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Inside HGA

Parent newsletter of Holy Guardian Angels Regional School

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

November 1 - All Saints Day

Mass 9:00 AM

Winter Uniform Begins

Early Dismissal 1:00 PM

Preschool dismisses at 11:30 AM

Evergreen Sale Ends

November 2 - All Souls Day

November 5- Night at the Races

November 7- 2017-2018 Registration Begins

November 8- Picture Retake Day

November 10 - Gr. 6 - Bonding at BCHS

November 11 - Veteran's Mass - 9:00 AM

November 13- 1st Penance Parent Meeting

6:00 PM

November 14-18 - Food Drive

November 15-18 - Middle States Evaluation

November 18- Early Dismissal - 12:00 NOON

Preschool dismisses at 11:30 AM

November 20 - Pancakes & Photos with Santa

November 21 - Gr. 3&4 - Thanksgiving Feast

November 22 - Gr. 8 - Step-Up Day at BCHS

Gr. 2 - Native American Day

November 23-28 - NO SCHOOL

November 29 - 2nd Trimester Begins

December 3 - HGA Parish Craft Bazaar

December 4 - HGA Parish Vespers

HGA Walk-a-thon

"The Beat Goes On"

Walk-a-thon - a day for celebrating, a day for fellowship, and a day of fun!



The HGA family is truly blessed! As a school we share a love of Christ, the expectation of success for all students, and the sense of family within our community. Walk-a-thon is a day that truly embodies these three elements. "The Beat Goes On", simply states what HGA has been achieving for eighty-five years.

Walk-a-thon 2016 enjoyed a perfect day. With over 350 in attendance, our families feasted on delicious multi-cultural foods, danced to the sounds of the DJ's tunes, had fun playing the "giant-sized" games, and even got in a day's worth of exercise on the 2.5 mile walk.

This day would not have been so successful without our many volunteers. Thank you to everyone, from route monitors, first-aids, activity coordinators, to all the parents who kept a watchful eye on the children.

This year's Walk-a-thon fundraising goal is \$80,000 by March 2017. We're off to a great start, with a total of \$25,000 in returns to date.

If you could not join us, enjoy the photos posted on-line. See you next year!



Thanks to H&S for organizing a fun Halloween craft for the students!



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Message from the Principal

Dear Parents/Guardians,

During this time of preparation for Thanksgiving, we take time to reflect on all of the gifts that God has given to us. Prayer is so very powerful. I encourage each family to continue praying together and try different forms of prayer. Allow yourself the opportunity to pray through recitation of the rosary, song, or even in the quiet of your heart. We need to remember the importance of prayer. If Jesus prayed daily when He was on earth, shouldn't we?

Every day we have the option of growing closer to God if we choose to pray. Let us help and encourage each other on this journey of faith. There are so many intentions and individuals who need our prayers. During the month of November, please pray for the following:

Pray for all our Veterans

Pray for our country and world leaders

Pray for all the souls of our faithfully departed

Pray for those who are less fortunate than we are.

God bless each of you and your families.

Yours in Christ,

Mrs. Maureen Wallin

Principal



Billion Mile Race

HGA is registered for the Billion Mile Race that is going on across the United States. Last year, Tuft's University partnered with New Balance to get schools across America to walk/run a Billion Miles. This is year two of the program and currently we are at 42 million miles. HGA has a total of 600 miles logged since the start of school. Each week during their physical education class we will keep track of our laps to add to the total. You can check out how our school is doing at www.billionmilerace.org. If you go for a family walk over the weekend or after school hours have your child tell me the amount of miles so we can add it to our school total. Have fun as you go outside for a walk/run!



Religious Ed Corner

Confirmation News:

The students from Holy Guardian Angels and St. Joseph Parishes were filled with the gifts of the Holy Spirit as they had their Confirmation Retreat on October 15th

and were Confirmed on October 25th. Let us continue to keep them in our thoughts and prayers as they follow their Path of Faith that God has for them.



