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Parent newsletter of Holy Guardian Angels Regional School

D a t e s t o R e m e m b e r

April 11 – Preschool Trip to Museum

Gr. 4 Trip to Lego Land

April 16 – Dress Rehearsal - Spring Musical -

April 17 - SPRING MUSICAL -

Performances 9:30 AM & 12:45 PM

April 18 - 1st Communion Retreat Day

April 19 - Gr. 4 Trip to Lancaster Science Factory

April 26 - Art Show

April 28 - Spring Gala

May 5 - 1st Communion - HGA - 10:00 AM

May 8 - May Procession - **FULL DAY OF SCHOOL**

May 9 - Gr. 2 - Crystal Cave

May 10 - Ascension Thursday - Mass 9:00 AM

May 11 - Gr. 7 - Ephrata Cloister

May 13 - Happy Mother's Day

May 15 - Gr. 6 - DaVinci Science Center

May 16 - Gr. 3-4-5 - Reading Phillies

May 17 - Gr. 8 - St. Johns Newmann Center

May 24 - Gr. 7 - Field Day at Berks Catholic

- Band and Choir Spring Concert - 6:00 PM

May 28 - Memorial Day - **NO SCHOOL**

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

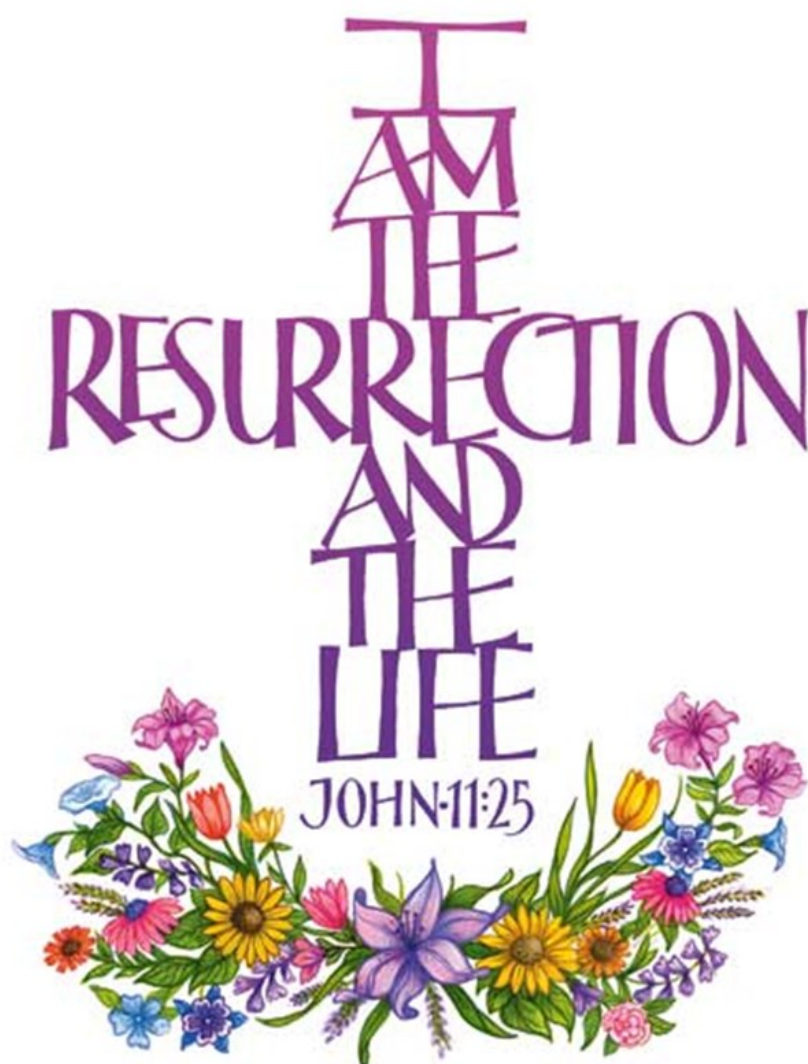
June 6 - FULL DAY OF SCHOOL

June 7 - Field Day - Noon Dismissal

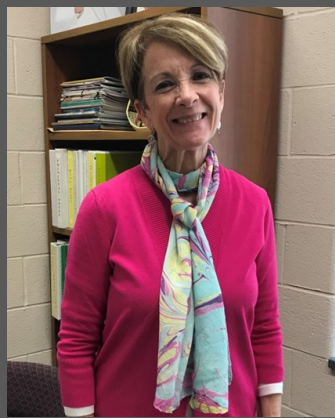
June 8 - Last Day of School

Mass 9:00 AM/Dismissal 10:30 AM

Wishing You a Blessed Easter



and Happy Spring!



