpse holiness, a moment of transcendence that moves beyond the human. At Holy Angels, students are encouraged to embrace their humanity, thereby embracing their holiness.

I tell students if they love math they have a duty to be the best mathematician they can be. Similarly, whether an athlete or artist, a performer or scientist, a painter or carpenter, or a brother or sister, we have the responsibility to be the absolute best we can be. In becoming the best version of ourselves, we reflect God's plan of creation. How do we achieve this? Through an exceptional curriculum taught by outstanding teachers, a mandate that comes from the Church herself (Code of Canon Law, 806). Yet our mission extends beyond intellectual excellence alone, and challenges every student to live spiritually, lead responsibly, act justly, and serve selflessly.

An authentically Catholic education is grounded in a community of educators, parents, and students that understand education is more than just ABCs and 123s. As Pope Benedict XVI said in his address to Catholic educators in 2008, a Catholic school is "a place to encounter the living God, who in Jesus Christ reveals His transforming love... The noble goals of scholarship and education, founded on the unity of truth and in service of the person and the community, become an especially powerful instrument of hope." And our students become just that - instruments of hope ready to transform the world.

As we embark on this year's journey, I am delighted to become a part of the AHA community. I look forward to meeting you, and watching our students embrace their humanity in the classroom and on the field, in the hallways and on the stage. Please join me in praying for God's continued blessings upon the AHA community. Go Stars!

God Bless,



David Sorkin, Ed.D.
President

A Message from Principal Heidi J. Foley

Hello and welcome to the 2024-25 academic year.

Like you, we are enjoying the pace of the summer at AHA and also busily preparing to welcome you, our students and families, to join us for another important academic year.

Over the summer, many strides have been taken to revise and refresh the AHA student experience and curriculum. Teachers attended workshops this summer to build lessons that emphasize student engagement and assessment. They went to seminars to strengthen AHA's Professional Learning Communities to build increased methods to identify and intervene in student achievement. Faculty attended advanced placement workshops in content-specific courses as well as programmatic design and efficacy. Many courses were updated and checked for reliability and rigor. Students can look forward to new courses in PE/health, science, and math.

Our goal is to have students who look forward to coming to school and who take advantage of the learning opportunities - in and out of the classroom. At Holy Angels, students can take classes that interest and challenge them. I also encourage all students to join a fall sport or fall activity, as it will help them make friends and connect to the wider AHA community.

One place where students experience community is through AHA's four-year homeroom program. This year in homeroom, we will spend time with students discussing their own strengths via the Clifton StrengthsFinder inventory. Many parents and AHA community members may have taken the inventory at work or at school. All AHA students will take the StrengthsFinder inventory and will use the results to uncover their talents and interests. Research shows that people who know and use their CliftonStrengths are more engaged at work, more productive in their roles, and happier and healthier.

God gave each of us strengths, talents, and a unique presence in who we are. *We Are God's Presence* is the theme for the coming year. In all that we do, may we honor God's light, promise, and grace by living up to our full potential -one of the tenets of the AHA mission statement. As human beings, this can be a daunting task, yet as God's people, we will work toward this goal of serving the Lord and one another. At AHA, we want this for our students and will strive to teach and guide them in this manner.

As always, I invite you to contact us when you have a question or need clarification. Don't let something that may be troubling you sit too long. It's best to address your concerns when they come to light by contacting a teacher directly, a counselor, Mr. Wolfgram, assistant principal, or me. Good communication is a unifying component to our school. I invite you to read the weekly *Stars Connection* that has important and timely information for your family, e.g. You will read about our focus this year on the school uniform and why it's important to our school's identity and standards. I'll take this opportunity now to ask for your help, parents, in helping us enforce the school uniform policy. As staff, we will be mindful of the requirements of the uniform and enforce them with students. Please see that your students have the approved uniform wear from Donald's and that they wear them correctly -tucked in shirts, or banded-bottom shirts, skirts no more than 2" above the top of the knee.

And finally, I'll look forward to seeing you in person at Back to School Night on Wednesday, September 4 and at Homecoming and Stars are Out Tonight on September 27. We want you, our families, to be aware of and engaged in our school and community. Thank you for entrusting your students to our care. We are here to partner with you in their education and growth.

Sincerely,



Theme for 2024-25: We Are God's Presence

Mission Statement

The mission of Academy of Holy Angels is to educate and nurture a diverse student population so that each student, as a whole person, may achieve full potential to excel intellectually, to live spiritually, to lead responsibly, to act justly, and to serve selflessly.

The AHA Community

Academy of Holy Angels is a Catholic, coeducational, college preparatory high school community in Richfield, Minnesota, consisting of students, professional staff, parents, alumni and friends who are actively committed to a common goal: educating each student for life. Mindful that each of us is created in God's image, we respect each other, we serve those in need, we embrace each other's differences, and we are welcoming to those who wish to interact with our community. AHA nurtures students to become confident, prepared, connected in faith, and ready for college and life.

The AHA Way

★ **Help Others and Ourselves Succeed**

We act with integrity and serve as role models for those around us.

★ **Be Part of the Solution**

When we see a problem, we own that problem and work on solutions.

★ **Communicate "You Matter"**

We focus on ensuring that our words and actions let others know they are valued.

