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Parent newsletter of Holy Guardian Angels Regional School

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29- NO SCHOOL - Memorial Day

June 1 - Gr. 3 & 4 - Reading Phillies

June 2 - Gr. 8 - Retreat

June 3 - Sports Banquet

June 5 - Gr. 8 Graduation

June 7 - Field Day - **NOON DISMISSAL**

June 8 - Last Day Dismissal 10:30 AM

June 12-15 - Vacation Bible School

June 16-17 - HGA Angel Fest

June 18 - Happy Father's Day

June 26-July 14 - Drama Camp

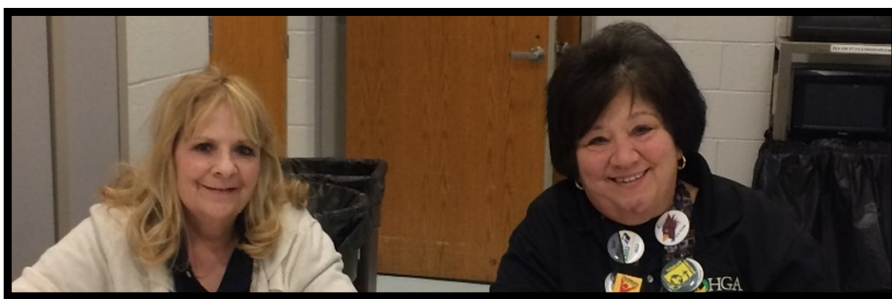
July 17-21 - Culinary Camp - Tour of Italy

July 24-28 - Culinary Camp - Introduction to Cooking

July 30 - Ice Cream Social 6-7:30 PM



Thank You for the Gifts of You - - You Will Be Missed



Happy Retirement!

After 79 combined years of teaching in Catholic education, Ms. Patricia Kollar and Mrs. Theresa Bernardo will be retiring. Although it is always difficult to say good-bye to a teacher, a colleague, a friend, these women have truly earned "hall passes" to their next adventure.

The joy of teaching, mixed with their passion and dedication of enriching student lives was evident in their involvement with Student Government, Embryology, Kitchen Kapers, French Club, Science Explorers, Culinary Camp, and D.A.R.E.

Regardless of where their travels may take them, they will certainly be missed, but always welcome back for a visit or maybe even fill in as a substitute once in a while.

We wish them well and hope they enjoy retirement. You both deserve all the best. God Bless!

Message from the Principal



"God doesn't close one door without opening another."

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Reflecting on the 2016-2017 school year, I want to express my sincere appreciation to the staff, students, and families of Holy Guardian Angels Regional School for all their efforts, and celebrate the many wonderful learning experiences that have taken place.

As we say goodbye to the year, let me take this opportunity to say thank you and best wishes to fifth grade teachers, Miss Patty Kollar and Mrs. Theresa Bernardo who will be retiring. Their transition to a new daily routine and schedule will certainly be an adjustment; however, as we've heard many times, "God doesn't close one door without opening another." Many students and families will experience a transition of some form, whether starting a new school, moving to a new home, or beginning a new job; these "doors" are new opportunities that God has laid out for us as we continue our life's journey.

During the summer encourage your children to continue reading, learning and wondering. Time at the park, in the backyard, or at the beach, can be a great place to get lost in a book or let the imagination run wild.

May your time with family and friends be happy, healthy, and joyful!

Yours in Christ,

Mrs. Maureen Wallin,
Principal

MIDDLE STATES Update

We are proud to announce that the Middle States Association ACCREDITED Holy Guardian Angels Regional School through the year 2024!

The entire Middle States Self Study Process has been a group effort involving the entire HGA Regional School community of parents, students, staff, and stakeholders.

A sincere THANK YOU to everyone for your continued support of our school.

Religious Ed Corner

First Communion News:

The Sacrament of First Communion was on Saturday, May 6, 2017 at 10:00 AM. May we all continue to pray for these children so that they realize Jesus is always calling them to receive Him in this the beautiful sacrament.



Vacation Bible School:

When: June 12-15, 2017 from 9am-12noon

For: Ages 3-10

Theme: Holy Days of Obligation

Cost: Only \$30.00 for the **WHOLE WEEK**

Registration deadline is...June 5, 2017

Registration forms can be found in many locations...