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Message from the Principal

Dear Parents/Guardians,

As we move into spring and the third trimester, I hope this letter finds each of you healthy and happy during this time of renewal and growth. May the joy of Christ's Resurrection be in your hearts and minds beyond the Easter season.

Throughout this Easter season, may you be challenged to be joyful people who proclaim the risen Christ in all that you say and do. Whether at home, work, school, or around your neighborhoods, you have the privilege of being disciples of Jesus Christ who are called to tell others about Him and His message of Good News. As faithful followers of Jesus, your public witness to your Faith can have a tremendous impact on your lives and the lives of those around you.

With spring comes many exciting events planned for the weeks ahead which include: the Spring Musical, Spring Gala, the Art Show, class field trips and activities, and our ongoing academic opportunities, and more. We have so many ways to celebrate the wonderful creative learning that is always in progress at HGA.

As we enter the final trimester of this academic school year, I challenge each and every student to make the most of every day and really take the time to enjoy the learning process, take risks, and try something new every day.

Parents are encouraged to connect with your child's teachers to follow-up on any goals that were set at the end of the 2nd trimester. As always, the teachers and I are pleased to meet with parents who wish to discuss their child's academic, social, or emotional progress, or to speak further about plans for next year.

We are all looking forward to the warm, sunny weather which is on the way. Have you started to make plans yet for the summer? Be sure to visit our school website to keep updated on the variety of Summer Camps which will be offered here and throughout the community.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Maureen Wallin,
Principal



Catered by Monte Lauro

Music by Bunch-A-Funk

Cocktail Attire

Holy Guardian Angels Regional School
cordially invites you to join us
for an evening of dinner, live entertainment,
and silent auctions

Date: Saturday, April 28, 2018

Place: 3125 Kutztown Road • Reading, PA

Time: Cocktails - 6:30 PM

Dinner & Dancing - 7:30 PM

Individual Tickets - \$50 – For reservations, please
call the Advancement Office at 610-929-4124

Religious Ed Corner

Sacramental News

First Communion Retreat Day -

Wednesday, April 18th during the school day.

First Communion Practice -

Friday, May 4th - 6:00 PM in the Church

First Communion Day -

Saturday, May 5th - 10:00 AM

Confirmation News - Reminder all Sponsor Eligibility Forms are due by the end of May!



Easter Vigil 2018

A special congratulations to:

- Jacob Collazo
- Olivia Rosa
- Noah Rosa

who were received into the Catholic Church on March 31, 2018 at the Vigil!



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, 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

Hoops for Heart

During the month of February, third through sixth grade students participated in our annual Hoops for Heart to raise money for the American Heart Association. The students did an excellent job raising a total of \$1,367.80! During their physical education class, students participated in a variety of basketball games and relay races. Along with the basketball fun, students also learned about how exercising and making healthy good choices now will keep their heart healthy and strong for years to come.



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!

Don't Miss HGA's Third Annual Fine Arts Night!



SAVE THE DATE:

ART SHOW

THURSDAY APRIL 26TH

6:00-8:00 PM

HGA

SOCIAL HALL

Every student in grades Preschool through 8 will have a piece of artwork on display in the Social Hall! Each piece will be professionally framed and double matted. The framed work will be available for purchase and digital copies will also be available for friends and relatives.

FRAMED ARTWORK \$25 CASH OR CHECK.



DRESS DOWN DAY
Thursday, April 26, 2018

Why: To promote HGA's Art Show and Sale

Cost: Tell everyone to come to the Art Show and support the Arts @ HGA!

What to Wear??? - Options are:

Mix Textures of Clothing

Mix Patterns and Colors

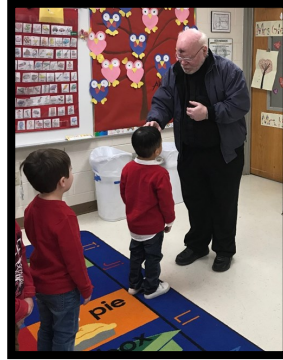
Mix Styles of Clothing & Accessories

BE CREATIVE!