★ **Honor the Absent**

We honor people, especially when they are not present, and we avoid gossip.

About the First Day of School

The 2024-25 school year begins on Monday, August 26. Only ninth graders will attend classes on a shortened schedule. This will allow them to meet their teachers, learn their schedule and how to move throughout the building, and receive subject-specific technology training.

Grades 10-12 will come to school during the assigned times below to have their school picture taken and pick up their chromebook. Bus service will be available to ninth graders only; see times below.

1. *Ninth graders* will attend classes from 7:50 to 12 noon. It is a uniform day for ninth graders.
2. Buses will leave the campus at 12:10pm.
3. For grades 10-12, Monday, August 26 is a dress-up day and school picture day. Students may wear dress-up clothing that is modest and appropriate, or students can wear their uniforms. *Denims, T-shirts, hats, tank tops, short skirts, short shorts, spaghetti straps, strapless dresses, or flip-flops are not appropriate attire.*
4. All students are required to be in uniform beginning Tuesday, August 27. You can learn about AHA's uniform policy in our *Student and Parent Handbook* on the Holy Angels website. Go to www.academyofholyangels.org. Click on Student at the top and then Uniform Policy on the right.

Schedules for Monday, August 26, 2024

Grade 9	Walk through daily schedule & meet teachers, tech training in core classes
7:30-7:50am	Pick up your chromebook in the Lobby .
7:50am -12 noon	Report to homeroom first, followed by periods 1-7

Transfer Students	Technology Training
7:50-11am	Report to the Lobby .

Returning grades 10-12	Report to the Commons/Annex to have your photo taken, move to the lobby to pick up chromebook, update password.
Arrive between 8:15-9am	Last names A-F
Arrive between 9-9:45am	Last names G-M
Arrive between 9:45-10:30am	Last names N-Z

Summer Reading

Remember to complete your summer reading requirements by the first full day of school. Details are at www.academyofholylangels.org. Click on the Summer Reading link from Student menu in the upper right hand corner.

Uniforms for Physical Education Classes

Students taking PE courses will be required to wear the school-approved PE uniform, consisting of the logoed t-shirt and shorts. Students taking PE for the first time will be issued uniforms on their first day of PE class. The \$12 fee will be added to the student's TADS account.

School Photos

All grade 10, 11, and 12 students (as well as any 9th grade or transfer students who missed orientation) must have their school photos taken on the first day of school. Ninth graders will have their pictures taken and receive their student ID cards during orientation. Information from the photographer, Jostens, is included in this mailing. Families and students wishing to order photos can follow the instructions to order online. You do not need to return anything on picture day. Families not satisfied with the photos they ordered will have the opportunity to order new.

Senior Photos

Seniors may use their school photo for the yearbook, or they may choose a different photographer for their senior yearbook photo. However, the photo they submit must be a vertical head-and-shoulder shot, and it must be submitted to the yearbook website by November 4. The link for the senior photo submission can be found through the Senior Info page under Parents on the AHA website.

Student Technology

All students will again be issued a Chromebook and a plastic protective cover this fall. Students may choose their own backpack or bag in which to carry the device as long as it is protective. All students will receive the devices on either the first or second day of school. The school-issued device needs to be kept in good working order and condition. While normal wear and tear is expected, any excessive or repeated major damage will be charged to the family. Negligence is not excused. Damage should be reported to the helpdesk immediately. Major damage includes but is not limited to: drops which result in a shattered screen, broken body, or other cracked components, spills which can damage motherboard, keyboard or screen. Families do not pay for the first incident but will be notified via email when any major damage occurs. On the second incident, families will be notified and charged a \$25 fee to their tuition account. This resets each school year. Fees may increase for repetitive or excessive damage.

If your son or daughter checked out a Chromebook for this summer, remember it is due back to the helpdesk by 2 pm on Monday, August 12.

Class Schedules

Go to www.academyofholylangels.org/myaha or click on myAHA in the student or parent portal on the website. Returning students and all parents can log in to see schedules after August 15th. See the included myAHA handout for information about how to log in. New students will receive their login information on the first day of school. Parents can see their child's schedule by clicking on their student's name in the upper left-hand corner, then by clicking on the schedule tab in the menu.

Locker Numbers

Returning students can see locker numbers and combinations on the student profile in myAHA as soon as they have been updated by AHA administration, sometime mid-August. New students will receive this information on paper at orientation and can see it on the profile once they receive login info to myAHA on the first day of school.

Student ID/Print Cards

Students will be required to have their ID/print-copy cards with them in school and at home sports events, dances and activities. The student ID also serves as a print-copy card, which they'll swipe to pay for the costs of printing from a computer or making photocopies. Returning students who had positive balances in their print-copy accounts at the end of last year will find those balances still available for use. Students are responsible for adding funds to their card account when needed and can do so at the Stars Spirit school store before the start of the school day. All new students will start off with a \$10 balance, collected as an additional payment made with tuition, and will be shown on your TADS invoice.

This fall, all 9th graders will receive their ID card during the 1st week of school. 10th, 11th and 12th graders will receive theirs the 2nd week of school and they should plan to use their 23-24 Student ID until the new one arrives. Upperclassmen who lose their ID cards before they are issued a new one should go to the Stars Spirit school store before the start of the school day to get a replacement card at a cost of \$15.

