

Angels Reach Monthly Newsletter

#1: February 2021

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IMPORTANT Upcoming Dates

February

- 11th: Virtual Valentine's Day Party
- 12th: School/Clinic Planning Day - school & clinic closed
- 14th: Valentine's Day
- 15th: Presidents' Day - school & clinic closed

March

- 14th: Daylight Saving Time starts
 - 26th: School/Clinic Planning Day - school & clinic closed
 - 29th: Spring Break begins* (back to school on 5th April)
- * therapy will be available during Spring Break (must be pre-arranged)

Useful Links

All our social and online media can be viewed on Link Tree:
<https://linktr.ee/AngelsReach>
or use the QR code.



Students and Staff Birthdays in February

Happy birthday to the following students:

- Bryan Z. turns 15 on 15th Feb.
- Antonio F. turns 13 on 14th Feb.
- Miranda T. turns 11 on 18th Feb.
- Marcus H. turns 7 on 24th Feb.

Happy birthday to the following staff:

- Aaliyah: 25th Feb



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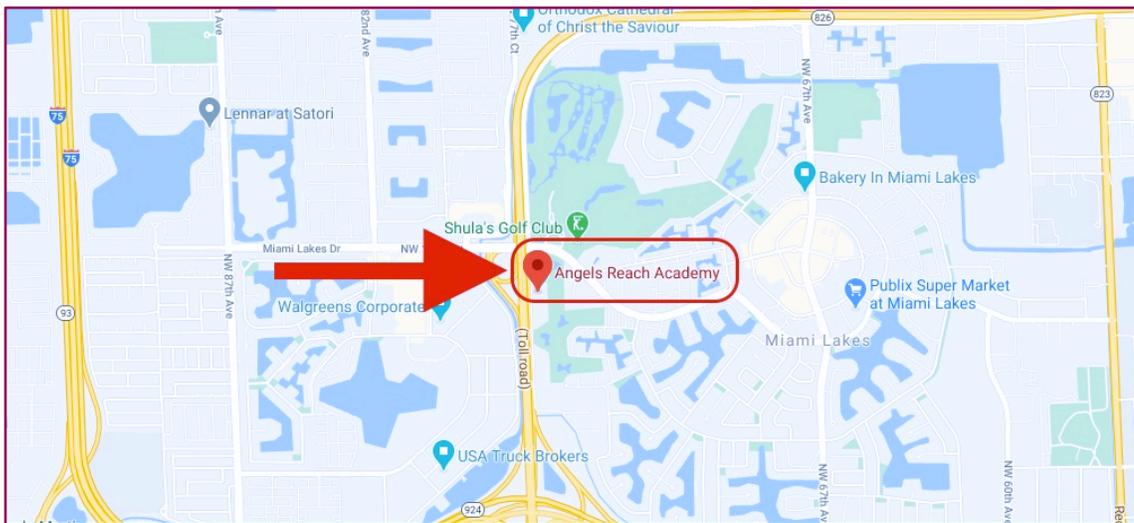
Home Sweet Home! 🏠



Photo: Angels Reach's new home - the White House.

On Monday November 4th, 2020, we officially moved into our new home, the White House of Miami Lakes. If you look carefully at the design of the building, particularly the windows, you'll notice that the architects took great care to replicate the design of the better-known White House. Do you know in what year construction began on the White House in Washington D.C.?

If you haven't visited our new location yet, please come by during work hours and we'll be happy to take you on a tour.



We are located at:
15165 NW 77th Ave
Miami Lakes
FL, 33014

Use this link, <https://goo.gl/maps/HMo4PgbLVT4fGeh96> for directions on Google Maps.

“Your School, Your Way”

Our completely customized school permits parents to choose how their child receives his/her education. You can choose to send your child to school for as many days per week as you prefer or for the whole week from Monday to Friday, for the entire day (8am to 3pm), just the morning (8am to 12.15pm), or just the afternoon (12.30pm to 3pm).

Please note that if your child is coming to school for just the morning or afternoon, he/she will be expected to take virtual lessons when he/she is at home.

IMPORTANT

If you want your child to take some or all of his/her classes at school, please contact the Principal, Martin Slater, so we can be fully prepared to receive your child.

What to Send to School with your Child?

For those of you who are sending your child(ren) to school

- please submit our health screening form (shorturl.at/uBHL7) prior to your arrival at the school every day
- all children are required to wear a face mask while in the school
- your child must bring a working laptop or tablet (not an Amazon Fire tablet)
- don't forget to send the laptop/tablet charger
- headphones are recommended
- don't forget to send drinks, snacks and lunch



What we do to minimize (COVID) risks at school?

