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Parent newsletter of Holy Guardian Angels Regional School

D a t e s t o R e m e m b e r

May 26 - 29 - EXAMS

May 30— Sports Banquet & Dance (Gr. 6-8)

May 31 - Mother & Son Baseball Game

June 1 - 8th Grade Retreat

Music on the Move Concert 6:30 PM

June 3 - Field Day - Noon Dismissal

June 4 - Noon Dismissal

Eighth Grade Graduation

Mass - 6:00 PM / Dinner - 7:30 PM

June 5 - Mass 9:00 AM

Dismissal 10:30 AM

HGA Day at Schell's - 10:30 AM-5:00 PM

June 15 - 19 - Vacation Bible School

June 21 - HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

June 22 - 26 - Fun & Fitness Camp

July 6 - 17 - Drama Camp

July 20 - 24 - Culinary Camp



Saying Goodbye, Thank You - God Bless You!

It is with mixed emotions that we say farewell to Mrs. McCartin and Mrs. Lucchese who will be retiring after 30 years and 28 years of teaching at Holy Guardian Angels Regional School. We thank both of them for the many years of service they have given and for the long term contributions they have made in their daily tasks, in their loyalty to our students and staff, and in their sharing of their experience and wisdom with others. They have forever made a difference and touched the lives of so many individuals. We are appreciative

of their hard work and dedication. They have adapted to the many changes that have occurred over the years and have made sacrifices of their personal time when the job demanded it. They have been a mentor and friend to their fellow colleagues and have worked faithfully despite their own personal obligations, joys, and challenges.

We pray for continued blessings on them during this next phase of their life. May Christ's presence be with them as they choose new paths and explore new horizons. May they be blessed and surrounded with family and friends to enjoy the journey that lies ahead. Keep them strong in mind, body, and spirit.

Today, we leave them with this blessing from the book of Matthew: ***"Well done, good and faithful servant!" Come and share your master's happiness.*** (Matthew 25)

Love,

Mrs. Maureen Wallin and the entire HGA School Community





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Message from the Principal

Dear Parents/Guardians,

It is hard to believe how quickly the school year has passed. I would like to thank you for your faith, trust, and commitment to the mission of Holy Guardian Angels Regional School. It is your belief in the Catholic educational values that help us to sustain our school. We respect the sacrifices each family makes to send their child to HGA, and we will continue to put your child into everything we do. This was a very busy year and you, as partners in education, played a great role in making it a success.

Although it is a hectic time of year, it is the time when I most realize how blessed we all are to be a part of the ministry of HGA. Parents and teachers commit their energy every day toward creating a nurturing environment in which children can thrive!

We wish our eighth grade students all the best as they journey on to new places. Eighth grade graduation is a time of celebration and reflection on the impact a faith-based education has made on each student:

- ◆ a believer formed in the faith
- ◆ an effective communicator
- ◆ a reflective and creative thinker
- ◆ a self-directed, responsible life-long learner
- ◆ a collaborative contributor to society
- ◆ a responsible citizen

In closing, I want to take this opportunity to congratulate all students of HGA! I wish you all a very happy, safe, and enjoyable summer. Please be sure to take time to talk, play, and pray together. I look forward to seeing you all in August. I will keep all of you in my prayers.

Yours in Christ,

Mrs. Maureen Wallin

Principal

We Are the ProLife Generation

Last month, the Prolife Club invited speaker Beth Rahal from Students for Life to HGA to speak to the 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students. Beth inspired and hopefully motivated the students to take a stand for life, challenging them to never be silent. She spoke to the students about what it means to be prolife and the importance of joining the human rights movement so they too can save lives. Students for Life of America (SFLA) is one of the nation's most active pro-life organizations and the largest youth pro-life organization. Their mission is to abolish abortion in our lifetime by identifying, educating, and activating this generation of young people.



Religious Ed Corner

Sacramental News

Mark your calendars. . .

Confirmation 2015

October 14, 2015

4:30 PM

Celebrant: The Most Reverend Bishop Edward P. Cullen

First Holy Communion

Congratulations to all those who received their First Holy Communion. May the Lord fill each of them with His unending love and guidance. May they always remember that the Eucharist is a special gift from Jesus and should always be treasured as such. Remember to go to Mass and receive this wonderful gift every week.

May Procession

A special thank you to the whole school for such a beautiful May Procession this year; may Mary continue to guide us on the path to heaven.



Kindergarten

Kindergarten had some special activities during the month of May. We went on our final field trip of the school year. We began our day at the Muhlenberg Community Library where we celebrated Cinco de Mayo with stories, crafts, and the Mexican hat dance. After a return to school for a relaxing lunch, we headed to Hiester Lanes for a fun-filled game of bumper bowling. Our day ended at Schell's Dairy Swirl with a refreshing ice cream treat.

