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Parent newsletter of Holy Guardian Angels Regional School

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- August 31 & September 4** - **NO SCHOOL**
(Labor Day Observance)
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- October 4** - Blessing of the Animals
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- October 26** - All Saints Mass - 9:00 AM
- October 31** - Early Dismissal 1:00 PM

HGA Faculty Fun Summer Snapshots!



Miss Bauer's softball team, Lyon's Spirit, finished 3rd at the Women's Major National Fast Pitch Tournament Stratford, Connecticut



Mrs. Sweigart spent time with her granddaughter - Oregon



Mrs. Wallin and her husband enjoying the summer in Wild Wood Crest, NJ



Mr. Dowd Port Jervis, NY standing on the marker where NY, NJ, and PA meet.



Mrs. Meares taking in the splendor of the Swiss Alps



Mrs. Kinyo and family touring Kilkenny Castle, Ireland



Mrs. Wilson and her family enjoying the view - Keuka Lake, NY



Mr. and Mrs. Bard enjoying an Iron Pigs game with their daughter Allentown, PA



Mrs. Zatorski and her children on the beach - Ocean City, Maryland



Mrs. Burkman and her family Tuckahoe Acres, Delaware



Emergency Information

First Day of School Reminders

UNIFORM DRESS CODE is in effect the first day of school and will be enforced. (Optional summer uniform may be worn through Friday, November 2nd.)

All clothing is to be the **PROPER SIZE**. The baggy look is not acceptable. Pants are to be worn at the waist, not the hips.

Label **ALL** your child's clothing (sweatshirts, sweaters, etc.).

Label **ALL** your child's items (books, lunchbox, book bag, etc.)

HAIRSTYLES AND HAIRCUTS—NO FAD HAIRSTYLES AND all hair MUST BE THE CHILD'S NATURAL COLOR. NO BLEACHED, DYED, OR STREAKED HAIR IS ALLOWED.

BOYS - haircuts are to be NEAT and trimmed properly. Hair is NOT to go beyond their shirt collar and/or beyond their eyebrow.

GIRLS - NO hair extensions are to be worn. Hair accessories are to be kept simple and are NOT to become a distraction.

LUNCH SERVICE - will be available.

TRANSPORTATION - Make sure your child knows what mode of transportation they will be taking. If they will be riding a bus, please make sure they know what bus they will be riding.



Emergency sheets for the family are included in the summer packet. This form provides the school with pertinent family information such as phone numbers (work and home), addresses, cell phone numbers, and emergency contacts. Please fill out the required information and return by **Monday, August 27, 2018, the first day of school.**

Forms regarding each child's medical background will be sent home on the first day of school. Please complete one form for each child and return to school by **Tuesday, August 28, 2018.**

Protecting God's Children Program

Since the summer of 2004, the Diocese of Allentown has implemented a safe environment program in which parents, educators, employees, and volunteers work together to maintain the safest environment for children.

With this in mind, all volunteers who come into contact with children (e.g., serving as a classroom or lunchroom volunteers, assisting with a classroom party, serving as a chaperone for a field trip, working as a clerical assistant for a teacher or in the office, Scout leaders, CYO coaches, etc.) are required to attend a workshop called Protecting God's Children. This workshop emphasizes the harms of child sexual abuse and what can be done to prevent it.

Holy Guardian Angels will host this program on Saturday, August 25, 2018 - 9:00 AM - Noon.

Contact Mr. Angstadt through the school office to register for a class.

Orientations

Kindergarten

Tuesday, August 21, 2018

6:00-8:00 PM

Kindergarten students and their parents are to report to the gymnasium upon their arrival at 6:00 PM. After a brief introduction, the Kindergarten children will go with their teacher to the classrooms while Mrs. Wallin speaks to the parents. The students will then be off on a fun and informative bus ride while the parents report to the Kindergarten classrooms. Teachers will provide a more detailed discussion of the Kindergarten Program and the upcoming year.

