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# Inside HGA

Parent newsletter of Holy Guardian Angels Regional School

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**May 29** - Gr. 8 - Ozzy's

**May 30-June 4** - Final Exams - Grades K-7

**June 2** - Sports Banquet

**June 4** - Graduation for 8th Grade -

Mass: 4:30 PM/Dinner to Follow

**June 5** - **FULL DAY OF SCHOOL**

**June 6** - **FULL DAY OF SCHOOL**

**June 7** - Field Day - Noon Dismissal

**June 8** - Last Day of School

Mass 9:00 AM/Dismissal 10:30 AM

**June 10** - Msgr. Hartgen Farewell Celebration 3 PM

**June 17** - Happy Father's Day

**June 18-22** - Vacation Bible School

**July 5-20** - Drama Camp

**July 30-August 2** - Culinary Camp



## Spring Gala - HOLY GUARDIAN ANGELS SATURDAY APRIL 28, 2018 Wings for the future **SPRING GALA** **FUN Night for All!**

An evening filled with awesome music, delicious food, and an abundance of laughter and smiles can only be summed up by one word - **FUN!**

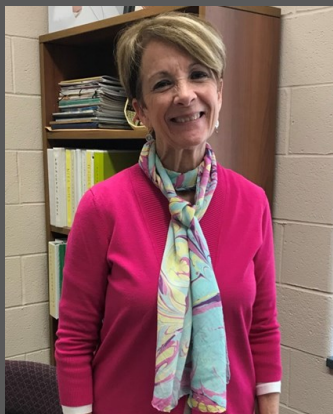


HGA's first Spring Gala had all those ele-

ments and a whole lot more. The crowd included alumni, parents, faculty, parishioners and friends, who enjoyed the sounds of local band Bunch-a-Funk, dined on Monte Lauro Chef, Luigi Candelori's fine cuisine, and enjoyed catching up with friends and meeting new acquaintances.

Taking time out from dancing and dining, the Wine Pull and Silent Auction provided the fundraising component of the evening raising \$5,500 for the school. A successful night!

Mark your calendars for next spring and plan on joining us for another **FUN** evening!



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## Message from the Principal

Dear Parents of HGA,

It is hard to believe how quickly the school year has passed and come to an end. I would like to thank you for your faith, trust, and commitment to the mission of Holy Guardian Angels Regional School. It is your belief in the Catholic education values that help us to sustain our school. We respect the sacrifices each family makes to send their child to HGA, and we will continue to put your child first in everything we do! This was a very busy year and you, as partners in education, played a great role in making it a success.

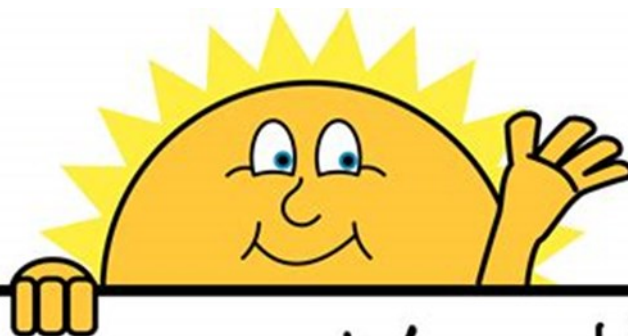
Although this is a hectic time of year, it is the time when I most realize how blessed we all are to be part of this ministry. Parents and teachers commit their time and energy every day toward creating a nurturing environment in which children can thrive. We wish our eighth grade students all the best as they journey on to new places. Eighth grade graduation is a time for celebration and reflection on the impact faith-based education has made on each student:

- *Answering the call to be a prayerful, moral, and faithful member of society*
- *Recognizing that each person is a unique creation of God*
- *Developing a disciplined work ethic, as well as time management and organizational skills*
- *Thinking critically and creatively, communicating effectively, and problem solving efficiently*
- *Living a life focused on environmental stewardship, civic responsibility, and respect for all of God's creations*

I also want to take this opportunity to congratulate all the students of Holy Guardian Angels Regional School and encourage them every day to explore new talents, discover new friends, and strengthen their communication through reading and writing. In addition, please be sure to take time as a family, to talk, play, and pray together.

