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Parent newsletter of Holy Guardian Angels Regional School

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October 19-23– Bread of Life Food Drive

October 21– Sports Dress Down Day

October 27– Picture Retake Day

October 28 - 8th Gr Visit to Albright College

October 29- Trick-or-Trunk 5-7 PM

October 30 - All Saints Mass - 9:00 AM

November 1- All Saints Day

CYO Kitchen Kapers - 1:30 PM

November 3 - :Early Dismissal 1:00 PM Gr. K-8

11:30 AM Preschool

November 6 - 2nd Quarter Begins

Talent Show 7:00 PM

November 13 - Report Cards Issued

Veteran’s Mass 9:00 AM

November 14 - All Souls Remembrance Service

9:00 AM School Gym

November 16-20– St. Joseph’s Food Drive

November 16-19 - Parent/Teacher Conferences

November 23 - Gr 3 & 4 Thanksgiving Feast

November 25-30 - NO SCHOOL

Thanksgiving Observance

December 4 - St. Nick Day

December 5 - Parish Bazaar

Evergreen Pick-up

December 6-11 - Santa Shoppe

December 12 - Happy Birthday Baby Jesus

December 22 - Noon Dismissal

December 23-January 1 - NO SCHOOL

(Christmas Observance)

The Papal Visit - Memorable Moments

From the moment he stepped foot in the United States, Pope Francis captured the nation's attention. Whether it was his bold statements about family life or the car he traveled in, the Pope's first trip to the U.S. was filled with meaning. Many HGA families were glued to their televisions and a few were fortunate enough to spend a day or two at the World Meeting of Families and catch a glimpse of the “peoples pope”.



What will you remember about his visit?

- His arrival in Washington, DC
- Papal Parade along the National Mall
- Mass of Canonization of Junipero Serra
- His address to Joint Meeting of US Congress
- Evening Vespers at St. Patrick’s Cathedral
- Multi-religious service at 9/11 Memorial
- Procession through Central Park
- Mass at Madison Square Garden and Cathedral Basilica of Sts. Peter and Paul
- Festival of Families
- His arrival at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary
- Visit to Curran-Fromhold Correctional Facility
- Visit with organizers, volunteers and benefactors of the World Meeting of Families

Regardless of what you take away from His visit, for a few days, the world seemed quieter, more compassionate and peaceful. A t-shirt spotted through the crowd sums it up, “The Pope of Hope!”.



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Message from the Principal

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Holy Guardian Angels Regional School, as part of the Diocese of Allentown system of schools, is currently in the process of applying for Middle States Accreditation. Accreditation is a voluntary process which will enable us to take a close look at the programs we offer and look for ways to strengthen and sustain the quality and integrity of our school. Once the school completes the self-study this year an accreditation team visits next fall, and a determination will be made regarding our ability to meet the needs of our students.

The school is currently examining school programs, student achievement, faculty, facilities, student services, and finances. Parents, staff, and stakeholders will be asked to give feedback on how they see our school. We have no doubt that Holy Guardian Angels Regional School will be found worthy of parental and community confidence.

The school has held a steady enrollment over the past five years. Graduates of HGA School continue to live our mission of loving God, self, and others through community service, academic achievements, and parent involvement. Academics prepare our students to become life-long learners. We educate the whole child. We teach our students to live as Jesus taught us; to treat all people with respect and to become active participants in their faith community.

A dedicated staff and strong parent group provide our students with a variety of opportunities to supplement the curriculum: Science Explorers, Chess Club, Book Club, Empowerment Club, and so many more.

At Holy Guardian Angels Regional School, we use the theme for Catholic School's Week – Faith, Knowledge, and Service as the template for our success.

Yours in Christ,

Mrs. Maureen Wallin
Principal

Estimado Padres

Para los padres que hablan en Español y necesita comunicarse con la oficina, por favor llamas a la oficina al 610'929'4124 y dejes un mensaje. Habrá un interprete disponible el Martes, Miercoles y el Jueves. También puedes enviar una nota en Español para la maestra y Sra. Losada le responderá a su solicitud lo mas pronto posible.



