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Parent newsletter of Holy Guardian Angels Regional School

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May 22– Band Concert - 6:00 PM

May 24 - Early Dismissal - 12:00 NOON
May 27 - NO SCHOOL - Memorial Day

June I - Sports Banquet

June 3 - Graduation for 8th Grade -

Mass: 4:30 PM

June 4 - FULL DAY OF SCHOOL

June 5 - NOON DISMISSAL

June 6 - Field Day - Noon Dismissal

June 7 - Last Day of School

Mass 9:00 AM/Dismissal 10:30 AM

June 16 - Happy Father's Day

June 17-21 - Vacation Bible School

July 8-19 - Drama Camp

July 22-July26 - Culinary Camp (grades 5-9)

July 29-August 2 - Culinary Camp (grades 2-4)

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Happy Retirement

Mrs. Wallin!

"May the road rise to meet you. May the wind be at your back. May the sun shine warm upon your face. The rains fall soft upon your fields. And until we meet again, may God hold you in the palm of his hand."



As Holy Guardian Angels Regional School's first principal, we thank

you for nineteen years of dedication, compassion, and love that you bestowed on all who entered our doors: faculty, staff, students, families, and guests. With a warm smile, handshake or hug, you offered a welcoming sense of home.

As a servant of Christ, you left your imprint by modeling and mentoring your faith in every thought, word, and action.

We send with your our prayers and best wishes for a healthy and happy retirement!



"Spread love
everywhere you go.
Let no one ever come
to you without leaving
happier."

...Mother Teresa

Message from the Principal

Dear Holy Guardian Angels Regional School Family,

It is with a heavy heart that I write my final farewell letter to you. The opportunity to retire and spend more time with my family and grandchildren was the ultimate driver of this decision, but it is bittersweet, at best, to leave the school family I have known and loved for the past 19 years.

I want to thank all of you for the support and dedication you have shown to this school and to me, personally. I am so fortunate to have had the opportunity to lead HGA and will always be thankful for the relationships I have built along the way. I have been blessed to work with amazing educators who care deeply for their students and with parents who support their children's education. I have been inspired on a daily basis and will forever be grateful for my own learning and growth that has taken place. Holy Guardian Angels Regional School will always be a part of who I am both as an education and as a human being. It is an incredibly special place.

To all the students - the most difficult part is saying farewell to you. You are the reason I get excited and come to school every day. Know that there are no goodbyes for us. Wherever you are, you will always be in my heart.

And remember, "Spread love everywhere you go. Let no one ever come to you without leaving happier." Mother Teresa

I love you all, tremendously!



MRS. SWEIGART HGA'S OFFICE ANGEL



Mrs. Sue Sweigart has called HGA home for 30 years.

Joining the HGA faculty and staff in 1989, Mrs.
Sweigart was responsible for the school lunch program, prior to holding the position of school secretary in 1990 through 2019.

Working closely with fellow school secretaries, Mrs. Marie Koshinski and Mrs. Ronnie Crupi in the former HGA School, Mrs. Sweigart assisted then Principal, Mr. Philip Fromuth with maintaining family communication and school records and providing faculty with needed classroom materials. Not all that different from the office responsibilities in the newly constructed Holy Guardian Angels Regional School, working with Principal, Mrs. Maureen Wallin. Although the building was bigger and the enrollment larger, Mrs. Sweigart continued to run an efficient office, always welcoming students and parents in need of assistance.

Whether confirming a student's absence, providing copies for teachers, soothing an upset child, answering questions regarding tuition or just chatting with the students who stopped in the office, Mrs. Sweigart's was never too busy to offer a smile or help however neces-

sary.

We thank you,
Mrs. Sweigart for
years of dedication
and love for HGA.
May your next
chapter be filled with
family, friends, and
adventures, but at a



more relaxed pace. Keeping you in our prayers, always!

Preschool





Kindergarten

Kindergarten attended a field trip to the Crayola Factory. We had so much fun exploring the magic of Crayola! We



were able to explore many of the handson attractions and express our creativeness. We had a blast!



Preschool through eighth grade presented "HGA Goes on Vacation" on Tuesday, April 30th with two performances, one in the morning and one in the afternoon, and they were spectacular. The opening song "Vacation" included students from grades I-8, setting the scene for travel both near and far. Songs "Africa", "That's Amore", "Frere Jacques", and "Cielito Lindo" took our travelers abroad, while songs about favorite USA vacation spots included "Route 66", "New York, New York", Surfin' USA", We're Going Camping", Country Roads Take Me Home", and Mickey Mouse March".