I will be in touch with you over the summer about new programs for next year, back-to-school events, and so much more. For now, please know that I am grateful for you and that I am praying for you and your family. I wish all of you a safe, fun-filled, and enjoyable summer!

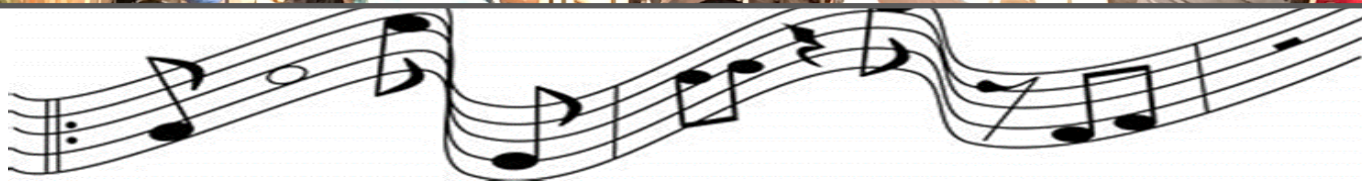
Yours in Christ,  
Mrs. Maureen Wallin  
Principal



# Summer Vacation

# Filling the School with Music

HGA's Band and Choir Concert held on Thursday, May 24th, showcased the talents of many of our students. Vocal and instrumental selections entertained parents, family, friends, and faculty with a variety of group and solo performances. These young artists have been working very hard after school for many weeks and it showed. Congratulations on a wonderful concert!



## Vacation Bible School

Join the fun as we encounter **"God's Promise of Life."** Life is full of thrills and spills; we may not know what's around the bend, but God does! At VBS, kids will discover that, on life's wild ride, that Jesus is by our side. God saves us through Jesus and gives us life and hope every day and forever.

**Theme:** "Splash Canyon: God's Promise on Life's Wild Ride"

**When:** June 18-22, 2018

**Time:** 9:00 AM - 12:00 Noon Each Day

**For:** Ages 3-10

**Cost:** \$40.00 For the Whole Week

**REGISTRATION ENDS ON JUNE 4, 2018**

## Wish List

**HGA CLEANING STAFF  
IS IN NEED OF A  
WASHER AND DRYER**

THINKING OF UPGRADING TO A NEWER  
MODEL - DON'T THROW THEM AWAY -  
GIVE US A CALL!