Religious Ed Corner

Confirmation News:

Congratulations to all the students from Holy Guardian Angels and St. Joseph Parishes who received their Confirmation on **October 14, 2015**. May the Holy Spirit continue to fill your hearts with the power of His seven wonderful gifts.



Confirmation Class for 2016:

Parent meeting will take place on **Sunday, October 25, 2015 at 6:00 PM** in the school library.



First Penance News:

First Penance parent meeting will take place on **Sunday, November 14, 2015 at 6:00 PM** in the school library.

Upcoming Events:

November 13, 2015 ~ Veteran's Mass ~

This Mass will be in honor of all our active and deceased veterans. The Mass will begin at 9:00 AM. All veterans are invited to attend this wonderful celebration. Please keep your eyes open for a flyer with more information that will be in your communication folder.



November 14, 2015 ~ All Souls Remembrance Service ~

All of our school families are invited to this "multi-religious" prayer service. At this service we will take time to remember all of those who have gone before us within our school-wide families. More information will be sent home in the communication folder.

Preschool

First Field Trip

Lined up and excited to board the school bus, our Preschoolers prepared for their first field trip to St. Joseph's Hospital for a health fair. At the hospital they were greeted by mascots and rotated from room-to-room learning about stranger awareness, fire safety, the proper way to brush teeth and wash hands. Rosie the Dog taught the children how to behave around dogs who may be sleeping or eating.



Everyone received goodie bags containing books, toothbrushes, and much more!

In compliance with the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA) in inspection for asbestos containing building materials was performed at each of the schools within the Diocese of Allentown. A copy of the inspection reports are on file in each school's administrative office for your review any time during normal school hours. In the event you have any questions or concerns, please contact the school's Principal or the Diocesan Asbestos Coordinator.



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Walk-a-thon 2015

The Tradition Continues

The threat of a hurricane didn't stop us from celebrating HGA. The Walk-a-thon, HGA's annual celebration of Catholic education once again proved to be a day of prayer, fellowship, delicious food, and (thankfully) beautiful weather.

Over 150 students brought their family and friends to our campus for a 2.5 mile walk through Gethsemane Cemetery, around Sacred Heart Villa, and back to HGA School. A special thank you to Father Kravatz for leading us in prayer recognizing the Right For Life.

Thank you to all the route monitors and first aide volunteers who kept our walkers safe, traffic flowing smoothly, and the route free from trash.

This year's International Kitchen was a huge success! Donated trays of delicious multi-cultural dishes kept everyone's appetite satisfied and all leftovers were packed up and sold at our first "potluck" the next day. Thank you for all your support!

We'd like to thank *Tons of Fun Shows*, *Mr. Softee* and *Sammy's Steak & French Fries* for providing some sweet and tasty items to our menu.

Our Walk-a-thon total to date is \$23,406.24. We are grateful to all those families who mailed or emailed sponsor letters. Donations continue to come in daily. Be sure to check the Walk-a-thon page on the HGA Website to keep track of our progress and view a few snapshots of the day.

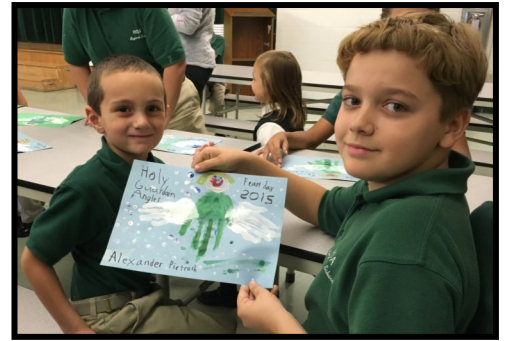
Although the "walk" is only one day out of the year, the spirit of community and family that Walk-a-thon embodies echoes through the halls of our school all year long.



Kindergarten



Kindergarten A celebrated Pope Francis' visit to Philadelphia on September 29th by creating their own papal hats and personalized pectoral crosses. The children decorated the crosses to mirror Pope Francis' humble message and personality. Kindergarten and their fifth grade buddies celebrated the feast day of the Holy Guardian Angels through a bonding and creative artistic experience. Fifth graders in 5A combined their hand prints



with KA to make an angel in celebration of our beloved school's feast day. The children also enjoyed an angel food snack. It was a "sweet" bonding experience.