Preschool

The preschool students have had a great start to their school year! They have been working hard to learn their letter, colors, and numbers. They are making new friends and working together to create a fun experience for everyone.

They have been learning that God created them and that they are shining stars for Him. They know that all they have comes from God. Each day they ask God for blessings and thank Him for the gifts He has given them. During October, they are honoring Mary by praying the Hail Mary every day.

Preschool Pirates



To honor National Pirate Day, Mrs. Hall's preschool class had a chance to join Mrs. Wallin in a hearty "ARRR"!

Diocesan Pilgrimage

On October 20 the 8th Grade Class attend the Diocesan Pilgrimage at the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington D.C. This was a day filled with prayer and reflection.



**Confirmation Class of 2017 Parent Meeting has been moved to
Sunday, January 8th at 6:00 PM in the School Learning Commons (Library)**

FUN day

Getting Ready for Walk-a-thon



Happy Faces :)



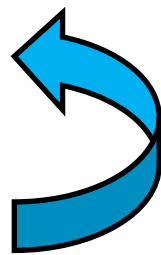
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Fr. Hoffa's 1st FUN DAY!



Which 8th grade team won this tug-of-war???



Walk-a-thon Snapshots



Kindergarten

Fun Fall Field Trip

The day could not have been more perfect for the kindergarten visit to the Duncan Corn Maze on October 6th. The students experienced a hayride on the back of the tractor driven by Mrs. Duncan. She took them to the dairy section of Duncan Farms where they were able to feed and pet the calves, see the milking cows, and visit the milking parlor. Then they came back to the play area where they enjoyed a slide and a sandbox filled with corn. The trip concluded with each student walking through the pumpkin patch where they got to “harvest” their own pumpkin and take it home. Time ran out before they got to walk through the corn maze, but a wonderful time was had by all! Thanks to all the parents who came on the trip with KB.

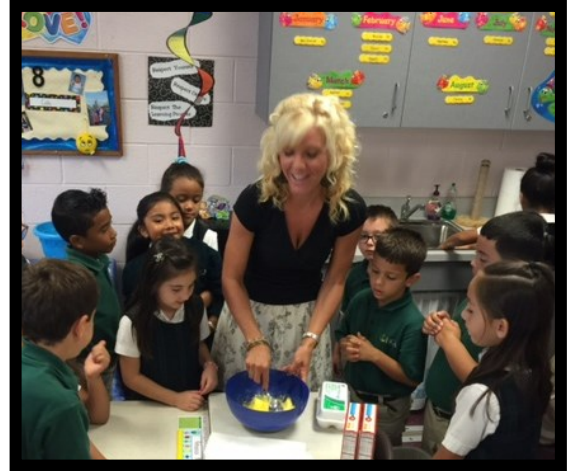


Kindergarten B celebrated the birthday of the Blessed Mother on September 8th. Giancarlo Sabatucci blew out the candle on behalf of the class. Mrs. Wilson brought in a cake for us to enjoy. The class had a lot of fun learning about Mary.



Second Grade

Apples - Apples - Apples - in 2A we learned all about apples. We began brainstorming words we knew about apples. Then we tried three different types of apples and graphed our favorites. The Fuji apple was picked as 2A's favorite. We tried apple cider and watched a video on how an apple tree grows. We culminated our apple unit by making an apple



pie in the crock pot. Boy did that smell good in our classroom! The children all tried it and love it!

Fall Field Trip - The second grade classes spent a gorgeous warm and sunny day exploring Middle-creek Wildlife Management Area. Mr. Myers, our tour guide, pointed out frogs and snakes along the hike. We learned about different mammals that live in our area and even got to feel their fur. To finish out our day, we enjoyed a movie about beavers.

It was an interesting and fun field trip!