Lunch Accounts

Parents of new students will receive an email in mid-August from "Edutrack Admin" through Taher Food Service with directions about setting up an online lunch account that can be used to check the lunch balance and monitor transactions. A separate account called "e-funds for schools" can be set up to electronically deposit funds into the lunch account. The welcome email will include your family key, which is needed to set up the account. If you need your student's ID number, it can be viewed on your student's contact card in myAHA. Families can also send checks or cash to the school with students or via mail.

For Seniors As a reminder, all AHA seniors are required to have their 2nd **Meningococcal ACWY immunization** at the start of the school year.

Daily Schedules

The daily schedule is built with three, 7-period days and two days of extended time learning. Unless a late start or early dismissal, the other start/stop times for the day remain the same, 7:50am-2:40pm.

The daily schedules used are as follows:

- **Regular Schedule - periods 1-7**
- **Blue Schedule - periods 1-4, extended time**
- **Gold Schedule - periods 5-7 with homeroom, extended time**
- **Mass Schedule**
- **Early Dismissal- 1pm dismissal**
- **Late Start- 8:25am start**
- **Stars Schedule- asynchronous learning days**

In a typical week, the M-F schedule looks like this:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<i>Regular</i>	<i>Regular</i>	<i>Blue</i>	<i>Gold</i>	<i>Regular</i>
Period 1	Period 1	Period 1	Period 5	Period 1
Period 2	Period 2			Period 2
Period 3	Period 3	Period 2	HR	Period 3
Homeroom	Homeroom			Period 3A
Period 4	Period 4	Period 3B	Period 6A	Period 5A
Period 5A	Period 5A	Period 3C	Period 6B	Period 5B
Period 5B	Period 5B	Period 3D	Period 6C	Period 5C
Period 5C	Period 5C	Period 4	Period 7	Period 6
Period 6	Period 6			Period 7
Period 7	Period 7			

The first week of school

August 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	26 Special Schedule First Day of School	27 Mass Schedule	28 Regular Schedule	29 Regular Schedule	30 Early Dismissal	31

Who should I contact if I have questions?

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Heidi Foley, Principal

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Nancy Cullen, Student Accounts

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Dan Keller, Director of Admissions

612-798-2764 dkeller@ahastars.org

Attendance Information

If your student is ill or will be absent from school, call the direct-dial Attendance Line 612-798-0760 or email attendance@ahastars.org. (Please do not call the main office about attendance matters.) If you need to speak to Attendance Clerk Mrs. Sackmaster personally, call 612-798-2640.

Parents/guardians should contact the school by **10:00 a.m.** the day of the absence. Students involved in cocurricular activities who are absent or arrive after 10 a.m., or are sent home during the school day due to illness or for disciplinary reasons, may not practice, compete or perform in their activity for that day. The Athletic or Activities Directors handle exceptions to this policy.

Students leaving during the school day for an appointment will be required to provide supporting documentation. Those failing to do so will be ineligible for after school athletics and activities for that day. Additional school consequences including but not limited to loss of Off-Campus and Detention will also apply to students who cannot provide supporting documentation.

A reminder that on PLC/Late Start days, students are to be in their period 1 class by 8:25 a.m. It is strongly recommended that students still leave for school at their regular time as traffic is often busier the later it gets. Students who arrive before 8:25 a.m. can socialize or study in the gym, the commons, or study in the library.

If your child is TARDY to school:

- Students who arrive at school between 7:50 a.m. - 8:15 a.m. are tardy and must sign in at the Convocation Center lobby desk and list the arrival time. Students who arrive after 8:15 a.m. are considered absent and must also sign in and will be issued a pass to class.
- A written excuse, email, or a call to the Attendance line is required when students are absent. Otherwise, the periods missed are considered skips.

Trimester limits on absences and tardies:

- **Absences:** Within a trimester, a student who misses more than eight (8) periods in any one class for nonschool sponsored events might not receive credit for that class. Non-school sponsored events include family vacations, illness, medical appointments, driver license exams, college visits, weather delays, club sports, and suspensions. Students who exceed the eight-absence-per-trimester limit will still be excused if they have a doctor's excuse due to a serious illness.
- **Tardies:** Students receiving seven (7) tardies to any period will be contacted by the Attendance Office as will their parents. Each additional tardy will result in the student being marked absent from the class. This absence is included in the eight-absence limit. When a student reaches eight tardies to any class within a trimester and/or has established a pattern of absenteeism, the student may not be allowed to attend practice on a date to be specified by the Athletic or Activities Directors. Each tardy after eight will result in sitting out another practice.

Special Permits – Plan Ahead!

- Students need a pass to leave school for a portion of the day for appointments or non-school related events. These absences are included in the student's eight-absence-per-trimester limit (see above).
- Parents should call the attendance line, email or send a written note if the student needs to leave during the school day. The student should pick up their special permit pass from the Attendance Clerk in the Convocation Center Lobby before school begins. Students are not allowed to leave school without a pass. Parents can pick students up outside the Convocation Center entrance.

