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Parent newsletter of Holy Guardian Angels Regional School

MAY/JUNE 2014

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

May 29 - Ascension Thursday
Mass 9:00 AM

May 30 - Freeze Pops for Faith Sale

June 3 - 8th Grade Retreat

June 5 - 8th Grade Graduation

June 7 - Sports Banquet

June 9 - Field Day
Dismissal 12:00 Noon

June 10 - Last Day of School
Dismissal 10:30 AM

June 15 - Father's Day

June 16-20 - Fun & Fitness Camp
10:30 AM—12:30 PM

June 23-27 - Vacation Bible School
9:00 AM-12:00 Noon

July 7-11 - Culinary Camp
8:00 AM - 12:00 Noon

July 12-25 - Drama Camp
9:00 AM - 12:00 Noon

Famous Speeches Equals Declamation

Congratulations to all the students who participated in Declamation this year! Over the past few months, some of the students in 7th and 8th grade have worked very hard memorizing, reciting, mastering, and delivering a famous speech in preparation of the Berk's County CYO Contest.

All of the students competed in a runoff at HGA and the winners of each grade level, Ethan Kinyo 7th grade boy, Angelee Miranda-Ganas 7th grade girl, and Abby Gaffney 8th grade girl went on to represent HGA at Berks Catholic High School in the County Competition on April 27, 2014.

Ethan and Angelee each placed third in their divisions. Way to go!!!

Mrs. Johnson would like to thank all the students: Mobalawa Adio, Victoria DeMarco, Julian DesHommes, Hannah Mogford, Danielle Siteman, Emelly Tiburcio, and Olivia Wagaman for their hard work and a job well done!





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Message from the Principal

Dear Parents/Guardians,

As we get closer to the end of the school year, we reflect on the many joys and successes that this past school year has brought. I would like to thank the faculty and staff here at Holy Guardian Angels Regional School for their dedication and support of all of our students. We will miss those who are leaving; Mrs. Patricia Buzzard, 5th grade aide, and Mrs. Tere' Cesar, Act 89 Reading Specialist.

My thanks and gratitude to all our supportive families. Your participation and enthusiasm in the Principal/Parent Partnership Program contributed to the success of our Home and School events.

Congratulations to our 8th grade students for completing this stage of their educational journey. Many of them have shown tremendous leadership qualities and talents that I am sure they will continue to demonstrate as they move on to secondary school.

Thank you to the children who have made coming to school each day a real joy for all of us who work here. Be sure to keep up with daily reading this summer and make sure to get outdoors and be active. I will strive to do the same myself.

On behalf of the administration, faculty, and staff, I wish you all good health and happiness during the summer months!

Yours in Christ,
Mrs. Maureen Wallin, Principal

The Religious Ed Corner

Congratulations to First Communion Class



May all those who received Jesus, for the first time this year, always remember that Jesus is calling you every day to receive Him through the Eucharist. Do not let your First Communion be your last. Go to Jesus every weekend and receive Him. Let Jesus guide you in all that you do in life and always remember to never put anything before Him.

Confirmation News for 2014

The Students from Holy Guardian Angels and St. Joseph Parishes will be receiving their Confirmation on...

OCTOBER 21, 2014 at 4:30PM

Where: Holy Guardian Angels Parish

Celebrant: Bishop John O. Barres

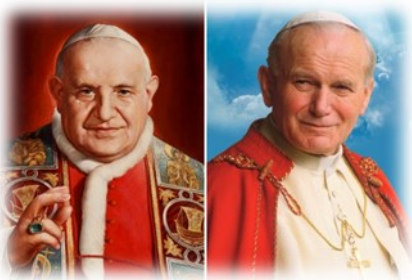


MORE INFORMATION WILL BE SENT OUT DURING THE MONTH OF JUNE!

On April 27, 2014 Pope Francis and
Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI
Canonized Two New Saints
St. John XXIII & St. John Paul II

We praise you and we bless you, good and gracious God, for giving us Saints John XXIII and John Paul II to be our brothers on the path of holiness and examples of hope and light for the world. Let their courage inspire us, their missionary zeal for the Gospel guide us, and their joy be ours as we continue their work of preaching the good news to a world in need of your divine mercy and love.