Mr. Dowd, and Melody, his virtual assistant, shared a lot of interesting information about the vacation venues. The entire school sang a song about Heaven, the greatest place in the world.

Ending the show, Mrs. Wallin's cleaning lady impersonation of the Carol Burnett Show character, mopping the floor and paging through an HGA year book was a touching moment for all. Mrs. Kasperowicz and the eighth grade did a fabulous job painting the backdrop that depicted sights from all the songs sung. Congratulations to the entire school community!

Your Calls Are So Important

HGA's 19 year old Lucent Partner Phone and Voice Mail System was originally installed when the new regional school was built in 2001. Once telephone issues began to surface early last spring, attempts to fix and order parts for what was now an antiquated system, prompted Mr. Jagielski and Mrs. Wallin to begin researching new systems with options conducive to today's technology and family needs.

Their biggest concern, losing the phone system for any period of time could become a serious situation in the event of an emergency. To ensure the safety of the school community, the installation of the new Avaya Phone and Voicemail System from Sage Communications was completed before school started in August.

Having used the system for an entire school year, the kinks have been worked out and the response has been favorable from parents and faculty.

History Club

The History Club members at HGA successfully competed in the Pennsylvania national history Day competition. All of our members received high scores with Riley Murphy and Madison Esterly getting sixth place in the group exhibit category. All the members are excited to start on next year's projects.



SUMMER CAMPS

Vacation Bible School



Join the fun as we encounter that "Life is Wild but God is Good."

The children will learn that life has its ups and downs, but will realize that with God everything is good!

As our school transforms into a safari our VBS will travel through the "Wild times" of the bible learning with God you can get through anything.

Theme: "Life is Wild but God is Good"

When: June 17-21, 2019

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

For: Ages 3-12

Cost: \$40.00 For the Whole Week

REGISTRATION ENDS ON JUNE 3, 2019

Drama Camp



Snow White & the Seven Dwarfs

Dates: July 8 - 19

Time: 9:00 AM - Noon

Who: Camp is open to all students

entering grades 1-9

Cost: \$150

Auditions will be held the first two days of camp. The camp is limited to 50 students on a first come first served basis.

Questions or to register - <u>HGAdramaCamp@aol.com</u>



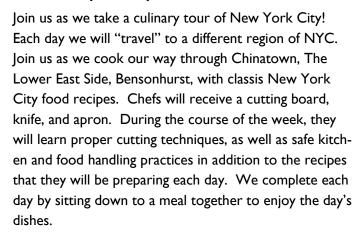
Culinary Camp

Camp 1:Week of July 22-26
A TOUR OF NEW YORK CITY

Monday-Friday 8:00 AM-Noon

Ages: Students entering grades 5-9

Cost: \$160 per camper for the week



Camp 2:Week of July 29-August 2 AN INTRODUCTION TO COOKING FARM TO TABLE: Using local Pennsylvania food products

Monday-Friday 8:00 AM-Noon

Ages: Students entering grades 2-4

Cost: \$160 per camper for the week

We are excited to offer this camp designed for the younger student. During this week, we will cover basic kitchen safety and we will focus on kid-friendly, healthy breakfasts, lunches, dinners, and snacks (and treats too, of course!), all using locally sourced food to show farm to table eating at its best. Your child will receive a cutting board, a kid-friendly knife, and apron. Each day, we will sit and eat the day's dishes, and on the final day, the students will cook an entire meal, from salad to dessert. If you were with us last year for this camp, don't worry, we will be making lots of yummy new recipes that we didn't include last summer.

TO REGISTER FOR EITHER CAMP, CONTACT THE SCHOOLOFFICE FOR DETAILS.

CYO Art Show

Category: Chalk Pastel

3rd Place - Julia Rosenberger

Honorable Mention - Klaudia Jarombek

Category: Mixed Media

Honorable Mention - Alyssa Coccia

Honorable Mention - Madison Esterly

Honorable Mention - D'Mornay Woollery

Category: 3-D Wall Relief

2nd Place - Savannah Kirlin

Category: Cartooning

1st Place - Jaidyn Gonzalez-Rivera

Category: Photography

2nd Place - Sophia Gattone

Category: Colored Pencil Drawing

2nd Place - Jocelyn Gallo-Pelagio

T.C. Honorable Mention - Elizabeth Eash

Category: Pencil Drawing

Third Place - Addison McKittrick

Honorable Mention - Riley Gofus

Category: Crayon Drawing

1st Place - Zeruiah Allen

2nd Place - Tony Nguyen

Honorable Mention - Noah Falter

Honorable Mention - Eva Noll

Category: Acrylic Painting

3rd Place - Justin Echevrria

Honorable Mention - Christie Gonzalez-Almanza

Category: Black & White Drawing

Honorable Mention - Fernando Rodriguez

Category: Religious Art

T.C. Honorable Mention - Gabriella Myer



Second Grade

Spring has been an exciting time for second grade! In May we finally received First Holy Communion. We studied and worked hard all year long and the day finally arrived. It was absolutely beautiful! Everyone looked amazing in their suits and dresses. We had mass together and were finally able to receive Jesus. We all sang a beau-

tiful song thanking Jesus for all he does for us. After mass we prayed in front of the statue of Mary and asked her



to continue to help us and guide us.

