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Parent newsletter of Holy Guardian Angels Regional School

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Grades 6-8 - 6-7:30 PM

August 28- Preschool Orientation

3-yr. old - 5:30 PM

4-yr old—6:30 PM

August 31-Protecting God's Children

9:00am –12:00pm

August 30 & September 2- NO SCHOOL

(Labor Day Observance)

September 4 - 4-Year Old Preschool Begins

September 6 - Mass 9:00 AM

September 10- 3-Year Old Preschool Begins

September 14-Protecting God's Children

9:00am –12:00pm

September 20 - Family Bingo

September 24 - Early Dismissal - 1:00 PM

October 4 - Blessing of the Animals

October 24 - Trick-or-Trunk

October 29 - Early Dismissal 1:00 PM

November 1 - Mass 9:00 AM - All Saints Mass

November 2 –Night at the Races

November 12-Dining Out– Victor Emmanuel's

Congratulations Mr. Dowd!

Hello HGA Family!

As your new principal, I thought it would be a good idea to introduce myself and fill you in on my background.

I was born in New Brunswick, New Jersey to Thomas and Kathleen Dowd. I have two younger sisters, Megan and Rosemary. When I was in Kindergarten our family moved to Lindenhurst, NY on Long Island. Growing up on Long Island was probably the greatest “growing up” experience I could imagine.



I played little league baseball, joined the Cub Scouts and started learning to play the baritone horn. In 7th grade, my family moved to the Allentown area where I attended St. Ann's in Emmaus. I went to Allentown Central Catholic where I continued to pursue music by playing in Marching, Jazz, Concert and Pit Bands.

I met my lovely wife Angela while attending Millersville University where I graduated with a B.S.E in Elementary Education.

My teaching career started with Kindergarten and Preschool before I moved up to 5th and 6th grades in 2002, at the Academy of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Mahanoy City. In 2009, I moved over to Our Lady of the Angels Academy teaching 6th grade. And for the past 4 years I have been the 7th grade Social Studies and Religion teach here at HGA.

My wife and I currently live in Hamburg with our Pug-Jack Russel terrier Roscoe and our cat named Peppa. We also have two grown daughters Madeline and Hanna.

I could not be happier to be selected as your new Principal. Our mission of developing Christian students is my number one focus. Please pray for me and our school as you should always know that I am praying for all of you. We will have an awesome 2019-2020 School Year. God Bless you all!
Thomas Dowd.

Emergency Information

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, November 2nd.)

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 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 26, 2019 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 27, 2019.**

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 31 2019 - 9:00 AM - Noon.

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

Orientations

Kindergarten

Tuesday, August 20, 2019

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 Mr. Dever 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 28, 2019

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

6:30-7:30 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 Mr. Dever 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 21, 2019

6:00-7:30 PM

Grades 6-8

Tuesday, August 27, 2019

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)

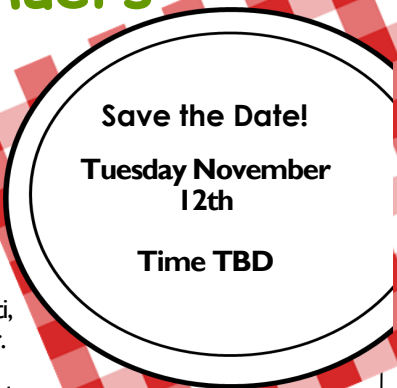
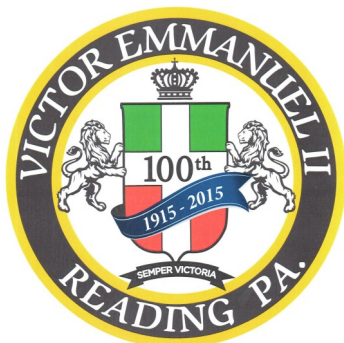
You're Invited to Dining Night Out at Victor Emmanuel's

HGA will be hosting it's second Dining Out Night at Victor Emmanuel's Beneficial Society on Tuesday, November 12th.

Join us for an evening of delicious Italian fare, laughter and fellowship.

The menu will consist of spaghetti, meatballs, salad, bread and butter. And of course, a trip to Victor's wouldn't be complete without a slice of their famous pizza!

Stay tuned for more details to come.



P³ PARENT PRINCIPAL PARTNERSHIP

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, Kindergarten through 7th has been assigned a specific event. Joining the families of your youngest or only child's classroom, you will have the opportunity to build school spirit and meet the parents of your child's classmates, as well as assisting in the organization of 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!

Volunteers and support are always needed and welcomed.

