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Parent newsletter of Holy Guardian Angels Regional School

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May 25-27 - 8th Grade EXAMS

May 30 - Memorial Day

NO SCHOOL

May 31-June 3 - Gr. 1-7 EXAMS

June 3 - Gr. 8 Retreat

June 4 - Sports Banquet

June 6 - Gr. 8 Graduation

June 8 - Field Day - Noon Dismissal

June 9 - Last Day of School

9:00 AM Mass

SUMMER SCHOOL STORE DATES:

July 19th, 21st, 25th, 27th

9:00 - 11:30 AM

6:00-7:30 PM

July 27 - New Family Orientation

August 21 - Back-to-School Picnic

August 23 - Kindergarten Orientation

August 24 - Meet-the-Teacher Gr. 1-5

August 29 - First Day of School

Happy Retirement and God Bless, Mrs. Atkinson and Mrs. Santoro

It is with mixed emotions that we say farewell to Mrs. Atkinson and Mrs. Santoro who will be retiring. We thank both of them for the many years of service, spending time giving out and reaching out in order to help students succeed. We pray for continued blessings on them.



*It's amazing how fast all the years have come
and gone,
the impact you have had on many young lives is
immeasurable.
Now, as you step into a new and exciting phase
of your life,
may the memories of your years at HGA always
go with you.
May they remind you of students and col-
leagues you hold dear.
It is now time to enter into the next stage.
Here's wishing you a happy retirement!*

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)



"It's been a year filled with joys and sorrow, challenges and successes. All of which are part of life's journey."

Message from the Principal

Dear Parents/Guardians,

As the school year comes to a close, our minds and hearts are filled to the brim. It's been a year filled with joys and sorrows, challenges and successes. All of which are part of life's journey. Special thanks to all of you who have contributed to the success of our school year. We could not keep our doors open without the generous support of time and talent from our faculty and staff as well as our parent and community volunteers.

We offer our prayers and best wishes to Mrs. Patricia Atkinson, second grade teacher, and Mrs. Carolyn Santoro, our librarian, who will be retiring after many years of loyal and selfless service to Holy Guardian Angels Regional School. They have given us so many gifts and will be deeply missed.

Please continue to work with your children this summer: pray with them; play with them; read to them; promote and model good social skills; engage them in discussions that promote higher-level critical thinking and problem solving; and expand their minds and hearts to be passionate and adventurous in the journey of life. Our community offers so many learning opportunities, and I encourage you to use them. There are so many wonderful online educational sites for your children to use at home as a learning tool.

To those families and students leaving us this school year, I hope that your dreams and hopes have come to fruition and that as you move to another school or on to high school, your future hopes will be realized.

Enjoy the summer respite. Relax, stay close to God, and enjoy family and friends. We look forward to seeing you in August.

Mrs. Maureen Wallin,
Principal

D.A.R.E.

This year, the fifth grade class had 44 graduates of the **D**rug **A**buse **R**esistance **E**ducation Program. This Program taught the children so much valuable information, but most importantly, they must have respect and responsibility in their lives. By using those two key words, RESPECT and RESPONSIBILITY, 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.

Important Information

School Store

HGA will hold four School Store dates in July:

July 19th • July 21st

July 25th • July 27th

Hours for all dates: 9-11:30 AM and 6-7:30 PM

Gym uniform items needed for the 2016-2017 school year must be ordered on these dates. Students will take delivery of their gym uniform the first week of school.

Any gym items ordered after July 27th are the responsibility of the parent and must be purchased through Sneaker Villa, Exeter store.

HGA will no longer inventory gym uniforms (due to lack of storage space). As has been done in the past, a second gym uniform order will be placed through the school during the month of January.

**Homework Planners can be ordered
at the school store!**

Back-to-School



Sunday, August 21

6-8 PM

Rain or Shine

Details to follow!

Music on the Move

Another beautifully sounding year of music concluded with the annual Music on the Move Student Recital on Wednesday, May 25th. Congratulations to all those students who performed and to Mrs. Jen Gaffney, Musical Instructor, on a wonderful performance.