Preschool

Wednesday, August 29, 2018

5:30-6:00 PM - 3-year old

6:30-7:30 PM - 4-year old

Children entering 3-year and 4-year old Preschool and their parents are to report to the gymnasium upon their arrival at their respective time. Students will be introduced to their Preschool teacher and aide and enjoy some playtime in their respective classrooms while Mrs. Wallin speaks to the parents. The students will then enjoy a treat and beverage in the social hall and a few activities in the gym while the parents report to their child's Preschool room. Teachers will provide a more detailed discussion of the Preschool Program and the upcoming year.



meet the teacher night

Grades 1-5

Wednesday, August 22, 2018

6:00-7:30 PM

Grades 6-8

Tuesday, August 28, 2018

6:00-7:30 PM

Transportation

If you haven't requested bus transportation by filling out a form during the past school year, or have any questions or difficulties with bus scheduled, please contact your local school district in which you reside.

The public districts DO NOT provide preschool transportation.

- Antietam - 610-779-2606 (ext. 3)
- Brandywine - 610-682-5143
- Conrad Weiser - 610-693-8561
- Exeter - 610-779-0410
- Fleetwood - 610-944-8111 (ext. 3)
- Governor Mifflin - 610-775-1464 (ext. 2)
- Hamburg - 610-562-2241 (ext. 1723)
- Muhlenberg - 610-921-8000 (ext. 6)
- Oley - 610-987-4100 (ext. 6063)
- Reading - 610-371-5824
- Schuylkill Valley - 610-916-5447
- Tulpehocken - 610-488-6286 (ext. 1166)
- Wilson - 610-670-0180 (ext. 1232)
- Wyomissing - 610-374-4031 (ext. 1110)

You're Invited To HGA's Back-to-School PICNIC

Spend some time catching up with school families, classmates, teachers, and meet some new friends.

You donate the hamburgers or hot dogs and our "grill masters" will cook them up!

Or, bring a side dish or dessert. We'll provide the rolls, paper products, and beverages.

Please note: we are always mindful of food allergies – listing of ingredients on your side dish is A MUST!

Please contact the school – 610-929-4124 – no later than Tuesday, August 16th to sign-up and let us know what you are bringing. (Also, if you are donating hamburgers or hot dogs, please drop these off at the school office by this date.)

HOMEROOM ASSIGNMENTS WILL BE POSTED



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.

Principal and Parent Partnership Program

HGA hosts a variety of events organized to build school spirit, community bonding, and raise much needed funds for the students

and school. Each grade level has been assigned a specific event.

Joining the families of your oldest or only child's classroom, you will have the opportunity to build

school spirit and meet the parents of your child's classmates, as well as assisting in the organization of an important activity of the school.

Each event is listed with its scheduled date. Reminders will be sent home in a timely manner, however, please mark your calendars now!

Kindergarten - Father/Daughter Dance - January 12

First Grade - Ladies' Night Out - April 6

Second Grade - Family Bingo - September 21

Third Grade - Chicken BBQ - May 16

Fourth Grade - Night at the Races - November 3

Fifth Grade - Dining Out - November 5

Sixth Grade - Breakfast with Santa - December 9

Seventh Grade - Graduation - Date TBA

Eighth Grade - Dining Out - March 11



Culinary Camp

A Feast for the Eyes and Taste Buds!

Donning their aprons with cutting boards in hand, HGA's budding chefs prepared for a week of culinary delights. Under the watchful eye of our resident cooks, Mrs. Stuckert, Mrs. Bernardo, Miss Kollar and every-



one's favorite, Aunt Mary, students in grades 2-8 peeled, chopped, sautéed, and mixed ingredients to create signature dishes from France, Germany, Poland, England and Italy. Well known favorites such as pierogis, stuffed shells

and roast chicken, shared the table with not-so-familiar, but equally tasty, Ratatouille, Tarte Tatin, Pork Schnitzel, and Roast Beef with Yorkshire Pudding.

