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Parent newsletter of Holy Guardian Angels Regional School

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- August 20** - Back-to-School Picnic 5-7 PM
- August 22** - Kindergarten Orientation - 6-8 PM
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- August 26** - Protecting God's Children
9:00 AM-Noon
- August 28** - First Day of School
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Grades 6-8 - 6-7:30 PM
- August 30** - Preschool Orientation - 6-7 PM
- September 1 & 4** - **NO SCHOOL**
(Labor Day Observance)
- September 8** - Mass 9:00 AM
- September 11** - 4-Year Old Preschool Begins
- September 12** - 3-Year Old Preschool Begins
- September 22** - Family Bingo
- September 26** - Early Dismissal - 1:00 PM
- October ?** - Blessing of the Animals
- October 9** - **NO SCHOOL**
(Columbus Day Observance)
- October 15** - WALK-A-THON
- October 26** - Trick-or-Trunk
- October 27** - All Saints Mass - 9:00 AM

A SCOOP OF SUMMER! Ice Cream Social Fun



First Day of School Reminders

UNIFORM DRESS CODE is in effect the first day of school and will be enforced. (Optional summer uniform may be worn through Friday, October 29th.)

All clothing is to be the **PROPER SIZE**. The baggy look is not acceptable. Pants are to be worn at the waist, not the hips.

Label ALL your child's clothing (sweatshirts, sweaters, etc.).

Label ALL your child's items (books, lunchbox, book bag, etc.)

HAIRSTYLES AND HAIRCUTS—NO FAD HAIRSTYLES AND all hair MUST BE THE CHILD'S NATURAL COLOR. NO BLEACHED, DYED, OR STREAKED HAIR IS ALLOWED.

BOYS - haircuts are to be NEAT and trimmed properly. Hair is NOT to go beyond their shirt collar and/or beyond their eyebrow.

GIRLS - NO hair extensions are to be worn. Hair accessories are to be kept simple and are NOT to become a distraction.

LUNCH SERVICE - will be available.

TRANSPORTATION - Make sure your child knows what mode of transportation they will be taking. If they will be riding a bus, please make sure they know what bus they will be riding.



Emergency Information

Emergency sheets for the family are included in the summer packet. This form provides the school with pertinent family information such as phone numbers (work and home), addresses, cell phone numbers, and emergency contacts. Please fill out the required information and return by **Monday, August 28, 2017, the first day of school.**

Forms regarding each child's medical background will be sent home on the first day of school. Please complete one form for each child and return to school by **Tuesday, August 29, 2017.**

Protecting God's Children Program

Since the summer of 2004, the Diocese of Allentown has implemented a safe environment program in which parents, educators, employees, and volunteers work together to maintain the safest environment for children.

With this in mind, all volunteers who come into contact with children (e.g., serving as a classroom or lunchroom volunteers, assisting with a classroom party, serving as a chaperone for a field trip, working as a clerical assistant for a teacher or in the office, Scout leaders, CYO coaches, etc.) are required to attend a workshop called Protecting God's Children. This workshop emphasizes the harms of child sexual abuse and what can be done to prevent it.

Holy Guardian Angels will host this program on Saturday, August 26, 2017 - 9:00 AM - Noon.

Contact Mr. Angstadt through the school office to register for a class.

Orientations

Kindergarten

Tuesday, August 22, 2017

6:00-8:00 PM

Kindergarten students and their parents are to report to the gymnasium upon their arrival at 6:00 PM. After a brief introduction, the Kindergarten children will go with their teacher to the classrooms while Mrs. Wallin speaks to the parents. The students will then be off on a fun and informative bus ride while the parents report to the Kindergarten classrooms. Teachers will provide a more detailed discussion of the Kindergarten Program and the upcoming year.

Preschool

Wednesday, August 30, 2017

5:30-6:00 PM - 3-year old

6:00-7:00 PM - 4-year old

Children entering 3-year and 4-year old Preschool and their parents are to report to the gymnasium upon their arrival at their respective time. Students will be introduced to their Preschool teacher and aide and enjoy some playtime in their respective classrooms while Mrs. Wallin speaks to the parents. The students will then enjoy a treat and beverage in the social hall and a few activities in the gym while the parents report to their child's Preschool room. Teachers will provide a more detailed discussion of the Preschool Program and the upcoming year.



meet the teacher night

Grades 1-5

Wednesday, August 23, 2017

6:00-7:30 PM

Grades 6-8

Tuesday, August 29, 2017

6:00-7:30 PM

Transportation

If you haven't requested bus transportation by filling out a form during the past school year, or have any questions or difficulties with bus scheduled, please contact your local school district in which you reside.

The public districts DO NOT provide preschool transportation.