Out of an abundance of caution to protect our students, teachers and staff during the COVID-19 Pandemic, Angels Reach has developed policies and protocols which not only meet but exceed both CDC and Florida Department of Health guidelines, which include:

- students only share a room with one or a maximum of two other students.
- student desks are at least 6 feet apart.
- all students and teachers are required to wear a mask at all times, except while eating or drinking.
- everything used/occupied during the school day is cleaned and sanitized at the end of every day or prior to the usage of a different student or staff.
- hand sanitizer dispensers are located at the entrance of each classroom – students are encouraged to use hand sanitizer every time they enter their classroom.

February School Calendar 



FEBRUARY 2021



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	01 A	Groundhog Day 02  B	03 A	04 B	05 A	06
07 	08 Boy Scout Day B	09  Pizza Day A	10 B	11 National Inventors Day  A	12 Chinese New Year of the OX  B	13 School/Clinic Closed Teacher Planning Day 
14 Valentine's Day 	15 Presidents' Day School/Clinic Closed  B	16  B	17 Random Acts of Kindness Day  A	18 B	19 A	20 Love Your Pet Day 
21	22 B 	23 A	24 Natl Tortilla Chip Day...pass the salsa!  B	25 A	26 Tell a Fairy Tale Day  B	27
28 National Chili Day...yuuuummm!! 						

Don't forget that we have a
Teen Social every Thursday
from 3.00pm to 4.30pm.



We will meet safely, outdoors, socially
distanced, and include free pizza!

Go to the Angels Reach Academy Band for
more details.



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K-2 News 

Our K-2 teacher, **Miss Samantha**, is now teaching from the school (White House). Her current classroom is made up of small, separated rooms which are ideal for keeping her students socially distanced.



Our 3-5 Para, **Miss Alyssa**, is now also working from the school, and has a similar set up as the Miss Samantha's K-2 room.



We are preparing a more permanent room on the second floor for all our K-5 students. This room will have transparent acrylic divisions which will enable us to keep our students adequately socially distanced and will allow all in-school students to see their teacher/para and vice-versa.

*If you have a child in Grades K to 5
and would like to have him/her take all
or just some of his/her classes at school,
please call us to arrange a schedule that suits you and your child.*



We Need Your Help: City Council Email/Video Campaign



We urgently need the help of not only all our families and staff, but also our local communities!!!



Needs You!



We are in the process of preparing for a very, very, very important presentation to the council members of the city of Miami Lakes. We need to meet all the city council's requirements and present a phenomenally strong support team to them. They must have documentation proving beyond the shadow of a doubt that Angels Reach is a "must have" in Miami Lakes.

This is where you come in!

We need to flood each of the council member's emails starting now and over the next couple of months with messages from all of our parents, our staff, our neighbors, your friends, family, and all contacts. These messages must let the council member know how you are connected to Angels Reach or Miami Lakes, and

clearly state that you strongly support the full establishment of all our services in our building in Miami Lakes. If possible, if your email can also contain a very brief (less than 3 minutes) home-made video recording of you expressing your support for Angels Reach and all we have been doing to benefit children of all ages and functionalities for nearly two decades, that would be phenomenal as we have been advised that video messages carry special weight.

Please help us make the White House our forever home!

For more details including a sample letter and to whom to send your email, use this link

<https://band.us/band/79815353/attachment/files>

to Attachments in Angels Reach Academy Band and open the pdf document named "Miami Lakes email video campaign".

Thank you!

We have a great surprise in store for the students!

Angels Reach will be setting up a dedicated Oculus Rift Virtual Reality room and a separate Xbox room for our students by the end of March.



Students can earn coupons (for perfect attendance, improvement in their grades, etc.) which they can use to book the virtual reality room. Students will be able to choose from a selection of both VR (normal), non-VR video games and Xbox games.

We will provide more details in next month's newsletter.

Tech Tips!

If you own a laptop or tablet:

- With the laptop/tablet turned off, clean the screen and keyboard with moist microfiber towel or cloth.
- Unplug the charger when your laptop/tablet is fully charged and only recharge it when the battery is dead or on very low charge. This will extend the life of the battery.
- Restart your laptop/tablet once a day or at least once every two or three days.



Class Schedules

Schedules for Wings, K-2, 3-5 and Groups 1, 2, 3 and 4 are available online.