Experienced culinary campers shared their knowledge and helpful tips with first time campers as they prepared the



daily menu of appetizers, entrees, and desserts. Once the dining tables were set and the buffet ready, everyone sat down together to enjoy the delights of their hard work. All the recipes prepared throughout the week were copied and sent home with

all the campers to prepare delicious meals for their families. It was a successful and tasty week!

Drama Camp

Celebrating Its 10th Year—HAKUNA MATATA

The curtain was raised on this year's Drama Camp performance of *The Lion King*, after only twelve days, which included



auditions, rehearsals, costume fittings, and dance practice. The cast pulled together to entertain a packed house to a wonderful rendition of this Broadway show stopper. A job well done by Mrs. Heidi Wilson, Director, Mrs. Beverly Coveleski, Costumes,

Mrs. Kate Kasperowicz, Art Director, Mr. Andrew Angstadt, Music Director, Mrs. Nicole Angstadt, Choreographer, Mrs. Rebecca



Kinyo, T-shirt/Program Designer, and the many high school students who volunteered to assist.

We are so proud of our students and

the Drama Camp performances are truly a highlight of the summer. We look forward to many more to come!



Congratulations, cast of *The Lion King*!

Taking Care of Your Books

All books are to be covered and carried in a school bag or tote bag. **Textbooks are to be covered at all times with a book sock, book cover, or brown paper.**

All workbooks must be covered with clear contact paper. Contact paper may be purchased through the School Store, or local shopping centers. Workbooks covered with contact paper are easy to identify and stay in good shape for the whole year.

Please cover only workbooks with clear contact (books children write in). Before covering with contact paper, please write your child's name and grade on the cover of the book. Workbooks should be covered no later than **Monday, September 17, 2018.**

Personal Items

Due to liability issues ALL of the following items ARE NOT ALLOWED IN SCHOOL:

- Electronic Games
- MP 3 Players and Other Electronic Devices
- Cameras
- Trading Cards
- Any New Toy/Fashion Fad

Cell phones are permitted, however, the cell phone must stay in the child's book bag, silenced, until after school.

School Handbook



The 2018-2019 information regarding all school policies and curriculum will be available on-line to the students and parents on Monday, August 27, 2018, the first day of school. The teachers will go over important components with the students on this day.

We urge you to take the necessary time needed to read the information held within these pages. This is the basic blueprint of our school program. The Handbook Agreement Form, which will be sent home, **MUST** be signed and returned to school no later than Friday, September 7, 2018.

For your convenience, a hardcopy of the School Handbook may be signed out through the school office.

VICTIM ASSISTANCE COORDINATOR



The Diocese of Allentown provides assistance to anyone who, as a minor, was sexually abused by a priest, deacon, or employee/volunteer of the Diocese/Parish. Parents, guardians, children, and survivors of sexual abuse are invited and encouraged to contact the Diocese of Allentown for more information about this program. The fullness of compassion should be extended to these victims by the Church.

Victim Assistance Coordinator

DIRECT TELEPHONE NUMBER

(800) 792-9209

To learn more about the Diocese of Allentown's Youth Protection Programs, Sexual Abuse Policy, and Code of Conduct, please visit www.allentowndiocese.org and click on "Youth Protection" in the upper right-hand corner of the page.

FUNDRAISING

Supporting the school's budget and keeping your tuition costs down.

This year's family fundraising fee remains at \$350.00. Participate in the following school fundraisers to fulfill this requirement:

FACTS Management: Break your fundraising fee into monthly payments through the FACTS Management Program. You can combine your fundraising fee with your monthly tuition payment or set up an agreement just to handle your fundraising payments. Please contact the school office for additional information.