September 20 - Family Bingo - 2nd Grade

November 2 - Night at the Races - 4th Grade

November 12- Dining out at Victor Emmanuel's -6th Grade

December 8 - Santa Breakfast - Kindergarten & 3rd Grade

January 11 - Father/Daughter Dance - 1st Grade

March TBA - Dining Out - 5th Grade

April 4 - Ladies Night Out - No Grade Level

June TBA - Graduation Reception - 7th Grade



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.

Culinary Camp

A Feast for the Eyes and Taste Buds!

Another successful summer of Culinary Camp is in the books!



Donning their aprons with cutting boards in hand, HGA's budding chefs prepared for a week of culinary delights.

Our theme for camp this year was "A Tour of New York City", and our campers chopped, stirred, and baked their way through 5 distinctly different regional cuisines.

We had a record number of campers for this summer, our 10th year, and we love watching kids learn to love to cook!



Drama Camp

Heigh-Ho, Heigh-Ho...

Drama Camp Production #11 was a huge success! For two weeks 31 students, entering first through ninth grade, came together to create sets, rehearse lines and songs, and practice dance steps, readying themselves for this year's show of Snow White. A crowd of over 200 family and friends enjoyed the one-night only performance

We cannot thank Mrs. Coveleski, our Costume Designer, Mrs. Kasperowicz, our Set Designer, and Mrs. Wilson, our Director, enough for their dedication and inspiration. For more than a decade they have provided for hundreds of young people the opportunity to explore the magic of theater. Although we are sorry to see our summer Drama Camps come to an end, we are grateful for all they have done for our students.



Congratulations, cast of Snow White!

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 16, 2019.**

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 2019-2020 information regarding all school policies and curriculum will be available on-line to the students and parents on Monday, August 26, 2019, the first day of school. The teachers will go over important 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 6, 2019.

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.

Changes to the Advancement Office

After nineteen years, Mrs. Caroline Reber has decided to hang up the many hats worn as Advancement Director at Holy Guardian Angels Regional School. With the various responsibilities of this office, the decision was made to hire two part-time individuals to best serve the needs of the students, faculty, school, and community.

Mrs. Megan McGrath Bermudez - Development Director

As an alumna of HGA, Megan is a graduate of Central Catholic High School and Albright College. Working in the Advancement office at Albright College and holding a seat on HGA's Board of Specified Jurisdiction, Megan brings with her a wealth of alumni, marketing and development experience, the values of Catholic education, and the history of HGA's traditions. Her son, Vincenzo attends our 4-year old Preschool.



Mrs. Veronica Lepore - Director of Admissions

A friendly and familiar presence at HGA, Veronica has been very involved as a parent volunteer, homeroom mom, and event contributor. As a graduate of Kutztown University with a B.S. in communications and an M.Ed in Student Affairs in Higher Education Administration, she looks forward to the 2019-2020 school year. Both of Veronica's daughter's attend HGA in 4-year old Pre-school and 2nd. grade.

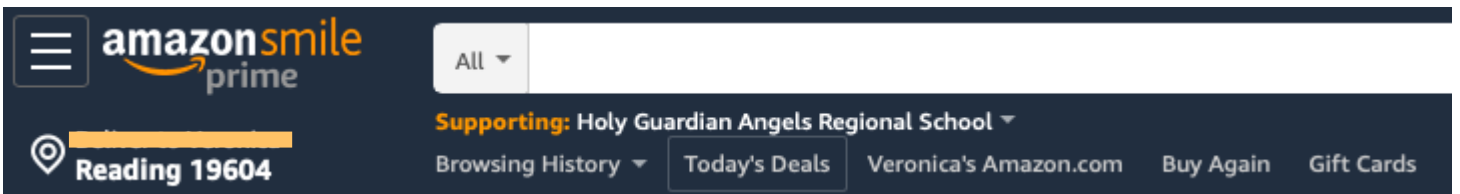
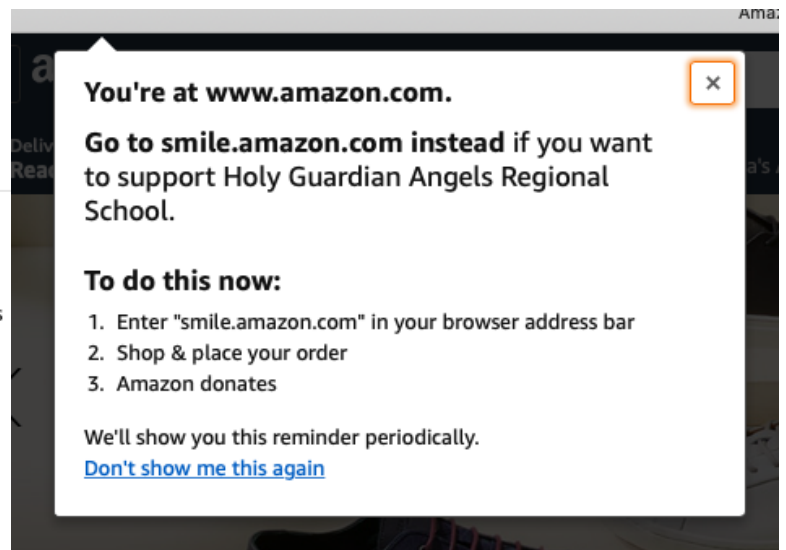