Fourth Grade

We have been very busy in 4A this school year. Academically we are “chugging along”. Students are gaining enduring knowledge in all subject areas. They are working in cooperative groups and using the turn and talk strategy to share ideas and solve problems. Each student is working diligently to make progress individually and as a member of their team.

Mr. Angstadt is having a wonderful time in religion class and the students respond by showing kindness and doing good deeds throughout the day.

The boys and girls of 4A love school so much, that we have already spelled the words *PERFECT ATTENDANCE*, and we are working on spelling it a second time around. We will celebrate their dedication to their educational commitment with a popcorn celebration. That teamwork was also apparent on FUN DAY while students participated in various activities to prepare for the annual Walk-a-thon fundraiser.



We are looking forward to what the rest of the year offers this amazing class of kind and helpful students.

Fifth Grade

Fifth grade social studies introduces students to many different cultures. We just ended our unit on Aztec, Maya, and Inca civilizations with a variety of activities. These activities represented an important aspect of each culture:

- Maya - hieroglyphics - students made codexes, a type of book using glyphs for writing. The Maya are the only American civilization that had a writing system.
- Aztec - decorating pottery - students made paper plate pottery.
- Inca - quipus - knotting string to keep track of trade deals.

Of course, no activity can end without having a treat. Since ancient American civilization's main food source was corn, students brought in many foods which were corn based. The students had a wonderful time learning and practicing crafts from these ancient civilizations.





Welcome to a new feature of Inside HGA! Each month the doors of a different grade level will be open, providing you a look into their daily routine and showcasing the gifts of our students, teachers, and aides. Enjoy!

Spotlight is on 3A

Teacher: Mrs. Rose Dismuke

Classroom Aide: Mrs. Sue DeSantis

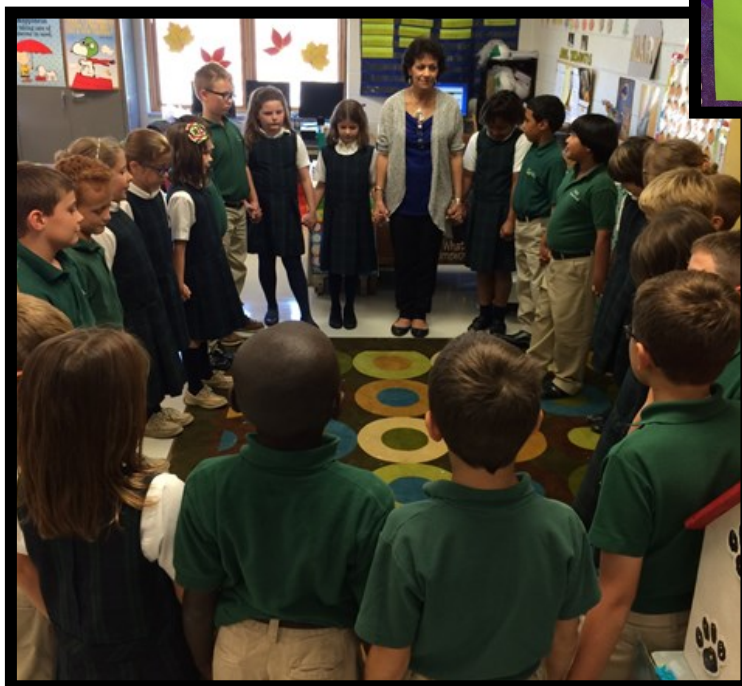


Embracing the “Peanuts” characters, the students in 3A are not unlike the gang created by Charles M. Schultz. Throughout classroom activities, lunch and recess, situations and scenarios can be solved and taught just like the storylines of the classic comic strip adventures.