Sam Vicari - saxophone

Joe Taimanglo - guitar

Teresa Mai - piano

Rachael Cadena - piano

Michelle Rohrbach - piano

Eddie Cooper - piano

Eduardo Nunez - piano

Katie Gabriel - violin

Cathy Bui - piano

Ryan Avram - piano

Madison Crater - piano

Katelyn Lewis - piano

Shawn Swavely - guitar

Lilly McCormack - piano

Owen Wentzel - piano

Karelin Morel - recorder

Meredith Swavely - recorder

Mia Goss - piano

Yaretzi Rangel-Cernas - piano

Madison Esterly - piano



All About the Art

Art Show and Sale



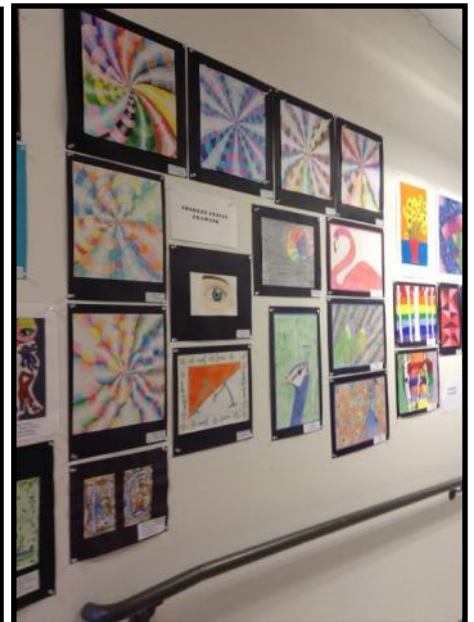
HGA's Art Teacher, Mrs. Kate Kasperowicz would like to thank the entire school community for their support of the first annual HGA Art Show and Sale. Despite a few hiccups, the event was a huge success and showcased our students' God-given creativity. For those who did not have a chance to attend there were activities for everyone to take part in: a selfie station with famous pieces of artwork, face painting, a raffle, and who could forget the delicious, creative snacks. The Art Club members and faculty and staff did a wonderful job to provide a really fun experience for our guests. Plans are already in the works for next year's event and how to add to the creative fun.



CYO ART CONTEST

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.

There were many students who had their work placed in different categories. We also had a great turnout at the show opening on Mother's Day. HGA is blessed to have such artistic talent. Thank you again to everyone who supports the arts at HGA.



CYO Art Show Winners

Category: Black & White

Honorable Mention - Hannah Medina

Category: Pencil Drawing

1st Place - Gia Myers

Category: Colored Pencil

1st Place - Astou Sarr

Honorable Mention - Teresa Costa

Category: Crayon

2nd Place - Aidan Sands

Honorable Mention - Mason Iswalt

Category: Oil Pastel

2nd Place - Tamara Barrera

3rd Place - Mitchell Hawkins

Honorable Mention - Bryon Wise

Category: Water Color

2nd Place - Courtney Thompson

Honorable Mention - Thea Piskorski

Category: Tempera Painting

3rd Place - Andric Brena

Honorable Mention - Michaela Rosenberger

Category: Mixed Media

2nd Place - Sydney Grim

Category: Cartooning

Honorable Mention - Kevin Brown

Category: Religious Art

Honorable Mention - Emily Scianna

Category: Collage

1st Place - Antonio Mingucha-Ostos

Honorable Mention - Vanessa Zavala

Honorable Mention - Kylee Iswalt

HGA Day at the



THE AIM



THE
WIND UP



THE PITCH

Great Job
Mrs. Wallin



2016

HGA got seriously silly and raised \$1,300 to help fight kids' poverty.





Red Nose Charity Partners

All donations received on behalf of Red Nose Day go directly to the Red Nose Day Fund which distributes grants to charities that benefit children and young people living in poverty. Half the money will be spent right here in America on projects close to home. The other half will be spent in some of the poorest communities internationally.



A few of the partner charities include Boys & Girls Clubs of America, charity:water; Children's Health Fund, Covenant House; Feeding America; Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance; National Council of La Raza; National Urban League; Oxfam America; Save the Children and the Global Fund.



**Thank you for
your Support!**

Religious Ed Corner

First Communion News:

The Sacrament of First Communion was on Saturday, May 7, 2016 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 the beautiful sacrament.

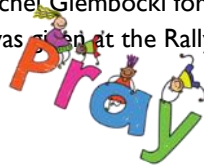


Berks for Life

The Reading/Berks March for Life was on April 24, 2016. The HGA community is so proud of Rachel Glembocki for her message that was given at the Rally.



County March



Vacation Bible School:

When: June 20-24, 2016 from 9am-12noon

For: Ages 3-10

Theme: The Traditions of Our Faith

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

Registration deadline is...June 6, 2016

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~

- **Tuesday, May 31 & Wednesday, June 1:**
Altar Server Training
- **Friday, June 3:** The 8th Grade Retreat Day
- **Monday, June 6:** The 8th Grade Graduation
- **Thursday, June 9:** Last School Mass

Kindergarten B

Wrapping-up a Fun-Filled Year

Kindergarten B has been working so hard and has learned so much this year.

The children took a wonderful trip "Around the Town". Starting their day at the Muhlenberg Library, having fun glow bowling at Heister's Lanes, and enjoying an ice cream treat at Schell's Dairy Swirl. It was so much fun!