HGA school website

Religious Ed. website (www.hgareled.weebly.com)

Main Entrance on the Church

~Upcoming Faith-filled Events~

Thursday, June 1 & Friday, June 2: Altar Server Training

Friday, June 2: The 8th Grade Retreat Day

Monday, June 5: The 8th Grade Graduation

Thursday, June 9: Last School Mass

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.

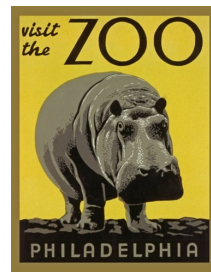
Grant me faith and courage and put purpose in my days,
and show me how to serve Thee in effective ways.

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.

8th Grade Goes to the Zoo

One last day of fun for the 8th grade class was spent "hanging out" at the Philadelphia Zoo. Through the cooperation of HGA administration and parents, this added field trip proved to be an awesome time to learn and enjoy time together. Thanks to chaperones, Mrs. Wallin, Mr. Angstadt, Mrs. Wilson, Father Hoffa, and Mrs. Reber for spending the day with us!



UPcoming EVENTS

**Sunday, July 30th
6:00-7:30 PM**

Join us for this free
summer time treat.



Ice Cream Social

- reconnect with friends
- order your homework planner (grades 3-8)

Event held rain or shine!

School Store

Thursday, July 20th - 9 - 11 AM & 6 - 7 PM

Tuesday, August 8th - 9 - 11 AM & 6 - 7 PM

Order Lunch Tickets - Homework Planners

Back-to-School



Sunday, August 20

5-7 PM

Rain or Shine

Details to follow!

D.A.R.E.

This year the fifth grade class had 42 graduates of the **D**rug **A**buse **R**esistance **E**ducation Program.

This Program taught the children so much valuable information, but most importantly, that they must have respect and responsibility in their lives.

By using those two key words, RE-SPECT and RE-SPONSIBILITY, they can say NO to drugs, avoid bullying and make good

decisions. Our thanks to Sgt. Marino and the Muhlenberg Police Department for making this program possible.



Preschool



In Preschool, we have been very active and have been having lots of fun! We wore mustaches for Letter M week and came to school in our pajamas for Letter P week. We have been learning our numbers to 20, letter sounds, rhyming, categorizing, and sequencing. We dyed eggs for Easter and had an Easter egg hunt.

We took a field trip to the Reading Public Museum where we learned about animals in our community, played in the Hot Wheels and Thomas the Train exhibits. We also sang in the school musical.

We love to listen to stories, to sing, to dance, to do arts and crafts, and to be the Helper of the Day. We are looking forward to our end of the year picnic and to starting Kindergarten in August.



Second Grade

April was a full month of many exciting things in second grade. It's hard to believe that the school year is almost over!

We had such a wonderful Spring Musical. The boys and girls did an awesome job. It was so nice to see so many parents and grandparents at the show..

Our field trip to Crystal Cave was amazing!



We are all fascinated by the cave and learned so many interesting things that day. The students wrote about all the things we did, especially panning for gems. Thank you to all the parents who were able to take the day and spend it with us.



In religion we have been working really hard at learning about our First Holy Communion. Along with preparing for communion, we also learned about the parts of the Mass. Our reading stories have taken us on many adventures, learning about the ocean, types of boats, outer space and dinosaurs. Multiplication is difficult, but we are learning new strategies all the time to memorize the times tables - getting ready for third grade's Fact Masters! As we finish out the year, we will continue to review parallel lines, measuring, perimeter, and geometry.

One final party, our end-of-the-year picnic! Have a great summer. Stay safe and enjoy!

Receiving His Gift

The second graders received Jesus for the first time on Saturday, May 6, 2017. The weather held up for the first communicants to process to the church for the beautiful celebration. Congratulations!



Third Grade

Summer Goodbyes!

Here we are once again. It is hard to believe another year has gone by. The children are certainly ready for some fun in the sun!

This last month we have been very busy in 3A. Our first class trip to LEGOLAND Discovery Center in Plymouth Meeting was just wonderful. Having never been to the new facility, we



were not sure what to expect. The children had a great day with stimulating Lego activities, instructional workshops, and plenty of free time to explore and play. We are very interested in returning.