Faith



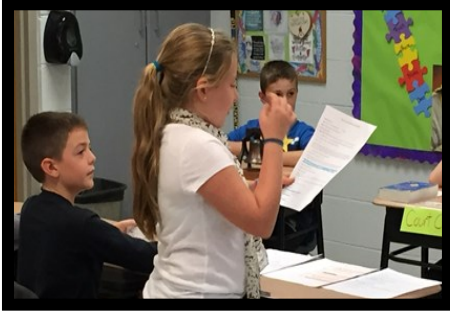
Christ is the center of every moment, of every day. His teachings are woven into the students curriculum, words and actions. At the end of every day, Mrs. Dismuke and the students gather for prayer, giving thanks for their joys and successes, as well as lifting up their struggles, of the day. With a squeeze of their hands, the children are sending their prayers forward and heading home with the word of God in their hearts.



Academics

Teaching outside the textbook: culminating their lesson on the judicial system, 3A put their knowledge to the test in the case of The Missing Classroom Pumpkin, aka, Spooky.

From all reports, allegedly Sam Moody and Michael Rudderow were the last two students in the classroom prior to the disappearance of Spooky. The rest of the students had solid alibis. The alleged suspects quickly got themselves legal representation and a hearing date was scheduled.



The defense attorney states the facts.



A quick rebuttal from the plaintiffs' attorney.

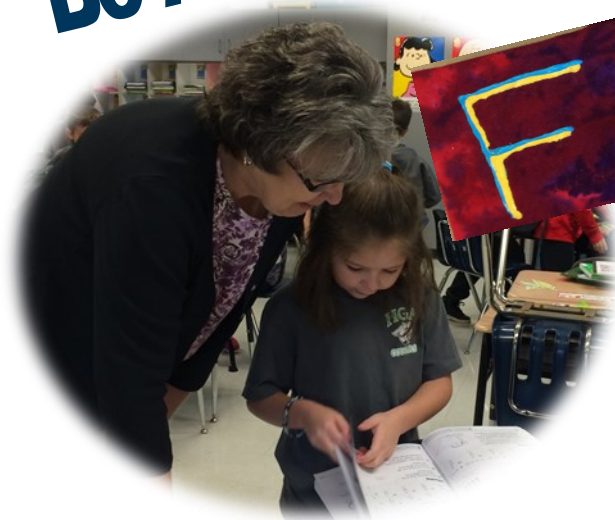


After much deliberation, the jury reached a verdict!



The school's facility director removed Spooky from the room to fix his electric candle.

Be A FACT Master



Third grade students work very hard to master their times tables (1 through 10). The coveted FACT Master headband is given to those students who can recite each table in a minute.

Happiness is. . . being in 3A



WELCOME! TO 3B



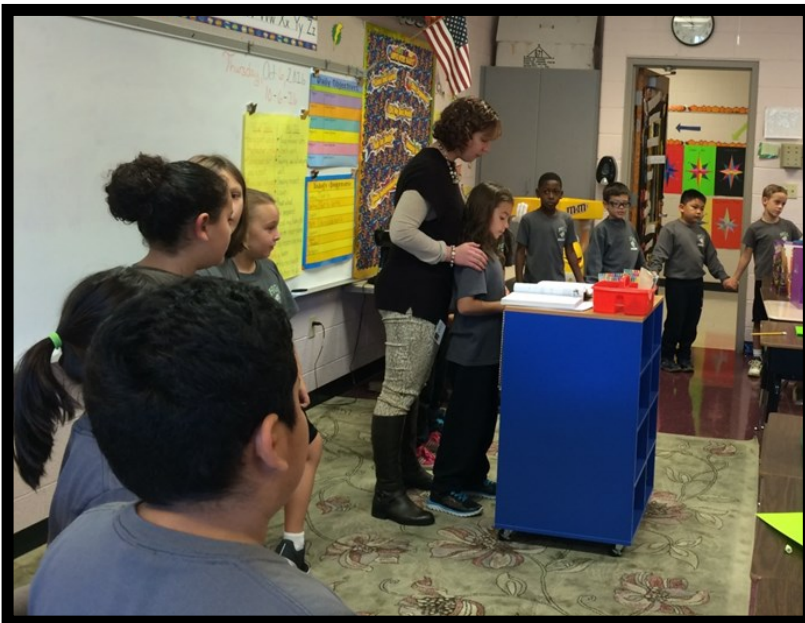
Teacher: Miss Allison Hoffa

Classroom Aide: Mrs. Sue DeSantis

"You only have your thoughts and dreams ahead of you. You are someone. You mean something." The students of 3B possess their own unique super powers and with each other's help, find strength, courage, and honesty to navigate through their days being the best they can be!