# CYO Art Show

## **Category: Tempera Paint**

Honorable Mention - Klaudia Jarombek

## **Category: Mixed Media**

3rd Place - Lainey Horst

## **Category: 3-D Wall Relief**

3rd Place - Jayden Nieves

Honorable Mention - Aidan Readinger

## **Category: Cartooning**

2nd Place - Carmella Costa

Honorable Mention - Jaidyn Gonzalez-Rivera

## **Category: Collage**

3rd Place - Rebecca Heimbach

Honorable Mention - Angelene Jimenez

## **Category: Marker Drawing**

3rd Place - Christie Gonzalez-Almanza

## **Category: Pencil Drawing**

Honorable Mention - Ryan Merchancano

Honorable Mention - William Mickulik

## **Category: Black & White Drawing**

1st Place - Hannah Medina

Honorable Mention - Aidan Gaffney

## **Category: Watercolor Painting**

2nd Place - Angeline Narine

Honorable Mention - Julianna Molano

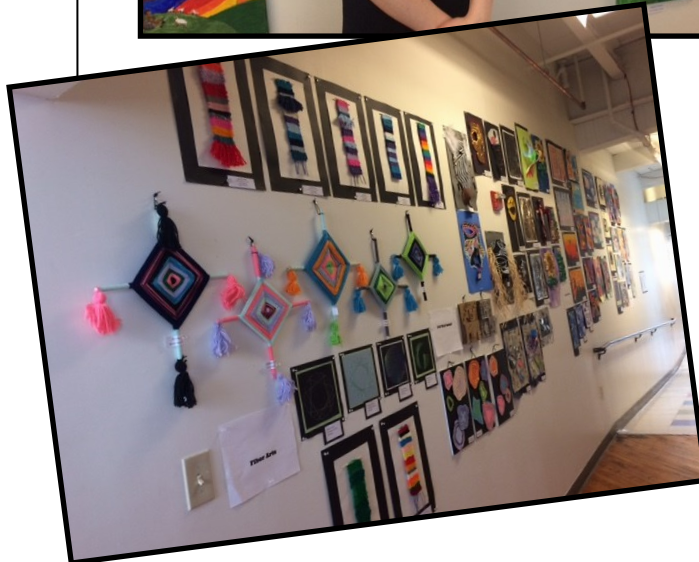
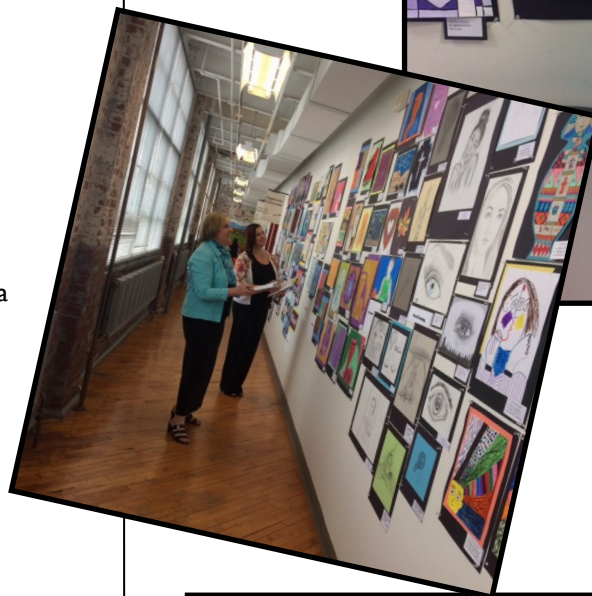
## **Category: Religious Art**

1st Place - Kylie Perez

Honorable Mention - Molly Mogford

Honorable Mention - Mason Iswalt

Honorable Mention - Emma Moody





You're thinking to yourself, "What is canstruction?"

Canstruction is a non-profit charity that creates structures out of full cans of food that are then donated to local food banks.

Thanks to a connection with the McKittrick family and Albright college, a team of students, representing grades Preschool, Kindergarten, First, Second and Fifth, participated in a local competition held at Albright College on April 21, 2018.

With the assistance of mentor, Christi Terefenko, aunt of the McKittrick family, the team developed their canstruction idea - a flower with a bug, received permission from Mrs. Wallin to hold a canned good drive at HGA, and spent lunch time working with Mrs. Stuckert to create their structure, the team was ready for the competition.

Their hard work paid off! The team took first place in both the elementary division and fan favorite categories.

**Congratulations to:**

5th Grade: Addison McKittrick, Riley Gofus, Maya Smith, Lilly McCormack, Rian Coulter, Sophia Billman

2nd Grade: Reese Coulter

1st Grade: Carson Smith

Kindergarten: Logan McKittrick

Preschool: Grayson Coulter, Mason McCormack



## Preschool

The preschool students took a field trip to the Reading Public Museum. They saw animals that lived during the Ice Age

and an exhibit about animals and their habitats. They also had a chance to play in the Doc McStuffins exhibit.



The children have worked very hard this year. They have learned their letters, numbers, counting, writing, colors, shapes, prayers, beginning sounds, and so much



more! We are very proud of them!

# Kindergarten!

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Kindergarten B celebrated their class Mass on May 23, 2018. Each student had a special part in the Mass - greeter, reader, singer, cross bearer, book carrier, bell ringer, and gift bearer.



The students learned the parts of the Mass and a meditation song and prayerfully sang out to praise God. This was a beautiful way to culminate a year of learning, praying, and playing together.

# First Grade

Both First Grade classes have been working hard on our two final Masses for this year: Friday, June 1st and Friday, June 8th.

Readers learned their parts quickly, and all the children have been practicing the two Communion Meditation songs, which promise to be memorable, not only for the messages they impart, but also because of the vocal talents of these young children. All this work is for the Glory of God.