Extended Absence Forms:

- Family vacations and other non-school related events lasting more than two days must be approved one week in advance.
- Students must provide a written or verbal request from a parent/guardian to the Attendance Office. They will receive an Extended Absence form that must be signed by a parent/guardian, each of the student's teachers, and the principals. This form must be completed and submitted to the Attendance Office before the student leaves for the vacation or event. These absences are included in the eight-absence limit.

Student and Parent Handbook Points of Emphasis 2024-2025

Our 2024-2025 *Student and Parent Handbook* is on our Website. You can see it by going to www.academyofholylangels.org, clicking on either the Students or the Parents tab, and then on the *Student and Parent Handbook* link.

When you review the handbook, please pay special attention to the following sections, they are especially important for students and parents to know:

Cellular phones

- **Cellular phone use by students is not allowed during the school day (7:50 a.m. – 2:40 p.m.).**
- Cell phones need to be turned off and should be left in the student's car or stored securely in their locker.
- Students found using their cell phone or taking it out during the school day will have it confiscated by staff and turned over to the Assistant Principal.
- **A parent/guardian is required to pick up the cell phone from the main office after school between 2:45 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.**
- **Students are no longer able to retrieve the cell phone from the Assistant Principal after school.**
- If family circumstances require that students be available by cell phone during the school day, families can make arrangements by contacting the Assistant Principal.

Cell Phone Use in Bathrooms/Locker Rooms

- Cameras/video cameras are not allowed in locker rooms, bathrooms, shower areas or any other area where privacy is an expectation.
- Cameras on computers, phones or other devices are not allowed to be turned on in locker rooms.
- Consequences for using a cell phone in one of the above areas include, but are not limited to, loss of senior off-campus privileges, suspension, and dismissal from the Academy of Holy Angels.

Messages - How to Contact Your Student

As noted above, students are not allowed to use their cell phones during the day. Calls or texts to a student's phone disrupts the educational process. If a parent needs to reach their student, they should contact the main office and leave a message. The student will be contacted at the next passing period. The Assistant Principal will give permission for a student to use their cell phone if contacted by a parent or guardian, and only in the case of an emergency.

Why The Emphasis on Phones?

Students perform better in class! There are countless studies showing increased productivity, attention, and performance in class. Studies have also found a 62% increase in note taking during class, higher test scores, and more interaction during class compared to classrooms where cell phones were allowed.

Parents, please help us model the *AHA Way* by being *Part of the Solution*.

Other Information - Lockers

Students must use the locker they are assigned and are not to switch or share lockers during the school year. Students are responsible for the condition and contents of their assigned lockers.

Lockers should be used to store coats, jackets, blankets and other non-uniform items. Additionally, students who bring cell phones into the school building will need to store their cell phones, turned off, in their locker.

Student lockers are the property of Holy Angels and, as such, the locker and its contents are subject to inspection at any time.

Tobacco/E-cigarettes/Vaping

AHA is a tobacco-free campus all year and at all events. Smoking and use of tobacco including e-cigarettes and vaping delivery systems are not permitted on campus or at school-sponsored events. Students found with tobacco, an e-cigarette or a vaping delivery system will be suspended. They must complete a Urine Toxicology Screening and results sent to AHA. All substances identified in the student's system through the screening will be addressed per school policy. MSHSL and AHA Leadership penalties will also be applied.

Uniforms - General Information

Why Does AHA Have a Uniform Policy?

The uniform code was established to break down socioeconomic barriers between students, promote unity and pride in one's self and one's classmates and strengthen the overall image of the Academy of Holy Angels. A student's appearance may not draw undue attention to him or herself that disrupts the operations of the school.

As a Catholic, college preparatory high school, our values and faith are of the utmost importance. This includes modesty, professionalism, and preparing for the future. The uniform is designed with this in mind, so that our students can perform at their best academically, spiritually, and socially.

Additionally, when students are in uniform, it increases safety at school. It allows students and staff to identify guests in the building and create a unified sense of security.

Where Can I Buy Uniforms for My Student?

Uniform apparel must be purchased through Donald's Uniform, the sole uniform provider for AHA. All clothing is washable and dryable, with various fabric materials. Donald's purchases uniforms from manufacturers certified to be in strict compliance with all generally accepted international workplace standards, local laws, and workplace regulations. There are several ways to acquire the uniform pieces: at the Donald's stores or via Donald's website at: www.donaldsuniform.com.

Donald's has two locations - 972 Payne Ave., St. Paul MN 55130 and 4 Shady Oak Road, Hopkins MN 55343.

Students Wearing a Brace or Cast

If a student is wearing a brace or a cast as the result of an injury and feels that he or she is unable to wear uniform apparel because of the brace or cast, the student must see the Dean of Students or Assistant Principal to receive permission to be out of uniform. Every effort must be made to keep students in uniform even when they are wearing a brace or cast.

Used Uniforms

Academy of Holy Angels has used uniform garments including various shirts, shorts, skirts and skorts in different sizes. Stock is very limited and is dependent on donations. As such, priority will be given to students who are experiencing financial hardship. Used uniforms will be available on Friday, August 16th from 11:00am-noon following 9th Grade/Transfer Student Orientation. They will also be available by appointment the week of August 19th-23rd. Please contact Assistant Principal, Timothy Wolfgram via email at twolfgram@ahastars.org, for more information.