Preschool

Preschool has been very busy. We started the Lenten Season by receiving ashes from Fr. Seifert. Each day we read a Bible story and learned how we are called to live like Christ. We prayed for friends, families, and others in need. During Holy Week we listened to the Divine Mercy Chaplet, dyed eggs, and had an egg hunt. We learned about the Last Supper, Jesus dying on the cross on Good Friday, and being raised from the dead on Easter.

During the **Letter "P" Week**, we wore our very comfy pajamas to school. We created a penguin using an empty water bottle, cotton balls, construction paper,



googly eyes, and feathers. We ate popsicles and learned more about penguins.

We celebrated Dr. Seuss' birthday on March 2nd.

Mrs. Hall and Mrs. Glembocki were dressed as Thing 1 and Thing 2. The children were dressed as the Lorax. We read stories written by Dr. Seuss with our 4th grade buddies. What a fun time we are having in Preschool!



Kindergarten

Mrs. Katella's Kindergarten class is working very hard on a watercolor project - a cross overlaying a heart-shaped cut out. This artwork symbolizes that Jesus loved us so much that He died on the cross for our sins. The students were actively involved in the three important aspects of Lent: praying, fasting, and alms-giving, as well as learning about each special part of Holy Week. They were especially interested in the Washing of the Feet, asking "why the apostles could not just get a shower and clean their feet the way we do today?"



When the students returned from Easter, they sang songs of Alleluia to the Risen Lord. Happy Easter to everyone from KB.



In the photo from bottom left moving around the table: Elias Zavala Salas, Laysha Sixtos-Ostos, TreLisse Routledge, Logan McKittrick, Karol Palomar, and Saul Tinocco.

Third Grade

Snow, Snow, Go Away!

Valentine's Day and the season of Lent have quickly come and gone, but the snow has not! Despite the numerous snow days, we have still accomplished a great deal in 3A since our last newsletter. We are currently rejoicing in the Easter Season. As we are still discussing the Paschal Mystery in religion class, the children are also doing a writing piece to reflect and tell the story in their own words.

Meanwhile, in a galaxy far, far away, we are exploring the Solar System. The children are fascinated with the planets, galaxies, and constellations. Our upcoming projects will soon be in the hall to share. In reading class, we read an interesting story, Oliver K. Woodman. It is a



story of the travels of a wooden man (similar to Flat Stanley) as he ventures

across the US. The students enjoyed tracking his journey across the country while learning geography.

We also celebrated finishing our Family Under the Bridge book with a Parish brunch. It was a fun time for all, mustaches included!

Everyone is very excited about our upcoming field trip on April 11th to LEGO Land in Plymouth Meeting. It is a day of creative learning and fun.

Pray for sunny weather, and no snow ahead!



Fourth Grade

Welcome Spring! Hopefully, we will soon see the sunshine and feel the warmth of this season outside. For now, 4A has been experiencing the renewal of the season in school. The newsworthy events have been plentiful. Mystery Readers have popped in to read aloud, and students presented their Scrapbook Book Reports to the class. During the season of Lent, we were able to experience God's love through Jesus by praying, fasting, and almsgiving. Our participation in Living Stations, the Divine Mercy Chaplet, and prayer services, allowed us to open our hearts to the message of the Easter season. On Holy Thursday, 4A and 4B gathered to celebrate the Last Supper Prayer Service. It was a very moving experience and we hope this moment remains in the



hearts and memories of our students for many years to come.

In March, our home-room parents, Kelly Precht, Joanne Keller, and Colleen Schearer, planned the "Kindness Rocks" activity for the students. What a



wonderful time we had creating rocks of art! This activity is a county-wide phenomenon that may bring a smile or encouragement to someone who finds a painted rock. The painted rock movement is about random acts of kindness and sharing a little piece of art, or yourself, with a stranger that may happen upon the treasure you created. You can find "Berks County Rocks" on Facebook to share rocks you may find or create with your family.

As we approach the end of the year, there are many events we look forward to. On Friday, April 13th at 1:15 PM (yes, you read that correctly), 4A and 4B will present their Biography Assembly and will take a field trip to the Lancaster Science Factory on April 19th. We thank Mrs. Stephanie Jones (fourth grade aide) for making all the arrangements for this trip and our upcoming annual trip to the Reading Phillies. We continue to welcome Mystery Readers. The students love this and are so excited when they see a member of their family reading in our classroom. Please be sure to stay updated at our class Weebly site.

Fifth Grade

There's "Egg-citing" news in 5th Grade

On Monday, April 2nd, Mrs. Stuckert braved the blizzard to meet Mrs. Ketterer from the Penn State Ag Extension here at HGA. What was so important? Why, it's time for the Embryology Program in 5th grade to begin!