We hope the first grade families stay close to Jesus and Mary this summer through attendance at weekly Mass, and by prayer, especially the Rosary, which we prayed often during the school year.

It has been a year of growth in learning, and fun in friendships.

God bless all the 1A and 1B children and their families.

# Second Grade

## First Communion

May has been a very busy and special month for second grade! On May 5th, our first



communicants finally received Jesus through Holy Communion.

The boys

and girls have been preparing for this sacrament all year culminating in a school day retreat and the planting of vines in pots decorated with symbols and the date of this very important event. It was a beautiful day!

## Crystal Cave

The boys and girls ventured deep underground to learn some cool things about caves. While walking through the cave the lights were turned off! Everyone panned for gems and took a long hike. The day ended with a tasty ice cream treat. What a wonderful day!



# Third Grade

## A Peanuts Gang Goodbye!

It is hard to believe that our last school day is just around the corner!

What a busy year we have had in 3A. The children have grown SO much, both, academically and socially. I have enjoyed



watching them blossom and grow. We went on our first class trip to LEGO Discovery Center in Plymouth Meeting Mall. It was a great day. There was so much to see and do. From LEGO 4-D Cinema and Earthquake tables, to Mini Land Philadelphia, there was something for everyone to enjoy. It was a great day!

As always, the month of May is devoted to Mary. We have honored Her with our prayers, gratitude, and beautiful writing pieces. May Procession was lovely.

In the classroom, we are busy preparing for exams, and still learning new things. In science, we are studying the Life Cycles of various animals. In social studies, we are learning the importance of having a budget and how our economy works. Reading class has been an adventure. Our final trade book for the year, The Trouble with Chickens, was a favorite. Stay tuned for the sequel, The Legend of Diamond Lil. We will begin reading it in class. It would be a great summer book to enjoy.

Last, but not least, we are working with fractions and division in math class. They have made such progress this year with their math skills. Keep practicing!

Our last class trip was to the Fightin' Phils game on May 24th. The sun came out, and stayed out! It was a warm, but beautiful day, and they were a tired bunch on the ride home.

We have two more days of fun coming up, Field Day and our Class Picnic. Until then, we are working hard preparing for exams. These days will pass so quickly.

I want to wish all my third grade families a wonderful, safe, and peaceful summer.

See you in August!

Mrs. Rose Dismuke

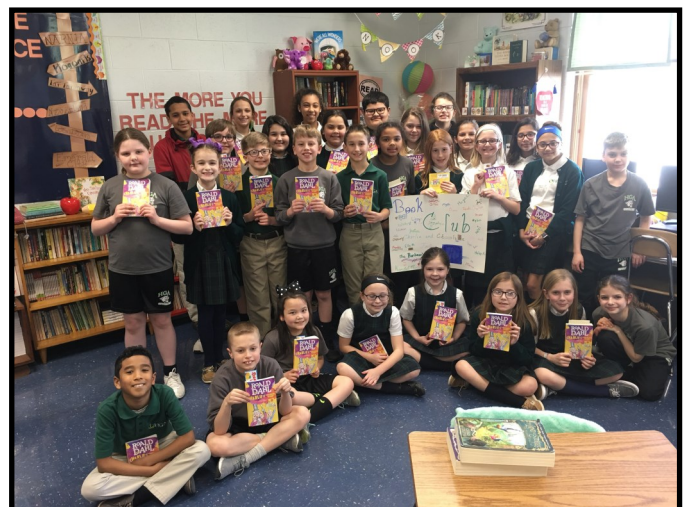
# Fourth Grade

## Biography Assembly

On Friday, April 13, 2018, we had some famous politicians, sports stars, persons of historical importance, inventors, and authors, grace the stage of HGA. They introduced themselves to family, friends, and students in grades third and fifth. Fourth grade students researched a person whom they admire, have been inspired by, or aspire to walk in their footsteps one day. The students read aloud three clues related to their biographical person and students in the audience were able to make a guess. The event has been a tradition at HGA for many years. Thank you to the students and their families for their support of this event and the fourth grade looks forward to every year.