2024-2025 Uniform Points of Emphasis

Please maintain uniform clothing in a presentable manner. Students must wear correctly sized clothing. No ripped, cut, faded or torn items may be worn.

Other optional logo items include fleece wear, sweaters, and vests. Uniform-approved AHA athletic and activity crew-neck sweatshirts and 1/4 zip pullovers purchased through athletic or activity captains and any approved uniform sweatshirt sold in Stars Spirit store also can be worn as part of the uniform.

Please review the Uniform Policy in its entirety as found in the Student & Parent Handbook.

Some points of emphasis this year are noted below:

<u>Girls</u>	<u>Boys</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Skirts, skorts, and shorts must be no shorter than 2 inches from the top of the kneecap.● If students do not have skirts or skorts that are appropriate length, they will be required to wear navy or black leggings under the skirt or skort.● Leggings must be navy or black and must be solid in color. Cutouts and mesh are not allowed.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Shorts must be no shorter than 2 inches from the top of the kneecap● Shorts and pants cannot be rolled up.● Royal blue and black colored sweatshirts and pullovers, even purchased in the school store or ordered by a team, cannot be worn during the school day.● All shorts and pants <i>MUST</i> be Donald's brand. Under Armour, Nike, etc., and other brands are not allowed.

Students must be in uniform the entire school day. Being in uniform is wearing the appropriate attire in the appropriate manner (e.g. shirt tucked in). The uniform policy is enforced from 7:50 a.m. - 2:40 p.m., Monday through Friday. It also is in effect on field trips and other designated AHA events.

Uniform Fines

A student is fined \$10 for being out of uniform without prior permission, or they can serve a Saturday detention. This includes, but is not limited, to wearing the uniform incorrectly or not adhering to the standards of the uniform policy. Failure to serve detention results in the fine. After the third offense, Saturday detention is not an option, and all offenses receive a \$10 fine.

Boys who are not wearing Donald's brand shorts will be fined - charged to the student's account - and given proper shorts from the uniform closet. Leggings will be provided to girls whose skirts/skorts are of an inappropriate length. The cost will be charged to the student's account instead of a uniform fine.



is AHA's online learning and grades portal

Welcome back to another school year with **myAHA**. Parents and students can access student schedules for the 2024-25 school year online beginning on or about August 15, 2024.

What can I do in myAHA right now?

1. Log in

- a. Go to academyofholylangels.org/myaha or click on *myAHA* in the parent portal on the website.
- b. Enter your email address and click Next.
- c. If you are creating this account for the first time, you have the option to continue with your email (and a unique password) or use a google or apple login. If you used *myAHA* last year or for the admissions process, continue with the same credentials (password, google or apple), that you previously set up.
- d. If you've forgotten your password, request to have a link to reset it sent to you from that second screen.
- e. If you have difficulty logging in or do not remember the email you provided us, please email helpdesk@ahastars.org for help.

2. Review and submit any school forms that have been assigned to you.

- a. If it appears, click on the yellow banner at the top that says "you have x(s) forms to review" and review and submit any forms. You will have the emergency contact form to review and the Acknowledgement of AHA Medication Policy.
- b. AHA uses these electronic forms throughout the year for field trips, retreats, and other permissions as needed. Most only need one parent signature but are available to all parents until one has signed. Occasionally a form will also need a student signature and the student does that through their own *myAHA* login. It will be noted in the form if more than one signature is needed.
- c. Most forms are set up to send you email reminders as the due date approaches.

3. **Look up and update contact information on the student contact card.** Click on your student's name in the upper left hand corner once you are logged in and navigate to the Contact Card. Click on the pencil to update any information for your student. Please know that any name you put in the "preferred name" field for your student will replace their given first name on teacher rosters and other areas of the system. Only enter a name there if your child wishes that to be used instead of their given name.

4. **Update parent information.** Click on your name in the upper right hand corner and click profile. You'll see pencils next to the fields you can change.
5. **Change how you want to be notified from this system and change your privacy settings.**
 - a. Click on your name in the upper right hand corner and click settings. Then under Notifications, choose what you want to be notified about and how. If you enter your cell phone number, you can choose to be notified by text.
 - b. You will also see options for privacy settings in that area.
 - c. One notification many parents find helpful is the one for **missing assignments**. This is automatically sent when a teacher manually enters the letter M for an assignment grade.
6. **Check out the Family Directory.** On the home page, click on "Directories" then "Family Directory."
 - a. **Search for a particular person:** Type in a first or last name to see results of enrolled students and parents.
 - b. **Search by a field:** Click on "Include all fields" and then type in a city or zipcode to search by that field. *This may be helpful in setting up a carpool.*
 - c. **Print:** Click on the print icon and then another option to generate printable copies
 - d. **Limit your info:** You have control over which of your own information appears in the directories in the privacy section under settings. Note that each family member sets this info separately.
7. **See student ID number** on the student's contact card. New families will need this to set up the lunch accounts.
8. **After August 15, see first trimester student schedules** under the schedule tab after clicking on your child's name in the upper left hand corner. New students will receive their schedules on paper when they attend orientation.
9. **Get a tour of the system** by clicking on your name in the upper right hand corner, then choose "Getting started."
10. **Review other AHA-created Parent Resources** on the AHA website by clicking on parent at the top, then myAHA resources in the vertical menu.