Embryology is the study of the beginning of life of any living thing.

Each year, the 5th grade students have an opportunity to study Chick Embryology. For three weeks, the students will



monitor and care for the 30 fertilized eggs in our classroom incubator. They will learn about each stage of development, the parts of the egg and how each part contributes to the growth of the embryo, as well as about the agriculture industry in the United States. Keep an eye out for our chick camera to be set up to await the hatching of our chicks sometime around the 19th of April.

Sixth Grade

The sixth grade class visited Berks County's Science Fair at Albright College on March 15th. While there we heard from the coordinator of the fair on how important a science fair project is how it helps us in life skills. We then examined an award winning science fair project to find out what all goes into it. Most of us checked out some high school projects also to see what we could do in the future. We picked up lots of good ideas for doing our science fair project next year. Maybe it will encourage at least a few of us to get started on it this summer!

MESSAGE FROM MR. LUCCHESI

Hi to all the HGA parents, friends, students, & faculty,

I first want to offer my sincere thanks for all the wonderful support, whether it be through prayer, cards, or thoughts. If you do not know exactly what happened, I was in a near fatal car accident on Thanksgiving. Through the grace of God, I survived, but shattered my left hip, pelvic bone and hand. I honestly had no idea how serious this accident was and the injuries it caused. I thank my excellent doctor for putting in 24 screws and rods to put me back together. Little did I know, that was just the beginning of my long road to recover.

After a month in the hospital and rehab facility, I was able to come home and begin the rigorous task of learning how to do the day-to-day tasks I once took for granted.

I went from using a walker to moving with a cane, which I am currently using to get around. I attend therapy three times a week to regain my strength in my leg and hip.

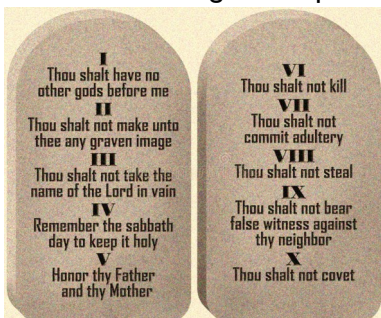
As of now, I am working on putting weight on my leg, and hopefully get rid of the cane and return to walking normally. There were countless times I got very aggravated and impatient, but with the help of everyone's inspiring cards and thoughts, I forced myself out of bed and worked as hard as I could. I am close to recover, but the therapy drains me and my strength, but from where I was, I am positive I will be back where I belong, in the classroom enjoying the students, faculty, and parents.

I cannot pinpoint an exact date that I will feel mentally and physically able to get to that point, but I am doing my best, and with all your positive thoughts and prayers, I am hoping it will be soon.

Thanks to all for your continued patience and a BIG thanks to Mr. Sterner for filling in for me so wonderfully! I don't have enough space to thank everyone who contributed to my road to recover, but the power of prayer has gotten me this far, so THANK YOU TO ALL! Take care and God bless!

Seventh Grade

The students in 7B have been hard at work with their studies and taking field trips to further their education.



In religion, we have been studying the parables and miracles of Jesus. We have also studied the Ten Commandments and the Beatitudes.

In Social Studies, seventh grade has finished studying Africa and is moving onto Europe. We are looking at the geography of Europe and noticing why countries formed the way they did. We have also visited the Franklin Institute to study the display of Terra Cotta Warriors. We watched an IMAX presentation of the Chinese emperor who created these fantastic sculptors.

The third trimester should be full of exciting topics like the Passion of Christ and the formation of the early church. We will be studying Asia, Australia, and Oceania to end the year. The seventh grade is looking forward to traveling to Berks Catholic in a few weeks for Field Day!

Eighth Grade

FUN FRIDAY CONTINUES



Eighth grade certainly had a delicious Fun Friday in March. To celebrate Saint Patrick's Day, we made Irish Soda Bread. Each student made his or her own loaf in the morning. Students were able to add raisins, chocolate chips, or craisins to the recipe. The most popular add-in was definitely the chocolate chips. Our special team of leprechaun helpers baked them over lunch and then we feasted on the tasty treats at the end of the school day. Students were given the recipe so they can bake this bread at home for their families. Special thanks to our event coordinator, Mrs. Malinowski and our volunteers, Mrs. Hertzog, Mrs. Walker, Mrs. Hendrix, and Mrs. Bernardo.