Click on this link:

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1IJ_xOXDMOCUkwoPKUU8APQds0B8YToywEWS6bzS0evE/edit#gid=172085504 and then click on the relevant tab at the bottom of the screen to see the links to all your child's Google Classrooms and Google Meets.



Band – School Communication with Parents

What is Band? Band is a **free communication app** available on both:

Google Play: (https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.nhn.android.band&hl=en_US&gl=US0)

and the (Apple) App Store: <https://apps.apple.com/us/app/band-app-for-all-groups/id542613198>

and is also accessible on any browser (<https://band.us/>). Angels Reach Academy uses Band to communicate updates, news, notices, classroom schedule changes, etc. 85% of Angels Reach parents use Band – we'd like 100% of our parents to use Band!

By subscribing to Band, you:

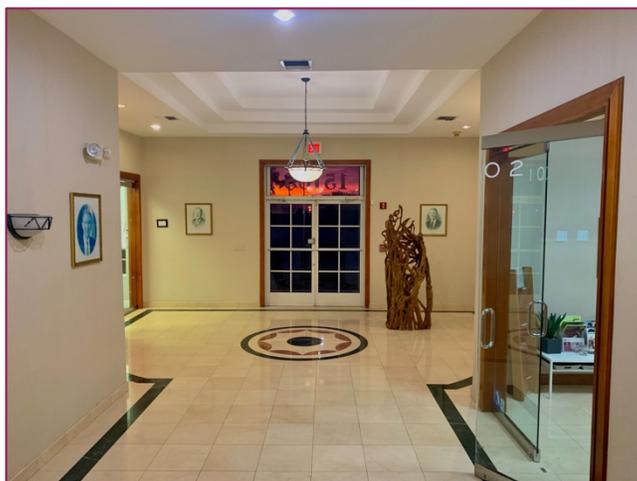


- will receive important notifications from the school
- have access to the school calendar and events
- can chat privately with school administrators, teachers & other parents
- can post a question or a comment and comment on someone else's post
- will have access to our upcoming Parent Newsletter

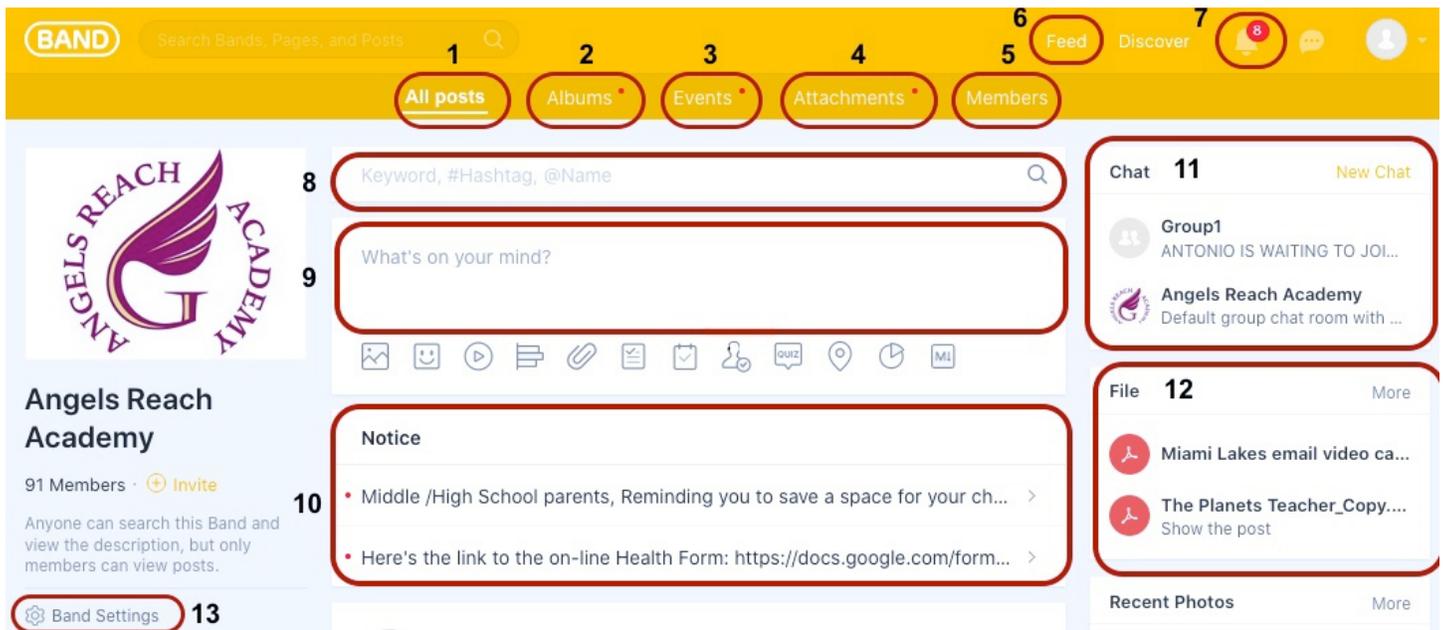
To subscribe to the Angels Reach Academy Band, please click on the Angels Reach logo or click on this link, <https://band.us/n/a8aa49Paa0Cch>, and follow the on-screen instructions.