- Antietam - 610-779-2606 (ext. 3)
- Brandywine - 610-682-5143
- Conrad Weiser - 610-693-8561
- Exeter - 610-779-0410
- Fleetwood - 610-944-8111 (ext. 3)
- Governor Mifflin - 610-775-1464 (ext. 2)
- Hamburg - 610-562-2241 (ext. 1723)
- Muhlenberg - 610-921-8000 (ext. 6)
- Oley - 610-987-4100 (ext. 6063)
- Reading - 610-371-5824
- Schuylkill Valley - 610-916-5447
- Tulpehocken - 610-488-6286 (ext. 1166)
- Wilson - 610-670-0180 (ext. 1232)
- Wyomissing - 610-374-4031 (ext. 1110)



Back-to-School Picnic

**Sunday, August 20, 2017
5-7 PM**

School Parking Lot
(we'll take it inside if it rains)

Spend some time catching up with school families, classmates, teachers, and meet some new friends.

You donate the hamburgers, or hot dogs and our "grill masters" will cook them up! Or, bring a side dish or dessert. We'll provide the fried chicken, rolls, and beverages.

Please note: we are always mindful of food allergies – listing of ingredients on your side dish is A MUST!

R.S.V.P. IS NECESSARY!

Please contact the school – 610-929-4124 – no later than Wednesday, August 16th to sign-up and let us know what you are bringing. (Also, if you are donating hamburgers or hot dogs, please drop these off at the school office by this date.



In compliance with the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA) in inspection for asbestos

containing building materials was performed at each of the schools within the Diocese of Allentown. A copy of the inspection reports are on file in each school's administrative office for your review any time during normal school hours. In the event you have any questions or concerns, please contact the school's Principal or the Diocesan Asbestos Coordinator.

Principal and Parent Partnership Program

HGA hosts a variety of events organized to build school spirit, community bonding, and raise much needed funds for the students and school. Each

grade level has been assigned a specific event.

Joining the families

of your oldest or only child's class-

room, you will

have the oppor-

tunity to build

school spirit and meet the parents of your child's

classmates, as well as organize and run an important activity of the school.



Each event is listed with its scheduled date. Reminders will be sent home in a timely manner, however, please mark your calendars now!

Preschool: Father/Daughter Dance - January 12 & 13

Kindergarten - Spaghetti Supper* - March 9 & 10

First Grade - Ladies' Night Out - April 7

Second Grade - Family Bingo - September 22

Third Grade - Family Bingo - September 22

Fourth Grade - Night at the Races - November 4

Fifth Grade - Breakfast with Santa* - TBA

Sixth Grade - Spaghetti Supper* - March 9 & 10

Seventh Grade - Graduation Dinner* - TBA

Eighth Grade - Breakfast with Santa* - TBA

* Indicates multiple day events (including food prep, set-up, decorating, and actual function date). You only need to volunteer for one day of the event.

Culinary Camp

Week One - Grades 5-9

Another successful summer of Culinary Camp is in the books! For the first week, 22 students in grades 5-9 took a tour of Italy by making and eating different regional dishes. They chopped, stirred, sautéed, and baked every day and then sat down to a lunch that they created. Some of the delicious dishes they created included tuna



crostini, homemade gnocchi, chicken babi, tiramisu, and of course, pizza from scratch!

Week Two - Grades 2-4



During the second week, we started our inaugural class for students in grades 2-4. These ten young chefs learned the basics of cooking. They learned how to cut with a knife, flip a pancake,

knead dough, and decorate cupcakes and cookies. Some of the great food they made included banana muffins,



mini frittata cups, crunchy baked chicken nuggets, zucchini "fries", and home-made spaghetti and meatballs. All in all, it was a great two weeks of cooking and some really delicious good was enjoyed by all!



Drama Camp

It was a world of pure imagination! HGA's Drama Camp's 9th season production of Willy Wonka brought together 35 students entering grades 1-9. For twelve days, campers worked on set design, made props, in between learning choreography, songs and their lines. The curtain went up on Friday, July 7th to a packed house full of family and fiends. A great time was had by all - bravo to the cast and crew!



Taking Care of Your Books

All books are to be covered and carried in a school bag or tote bag. **Textbooks are to be covered at all times with a book sock, book cover, or brown paper.**

All workbooks must be covered with clear contact paper. Contact paper may be purchased through the School Store, or local shopping centers. Workbooks covered with contact paper are easy to identify and stay in good shape for the whole year.

Please cover only workbooks with clear contact (books children write in). Before covering with contact paper, please write your child's name and grade on the cover of the book. Workbooks should be covered no later than **Monday, September 11, 2017.**

Personal Items

Due to liability issues ALL of the following items ARE NOT ALLOWED IN SCHOOL:

- Electronic Games
- MP 3 Players and Other Electronic Devices
- Cameras
- Trading Cards
- Any New Toy/Fashion Fad

Cell phones are permitted, however, the cell phone must stay in the child's book bag, silenced, until after school.