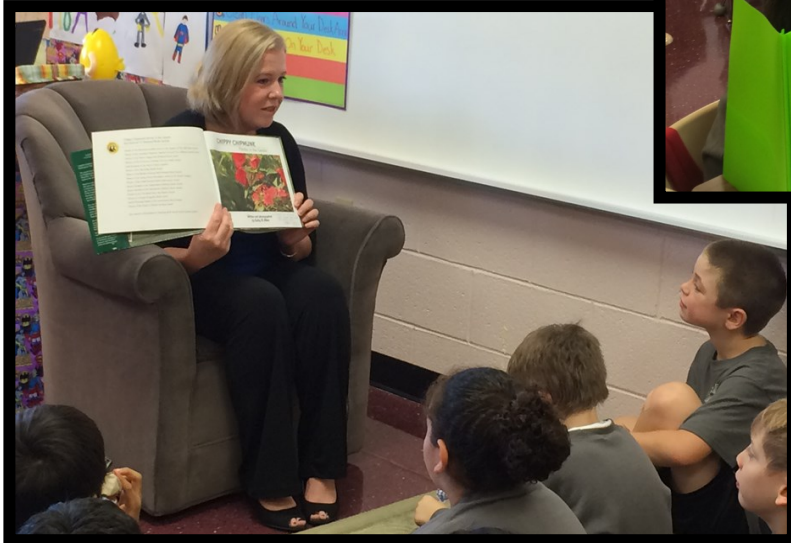
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Each morning begins with Prayer Circle. A student leader asks for special intentions for family, friends, and pets, followed by the Hail Mary and Our Father. The students are ready to take the goodness of God's power with them throughout the day.

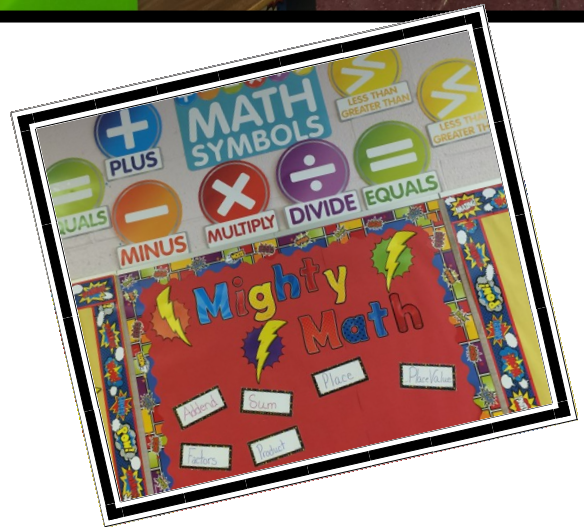
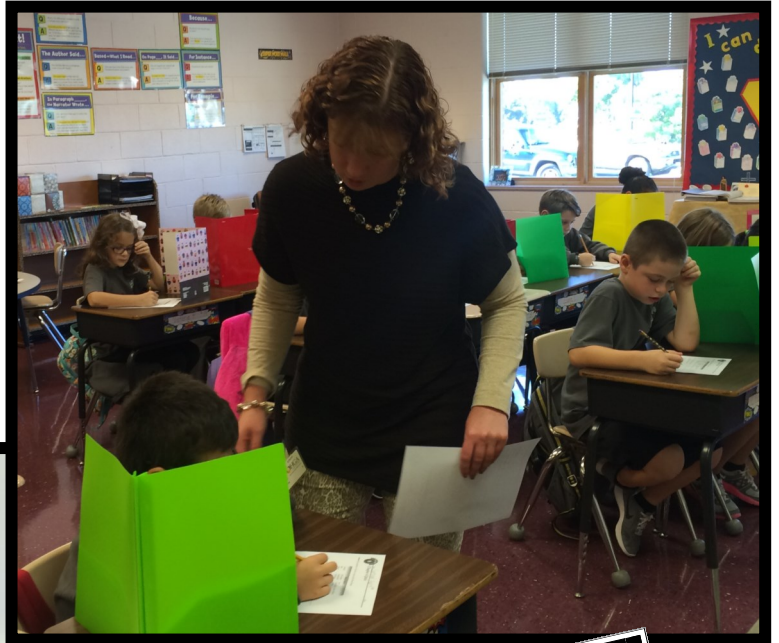