Also in spring we went on our field trip to Crystal Cave. It was our favorite trip this year! We started out by exploring the cave. The tour guides told us many amazing facts. When we returned back to ground level we took a nice nature walk on the ground around the cave. It was fun to see the wild life. After lunch we were able to pan for gem stones - we were so excited to be able to take them home. We learned so much on this trip about caves and how they form.



Third Grade

Summer Goodbyes!

It is almost time to say our goodbyes. The last two months have been very busy. From celebrating Dr. Seuss Day to building Simple Machines in Science class. For Lent, third grade made a

very special gift for their families. As a remembrance of Jesus' sacrifice for us all, the students made a crown of thorns. The crown craft made using dried cloves and wire, was a bit tedious, and a perfect reminder of His sacrifice and love for us.

Spring arrived along with a very full schedule, and kept us very busy. The Spring Musical was a success. Third grade looked and sounded very classy



My Crean Of Thoma

I make the Crean of Thoma,

Will patience and care for you.

A nonembrane of Mis love for us.

And all my love for you.

Our two field trips to Leo Land and the Fightin' Phils were great fun. Both days were enjoyed by all. Guess what our bus song was?

The children prepared to honor Mary in the month of May. They wrote poetry and made beautiful flowers for Her. Their



heartfelt journal entries for Mary were just wonderful. As we wind down this year, it is

hard to believe it is almost over. The children are still working hard preparing for exams. We are finishing our trade book, *The Trouble with Chickens*. In Math class, we are learning long division. In Science, we are studying the life cycles of animals. As always, we are keeping Jesus at the heart of all we do. So much has happened this year. The children have grown in so many ways since they walked into our third grade room in August. I have enjoyed watching them and being a part of this time as they have grown, met new challenges, and learned so much. Though beaches and flip flops are calling, we sill have some time left together. We look forward to Field Day and our class picnic before we go. I would like to thank all parent and grandparent volunteers who have given their time to help make this year a great one for 3A.

We would all like to wish our third grade families a safe and happy summer!

Fourth Grade

4A - Mrs. Burkman's Class

The students of 4A have truly embraced our theme..."Be the Change". Through academics, field trips, outreach and service projects, they have exemplified the HGA mission statement and shown characteristic traits of true and faithful Christians. They have become models of *CHRIST*, displaying Catholic Values, Honesty, Respect, Integrity, Self-Control, and Tenacity in their learning and collaboration with their peers.

A majority of the students completed four Helping Hands service projects. Students will receive a certificate at the of the school year. During Catholic Schools Week, we made tie fleece blankets to give to Mary's Shelter which were distributed to women and their children. Blessing Bags were assembled and distributed to the residents of Mary's Shelter, as well. Students also collected canned goods for the "CanStructure" Building Challenge. All cans collected were donated to the Greater Berks Food Bank.

Throughout the year, we have had fun reading. Mrs. Burkman read aloud, <u>The Wizard of Oz</u>, and then we watched the movie version to compare and contrast the events in the book to the movie. Another book celebration will be for <u>The Secret Soldier</u> which intertwines with our Social Studies curriculum.

Attendance in school is so important. For every day that they are present, they earned a letter toward spelling

PERFECT ATTENDANCE. The students met this challenge five times throughout the year. We celebrated with a popcorn party and a "Taco Off". Cole Martin's father and Mrs. Burkman were in competition to find out who had the tastiest tacos. Mr. Martin's tacos took the title.



As you can see, everyone

had a successful and faith-filled year in 4A. In the students' own words, "This year has been; funny, awesome, amazing, super, happy, thankful, cool, extraordinary, "Gucci", and "lit"! Best of Luck to the Class of 2027!

4B - Miss Andrefski's Class

What a year! A lot has gone on in 4B. We have mastered new skills, published our own book (with help from 4A), walked away with the Rock-Paper-Sicssor trophy and enjoyed writing to our pen pals. Along with so many other amazing things.