New students log in to *myAHA* with their AHA google account and they will receive that login information on the first day of school. Email helpdesk@ahastars.org with any questions.

ACADEMY OF HOLY ANGELS

Get ready! School Picture Day is: *¡Preparate! El día de la foto escolar es:*

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 16, 2024 - NEW STUDENT
ORIENTATION**

**MONDAY, AUGUST 26, 2024 - FIRST DAY OF
SCHOOL**

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2024 - RETAKE

Picture Day To-Dos: *Tareas para el día de las fotos:*



Mark your
calendar

Marca tú calendario



Plan your
outfit

Planifica tú ropa



Do NOT
wear green

No te vistas verde



Plan your
hairstyle

Planifica tú peinado



Please don't wear green!

Our green screen technology lets you choose your background after Picture Day, but it also makes green clothes disappear into the background. So please, don't wear green on Picture Day!

¡Por favor no te vistas verde!

Nuestra tecnología de pantalla verde te permite elegir tu fondo después del día de la foto, pero también hace que la ropa verde desaparezca en el fondo. ¡Así que, por favor, no te vistas de verde el día de la fotografía!

A few days after Picture Day, you will be able to view your images online using this event code:

Unos días después del día de la fotografía, podrá ver sus imágenes en línea usando este código de evento:

FE152724

Ordering is fun and easy! *Ordenar es divertido y fácil.*



Personalize your pictures

Personaliza tus fotos



Buy prints and hi-res images

Compra impresión imágenes de alta resolución



Ships directly to your home

Se envía directamente a tu casa

More than one student? Get all your photos in one easy order.

Three or more students? SAVE 30% on your purchase!

Discount will be automatically applied at checkout; no promo code required.

¿Más de un estudiante? Obtenga todas sus fotos en un solo orden fácil.

¿Tres o más estudiantes? ¡AHORRA 30% en tu compra!

El descuento se aplicará automáticamente al finalizar la compra; no se requiere código de promoción.



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From the Transportation Dept: 2024 -2025

Busing and parking permits:

If you have not signed up for busing or a parking permit and would like to be considered for either one, you need to sign up soon. If you signed up on TADS, you do not need to sign up again. ***Please try not to sign up twice.***

Busing:

If you signed up for busing and do not get a notification of your bus stop information by August 5th, please contact us immediately. If you get information about your bus stop and you no longer require busing, please let us know as soon as possible. Thank you for your help.

The buses leave from the church lot next door at 2:50pm on a regular schedule.

Parking forms:

You can print a form for a parking permit from the AHA website. Under the Admissions section, there is a Transportation tab. Click on it and then scroll down, open the parking permit form to print it. Fill it out and return to the Transportation Dept. You can also leave the form at the lobby desk or the main office. To be put in the lottery for permits, the due date is **August 5th**. After that you will be added to the waiting list. Permits are \$185.

Please do not sign up for a parking permit if you do not yet have a license to drive.

Please send an email to scase@ahastars.org regarding either of these two topics.

Thank you

School district reimbursement for transportation costs:

Many school districts reimburse our families for some of the cost of transporting your children to and from school. Holy Angels will do everything we can to apply for reimbursement of some of your costs to transport your students; whether you provide your own transportation or you use our buses. School districts have a formula they use to calculate the amounts for refunds. Part of the formula is based on days of attendance.

Districts require a form (on AHA website under transportation) to be on file at Holy Angels. If it is not on file, they can deny reimbursing a family. Even if you filled out the form for prior years, please send a new copy for each year. The proper forms need to be filled out and filed in the appropriate place.

The exceptions: The Bloomington, Shakopee, South St Paul, Prior Lake / Savage School Districts have their own forms and want their form sent to them. If you reside in these districts, their forms should be mailed to your homes. We have also put some on our website. You will mail their forms to their address.

The school district in which you live will usually process these requests shortly after the end of each school year. Some districts send the monies directly to the families, while others send the monies to AHA. If AHA gets the check, we apply the amount to TADS accounts.

Reimbursement exceptions:

Minneapolis, Richfield, North St. Paul / Maplewood do not reimburse transportation costs. Do not worry about filling out the form and sending it to AHA. St. Paul only reimburses families that utilize the school bus option of transportation. Send form to AHA only if you ride the bus to and / or from school.

If you have questions, feel free to contact Sherry Case, Transportation Coordinator, by sending an email to scase@ahastars.org

Have a successful school year.

Parent Volunteer Opportunities

We hope this letter finds you enjoying your summer! Getting involved at AHA is fun, rewarding, and sets awesome examples for our children, and the entire community! It is also a great way to meet other parents.

The AHA Parent Association's mission supports the AHA belief that students are more successful and happier in school when they have the active support of their parents and guardians. Our group consists of five AHA parents, along with our principal, Heidi Foley, and one staff representative.

We lead, advise, and organize volunteers for most school-sponsored events. The AHA Parent Association also individually sponsors several events - all with the theme of furthering our sense of community here at AHA. These events have created wonderful traditions and memories for AHA families and could not be executed without amazing volunteers!

Be on the lookout for communication as we have volunteer committees for AHA events all throughout the year. When possible, we will utilize a user-friendly, on-line volunteer sign-up program called Signup Genius. Watch future Stars Connection emails for direct links to each volunteer opportunity.