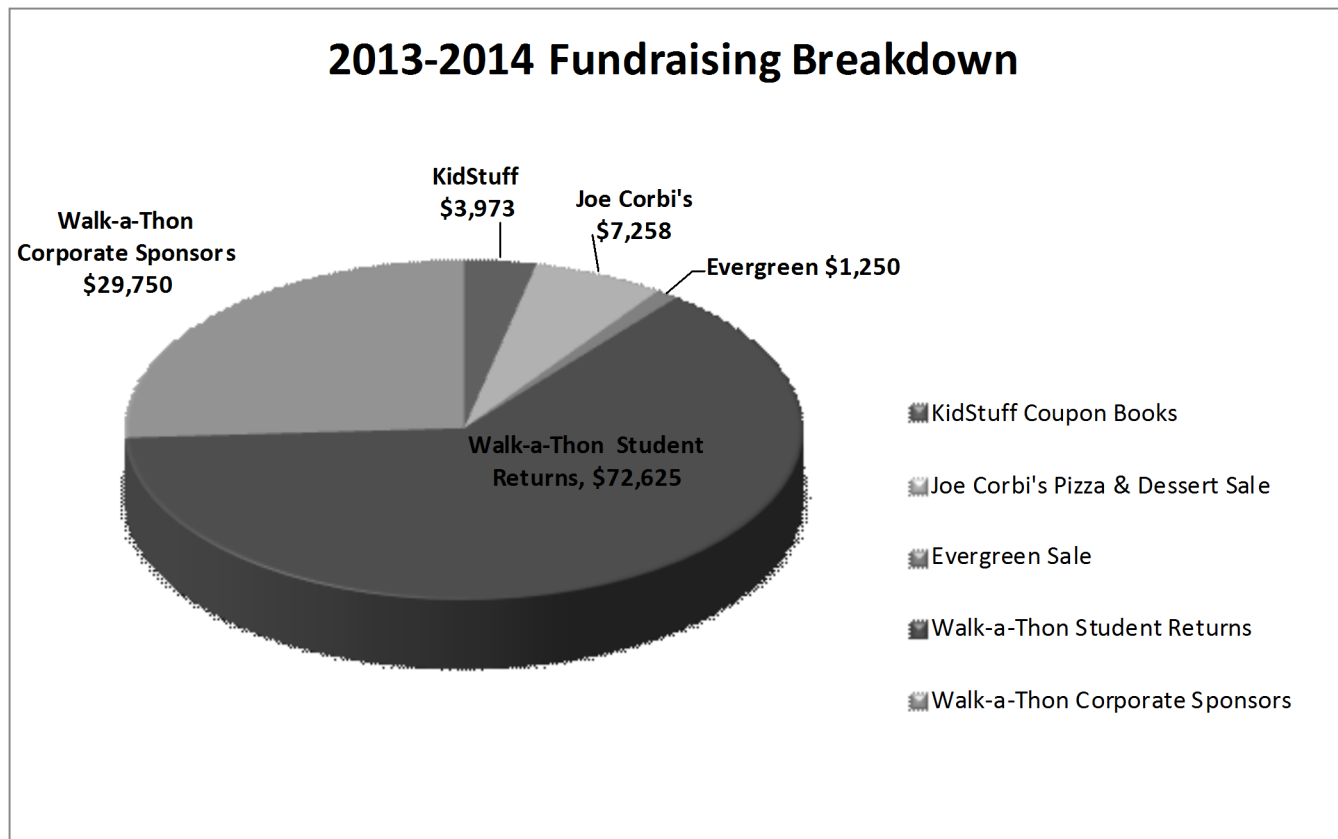
Amen.



Fundraising Finale

Our school had quite a busy year with our fundraising efforts and the hard work certainly paid off! The Walk-a-Thon for Catholic Education is our biggest and most popular fundraiser each year. The KidStuff Coupon Book and Joe Corbi's Pizza & Dessert Sales continue to be very profitable. The Evergreen Sale was brought back by popular demand and proved to be a big success.

The chart below gives you a breakdown of how much money was raised through our four fundraisers. Thank you for your participation in the fundraisers this year.



Looking ahead to next year, the Fundraising Fee remains at \$330 per family.