We collaborated with 4A this year a lot, the most recent, publishing our own book, an alphabet book based off the things around Pennsylvania: Andrew Carnegie, The Crayola Factory) along with plenty of other things. Our 4B representative, Logan Hicks, won the Rock-Paper Scissors tournament, so our classroom has been the home of the trophy, and hopefully it stays that way for years to come! We were lucky enough to team up with the fourth grade class at St. Ambrose School and be their pen pals for the year. We want to wish them a happy summer and good luck in fifth grade.

As we wrap up the end of the year we are working on one more writing piece, a compare and contract essay. We read Secret Soldier, a story about Debora Samson, who disguised as a man to fight in the Revolutionary war. We then watched Mulan, which is about a woman who also disguised herself to fight against the Huns. They are coming along quite well - we're all being very creative! Everyone has grown so much this year.

Miss Andrefski would like to thank 4B for making her first year as a teacher, a year to remember! May you all have a safe and happy summer!



4A & 4B Events

All fourth grade students were able to explore animal habitats and the solar system when we visited the North Museum and Science Factory in Lancaster. Activities were hands on and the planetarium show extended their knowledge from their own group presentations about the solar system.

In April, we invited families and grades 2, 3, and 5 to attend our annual Biography Assembly. This event has become a treasured traditional event at HGA. Students portrayed various figures from history, authors, and sports figures. They were able to "stump" some of the audience guesses.



This year's classes will officially be published authors. Miss Andrefski spearheaded a project offered by Scholastic. A student from 4A was paired with a student from 4B and they were assigned a letter of the alphabet as well as a topic related to Pennsylvania history. Each group had to use their research skills to write a page for a book that is entitled, HGA A-Z Pennsylvania History. Each group collaborated to find facts and illustrate a page for the book. Students were offered the opportunity to purchase the book once it is published.

We certainly hope that the students take these memories and success with them throughout their educational career. Have a fun-filled summer. We hope to see you in August.

Fifth Grade

Bringing Tears of Happiness to the Residents of Rittenhouse

On May 8th, the fifth grade class visited Rittenhouse Village to sing for the residents. Three out of the four songs - "Surfin' USA", "Vacation", "It Don't Mean a Thing", and "Home" were songs sung at the 2019 Spring Musical.

All 50 students, standing straight, walking confidently, and smiling from ear-to-ear, lined up in the dining room and sang directly to Heaven.

Tears welled up in some residents' eyes as the students sang "Home", with several employees singing along. After the performance was over, each student presented the residents with a carnation in honor of Mother's Day.

Reflections of the visit:

- •One resident shared that the song "It Don't Mean a Thing" brought back fond memories of dancing in California.
- •One resident told a student she reminded her so much of herself. "It was like I was looking at my I O-year-old self again. The way she stood and held that flower was exactly how I would have. She was just precious."
- •"I saw one resident, and while I didn't feel bad for her, I felt the need to do something while I was singing, and when I gave this resident a flower, I felt more comfortable and like I'd helped someone today."
- •When I gave my carnation to one of the employees for Mother's Day, I could tell she was happy. She was teary-eyed. I felt really generous to make someone else happy."

The fifth grade class wants to personally thank the residents, employees, and their families at Rittenhouse for inviting us into the residents' home. It was truly delightful for us to perform for everyone. We hope to come back again soon and do more with the residents in the autumn months when school resumes. We're looking forward to reading, performing, and playing BINGO with everyone.

We also want to thank our very own music teacher, Mrs. Siatkowski, for accompanying us and playing the keyboard. Also, thank you to Mrs. Gorski and Mr. Achenbach for coordinating this special visit.

Sixth Grade

Da Vinci Science Center

HGA's sixth grade students enjoy a day of hands-on exhibits, and STEM subjects in an informal and playful atmosphere. These active and engaging experiences awaken interest and promote fundamental skills that inspire students to consider exciting STEM careers. The Science Center also promotes creativity, artistry, and current-day applications of qualities of greatness embodied by Leonardo da Vinci and the innovators who have succeeded him.



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.



STEM

Kindergarten, 1st & 2nd Grade

We have investigated STEM stations in which students work in small groups to build using magnets, create 3D shapes, weigh random classroom items, arrange and re-arrange shapes into patterns, create something from LEGO's using task cards, measure classroom items and use connecting cubes to create an object of choice. Students will be finishing up the Alaska unit which will be recording data and graphing and we will finish the year off with a couple of space lessons and mystery bag challenges.