Academics

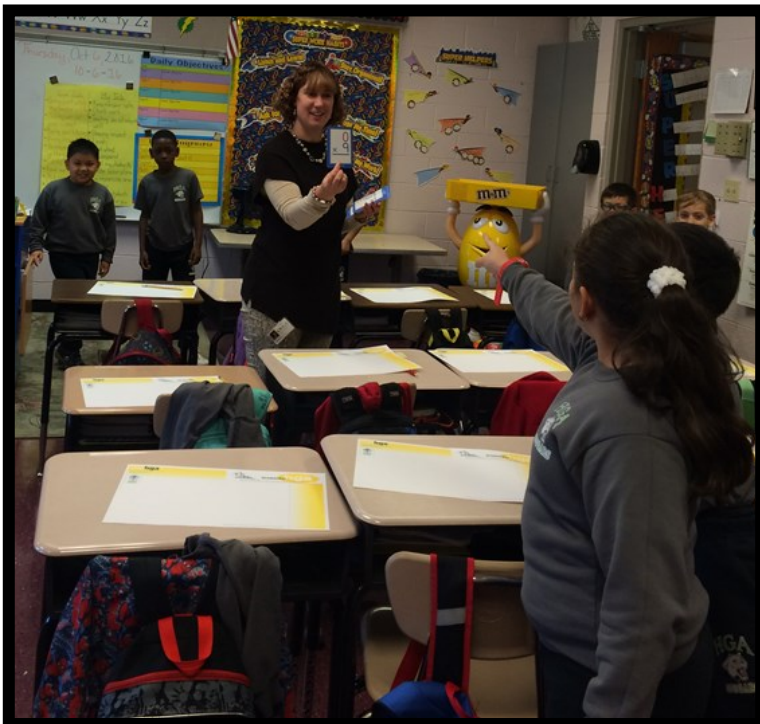
The students in 3B train daily to achieve super knowledge. Whether reviewing multiplication facts as a class or working independently in their “offices”, they become more confident every day. You never know when a “Mystery Reader” may surprise the class with a special story to share.



Mystery Reader, Mrs. Stoudt shares a favorite story, Chippy Chipmunk.



He may not be a super hero, but he sure makes everyone smile!



Annual Fund Walk-a-thon Sponsors

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HGA Home and School Association

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Ralph Elia's Auto Body Shop

it's beginning to
look a lot like. . .

Evergreen Sale

Sale Runs: October 18th - November 1st.

Delivery: Saturday, December 3rd
9:00 AM – 11:30 AM

Fundraising Quota: Earn 50% towards
your fee

Money must accompany order
(make checks payable to HGA)



Vespers

Holy Guardian Angels Parish will conduct its 23rd Annual Advent Concert with Vespers program on Sunday, December 4th, at 4:00 PM in the church. The musical selections that will grace the service will be sung by the Holy Guardian Angels Choir including solo performances by sopranos: Deb Bowman and Carol Engleman; alto: Julie Sansary; tenors: Ken Montgomery and Nick Pomo; and bases: Charles Christman and Bill Bowman. Instrumental music will be provided by harpist Linda Umstead. Come enjoy our Parish Choir, under the direction of Susan Swavely, accompanied by organist Judith Fehr. Our choir is acclaimed for its Advent Convert with Vespers program performed during this season.