The fundraisers planned for the 2014-2015 School Year are:

Walk-a-Thon
KidStuff Coupon Book Sale
To Be Determined

D.A.R.E. & HGA Join Together

This year's fifth grade class held their D.A.R.E. final gathering on Wednesday, May 21st. Our students thanked Sargent Marino, Muhlenberg Police, for his teachings, support and friendship. In a goodwill gesture, fifth grade teachers Ms. Patricia Koller and Mrs. Theresa Bernardo and students offered their continued prayers for Muhlenberg student Derrick Redcay and his family. Derrick recently suffered a stroke to the spine. The classes also presented Sargent Marino with a monetary donation to the Redcay Strong Foundation.

Kindergarten

We are wrapping up the Kindergarten year with some special activities.

Kindergarten celebrated their class Mass with Father Zelonis and their families. It was a beautiful Mass.

We went on our final field trip to the Muhlenberg Library, Hiester's Bowling Lanes and Schell's Dairy Swirl. We had a great day!

We decided on a warm sunny day to release our butterflies – the butterflies are free as butterflies and, maybe, all creatures should be (Dr. Seuss) .



Second Grade

First Communion

In preparation for their First Communion, Grade 2A and 2B planted the vines that had been growing roots since their reception of Penance in February. The special planters were decorated with symbols of the sacrament, such as bread, wheat, and grapes. We also held a special prayer service called an Agape with scripture readings, shared bread, and grape juice. Later in the day, a celebration cake was shared in class.



Finally, the big day arrived. The second graders received Jesus in communion for the first time. The celebrations were held at St. Joseph's parish on April 26th and at Holy Guardian Angels on May 3rd. The weather was perfect for both days. Several children also celebrated their First Communion on Mother's Day. Thank you, Jesus, for this gift.

Eve Tannery Visits 2A!

A recent English class assignment was to write a friendly letter to a "famous" person.

2A received a reply from Eve Tannery, Channel 69 morning news anchor. Eve replied to the letter written by Regan Precht, who is a fan of Eve's newscast. Ms. Tannery talked about her job and was kind enough to answer many of the student's questions.

We were very excited to have Eve Tannery visit us and even more excited that she talked about it on her news program the next morning (along with a short clip).

It was a wonderful experience for all of us in 2A!



Third Grade

Bon Voyage!

Another year is winding down in 3A. What a great year it has been! We've learned and grown so much together.

April was a month of exploration as students blasted off to the solar system together. They researched the planets in groups to complete a solar system project of pastels and interesting facts. Some very creative posters and mobiles are also on display. We are working hard on those math facts, and we have a few new Fact Masters to add to the list this week.

Of course the best was saved for last. We ended the month of April with our wonderful Spring Musical. Three was our "magic number". What a great performance!

May began with our loving devotions to Mary and a beautiful May Procession.

As a big finish, we are still looking forward to Field Day, our day at the ball park with the Reading Fightin' Phils, and our end-of-the year picnic. It's really been a year to remember. Have a spectacular summer!



See you in 4th Grade!!

Fourth Grade

4th Grade traveled back in time to an 1800's Pennsylvania German rural community when we visited Landis Valley Museum. We learned about farm life in the 18th and 19th centuries and how children our age lived and learned. We discovered what a child's life was like in those days; attending class in a one-room school house, doing chores, and playing games at the Landis Farm house. We learned

how early farmers made and dyed their clothes and fabrics, and how craftsmen made brooms

and toys. It was a beautiful day to travel back in time, and we were all worn out from the trip in the end!



Seventh Grade

Poetry Café

The seventh grade class once again celebrated National Poetry Month with a Poetry Café, which took place here at HGA on May 1st. The social hall was transformed into a candlelit café as parents and several faculty members came to enjoy an evening of poetry. The evening included eighth grade students serving coffee, tea, muffins, cookies, cakes, and scones while each of the seventh grade students recited a poem that they had memorized. Returning to the Poetry Café stage for special presentations were 8th graders Emelly Tiburcio and Alora Karpew. The evening was a “snapping” success.



History in Atlanta

We recently told you of Ethan Stoney's trip to Philadelphia to compete in the National History Bee's Regional Competition. We are so excited to



report that Ethan, out of 75 contestants, placed in the top ten in the region earning him a spot in the National History Bee Final Competition. Ethan will be traveling to Atlanta, Georgia to represent HGA and all of Berks County in the National History Bee Competition being held June 7, 2014.