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FUNDRAISING

Supporting the school's budget and keeping your tuition costs down.

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—On sale now through September 9th! We are excited to send home the NEW, valuable KidStuff & SaveAround Coupon Book for you to see the hundreds of unique coupons...AND a 12-month Coupon App with additional coupons is included with each book! Everyone easily saves more than the cost of the book by using just a few coupons. Every book we sell helps us raise money for our school! We make 50% profit!

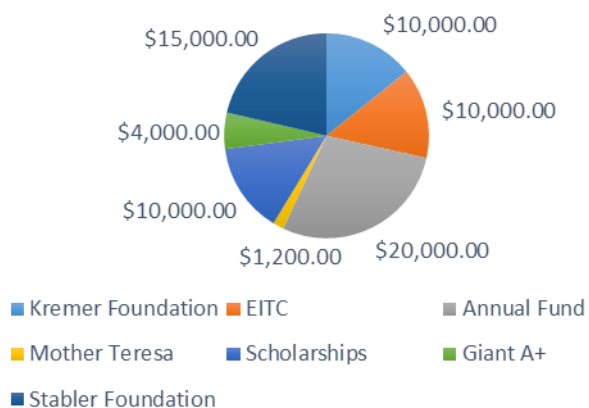
Evergreen Sale: Back by popular demand, HGA will once again be selling fresh wreaths, garland, and centerpieces for the Christmas season. Sale begins Tuesday, October 15th and ends on Tuesday, November 26th.

2019 Walk-a-thon FUN DAY for Catholic Education - Thursday, October 17th. All monies raised through your Walk-a-thon solicitation letters is applied directly to your fundraising fee. Walk-a-thon FUN DAY solicitation preference forms will be distributed at Orientation/Meet-the-Teacher Nights. Choose to send your Walk-a-thon FUN DAY letters via e-mail, US post office, or both. Students will participate in team building exercises, fun activities, and of course, WALK!

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 3, 2020 - either paid in full or added to your tuition payments.

Tuition Assistance Disbursement 2018-2019



Holy Guardian Angels Regional is pleased to offer a total of \$70,200 in tuition assistance for the 2018-2019 school year. We thank those supporters of HGA and their generous commitment to Catholic education.

Annual Fund

Investing in HGA's technology upgrades, classroom resources, programs, and financial aid.

HGA's Annual Fund is critical for enhancing the school and providing tuition assistance. Throughout the 2018-2019 school year, the Annual Fund dollars touched our students lives through the following:

- The purchase and installation of the STEM Lab portable sink.
- New rolling podiums for four teachers.
- Kindergarten A received a reading center table.
- Walk-a-thon/Fun Day t-shirts for all students and faculty.
- \$20,000 in tuition assistance.
- Faculty/staff professional development - "Responsible Centered Discipline" book study.
- Hallway banners featuring our school logo.

Consider asking your place of employment to join our team of Annual Fund sponsors. Or, perhaps a family donation. Contact the Advancement Office for details.

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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...Attention all Target shoppers - purchase a Target gift card (physical or ScripNow) in the month of August and be entered to win a \$50 Target gift card.

GAGC News

Welcome to the new GAGC Program Year which began on June 1, 2019 and will run through May 31, 2020. All tuition credit earned during this Program Year will be applied to the following year's (20/21) school year. Credit statements were distributed in

June. All credit payments are sent directly to the school to be applied toward tuition accounts.

The top tuition amounts earned were: \$2,167.07, \$1,490.58, \$724.53, \$535.43, & \$518.38! What's the key to earning those big amounts? Shop! A lot! Or, if you can't do that, asking family and friends both near and far to use GAGC to do their shopping. Shopping online with ShopWithScrip is an easy way for anyone to make purchases using gift cards and earn tuition credit for your family. All they need to do is designate your account name when signing up! Purchasing In Stock or Special Order GAGC works the same – people who would like to have credit applied to your account only need to write your account name where indicated on the envelope or form.