MIDDLE STATES *Update*

The entire Middle States Self Study Process is a group effort involving the entire HGA Regional School community of parents, students, staff, and stakeholders. We will be publishing our progress as we complete the various stages of the process, culminating in a multi-day visit by the Middle States Visiting Team from November 15th-November 18th who will decide whether or not to recommend our school for re-accreditation. If you have any questions regarding this process, please don't hesitate to contact the school office. ***Thank you, as always, for your continued support of our school.***

What we have accomplished so far. . .

- Establishment of our Planning Team
- Evaluation, Revision, and Creation of our Founding Documents
- Profile of the School
- Self-Assessment of the Indicators of Quality for Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment in the areas of Religion, Reading, and Mathematics
- Research and Reports Concerning the 12 Standards
- Verification of the Middle States Visiting Team Dates: The visit will take place November 15-18, 2016
- MSA Technical Review and Approval of our three objectives for our seven-year Action Plans
- Plan for Growth and Improvement - Action Plans Created
- Final Middle States Report - You can download/read the final Middle States Self Study at <http://www.hgaschool.org/middle-states-accreditation.html> or by scanning the QR Code found below
- Pre-Visit by the Middle States Visiting Team Chair

What we are finalizing. . .

- Plan for Growth and Improvement - ACTION PLANS: Once the objectives have been approved, the Action Plan Teams will actively begin creating the seven-year plans. In the meantime, they have already begun the discussion concerning the formation of the plans.

What we are in the process of completing. . .

- Preparation of Supporting Documentation: Now that the report has been finalized and sent to the members of the Middle States Visiting Team, we are collecting all of the supporting documentation for them to review during their time here next month.
- Hospitality Preparations: The Hospitality Committee has been formed and is meeting to arrange the opening reception and make sure that our guests are comfortable and well nourished during their time with us.
- Schedules for the Visit: The Visiting Team will be here from Tuesday, November 15th until Friday, November 18th. During this time, the Team members will hold interviews with students, teachers, parents, clergy, staff, and other school community members. They will also be visiting classrooms and engrossing themselves in the daily routine of our school. These schedules are in the process of being finalized.



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Our Mission Statement

We, the community of Holy Guardian Angels Regional School, recognize that our mission, embodied in Catholic tradition, is to develop a Christian student focused on loving, respecting, and serving God, self, and others.

We strive to achieve high academic standards in an environment which celebrates diversity and creativity in order to nurture open-minded, faith-filled individuals who positively and responsibly contribute to the global community.

Christ Centered - Faith Filled



GAGC FALL NEWS

GAGC tuition credit updates were recently issued. As of September 30, 2016, \$3,994.53 in tuition credit has been accumulated so far! The top five families have earned. . .

•\$522.25

• \$407.52

•\$323.90

• \$275.83

•\$138.17

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.

Planning Ahead—be sure to get gift cards for. . .

- Halloween parties, costumes, home décor
- Fall outdoor clean up
- Black Friday & Cyber Monday shopping
- Are you cooking Thanksgiving dinner this year? Get your extra grocery store gift cards now to have on hand
- November birthdays, anniversaries, and other special occasions?
- Christmas will be here before you know it - purchase your gift cards now for shopping or for easy gift giving

GAGC Special Order Dates will be every Sunday in November and the first two Sundays in December. The last Special Order before Christmas will be Sunday, December 11th. But, remember, using the Online Option you can purchase GAGC anytime, anywhere!

If your family is not enrolled in the GAGC Tuition/PREP Credit Program, or you would like more information, please contact Tricia Christ at tac317@ptd.net or 610-451-1959.