School Handbook



The 2017-2018 information regarding all school policies and curriculum will be available on-line to the students and parents on Monday, August 28, 2017, the first day of school. The teachers will go over im-

portant components with the students on this day.

We urge you to take the necessary time needed to read the information held within these pages. This is the basic blueprint of our school program. The Handbook Agreement Form, which will be sent home, **MUST** be signed and returned to school no later than Friday, September 8, 2017.

For your convenience, a hardcopy of the School Handbook may be signed out through the school office.

VICTIM ASSISTANCE COORDINATOR



The Diocese of Allentown provides assistance to anyone who, as a minor, was sexually abused by a priest, deacon, or employee/volunteer of the Diocese/Parish. Parents, guardians, children, and survivors of sexual abuse are invited and encouraged to contact the Diocese of Allentown for more information about this program. The fullness of compassion should be extended to these victims by the Church.

Victim Assistance Coordinator

DIRECT TELEPHONE NUMBER

(800) 792-9209

To learn more about the Diocese of Allentown's Youth Protection Programs, Sexual Abuse Policy, and Code of Conduct, please visit www.allentowndiocese.org and click on "Youth Protection" in the upper right-hand corner of the page.

FUNDRAISING

This year's family fundraising fee remains at \$350.00. Participate in the following school fundraisers to fulfill this requirement:

FACTS Management: Break your fundraising fee into monthly payments through the FACTS Management Program. You can combine your fundraising fee with your monthly tuition payment or set up an agreement just to handle your fundraising payments. Please contact the school office for additional information.

Kidstuff Coupon Books: Earn 50% profit towards your fundraising obligation. Sale begins on Tuesday, August 22nd and ends on Tuesday, September 12th.

Evergreen Sale: Back by popular demand, HGA will once again be selling fresh wreaths, garland, and centerpieces for the Christmas season. Sale begins Tuesday, October 17th and ends on Tuesday, November 31st.

2017 Walk-a-thon for Catholic Education - Sunday, October 15th. All monies raised through your Walk-a-thon solicitation letters is applied directly to your fundraising fee. Walk-a-thon solicitation preference forms will be distributed at Orientation/Meet-the-Teacher Nights. Choose to send your Walk-a-thon letters via e-mail, US post office, or both.

Joe Corbi Pizza & Dessert Sale: Earn a percentage towards your fundraising obligation. This sale is held during the months of January and February, just in time for Lent.

Fundraising fees must be fulfilled by Tuesday, March 7, 2017 - either paid in full or added to your tuition payments.



Sunday, October 15th

Goal \$85,000

Save the Date - Mark Your Calendar -
HGA's Largest Fundraiser

Corporate Sponsors are now being accepted. Fulfill your family fundraising obligation - perhaps your place of employment would be interested in participating. Contact Mrs. Reber for additional information.

Raising Money at HGA

Holy Guardian Angels Regional School participates in a few programs that earn funding for our school. Support from family and friends earns approximately \$10,00 per school year.



Simply clipping box tops off General Mills products and sending them to school raises 10¢ for each box top.



Register your Giant Bonus Card and HGA earns a percentage every time you shop.



HGA IS NO LONGER COLLECTING CARTRIDGES AND CELL PHONES FOR RECYCLING. THIS PROGRAM AS BEEN DISCONTINUED. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

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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

**WELCOME
BACK!**

Back-to-School Giveaway... place a special order of any amount for the 8/20 order date and you will be entered to win a \$25 Target Gift Card!

- The current GAGC Program Year began on June 1, 2017 and runs through May 31, 2018. Any tuition credit earned during this program year will be applied to the 2018-2019 school year.
- Over **\$19,000 in tuition credit** was earned in the last program year! It's never too late to start and every little bit helps. Earned credit adds up quickly!
- An easy way to try out the GAGC program is to begin with your weekly grocery shopping. For example, if you purchase a \$125 in Giant gift cards each week for your groceries, you would earn \$10 per month in tuition credit. Reducing your monthly tuition bill by \$10 could be a great help.
- Be sure to "Like" the GAGC Facebook page so you don't miss out on new product announcements (like **Disney ScripNow is now available and with a higher rebate!**), bonuses, and give-aways.
- Using the Online Option allows you to earn tuition credit on-the-go with no planning ahead! Visit the [GAGC tab](#) on the school website for a Quick Start Guide.

It's never too late to enroll in the GAGC Tuition Credit Program - just contact Tricia Christ at tac317@ptd.net or 610-451-1959 for more information - you'll be glad you did!