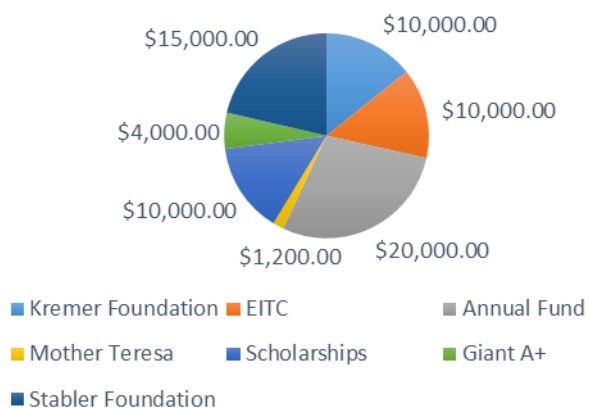
Evergreen Sale: Back by popular demand, HGA will once again be selling fresh wreaths, garland, and centerpieces for the Christmas season. Sale begins Tuesday, October 16th and ends on Tuesday, November 31th.

2018 Walk-a-thon FUN DAY for Catholic Education - Thursday, October 11th. All monies raised through your Walk-a-thon solicitation letters is applied directly to your fundraising fee. Walk-a-thon FUN DAY solicitation preference forms will be distributed at Orientation/Meet-the-Teacher Nights. Choose to send your Walk-a-thon FUN DAY letters via e-mail, US post office, or both. Students will participate in team building exercises, fun activities, and of course, WALK!

Joe Corbi Pizza & Dessert Sale: Earn a percentage towards your fundraising obligation. This sale is held during the months of January and February, just in time for Lent.

Fundraising fees must be fulfilled by Tuesday, March 5, 2019 - either paid in full or added to your tuition payments.

Tuition Assistance Disbursement 2018-2019



Holy Guardian Angels Regional is pleased to offer a total of \$70,200 in tuition assistance for the 2018-2019 school year. We thank those supporters of HGA and their generous commitment to Catholic education.

Annual Fund

Investing in HGA's technology upgrades, classroom resources, programs, and financial aid.

HGA's Annual Fund is critical for enhancing the school and providing tuition assistance. Throughout the 2017-2018 school year, the Annual Fund dollars touched our students lives through the following:

- The purchase and installation of the STEM Lab portable sink.
- New rolling podiums for four teachers.
- Kindergarten A received a reading center table.
- Walk-a-thon/Fun Day t-shirts for all students and faculty.
- \$20,000 in tuition assistance.
- Faculty/staff professional development - "Responsible Centered Discipline" book study.
- Hallway banners featuring our school logo.

Consider asking your place of employment to join our team of Annual Fund sponsors. Or, perhaps a family donation. Contact the Advancement Office for details.

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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

**WELCOME
BACK!**

Back-to-School Giveaway... Attention all Target shoppers - purchase a Target gift card (physical or ScripNow) in the month of August and be entered to win a \$50 Target gift card.

- The current GAGC Program Year began on June 1, 2018 and runs through May 31, 2019. Any tuition credit earned during this program year will be applied to the 2019-2020 school year.
- Over **\$19,000 in tuition credit** was earned in the last program year! It's never too late to start and every little bit helps. Earned credit adds up quickly!
- An easy way to try out the GAGC program is to begin with your weekly grocery shopping. For example, if you purchase a \$125 in Giant gift cards each week for your groceries, you would earn \$10 per month in tuition credit. Reducing your monthly tuition bill by \$10 could be a great help.
- Be sure to "Like" the GAGC Facebook page so you don't miss out on new product announcements (like **Disney ScripNow is now available and with a higher rebate!**), bonuses, and give-aways.
- Using the Online Option allows you to earn tuition credit on-the-go with no planning ahead! Visit the [GAGC tab](#) on the school website for a Quick Start Guide.

It's never too late to enroll in the GAGC Tuition Credit Program - just contact Tricia Christ at tac317@ptd.net or 610-451-1959 for more information - you'll be glad you did!