## HGA Reading Company Book Club

Students in grades 3, 4, 5, and 6 received a Golden Ticket invitation to attend a scrumptidlyumptious book club. Twenty-eight eager students gathered to read the classic Charlie & The Chocolate Factory by Roald Dahl. We met each Wednesday afternoon for six weeks to read, learn vocabulary, make real-life connections, and have an all-around good time. The readers were interested to read about the mystery of the factory, all the silly concoctions, and the unconventional candy created by Willy Wonka and the Oompa Loompas. Our most avid readers were able to then compare and contrast the original book classic to the original silver screen representation. We hope you will join us next year for book club.



## Words from 4A

It has become a tradition in 4A, that the students write the last newsletter submission. This is to showcase their writing talents and provide the reader with their perspective. Students decided to write about four topics: Religion, Learning, School Activities, and Classroom Incentives. They formed groups and collaborated to create the information you are about to read.

### **Religion - written by: Emily, Victoria, Teresa, Ava, Blake, Deacon**

In the month of May, we participated in the May Procession. It was a day that we prayed the Rosary to show how much we love and appreciate our Mother Mary. How she said, "Yes" to God. Our religion teacher is Mr. Angstadt. He teaches us about love and how to be kind to others. Mrs. Burkman will do three minute retreats, from the Loyola Press, when Mr. Angstadt is not with us.

### **Learning - written by: Bryce, Elijah, Cameron, Marco, Vicente, Nathan**

In the third trimester, we began reading Because of Winn-Dixie. Through this reading we are learning about friendship and forgiveness. The story is about a young girl named Opal who moved to a new town in Florida with her father, a preacher. There, Opal finds a dog named Winn-Dixie and together they make friends with other people in the community. They have a lot in common and they help each other learn about themselves. When we finish reading the book, we will have a book celebration.

### **Classroom Incentives - written by: Kendal, Owen, Nate, Dane, Michael, Anthony, Vincent**

Our classroom has a national holiday called "Hillbilly Thursday" where you talk like you are a "hillbilly" (country twang). Mark your calendars. Also, almost every day we do Math Mad Minutes. The fun part of the Mad Minutes is that Mrs. Burkman tells us a short story before our Mad Minute to take our mind off what can sometimes be a stressful task. We also passed all of our multiplication fact sets and we celebrated with an ice cream party. Toward the end of the year, we began a reading log challenge. We may read a book of our choice to keep our minds sharp.

**Mrs. Burkman** - Our class theme this year was "Be the Light". The students exemplified this message through the various activities we did this year. I hope they enjoyed their fourth grade year as much as I did teaching. I look forward to watching them succeed in their educational journey. Best of Luck Class of 2026.

## Fifth Grade

On Sunday, April 22, and Monday, April 23, our eggs finally hatched! Twenty-four chicks were successfully hatched with this year's embryology program. The fifth grade students took great care of the eggs for four weeks, diligently turning them five times a day and monitoring the temperature and humidity of the incubator. Once the chicks hatched, they were moved to a brooder box, where they were visited with great excitement by each grade level. The fifth grade students greatly enjoyed this remarkable program in which they learned about how



life starts for chickens and how the chick develops from fertilization to hatching. We are grateful to the Penn State Berks Extension Program and to Mrs. Jo-Ann Ketterer, our 4-H Embryology Program Instructor.



## Sixth Grade

### DaVinci Science Center

The sixth grade students spent an informative and fun day at the DaVinci Science Center. With hands-on workshops and live science shows, everyone was engaged as active participants in the learning process.



# STEM Project

Throughout STEM class this year, the sixth grade students at HGA focused on the various uses of simple machines. On May 14th, they were able to put that knowledge into action and help their peers in the process by building bicycles and skateboards for foster children at the Children's Home of Reading.

This one-day event was actually months in the making. Back in the fall, Mrs. Kinyo connected with an organization called Together We Rise (<http://www.togetherwerise.org>) which provides support for foster children in a variety of ways, including bikes, skateboards, birthday boxes, and duffel bags. She mentioned the organization to the students and everyone agreed that it would be a great way to work with simple machines and give to others at the same time. It was a win-win situation! The only obstacle was how the HGA students would be able to purchase the necessary supplies to make the 16 bicycles that they wished to donate, a cost of \$1,500.