Third, Fourth & Fifth Grades

Students just completed a newspaper challenge in which they used tape, scissors, and newspapers to create flowers in a vase. This required team work, cooperation, collaboration, and a plan to execute. Students will be finishing up their product and package design unit ending with a presentation. The grade will consist of four components: note taking and research skills, four squares assignment, the prototype, the advertisement and presentation. After this unit, students will finish the year off with mystery bag challenges and newspaper challenges to get their creativity and engineering minds flowing.

Sixth, Seventh & Eighth Grades

Students started their construction unit. They will be saving a building from being destroyed by fixing the areas that will make it up to code, building a floating home using tubs of water and creating a miniature roller coaster using marbles and or matchbox cars to test their design. The year will be finished with mystery bag challenges and newspaper challenges.

3rd Grade Enrichment Math

customary and metric units of measure fractions and decimals

4th Grade Enrichment Math

adding, subtracting, multiplying & dividing fractions decimals

5th Grade Enrichment Math

Ratio as fractions, relating fractions to percent and decimals; integers

Gloria Singers

On March 31st, fourteen students from HGA participated in Gloria Singers. Gloria Singers began nine years ago as parochial students never had an opportunity to participate in the Music Educators of Berks County Junior High County Chorus events because they were exclusively for publicschool students. The Reading Choral Society and the Reading Musical Foundation worked with teachers in Berks County's parochial primary schools to create this choral festival. Some of these students have participated for several years. They rehearsed weekly during lunch recess with Mrs. Siatkowski and then attended a six hour rehearsal on Saturday, March 30th with the Reading Choral Society and their director, Graham Bier. This year, students participated from seven Catholic schools in Berks County. Members of the Reading Choral Society performed songs with the Gloria Singers and sang two songs from their own repertoire. The students who participated from HGA are: Hailey Achenbach, Sophia Billman, Carmella Costa, Sophia Gattone, Mia Goss, Libby Huston, Klaudia Jarombek, Madison Keller, Cole Martin, Lilly McCormack, Eva Noll, Maria Pascuzzi, Hailey Schmeck, and Katie Stroup. The entire performance was amazing. We are looking forward to the 10th Anniversay next year. Credit goes to Bill Coughlin for the picture.



Eighth Grade

The eighth grade went on a pilgrimage to Philadelphia to

visit the National Shrine of St. John Neumann We visited the new museum, watched a movie, had a tour of the magnificent St. Peter the Apostle Church, prayed the Divine Mercy Chaplet, and attended Mass.

We also had our picture

A Reluctant Appointment

in the Philadelphia Inquirer! Check out this link to see our picture and learn more about the National Shrine of St. John Neumann: https://

www.philly.com/news/ neumann-john-saintmuseum-shrine-red-20190426.html.



We also celebrated Fun Fridays with two special activities. In March, we baked delicious Irish Soda bread in recognition of St. Patrick's Day and in April, we did a classroom STEM activity in which we had to research, design, and build a contraction that could allow an egg to safely land on the back playground when launched out of a second floor window. We are pleased to report that the majority of our eggs did not crack.

We are now looking ahead to final exams, a fun day at Ozzy's, and our graduation. High School, here we come!

Kisses for the Cast

Eighth grade's "Kisses for the Cast" fundraiser held during this year's spring musical raised \$628 which will be put towards the Class of 2019's gift to the school.

A great big thank you to everyone in our school community who supported our fundraising efforts.

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 2019



Alexa Alvarado-Oviedo

Stephen Askey

Ty Barreto

Luke Brenner

Caleb Cammarano-Mckenna

Julian Carmona

Alyssa Coccia

Jacob Collazo

Maddigan Cunningham

Moises Diaz

Madison Esterly

Noah Falter

Hector Franco

Aidan Gaffney

Brandon Garcia

Bryan Garcia

Sophia Gattone

Christie Gonzalez-Almonza

Jaidyn Gonzalez-Rivera

Lainey Horst

Oscar Ibanez-Rama

Jose Lopez

Miriame Kaba

Brian Kroenig

Jazmin Mejia

Kimberley Mitchell

Riley Monahan

Jesus Munoz

Riley Murphy

Hannah Nied

Yonatan Ortiz-Diego

Juanlys Pena

Ian Pummer

Bryleigh Reddy

Karla Reyes-Donato

Elijah Rodriguez

Franando Rodriguez-Lopez

Noah Rosa

Olivia Rosa

Abigail Sabatucci

Julian Sandoval

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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 day, May 31st. Credit statements will be distributed the week of June 3rd. All credit payments are sent directly to the school to applied toward tuition accounts.



The new Tuition Credit Program year begins on June 1^{st} – all tuition credit earned from June 1, 2019 – May 31, 2020 will be applied to the 2020/2021 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.