Kindergarten B is off to a great start! We are working hard, making new friends, and learning a lot about God and His world. Here is what some of the KB students had to say. . .

I like making new friends... Nina

I like learning my numbers... Maya

I like learning about big words... Raleigh

I like gym, we get a good workout... Peter

I like this school... Victor Emmanuel

I like using the computer in our room... Lynden

I like learning about the letter T... Tiana

I like to have fun and learn... Collin

I like eating here... Savannah

I like using puzzles with my friends... McKenna

I like library, music, gym, art class and computer... Vincent

I like going to church with my 5th grade friend... Kaida

I like riding the school bus to our field trip... Katrielisse

I like learning about the Pope & watching him on TV... Madison

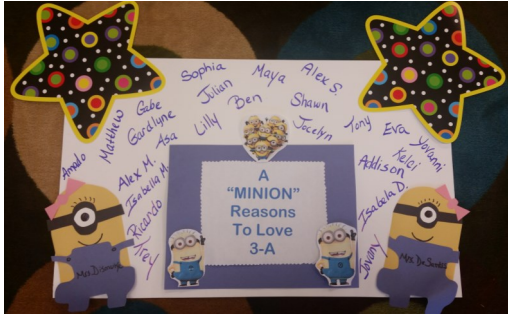


The children are excited and happy to be here. Mrs. Katella and Mrs. Blatt enjoy seeing them learn and growing every day. They are truly a blessing!

Third Grade

Great Beginnings in 3A

We got off to a great start in 3A. With Minions to entertain us, we set out for a year we hope will be full of adventure and surprises.



We enjoyed the Walk-a-thon and all the fun that comes with it. Fun Day was enjoyed by all!

Now the leaves are quickly changing to beautiful shades of red and gold, and there is a



slight chill in the air. As we begin this wonderful season, we are reminded of the beauty that is all around us. In religion, we are learning about the rosary as a sacramental. We are studying the Mysteries of this month as we honor Mary. The children are discovering a deeper understanding of the meaning behind the words we use when we pray the rosary.

In math, we are busy learning those multiplication facts! Practice is the key. Our current reading story brings us into the world of bats, perfect for Halloween. We will be learning many new facts about these mysterious creatures.

The children completed their first third grade project as we learned all about maps and direction. Come see their Compass Rose projects. Great Job 3A - you are headed in the right direction!

3B - We Are Family

The students of 3B have been working really hard across the curriculum since September. During religion classes, we have been discussing and focusing on what it means to be a family, and living out Jesus' mission here on Earth.



Our math classes have consisted of learning our multiplication tables and acquiring problem solving strategies using our math-time journals. Moving into reading class, the students have been reading a variety of different genres from their readers and making connections on how the week's story impacts their lives. Lastly, throughout social studies class, we focused on what it meant to be a responsible citizen. Also in honor of September 11th, we

as a class made a quilt reminding ourselves what our country stands for and that we are



united together! The students continue to brighten each day and work together as a family!

Fourth Grade

Fall is Fantastic in Fourth Grade

The fourth grade classes have been busy since school began and we are settling into our groove! We have been learning about cells and simple and complex organisms in science and about maps and geography in social studies. We've written "Monstrously" good limericks in 4B and we're earning our "Oh Yeahs?" in 4A. This month, we are going to visit the Oley Turnpike Dairy for their Fall Fest. We are looking forward to the hayride and to wandering through the corn maze.



HGA is holding A Trick-or-Trunk Event

Thursday, October 29th
5:00-7:00 PM
HGA School Parking Lot



Sign-up to join us for a night of Halloween Fun!!

Annual Fund Sponsors

Thank you to HGA's sponsors of this year's Annual Fund. Their names appeared on our 2015 Fun Day t-shirts. Their support is greatly appreciated.

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Sixth Grade

Sixth grade is off to a great start! We got to know each other's families during the World Meeting of Families. We wrote essays describing the most important activities each family does together. We saw a few videos of the Pope's visit to America and felt the excitement of the weekend. Two of our families joined in the celebration in Philadelphia and the students shared their experience with their classmates. Mrs. Lee's class - 6A has completed two service projects already; one with 3A and one alone. Both classes made thank you cards and posters for police officers in remembrance of 9/11. The students in 6A also made doves, cards, and said prayers for the Confirmation candidates.