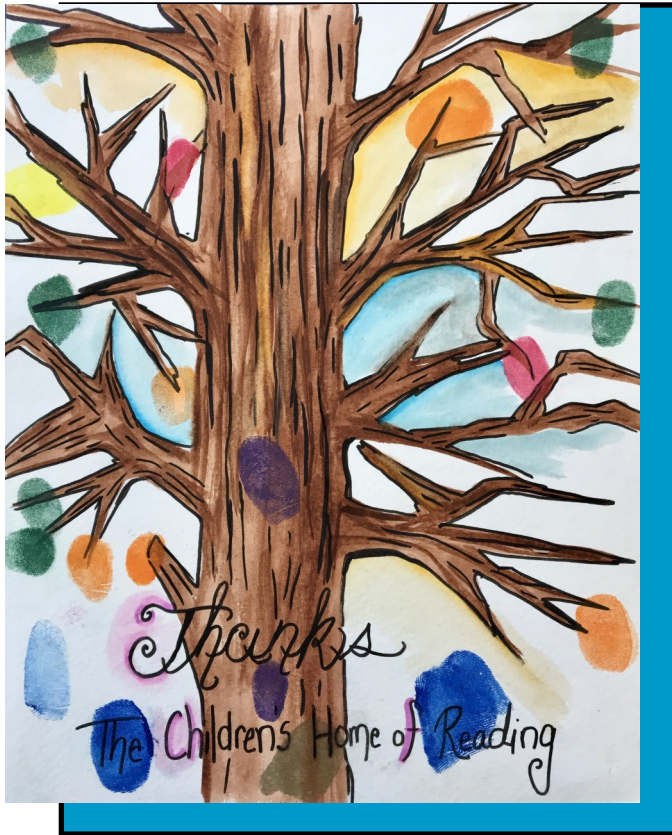
Through creative fundraising and generous donors, the class was able to acquire more than twice the amount needed. In the early spring, the students participated in a mini Math-A-Thon, raising over \$800. In addition, Toshiba America Foundation provided a \$1,500 grant and when the First Energy Foundation learned about the project, they generously donated another \$1,000. With over \$3,000 raised, the students were ready to get to work!

With more funds than anticipated, the class was able to surpass their goal of 16 bicycles and order the supplies to make 22 bicycles and 22 skateboards. Now, they were going to need some help; employees of Met-Ed, based in Reading, generously gave up a day of vacation to work with the students and serve as mentors to guide them through the assembly process. Students were divided into groups, paired with an adult volunteer and produced one bike and one skateboard. After the hard work was completed, all of the students and volunteers took time to relax and enjoy lunch together.

It was well worth the amount of planning and the benefits were much farther-reaching than any classroom lesson could have been. Throughout this entire process, the students developed enriching community connections, applied their knowledge of simple machines, and provided for their peers in need. All in all, a good day!



## Project Serves the Community



The Children's Home of Reading was the recipient of the twenty-two bicycles and skateboards assembled by our sixth graders.

## Thank You TOSHIBA



Toshiba representative, Jim Bingham, Vice President/General Manager presents HGA with \$1,500 grant for a STEM project that focused on simple machinery and community service.

## Seventh Grade

The seventh graders traveled to the historic Ephrata Cloister this month where they learned about life, writings, medicine, and the community's devotion of God. At the Cloister, we wrote "Frakturschriften" (a German style of black letters) using quills and ink made of tree fungus, just like those who lived in the community where it thrived earned a living. We also had the opportunity to tour the grounds and learn about how people in the community lived, worshipped, and took care of one another. Our time spent in the past was easily one of the most memorable experiences in seventh grade.



# Eighth Grade

The eighth grade has been enjoying some special activities this spring before buckling down to study for final exams and prepare for graduation. We had a Fun Friday activity that was related to both Easter and STEM. The students researched designed, and created parachutes that could safely carry a hard-boiled egg from 8A's second floor window all the way down to the back playground.