We also celebrated our first class Mass with Father Dan and our families. Each of the children had a role in the Mass making it a truly special blessing for all of us.



Mrs.
McCartin
We Love You!

Your students in KA

First Grade

Honoring Mary



Our first graders are honoring Mary in the month of May. At May Procession, we lifted our prayers to heaven and sang beautiful songs honoring Mary. The young ladies looked lovely with blue ribbons in

their hair and the young men wore blue ribbons adorned with a Mary medal. We continue to honor Mary during the month of May by surrounding her with beautiful flowers brought to her from the children.

As we look forward to the summer days ahead, we'll certainly miss seeing each other every day and sharing our lives. Best of luck to the first graders moving onto second grade - the year of First Communion. God Bless you all and your families



Have a Great Summer - from 1A!

Third Grade

3A - Butterflies and Goodbyes

The sun is shining, the beach is calling, but we have a few more things to accomplish first. May is such a beautiful month to honor our Blessed Mother, and we were blessed with perfect weather for our May Procession this year. We are honoring Mary in our classroom in many ways. We prepared our bulletin board of beautiful flowers and wrote thoughtful poetry for Her.

Celebrating our last Mass with 3B, the children worked very hard to lift up their voices and sing a beautiful song.

In class we are working very hard as we begin to review for our final exams. We finished our trade book, The Trouble with Chickens. The students really enjoyed this book. It is filled with colorful characters and delightful humor. We will be doing some fun activities and crafts to celebrate the book. They are looking forward to the sequel, The Legend of Diamond Lil.

Our last remaining days will be spent working hard for exams. We also will, of course, be enjoying a few last events. First, we have our day at the ball park to watch the Fightin' Phils. Then, we have our class party and field day to end the year. The children have grown in so many ways since beginning this year.

I wish all my students and their families a fun, safe, and restful summer!



Fifth Grade



You were not imagining things! There was a horse in the school parking lot. For the end of fifth grade's Agriculture Unit we learned about horses. Skip Seifert, President of the Equine Council, joined us from York, PA, with Pete the horse.

Pete is an Apoloos used for teaching and trail rides. The children learned about the shoes horses wear, some of the food they eat, and the items they wear for riding.

As an added treat, everyone was able to pet Pete and give him some love. The students from preschool, kindergarten, 1st and 2nd grade were able to share in this experience.

Sixth Grade

Do you know what a Tesla orb is? How about a nebula ball? Ask any sixth grader and they should know the answer after our visit to the DaVinci Center located in Allentown. While we were there we played, experimented and asked great questions. This science museum is completely hands on and active which makes the students happy, yet reviews the sixth grade science curriculum, which makes the teachers happy. Because we are such a special class, we event stopped for Premise Maid ice cream on the way home. All in all, a scientific day was had by all!



Declamation: A Rhetorical Exercise

Congratulations to all the students who participated in Declamation this year! Over the past few months a number of 7th and 8th grade students have immersed themselves in preparing to present a speech that has made its mark on society with a pivotal message.

They have spent countless hours making the speech their own, memorizing, reciting, and mastering their delivery in preparation for the Berks County 2015 CYO Declamation Contest. Participants included:

7th Gr. Girls: Rachel Glembocki, Kylee Iswalt, Emily Scianna

7th Gr. Boys: Dante Porcaro, Vincent Rudderow

8th Gr. Girls: Mobolawa Adio, Angelee Miranda Ganas,
Olivia Wagaman Martz

Each student first participated in a run-off held at HGA on March 10, 2015, and the winners in each grade level, Kylee Iswalt, Dante Porcaro, and Angelee Miranda Ganas went on to represent HGA at Berks Catholic High School in the county competition on April 25, 2015. Angelee took first place in her division! Mrs. Johnson is proud of all the students who participated. They gave an impressive recitation of their speeches!!

Regional Champ Headed to Kentucky



Congratulations to Ethan Stoney who recently took first place at the National History Bee Regional Competition held on April 18, 2015 in Wynnwood, PA.

We are so excited for Ethan who has earned a trip to the National History Bee finals. Ethan will be traveling to Louisville, Kentucky, to represent HGA and Berks County in the National History Bee Competition being held on May 22, 2015.

Congratulations, Ethan, we are so proud of you! Good Luck in Kentucky!

Eighth Grade

The 8th grade is excited to report that this year's Talent Show, "**On with the Show**", was a great success! The show was held on Saturday evening, April 25, with a performance for the school in the afternoon on Friday, April 24.