After a busy first quarter, we are looking forward to our Science Day at Berks Catholic on November 5th.

A Few Words from Mr. Dowd



The students have been hard at work in religion class learning about the New Testament. Recently they were studying the geography and government of Palestine of when Jesus was alive.

Later the classes will be studying the life of Jesus. Adoration and Mass are very fruitful parts of our week. The students are hard at work thinking about the *Stand Up For Life* projects which are due later this month. In the near future, the students will begin working on the CYO Religion Award.

Confusion plagued the 7th graders at the beginning of the year. With a lot of reviewing of physical geography and astronomy, the students were worried that they were getting two science classes!! I had to explain that these topics were essential to their understanding of where you are on the planet, solar system, and universe. Current events have been handed in and I am enjoying what the students chose for their assignments.

The big question in 8th grade is, "When will we start learning American History?" The answer, "Before we learn about the United States, we have to review the circumstances of our nation's creation." The students have been reviewing geographical terms and ancient histories.



Current events from the classes show the mature writing one would expect from an 8th grader.

I am very excited to continue my first year at Holy Guardian Angels Regional School. I can't wait to see what the rest of the year has in store!

Eighth Grade

Our eighth grade students and their first grade partners celebrated a very special event here at HGA on October 2, the Feast of the Holy Guardian Angels. The students sang a song “Angel of God” which they learned in music class from



Mrs. Siatkowski. Then, the 8th graders assisted the younger students in making beaded angel necklaces. The first graders made two necklaces; one to take home and one to give

potential students who visit HGA for a tour or shadow day. The first graders also colored a picture of a guardian angel helping children cross a bridge. Finally, all the students enjoyed a tasty treat of angel food cake. Special thanks to the first grade parents who donated this yummy snack. A wonderful time was had by both grades. The two grades will reunite to celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe in December.



Global Collaboration Meets Hispanic Heritage Month

Sometimes, timing is everything. . . For example, September 17 marked Global Collaboration Day and Hispanic Heritage Month was celebrated from September 15 - October 15; so it seemed like the perfect time for our first grade students to globally collaborate with students from Argentina. That’s exactly what happened on the afternoon of September 17.

Our first grade students, as well as students from other classes across the United States, joined together via Google Hangout, led by fifth grade students



from Colegio Newlands, in Arrogúe, Buenos Aires, Argentina. It was an after-

noon filled with bilingual communication, storytelling, and a lesson in the tradition of yerba mate. Through this “Storytelling at a Distance” experience, our students listened to the Argentinian students speak in both English and Spanish as they conveyed the legend of yerba mate, an important part of their culture. As a part of the video chat, the fifth graders then demonstrated how to make a traditional beverage from the ground up leaves of the yerba mate plant.

The students from the United States were then given the opportunity to ask any questions they had for the students



from Argentina. Questions were asked and answered in both English and Spanish and ranged from specific questions about the yerba mate drink to questions about the students themselves. Our own Morgan in IB even had a moment on camera when

she asked the students how many kids were in their class!

It was a wonderful experience for all - connecting continents, cultures, languages, students, and teachers through technology and storytelling.

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Our Mission Statement

We, the community of Holy Guardian Angels Regional School, recognize that our primary mission is to develop and promote a Christian student focused on loving and serving God, self, and others. We strive to achieve high academic standards in an environment which embodies diversity and creativity in order to nurture open-minded, faith-filled individuals who positively and responsibly contribute to their community.



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Guardian Angels Gift Certificate Program - GAGC October/November



- ◇ We are a little over four months into the program year and statements of tuition credit were recently issued. As of September 30, 2015, \$4,549.70 in tuition credit has been raked in! How much did your family earn? Tuition credit updates are issued in summary form, however, if at any time during the school year you would like to know your tuition credit amount, or would like to see a detailed statement showing your individual purchases, please contact Tricia Christ at tac317@ptd.net.
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