Our next field trip is to see the Fightin' Phils, please pray for sunshine!



To wrap up our story on K-9 dogs, we were fortunate to have Officer Eveland visit both classes to inform us about, and demonstrate what a day in the life of a K-9 dog is really like. Joining Officer Eveland was Officer Santiago and of course, Nitro! The children have heard so much from Blake about Nitro and all his skills. It was great to finally meet him and watch him in action.



The children learned some very exciting new facts from Officer Eveland about the responsibilities of a K-9 dog.

With all this excitement, the children are still learning and preparing for exams. They are learning all about life cycles of animals in science and what it takes to start and run a business in social studies. To finish our unit, the children will be working in groups to develop their own small business. Their outlook on a family budget may go through some positive changes.



In math, we are still getting new Fact Masters. We will be working on this up to the last day of classes. Students may still get their headbands if they are ready! Keep practicing those facts over the summer, so you can be off to a good start in fourth grade.

The year in third grade is always one of great growth. I have enjoyed watching each of them grow academically and mature socially over the last nine months. Now, it is time for them to rest and enjoy! Whether the ocean waves, mountain lakes, or your own backyard is calling, I wish all of you a safe, peaceful, and happy summer!

Fourth Grade

The students of 4A have truly embraced our theme... "Anchored in His Love." Through academics, field trips, outreach and service projects, and classroom incentives, they have exemplified the HGA mission statement and shown characteristic traits of true and faithful Christians. Here are some highlights of our 2016-2017 school year as shared by the students (with a little help from Mrs. Burkman).



Landis Valley Museum allowed us to take a trip back in time. We attended a 1892 schoolhouse and participated in a typical day. Many students went on a scavenger hunt and went on a wagon ride around the grounds. Everyone made a Scherenschnitte. This craft of cutting paper into intricate designs was introduced by the German culture.

The Master Gardeners from Penn State visited HGA introducing us to fresh vegetables and assisting us in planting a tomato plant which we gave to our moms for Mother's Day.

Throughout the year, we have had fun reading. Mrs. Burkman read aloud to us, **The Wizard of Oz**, and then we watched the movie version to compare and contrast the events. We then read **Because of Winn Dixie**, and had a book celebration which included a variety of foods, as mentioned in the book, along with "dump punch". Another book celebration will be for **The Secret Soldier** which intertwines with our visit to Landis Valley and our social studies curriculum.

We have all participated faithfully in outreach and service projects this school year. Most notable, the students worked together to write and produce a "Paw Patrol" play. The production was presented to Mrs. Burkman's grandson and granddaughter who were visiting from Hawaii. They loved it so much!



After the play, the characters and stage crew were introduced. In the classroom, we watched a Paw Patrol cartoon and Mrs. Burkman surprised us with cupcakes. We can't wait to receive our certificate at the end of the school year. During Catholic Schools Week, we collected items to give to Mary's Shelter. To celebrate our generosity, we had a baby shower. We made cards for the women at the shelter, played fun games, and even tasted some baby food.

During our time in 4A, we improved by helping others in the world through paying attention to our own behavior. We worked to earn stars on the Super Improvers Wall by following directions, meeting expectations, and completing work to the best of our ability. Throughout the second trimester, our incentive was to pass our multiplication fact sets. Each time we passed, we earned an item to build an ice cream sundae. Our third trimester incentive was a read-



ing log. For every book we read, we had a bookmark hole punched. We completed the challenge when we read twenty books. Finally, since attendance in school is so important, for every day we were all present, we earned a letter toward spelling PERFECT ATTENDANCE. We met this challenge four times throughout the year!

As you can see, everyone had a successful and faith-filled year in 4A. In our own words, this year has been better than ever, so awesome, super happy, amazing, so much fun, fantastic, cool, exciting, mind-blowing, amusing, basically...

supercalifragilisticexpialidocious!