If you have any questions or need any help, please contact the school.



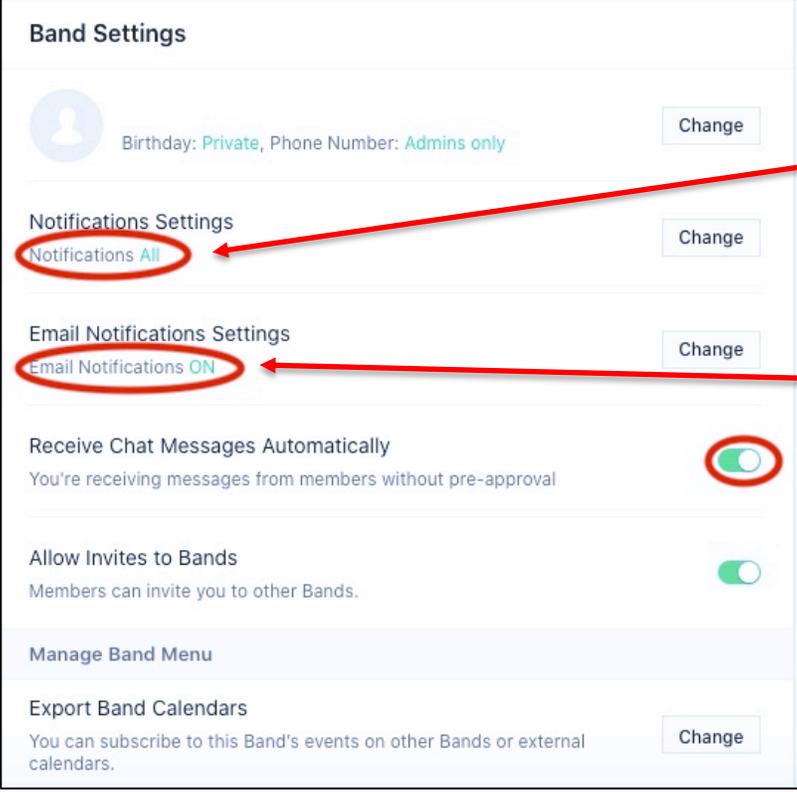
How to Use Band



1. Click on [All Posts](#) to see all posts. Scroll down to see older posts.
2. Click on [Albums](#) to see previously posted photos and images.
3. Click on [Events](#) to see the Angels Reach calendar.
4. Click on [Attachments](#) to see documents, polls, etc.
5. Click on [Members](#) to see other members
6. Click on [Feed](#) to see the latest posts
7. Click on the [Bell](#) to see unread notifications
8. [To search for a post](#), type in a keyword, #hashtag or a member's name using @ first.
9. [To post on Band](#), enter your text in this box and then press Return or Enter.
10. [Notices in this section](#) have bin pinned to the top and may require your attention.
11. [The Chat section](#) will show the most recent public chats.
12. [The File section](#) shows the most recently posted files
13. You can change your personal settings in [Band Settings](#).

Band Settings

We recommend the following settings on Band:



The screenshot shows the 'Band Settings' page. At the top, there is a profile section with a 'Change' button. Below that is the 'Notifications Settings' section, where 'Notifications All' is circled in red. A red arrow points from this circled text to a callout box on the right. Underneath is the 'Email Notifications Settings' section, where 'Email Notifications ON' is circled in red. A second red arrow points from this circled text to another callout box on the right. Further down, there are three toggle switches: 'Receive Chat Messages Automatically' (checked), 'Allow Invites to Bands' (checked), and 'Export Band Calendars' (unchecked). Each toggle switch is also circled in red.

These notifications will only appear in the Band app

We highly recommend receiving notifications by email

Coming soon – details will be posted on Band 

Virtual Coffee Chat  

Volunteer Service Hours 

We hope you enjoyed our first Parent Newsletter!

Post your comments and suggestions for the March edition on Band.

Thank you!