There were a variety of acts such as vocalists, pianists, instrumental ensembles, and dancers. We even had a group of yo-yo performers! Additionally, there was a musical production number, including singing and dancing, of the song, "We Go Together" from the musical, **Grease**. Also, our faculty performed a fun routine to the "Cup Song" from the movie, **Pitch Perfect**! We had a wonderful emcee, Nicholas Bowman, who wrote the script and certainly kept the entertainment moving along.

We would like to thank all of our 8th graders who assisted at the show. Special thanks to our 8th grade parents and Home and School Association for donating refreshments. We are pleased to report that we raised over \$600 to donate to the HGA Scholarship Fund. We'll see you at next year's show. That's all, folks!

4th Grade Biography Question

- She taught for 28 years.
- Loves to spend her summer in Cape Cod.
- Enjoys reading.

Answer: Who is Mrs. Lucchese!

Happy Retirement - You're the Best!

CYO Art Show

The following students placed at the CYO Art Show held at the goggleWorks Center for the Arts:

Colored Pencil

- Ashlin McHale - Honorable Mention

Acrylic Painting

- Michaela Rosenberger - 2nd Place

Tempera Painting

- Melissa Heist - 2nd Place
- Amelia Menet - Honorable Mention

Religious Art

- Thomas Biros - Honorable Mention

Watercolor

- Thea Piskorski - Honorable Mention

Photography

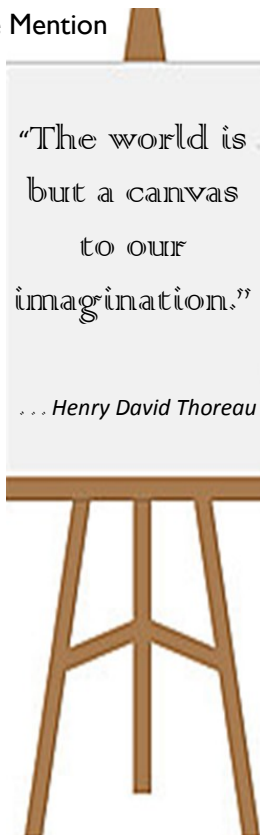
- Hannah Mogford - 2nd Place

Oil Pastel

- Nicholas Gonzalez - 3rd Place
- Soleil Twyman - Honorable Mention

Black & White

- Sophia Faust - 3rd Place



Dear Teacher,

I worry about my son wasting his summer in front of the television and game console. Are there any summer activity opportunities for him at HGA?

Dear Concerned parent,

You're in luck! Each summer HGA offers a variety of Summer Camps, each run by our own faculty.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June 15-19, 9:00 AM-Noon

- This program is for students age 3-10 and will focus on the "heroes" of the Bible, including Moses, Noah, and Jesus.

SUMMER FUN AND FITNESS CAMP

June 22-26, 10:00 AM-Noon

- For students entering grades 3-6, this is a great opportunity for students to learn skills through spirited play that are needed in all athletic sports - exercise and stretching, good sportsmanship, teamwork and fair play.

DRAMA CAMP

July 6-17, 8:00-11:00 AM


- This summer, students entering grades 1-9 will be present The Emperor's New Clothes. During this two week camp, students will be involved in every aspect of the production including costumes, staging, and choreography. The week wraps with an evening performance for friends and family.

CULINARY CAMP

July 20-14, 8:00 AM-Noon

- Open to students ages 10-14, this camp will focus on cooking based on Pennsylvania Farm Products while students participate in every aspect of cooking and eating!

Congratulations



Holy Guardian Angels Regional School Class of 2015

Alexander Acevedo

Mobolawa Adio

Abigail Amor-Garcia

Philip Baney

Thomas Biros

Sara Borden

Rosalie Borst

Nicholas Bowman

Julia Davis

Ashleigh DeAcosta

Emily Dougherty

Erin Dougherty

Sophia Faust

Stanley Fleurissant

Nicholas Gonzalez

C. Brandon George

Melissa Heist

Hayley Hine

Karyssa Hoch

Lucas Horst

Morgan Hummel

Alyssa Johnson

Ethan Kinyo

Sarah Lala

Mateo Lamos

Amy Lista

Christopher Lomas

Amelia Menet

Angelee Miranda-Ganas

Hannah Mogford

Kierstan Moschak

Maxwell Murphy

Lainey Mwangi

Nicholas Myers

Courtney Ohlinger

Edgar Omar Polanco

Jennifer Polyniak

Johnny Pribec

Alec Rivera

Marissa Rivera

Nathan Rivera

Santana Rivera

Meg Robertson

Arlenys Sanchez

Crystal Scolastico

Sasha Severino

Danielle Siteman

Ethan Stoney

Cade Stutzman

Nathanial Toplak

Katharine Traugott

Olivia Wagaman Martz

Mason Wenrich

Matthew Young

Graduation Prayer

I have knowledge, so will You show me now, how to use it wisely and find a way somehow to make the world I live in a little better place, and make life with its problems a little bit easier to face.