CYO Art Show Winners

Category: Oil Pastel

- 2nd Place - Evan Eichhorn
- 3rd Place - Sarah Leininger
- Honorable Mention - David Briel



Category: Chalk Pastel

- 1st Place - Brandon Hendrix
- 3rd Place - Jesus Munoz
- Honorable Mention - Hannah Medina
- Honorable Mention - Ryan Merchancano

Category: Mixed Media

- 1st Place - Elizabeth Trumbore

Category: 3-D Wall Relief

- 2nd Place - Tatianna Colon
- Honorable Mention - Mya Dubbs
- Honorable Mention - Julia Harris

Category: Cartooning

- 1st Place - Kevin Brown
- Honorable Mention - Jaidyn Gonzalez-Rivera

Category: Collage

- 3rd Place - Leslie Hernandez

Category: Marker Drawing

- 3rd Place - Courtney Thompson

Category: Pencil Drawing

- Honorable Mention - Caleb Cammarano-McKenna

Category: Crayon Drawing

- 2nd Place - Ellis Scott
- 3rd Place - Bryleigh Reddy

Category: Black & White Drawing

- 3rd Place - Alexa Alvarado-Oviedo
- Honorable Mention - Joseph Gattone

Category: Watercolor Painting

- Honorable Mention - Marilyn Romero

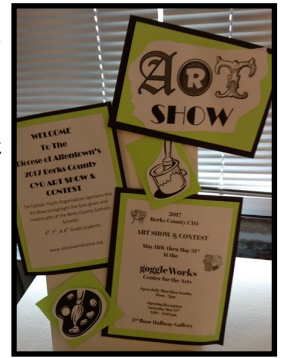
Category: Religious Art

- 2nd Place - Kathryn Gabriel
- 3rd Place - Madison Esterly
- Honorable Mention - Haley Davis

HGA took part in the annual CYO Art Contest held at the GoggleWorks located in Reading. A select number of pieces from sixth, seventh, and eighth grade were chosen to be put on display in a variety of categories. The categories involved different techniques or art mediums.

The GoggleWorks graciously gives the CYO two hallways in the third-floor galleries to display the work of the local Catholic schools in Berks County.

HGA is blessed to have such artistic talent. Thank you again to everyone who supports the arts at HGA.



HGA Class of 2017



Akinkunmi Adio	Anthony Gomez	Cade McLaughlin	Jason Salvador
Oswaldo Aguilera	Omar Gomez	Dana Mejia	Alex Santiago
Maya Barreto	Madeline Goss	Anicia Molano	Jacob Schmeck
David Briel	Sydney Grim	Connor Monk	Ryana Sene
Kevin Brown	Israel Gutierrez	Malachi Mullen	Jayden Sosa
Natasha Cahuantzi	Julia Harris	Anthony Myers	Courtney Thompson
Tatianna Colon	Leslie Hernandez	Colby Newton	Elizabeth Trumbore
Jakub Czyz	Kelly Kline	Thea Piskorski	Soleil Twyman
Haley Davis	Christopher Kochel	Jocelyn Rhodes	Katela Villasenor
Christian Dunlap	Lindsey Kroenig	Samuel Robertson	Bryon Wise
Evan Eichhorn	Sarah Leininger	Marylin Romero	Alexander Zavala
Joseph Gattone	Ashley Lynch	Xavier Ruiz	

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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 May News

Thank you everyone who participated in the GAGC Tuition Credit Program this year! We are just days away from the end of the Program Year and 142 families have earned \$17,181.21 in tuition credit which will be applied to next year's tuition! How much did your family earn? It's never too late to sign up!

Just how much have some families earned in tuition credit?

Here are the top 5!

3rd grade family	\$1,966.90
5th grade family	\$1,485.46
1st grade family	\$1,179.00
8th grade family	\$1,140.02
2nd grade family	\$ 7,64.67



There are many families who earned tuition credit between \$200-\$600!

- Tuition credit statements will be sent home the week of Jun 5th.
- The 2017-2018 Program Year begins immediately on June 1st. From that day forward, tuition credit will begin accumulating toward the 2018-2019 school year.
- Swimsuit? Check. Sunscreen? Check. Gift cards? Check. Order the gift cards you'll need at home and on vacation so you don't miss any rebates during your summer adventures.
- To stay up to date over the summer with all the GAGC news, bonuses, new product alerts, and giveaways, be sure to "Like" the GAGC Program Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/HGAGAGC>.
- Why not set a new goal for the next Program Year? Pick one item on your budget and use a gift card...monthly Target trip Pet food? Night off from cooking? Birthday? It adds up quickly!
- Start you own Christmas Club Savings by purchasing a few cards each month and tuck them away for later.

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