Our class celebrated Mass on May 25th. The boys and girls did everything from the readings and the petitions and even serving as altar servers. It was so beautiful. Parents and grandparents attended the Mass and enjoyed refreshments after. It was a beautiful day.

Everyone is sad to see the Kindergarten year come to a close, but we are looking forward to the fun of summer!

First Grade

Another year is rapidly drawing to a close, and both Mrs. Gombard and Mrs. Pietruch will be sad to see this year's group of first-graders move on to second grade. It was a year full of growth...in reading (of course!), in learning to write our ideas in journals, in phonics and math, and in becoming closer friends with each other and with Jesus.

Our four combined first grade Masses were rich experiences spiritually, full of praise for God. Our "Daily Decades" of the Rosary enabled us to pray for and with each other, helping us to grow in awareness of the needs of others.

Our field trip to Sight and Sound Theatre to see "The Miracle of Christmas" was a definite highlight of the year!

Thank you to all the parents who volunteered their time and talents to make our seasonal parties so much fun! And we really appreciate all the parents who provided homework help, and who supported our efforts to help these children of God grow...in wisdom, age, and grace this past school year.

Happy Summer!

Second Grade

Receiving His Gift

In preparation for their First Communion second grade planted 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.



Finally the big day arrived. The second graders received Jesus in communion for the first time. The celebration was held at Holy Guardian Angels Church on May 7th. The weather was perfect! Thank you, Jesus, for this gift.

Science is AWESOME!

Second grade went on a field trip to DeSales University and spent the entire day exploring their science exhibits. There



were professors and students from the University that explained many things about recycling and our earth. The children enjoyed the many hands-on exhibits and loved planting grass and making bracelets. The highlight of the day was when they made ice cream and got to taste it! The students learned a lot that day and were excited to talk and write about it when they returned to school.

Third Grade

3A - Sunshine and Smiles!

The sun is finally shining and the children are smiling. It's so hard to believe another school year is almost over.

May was a very busy month beginning with a beautiful May Procession to honor Mary. We have been honoring Mary in many ways in our classroom, too. The children wrote thoughtful poems and made beautiful flowers for Her.

As we prepare to end our time together, our special third grade memories surely will include third grade "Rocking Out" in the spring



musical, and our field trip to Elmwood Park Zoo was enjoyed



by everyone, despite the weather. We saw some new and interesting animals and enjoyed a carousel ride, too!

We are practicing hard reviewing for

exams. This year's Fact Masters wear their headbands proudly as they leave Third Grade. Keep practicing those facts for next year! Also, remember to keep reading over the summer.

We will miss indoor game time, cup stacking at recess, and the Cup Song.

The children are looking forward to the upcoming Fightin' Phils game, our end-of-year luau, and Field Day.



It has been a wonderful year. We have grown and learned so much together. I wish all my students and their families a safe, fun and restful summer!

See you in August!

Fourth Grade

4A - We are SO BUSY. . .

Fourth grade has had an exciting April and May! We started the month of April with our biography assembly and a visit from the master gardeners from the Penn State Ag Extension of Berks County. Three master gardeners came and talked to us about plants, plant parts, and the wide variety of uses for plants. Then, we got to put our swagger on as we imitated Frank Sinatra in the spring musical, singing the song "My Kind of School" to the melody from "My Kind of Town". In the beginning of May, we took a field trip to the Landis Valley Village and Farm Museum. There we learned all about how people lived in a rural Pennsylvania German community in the 1700s. We learned about the chores, clothes, houses, and recreation-

al activities that a farm child would have had during that time period, much like

Deborah Sampson,

who we learned about this spring. We also got to see what school was like in a one-room school house, where multiple ages were taught by one teacher in a large room. It reminded us of the school that Marley attended from the book Miracles on Maple Hill. We have had an amazing spring so far, and we are looking forward to counting down the days and weeks left until summer vacation begins!



Class is in session in a one-room school house!



4B - Writing for the Newsletter

Taking writing skills to a new level, Mrs. Burkman provided students the opportunity to write their thoughts about the activities happening in fourth grade during the months of April and May.

Spring Musical - We had singing, acting, and musicians from the galaxy to Pennsylvania. The crowd went wild when the 8th graders sang "Fresh Prince of Bel-Air". At the end of the show the whole school sang the HGA school song.



Field Trips - Fourth grade took a great field trip to Landis Valley. We learned how to be a blacksmith, make a shoe and live in a Pennsylvania German community.

Our day at the Reading Fightin' Phils was so much fun! We saw Mrs. Wallin throw out the first pitch and cheered along during the vegetable race. The carrot won!