EVENTS

Each event is in need of parents to help the co-chairs assist with set-up, check-in, decorating, and clean up. A Signup Genius link will be sent in the Stars Connection email when volunteers are needed for these events.

- Mother/Daughter Brunch – Sunday, October 27, 2024
- Mother/Son Dinner and Dance – Friday, April 4, 2025
- Father/Daughter Dinner and Dance – Saturday, April 5, 2025
- Senior Party – Sunday, June 1, 2025

OTHER EVENTS

These events do not need planning, but need volunteers to help with minor details.

A Signup Genius link will be sent in the Stars Connection email when volunteers are needed for these events.

- Homecoming Dance coat-check – Saturday, September 28, 2024
- Grandparents Day – Friday, October 4, 2024
- Fall Conferences– Staff conference hospitality – Tuesday, October 15, 2024
- Winter Conferences– Staff conference hospitality– Thursday, January 23, 2025
- Angelus Dance coat-check – Saturday, February 1, 2025

ONGOING VOLUNTEER HELP NEEDED

There are many areas of the school that need many volunteers throughout the year. If you are interested in helping, please contact the person(s) listed.

College and Career Center – Volunteers are needed to assist with College and Career Center projects and events. Please contact Mary Kelly at mkelly@ahastars.org or 612-798-2695.

Hot Lunch – Parents can choose to volunteer one or two times per month, or be a substitute volunteer. Free lunch for parent volunteers.

Contact: Tasya Martin at tasyariv@hotmail.com

Staff Appreciation Lounge – Volunteers keep the staff lounge inviting, updated, beautiful, and nurturing for the staff. Thank you to Dawn Raasch, Alison Tauer and Kim Emery.

Booster Club – This club benefits all student activities. Families are asked to participate by buying a Booster Club Activities Pass and by supporting the other Booster Club fundraisers such as the **very popular Steak Fry/Auction, which is Saturday, November 16, 2024** at Brackett's Crossing - Lakeville .

Contact: Doris Rothstein - Athletic Asst/Booster Club Liaison at drothstein@ahastars.org

General volunteer information can be obtained by contacting Molly Polding, our Volunteer Coordinator at mollypolding@yahoo.com or check out our AHA Parents Association webpage if you are interested in learning more! (Find it from the AHA homepage: Parents tab, look for AHA Parents Association, along with Parent Volunteer Opportunities)

Thanks from the AHA Parent Association,

Molly Ryan, *president*

Molly Polding, *volunteer coordinator*

Becky Egan, *treasurer*

Heidi Foley, *principal*

Sarah Hauer, *communications coordinator*

Julie Keegstra, *secretary*

2024-2025 AHA BOOSTER CLUB

Annual Booster Club Activities Pass Application

THE AHA BOOSTER CLUB PROVIDES FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR ALL AHA ATHLETICS AND ACTIVITIES THROUGH THE SALES OF BOOSTER CLUB ACTIVITIES PASSES AND THE ANNUAL STEAK FRY.

WHAT A PASS GIVES YOU

- ADMISSION TO ALL HOME ATHLETIC & FINE ARTS EVENTS (EXCLUDING HOCKEY)
- **AHA STUDENT PASS ONLY** - ADMISSION TO ALL HOME EVENTS INCLUDING HOCKEY
- **MINNESOTA STATE HIGH SCHOOL LEAGUE TOURNAMENTS EXCLUDED FROM ALL PASSES**

PURCHASE OPTIONS

- EXTENDED FAMILY PASS- PARENTS, GRANDPARENTS, CHILDREN THROUGH COLLEGE....\$190
- FAMILY PASS – PARENTS AND CHILDREN THROUGH HIGH SCHOOL\$140
- SINGLE PASS – INDIVIDUAL ADULT..... \$60
- SINGLE PASS - AHA STUDENT \$30
- SINGLE PARENT FAMILY PASS \$90

HOW TO BUY A PASS

MAIL: COMPLETE THE FORM BELOW, INCLUDE A CHECK PAYABLE TO AHA BOOSTER CLUB AND MAIL TO: AHA BOOSTER CLUB/ACADEMY OF HOLY ANGELS, 6600 NICOLLET AVENUE SO. RICHFIELD, MN 55423

ONLINE: GO TO: www.academyofholyanfels.org/boosterclubpass

AHA STUDENTS ARE NOT ISSUED PASSES. THE STUDENT'S ID WILL BE STAMPED AT THE SCHOOL STORE. PURCHASED PASSES FOR ALL OTHERS WILL BE MAILED TO YOUR HOME ADDRESS

QUESTIONS: CONTACT DORIS ROTHSTEIN drothstein@ahastars.org or 612.798-2672

-----TEAR OFF HERE-----PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY -----

OPTION (circle): FAMILY EXTENDED FAMILY SINGLE PARENT FAMILY ADULT AHA STUDENT

FAMILY LAST NAME: _____ HOME PHONE: _____

AHA STUDENT FIRST NAMES/GRADE: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____ CITY: _____ ZIP: _____

FIRST AND LAST NAME(S) OF OTHER PASS HOLDER(S) (please print legibly)

ADULT _____	CHILD _____	GRADE _____
ADULT _____	CHILD _____	GRADE _____
GRANDPARENTS _____	CHILD _____	GRADE _____
GRANDPARENTS _____	CHILD _____	GRADE _____
_____	_____	_____

* Children younger than Grade 6 will not be issued a pass but will be admitted with a parent. Please list children so that we may include them on the master pass list.