The road to The Reading-Berks Science Engineering Fair has been quite a journey for our twenty nine 7th and 8th grade students. Beginning with the HGA in-house Science Fair Competition, which was held during the month of January despite the tricks of old-man winter, with missed school days and limited time for judging to occur. Once the winners were announced, final preparations could be made to projects prior to their admission into the county competition held on Wednesday, March 14, 2018 at Albright College. With a total of 232 projects entered in both the Physical and Natural Science categories, our seventh and eight grade entrants ended the evening with numerous awards and winning placements.

Congratulations to everyone whose project was entered. Winners include:

7th Grade Physical (64 Entries)

- Bryleigh Reddy - *Office of Naval Research Award*
- Hannah Nied - *Berks County Dental Society Award*
- Stephan Askey - *Honorable Mention*
- Sophia Gattone - *Honorable Mention*

7th Grade Natural (55 Entries)

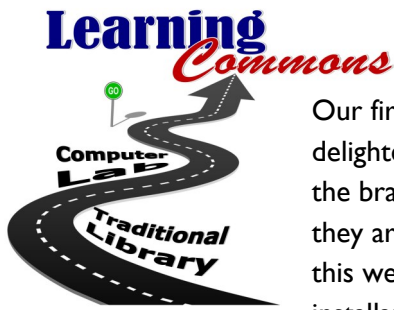
- Jazmin Mejia - *Senator Judy Schwank Award*
- Brian Kroenig - *Honorable Mention*

8th Grade Physical (41 Entries)

- Ryan Merchancano - *Honorable Mention*

8th Grade Natural (72 Entries)

- RJ Emrich - *First Place*
- Kathryn Gabriel - *Honorable Mention*
- Emma Moody - *Honorable Mention*



Our first graders were so delighted and amazed to see the brand new sink when they arrived for STEM class this week! With the sink installation, we have

completed Phase II of the project. Thanks to Mr. Skip and Mr. Eric who worked to get the sink up and running for our students and endless thanks to everyone who has supported our Learning Commons transition throughout this entire process. Now, on to Phase III: updated and flexible furnishings



Spelling Bee

How do you spell winner? **KATIE GABRIEL**



Congratulations to Katie as first runner-up in the Berks County Spelling Bee sponsored by Reading Eagle on Monday, March 12, 2018



Drama Camp this year's production will be **THE LION KING**



Dates: July 5-20

Time: 9:00 AM-Noon

Who: Camp is open to students entering 1st-9th grade

Showtime: Friday, July 20th - 7:00 PM

Auditions: Will be held the first two days of camp

Cost: \$150 - Please make checks payable to HGA

Registration and Fee due by April 26, 2018

STEM

No "Beans" About It: Fourth Grade has a Green Thumb

Well, the snow may have been falling on the first day of spring, but spring has definitely sprung in the Learning Commons thanks to the fourth grade STEM classes!

The students had spent time germinating seeds, collecting data, researching the best growing conditions for their beans,



creating the best soil "recipe", and designing a growing plan.

Boy did their hard work pay off! The Learning Commons was lush and green inside while the rest of the county was buried under a foot of snow.

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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 News for Spring!

It's crunch time - the Program Year ends on May 31st - leaving two months to earn as much tuition credit as possible for the 2018/2019 school year. Final tuition credit statements will be sent home on Monday, June 4, 2018. The new Program Year begins immediately on June 1st.



As of the end of March, participating families have earned **\$14,000 in tuition credit!** How much did your family get? Why not set a goal for the new Program Year?

They're back! Low Denomination Gift Cards - starting online on April 7th and with the April 8th Special Order a limited number of special low denomination gift cards are available, perfect for teacher gifts and grad parties. Check out www.shopwithscrip.com for a list of participating retailers. If using the Special Order Form - just write in the cards you would like to order in the blank space in Column 4.

New ScripNow Retailer - Wayfair - Wayfair ScripNow eCards are available in \$10 increments, from \$20-\$500, with a great 6% rebate. Please note: Wayfair.com is one of the largest online destinations for home furnishings, offering endless finds in every style at up to 70% OFF.

Spring Motivation - Time to shed those winter wardrobes and freshen up your fashion for a new season! We have bunches of gift cards for apparel for everyone in your family. There are also plenty of gift cards available to get you ready for the outdoors, spring cleaning and home improvement, and, most importantly, to get ahead of the game and find a Mother's Day present early. Pick up a Special Order Form or visit www.shopwithscrip.com today!

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