We are happy to report that many of our eggs survived!

In May, the eighth



grade went on a religious pilgrimage and retreat to Philadelphia where we visited the National Shrine of Saint



John Neumann who was Bishop of Philadelphia. We also went on a trip to Ozzy's Family Fun Center to relax, play, and simply enjoy each other's company.

Additionally, we honored our Blessed Mother at the May Procession. We donned our green graduation gowns and recited the

Act of Consecration to Mary. It was a beautiful day and we all felt Mary's love for us.

The eighth grade religion classes also had a guest speaker. We were visited by Miss Rachael Wilson, former HGA student and daughter of aide Mrs. Heidi Wilson, who is a postulate with the Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Miss Wilson spoke to us about vocations, discernment, and religious life. Her talk was very interesting and informative. We will keep Miss Wilson in our prayers as she continues her formation and journey to becoming a Sister.



Finally, the eighth grade has been fundraising all year in order to give a class gift to the school. We hosted the Talent Show in the fall which raised \$385. Then we sold Kisses for the Cast at our spring show which brought in \$523.75. Finally, we collected \$135 worth of pennies all year which we recently rolled into wrappers. Our grand fundraising total was \$1,043.75. The gift will be presented to Mrs. Wallin at the eighth grade graduation dinner.

Thanks for all the memories, HGA. The class of 2018 is moving up to high school!

## A Graduate's Prayer

Father, I have knowledge  
So I pray you'll 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 bit easier to face--  
Grant me faith and courage  
And put purpose in my days--  
And show me how to serve Thee  
In the most effective ways  
So all 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 2018



Olakanmi Adio

Melany Agosto

Christopher Avram

Julia Baney

Teresa Costa

Mya Dubbs

Christopher Echevarria

Russell Emrich

Kathryn Gabriel

Bavian Galarza

Rebecca Heimbach

Brandon Hendrix

Isabella Hernandez

Tristan Hertzog

Paul Impellizzeri

Mason Iswalt

Angelene Jimenez

Chrissy Kline

Peyton Malinowski

Denaly Martinez

Hannah Medina

Ryan Merchancano

William Mickulik

Antonio Mingucha-Ostos

Molly Mogford

Emma Moody

Giavanna Myers

Jayden Nieves

Sarahy Noriega

Geraldly Perez

Kylie Perez

Renika Prud'Homme

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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



## End of Year GAGC News!

Wow! That was fast! The Tuition Credit Program Year ends on Thursday, May 31<sup>st</sup>. Credit statements will be distributed the week of June 4<sup>th</sup>. All credit payments are sent directly to the school to be applied toward tuition accounts.



The new Tuition Credit Program year begins on June 1<sup>st</sup> – all tuition credit earned from June 1, 2018 – May 31, 2019 will be applied to the 2019/2020 school year.

**Online Option Update – Improved PrestoPay Enrollment!** The PrestoPay enrollment process has been simplified – new families signing up for Online Payments can now instantly link their bank account to ShopWithScrip and start shopping right away. (Manually entering banking information is still an option, which takes 1-2 business days to process.) Your PrestoPay account is secured by a 4-digit PIN number you choose when you create your account. All PrestoPay transactions go through the same ACH process used by banks and major retailers, and it is very safe. To see a video which explains the improvements – please visit <https://youtu.be/3TUIPIZdOmA>.

**HAPPY SUMMER!** GAGC has lots of solutions for your summer travel needs which allow you to earn credit while enjoying the summer sun!

**Travel:** the age-old question of flying or driving? If you're taking to the skies, GAGC offers three major airlines, and if you're sticking to the road, a gas gift card will get you far, especially the reloadable ones.

**Hotels:** obviously you need a place to stay! Always look at our list of hotels before making a reservation, or do your research on Hotels.com, which, you guessed it, we have gift cards for!

**Food:** Eating out with your family can make your wallet feel thin! Food expenses can get out of hand on vacation. Luckily, there are gift cards for all your favorite chain restaurants to you can earn while you eat.