Fall Sports Begin on August 12th

Three items must be completed prior to participating in AHA athletics:

1 - **Register** at academyofholylangels.org - Click on Athletics and Activities.

2 - **Physicals** must be up to date. Physicals are valid for 3 years. Physicals can be uploaded directly to the online registration. If you are not sure of the most recent physical date on file, please email Jacque Lacy - jlacy@ahastars.org

3 - **Baseline concussion testing** must be completed every two years. If you aren't sure if your son/daughter needs an updated concussion test, please email the athletic trainer, Peter Hoffer - peter.hoffer@tria.com

Concussion test dates are: August 1st, 6th, and 9th

Tests are at 9:00 am on each day except August 9th at 1:00 PM. Testing lasts approximately 45 minutes. The school will provide chromebooks for testing. Testing is at AHA in room 2490

***Girls Swimming & Diving:** Contact Richfield Athletic Department - athletics@rpsmn.org for more information regarding registration.

Team & Fan Apparel Code:



Important Athletic Department Notes:

- Trimetro.org - official schedule of all AHA athletics
- Attendance Policy - students must be at school by 10am to be eligible for practices or games.
- MSHSL - the governing body for league sponsored sports and activities. You are responsible for knowing the rules and guidelines - **MSHSL.ORG**
- Acts of Kindness (AOK). If your family needs assistance to pay for Team Fees, contact Tim Wolfgram, Asst. Principal, for information regarding our AOK fund.
- Weight Room is open after school from 3:00pm - 4:30pm for ALL AHA students
- Cheer for our team, be respectful of opponents, opposing fans and especially the officials! **Show the AHA Way at all times!**

Stars Spirit

Back to School Sale!

25% off

Uniform Sweatshirts * Hooded Sweatshirts
Fleece ¼ Zip Jackets * ¼ Zip Jackets
Sweatpants * Joggers * T-Shirts
Polo Shirts * Novelty Tops

Sale Hours : 8am - Noon

August 15

August 16(9th Grade Orientation)

August 19 * August 21 *August 22

Check out our clearance rack
50% off and more!

NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION AUGUST 16 9-11 AM



Welcome to AHA! We're looking forward to the start of our new school year and Orientation is an important first step to understanding the AHA Way, to make friends, and to become familiar with our policies and procedures.

Friday, August 16 - 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM (Students Only)

The morning will student photos, ID/print cards, finger imaging for lunch accounts, hearing from Guidance about Trimester 1 schedules, locker assignments, tours, introducing important people to know, and AHA 101.

Students will also hear about activities, athletics, and ways they can be involved. Our senior Campus Ministry Team members, who mentor our 9th graders, will lead them through many of these activities.

Frequently Asked Questions

Is there a supply list for the school year?

- No. your child should bring a pen, notebook, and folder on the first day of school. Teachers will explain what supplies will be necessary on the first day.

When will my student receive their Chromebook?

- On the first day of school, Monday August 26, students will receive Chromebooks, passwords, and technology training.

What about Summer Reading Requirements?

- AHA has reading requirements for all students, which vary by grade and class. If you haven't already done so, please go to our website, and under Quick Links, *click the Summer Reading link*. There will be required study guides to complete as well.

Transportation Questions

- AHA owns a fleet of buses that bus to 14 different cities. We try to make the routes as convenient to your home as possible. If you'd like to sign up for the bus or have questions, please contact Sherry Case, scase@ahastars.org or 612-798-2631
- If you are interested in contacting other AHA parents in your area about possible carpooling, log into **myAHA** and use the Family Directory to search for your zip code or city.

Upcoming Fall Family Events

Back-to-School Night	Wednesday September 4, 6:30 PM
STARS Are Out Tonight & Ninth Grade Parent Mixer	Friday September 27, 5:00-7:00 PM
Grandparents Day	Friday October 4

Who should I contact if I have other questions?

Dan Keller	Director of Admissions	612-798-0764	dkeller@ahastars.org
Joe Berg	Admissions Associate	612-798-2624	jberg@ahastars.org
Sarah Taffe	Guidance Chair (Last name A-L)	612-798-2654	staffe@ahastars.org
Jake Schuman	Guidance (Last name M-Z)	612-798-2638	jschuman@ahastars.org
Carolyn Arnebeck	Athletic Director	612-798-2635	carnebeck@ahastars.org
Tim Wolfgram	Assistant Principal	612-798-2641	twolfgram@ahastars.org
Jacque Lacy	Activities Director	612-798-2610	jlacy@ahastars.org
Heidi Foley	Principal	612-798-2682	hfoley@ahastars.org
David Devine	Chief Financial Officer	612-798-2655	ddevine@ahastars.org
Nancy Cullen	Student Accounts	612-798-2615	ncullen@ahastars.org
Sherry Case	Transportation Coordinator	612-798-2631	scase@ahastars.org

Immunizations: Please bring an updated immunization record for your student's health record to orientation