Grant me faith and courage and put purpose in my days,
and show me how to serve Thee in effective ways.

So my education, my knowledge and my skill may find their true fulfillment as I learn to do Thy will.

And may I ever be aware in everything I do,
that knowledge comes from learning, and wisdom comes from You.



HGA CLASS OF 2015



App of the Month: Password Plunder

Passwords can do amazing things: protect your secrets, block hackers, and...stop Vikings?

Password Plunder challenges you to build a strong password wall to keep Vikings from attacking your village. Just grab your grappling hook and get ready for adventure! Collect the blocks needed to build a wall. Each block has a number, symbol or letter that can be used to build a strong password wall. Get tips that each you how to build a password strong enough to keep Vikings - and everyone else - out of your online accounts! It is available for FREE through both iTunes and Google Play. (It can also be played online at the NSTeens website!)

Site of the Month: ReadWriteThink Parent Resources (<http://www.readthink.org/parent-afterschool-resources/>)

Looking for engaging ways to introduce your child to reading or to encourage your teen to write? Need some age-appropriate book suggestions or rainy day activities? The materials here are your answer - all of them created by experts to be fun, educational, and easy to use outside of school. ReadWriteThink has been a trusted source for educators for years, and with this Parent Page, you can now have access to quality resources at home. Simply choose the grade level you wish and discover a wealth of activities, games, tips, podcasts, and printouts.

Tech Tip of the Month: How to Turn on Safe Search in Google, Bing & Yahoo

Safe Search is a kid-friendly search filter that tells the search engines to remove explicit adult results. While they may let some content through that you find objectionable, they are a very good start. If you have multiple browsers on your computer (or mobile device), you will need to set the settings on each browser and search engine separately: Chrome, Firefox, Internet Explorer, etc. So if you have three browsers installed on your desktop, and two browsers on your phone, and two on your tablet, you need to perform 21 setting updates! Here's how to turn on safe search in the big three search engines.

- **GOOGLE**
 - ◊ <http://www.google.com/preferences>. Select "Filter explicit results" and then click "Lock Safe Search." Doing the lock will prevent someone who doesn't have your Google account password from unlocking the filter. When Safe Search is locked, you will see a confirmation image (colorful balloons) in the upper-right hand corner when on a Google results page.
- **BING**
 - ◊ On it's settings page <http://www.bing.com/account/general>, Bing offers two levels of filtering. Strict filters adult text, images, and videos from results while Moderate applies the filter to only images and video (text remains unfiltered.)
- **YAHOO**
 - ◊ In the search box, enter a search and click Search. From the search results, mouse over the Settings icon. Like Bing, Yahoo offers two levels of filtering. Strict filters adult text, images, and videos from results, while Moderate applies the filter to only images and video (text remains unfiltered.) Like Google, Yahoo provides a Safe Search Lock.

Internet Safety Tip of the Month: Check out Privacy Policies

The Internet, along with all of its benefits, can certainly make it difficult to protect our privacy as well as the privacy of our children. The best defense is to be aware of the privacy policies of websites that our children use.

- Look for a privacy policy on any website direct to children.
- The policy must be available through a link on the website's homepage and at each area where personal information is collected from kids.
- Websites for general audiences that have a children's section must post the notice on the homepages of the section for kids.
- Read the policy closely to learn the kinds of personal information being collected, how it will be used, and whether it will be passed on to third parties.
- If you find a website that doesn't post basic protections for children's personal information, ask for details about their information collection practice.

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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.



Christ Centered - Faith Filled

Guardian Angels Gift Certificate Program - GAGC

It is over already? That was fast! It's time for some end of year GAGC reminders:

- ◆ Blue enrollment forms for the 2015-2016 GAGC Tuition Credit Program contained in the tuition information packet need to be returned to the school office along with your tuition preference sheet. Kindly, fill out the enrollment form even if your family is already enrolled.
- ◆ **Wednesday, May 27, 2015** is the last date that orders will be processed through the Pouch System. Please return all pouches to the school office to be updated for next year.
- ◆ The current Program year ends, **Sunday, May 31, 2015 at 1:00 PM**. Final tuition credit statements will be issued the following week.
- ◆ The next Program year starts right up again on June 1, 2015 and runs through May 31, 2016 with tuition credit being applied to the 2016-2017 school year.
- ◆ Even though the school year is ending, you can still purchase GAGC throughout the summer, seven days a week - at the rectory Monday-Friday from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM and before/after every weekend Mass. Don't miss out on potential savings through the Tuition Credit Program - every purchase counts!

For more information on the GAGC Program, please contact Tricia Christ at tac317@ptd.net or 610-451-1959.