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

A Survivors Story

Throughout this school year 7th grade has spent a lot of their time focused on the events and people of the Holocaust. Lessons focused on what can happen when prejudice and discrimination are allowed to flourish and when individuals fail to take a stand against injustice. Students studied events leading up to the Holocaust as well as the Holocaust itself. They read books, completed projects, kept a reflection journal, listened to testimonials of survivors and even had the opportunity to meet a survivor right here in Reading, PA.

On May 20th, Mr. Severin Fayerman, founder of Baldwin Brass, came to HGA to share his story of survival. Mr. Fayerman first showed his personal narrative to the students in which details of his Holocaust experience were presented. He then allowed students time for questions to which he answered every one in detail and gave every student the opportunity to see the tattoo that would forever mark him as a survivor of the Holocaust. The students were in awe of not only his willingness to share the details of his experience, but with his ability to forgive and live a happy life!

His message of valuing education, learning a language, and mastering a skill is one the students took to heart and thanked Mr. Fayerman for, as they wrote letters of appreciation to him. Studying the Holocaust and listening to Mr. Fayerman's story of survival ultimately provided the students the opportunity to define their own role as responsible citizens so they can better understand how to interrupt hateful behaviors in their schools, communities, and society. Thank you, Mr. Fayerman!

Art Department News

Holy Guardian Angels Regional School participated in the Berks County CYO Art Show held at the Google Works Center for the Arts in Reading. The student's artwork is on display in the 3rd Floor Gallery and is divided into numerous categories based on medium. The work submitted was outstanding and many visitors for the opening reception remarked about the talent of the artists. Thank you to all who submitted their work. We are blessed to have your work be the creative face of HGA!



Photography Medium: 1st Place - Hector Diaz

Eighth Grade

The eighth grade class would like to thank Monsignor Hartgen for visiting their religion class to discuss the history and significance of relics in the Catholic Church. Monsignor brought numerous first-class relics which were displayed in beautiful reliquaries. St. Catherine of Siena, St. Francis of Assisi, St. Theresa the Little Flower, St. John Vianney, St. Maria Goretti, and slivers of wood from the True Cross were among the relics Monsignor shared with us. Thank you, Monsignor, for visiting our class and helping us to better understand our Catholic heritage.

Tempera Painting:

Michaela Rosenberger-Honorable Mention

Oil/Chalk Pastel:

Haley Hine-Honorable Mention

Computer/Graphic Design:

Morgan Hummel-1st Place

Photography:

Hector Diaz-1st Place

Kaleilyn Mulligan-3rd Place

Colored Pencil Drawing:

Krystin Deisher-Honorable Mention

Pencil Drawing:

Vincent Rudderow-3rd Place

Crayon Drawing:

Hannah Mogford-2nd Place



Photography Medium: 3rd Place - Kaleilyn Mulligan



Congratulations

Holy Guardian Angels

Regional School

Class of 2014

Douglas Anderson

Anthony Arroyo

Victoria Bechtel

Margaret Blatt

William Brown

Arianna Cammarano-McKenna

Daniel Cernas-Olivares

Jayden Corley

Jordan Corley

Nancy Cortes

Victoria DeMarco

Hector Diaz

Olivia Figueroa

Kayla Fisher

Abigail Gaffney

Molly Gaffney

Benjamin Garfinkel

Marita Gattone

Noah Grube

Katie Hawkins

Logan Iswalt

Alora Karpew

Anthony Marmarou

Oliver Menet

Michael Miller

Briana Moschak

Kaleilyn Mulligan

Josephina Noriega

Leah Nye

Ryan Onimus

Jaime Ortega

Grace Pascuzzi

Genesis Pena

Felix Perez

Mounier Sallit

Lia Santoni

Natalie Scianna

Claudia Smith

Zachary Sonon

Ino-Jaquel Sosa

Lynette Tenoria

Emelly Tiburcio

Ashley Villasenor

Benjamin Wolfe

Eduardo Zavala

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.

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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



- Blue enrollment forms for the 2014-2015 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 28, 2014** 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 school year*).
- The current Program year ends **Friday, May 30, 2014 at 9:00 AM** (*final statements will be issued the following week*).
- The next Program year starts right up again on **June 1, 2014** and runs through **May 31, 2015** with tuition credit being applied to the 2015-2016 school year.
- Even though the school year is ending, **GAGC** will continue to be available for purchase throughout the entire summer, seven days a week — *at the rectory Monday through 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 call Claudia Rudderow at 610-916-1874 or email