Favorite Book - On May 27, we celebrated the finish of our book "The Secret Soldier". We ate bacon, butter cheese, honey, biscuits, and crackers just as Deborah Sampson did in 1782. We also watched a short film describing the life of Deborah Sampson.

This was the best year ever at HGA!

A Few Words from Mr. Dowd

My students have been hard at work these last months of the school year. The seventh grade studied Europe and had a big geography test. They had to locate each European country and capital on the map. We studied North Africa and the Middle East. The class had numerous discussions about the turmoil of Middle Eastern politics and the affect it has on our country. Later in May, each student will be submitting a poster on an individual African country. I can't wait to see and display each student's effort.



Seventh grade religion is full speed ahead with our preparation for Confirmation in the fall. Each child needed to submit a CYO religion project and for the most part I can see a lot of effort was put into it. The class is finishing up their study of the New Testament.



The eighth grade has been studying the causes of the Civil War. While doing this they were also studying for a big United States geography test. They had to name and locate each state and its capital. Now we are studying the Civil War itself. The students have been using battle maps, the text, notes, and videos to familiarize themselves about the great struggle our nation endured.

Of course, the eighth graders are anxiously awaiting their big day, graduation, as well as the rest of the students, summer vacation.

I am blest and thankful to be here at HGA. The welcome and support this year has been tremendous. God Bless You!

Eighth Grade

Final Field Trip - Learning & Fun!

The 8th grade went to Lancaster for a religion field trip on a beautiful spring day in May. Our first stop was to the Lancaster Mennonite Information Center where we watched a movie to learn more about the unique way of life and faith of the Amish and Mennonites.



Then we had a tour of the Biblical Tabernacle which is an intricately designed life-size reproduction of the original Old Testament tabernacle from the Book of Exodus. Next we went to the Ephrata Cloister to enjoy a picnic lunch on their lovely grounds. The Cloister is one of America's earliest religious communities. It was founded in 1732 by German settlers seeking spiritual goals rather than earthly rewards. Gathered in unique European style buildings, the community consisted of celibate Brothers and Sisters, and a married congregation of families. At the zenith, about 300 members worked and worshipped at the Cloister. Today the Cloister is a National Historic Landmark. We toured the buildings and learned about this community's history and way of life. We all had a very enjoyable and educational day.



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 2016



Bryan Aguilar

Tamara Barrera

Veronica Botch

Andric Brena

Farren Christ

Kyrstin Deisher

Earl Deschamps

Raymond Deschamps

Ashlie Eveland

Morgan Gebhard

Rachel Glembocki

Jackson Gofus

Steven Grullon

Charles Haubrich

Mitchell Hawkins

William Hertzog

Nicco Iaccarino

Kylee Iswalt

Jack Krishock

Quinn Malinowski

Lazarely Martinez

Amara Midouhas

Lauren Morales

Michelle Nguyen

Aliyah Nieves

Juan Pinon-Lopez

Dante Porcaro

Fabio Reyes

Michaela Rosenberger

Vincent Rudderow

Emily Scianna

Arianna Smith

Hailey Speece

Heather Szymborski-Pratt

Benjamin Villareal

Nathan Wilson

Owen Wolfe

Januel Ynirio

Abigail Young

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 in the Fall of 2016 who will decide whether or not to recommend our school for reaccreditation. 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

What we are finalizing. . .

- Plan for Growth and Improvement - OBJECTIVES: It has been decided to focus our Plan for Growth and Development in three areas: Reading, Mathematics, and Discipline. Three Action Plan Teams have been formed and they are analyzing the data to develop a seven-year improvement plan in these areas. The objectives for these plans are in the process of being developed and then will be approved by the Middle States Association before the plans themselves are created.

What we are in the process of completing. . .

- 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 plan.

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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

Thank you everyone who participated in the GAGC Tuition Credit Program this year! Just days away from the end of the Program Year and 139 families have earned **\$20,232.45** in tuition credit which will be applied to next school year! How much did your family earn? It's never too late to sign up and start earning credit!

Just how much have some families earned in tuition credit?

Here are the top 5!

2nd Grade Family	\$2,249.16
4th Grade Family	\$1,757.53
6th Grade Family	\$1,394.23
Kindergarten Family	\$1,202.15
5th Grade Family	\$989.62

The new Program Year begins immediately on June 1st. From that day forward, tuition credit will begin accumulating toward the 2017-2018 school year.

Swimsuit? Check. Sunscreen? Check. Gift cards? Check! Order the gift cards you'll need on vacation so you don't miss out on 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 purchase that item with a gift card. . . monthly Target trip? Pet food? Night off from cooking? Birthdays? It adds up quickly!

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