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Parent newsletter of Holy Guardian Angels Regional School

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October 1-3 - Forty Hours

October 2 - Feast of the Guardian Angels

October 4 - Blessing of the Animals 8:20 AM

October 5— Confessions

October 9 – NO SCHOOL

Diocesan Convention

October 10— HGA Kitchen Kapers

Talent Show Auditions—2:46-4:00 PM

October 12 - FUN DAY

October 14 - Confirmation Retreat-8:30 AM-Noon

October 15 - Walk-a-thon

Kitchen Opens - 12:30 PM

Registration - 1:00 PM

Walk Begins - 1:45 PM

October 16— Progress Reports

October-16-20 - Parent-Teacher Conferences

October 17 - Evergreen Fundraiser Begins

October 19 - Confirmation - 4:30 PM

October 26 - Trick-or-Trunk - 5:30-7:00 PM

October 31 - Early Dismissal - 1:00 PM

Evergreen Fundraiser Ends

November 1 - All Saints Mass - 9:00

November 2 - HGA Parish Bazaar

November 3— Breakfast with Santa

December 6 - Report Cards Issued

December 8 - Mass - 9:00 AM

Feast of Immaculate Conception

December 10 - Advent Vespers

MEET OUR NEW TEACHERS



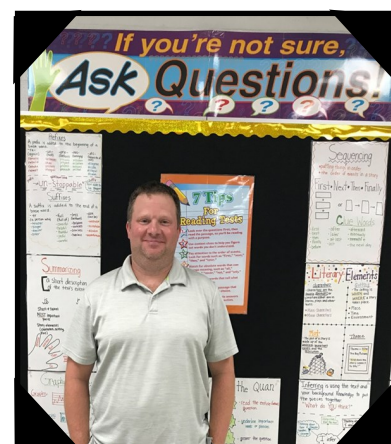
3B - Mrs. Michele Chavoya



Mrs. Karen Kroenig
Learning Support



7 A - Mrs. Tiersa Elliott



5A - Mr. Travis Achenbach



Spanish - Mrs. Audrey Ricardo



"Our continued prayers are sent to those who suffered loss and destruction due to Hurricanes Harvey, Irma, and Maria."

Message from the Principal

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Another school year is off to a calm and peaceful start! Students have adjusted well to their new routines, classroom schedules, and teachers. It was nice to see so many families attend our Meet-the-Teacher Nights. Your **presence speaks volumes** of your continued commitment to provide your children with an academic journey that is grounded in a partnership between school and home. With this thought, also comes Parent/Teacher Conferences which are taking place the week of October 17. We are already half way through the First Trimester. What a great opportunity to dialogue with both the teacher and your child about his or her strengths or weaknesses.

The turning of the calendar shows that the month of October with all its autumn splendor, beauty, and serenity is already upon us. As smooth and peaceful as our start to this school year was, I am reminded of the many families whose school year was halted due to the natural disasters that have occurred over the past weeks. Our continued prayers are sent to those who suffered loss and destruction due to Hurricanes Harvey, Irma, and Maria. To reinforce the power of prayer, in observance of October's recognition as the month of the Rosary, each morning a Hail Mary will be prayed as a school family for those recovering from the devastation.

God most definitely listens to prayers, answers prayers, and moves in response to prayers.

Yours in Christ,

Mrs. Maureen Wallin
Principal

New Faces on Staff at HGA



5th Grade Aide
Rebecca Perry

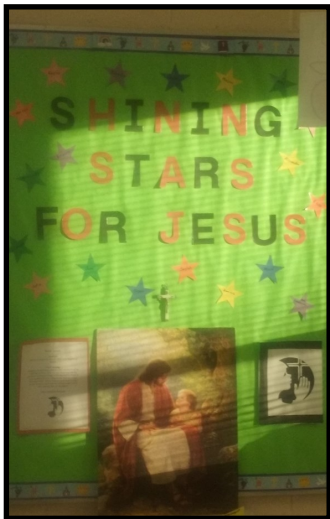


Finance
Manager
Kelly Precht

Preschool

SETTLING IN TO A NEW ROUTINE

Preschoolers are having a wonderful time! While we are still adjusting to the school day, everyone is learning a lot of new things. To welcome fall we are learning about apples.



Making new friends with our classmates has been fun. We are also making friends with Jesus. Each day we try, by our actions and words, to be a shining star for Him.

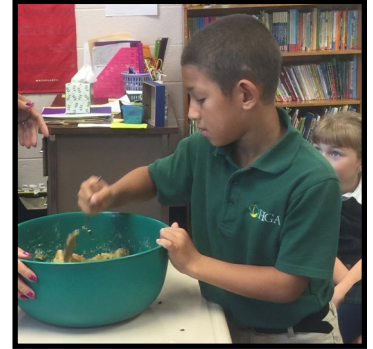
APPLE DUMPLING SALE
COST: \$3.00
ORDER FORM CAN BE FOUND
ON LINE OR CALL THE
SCHOOL OFFICE.



Second Grade

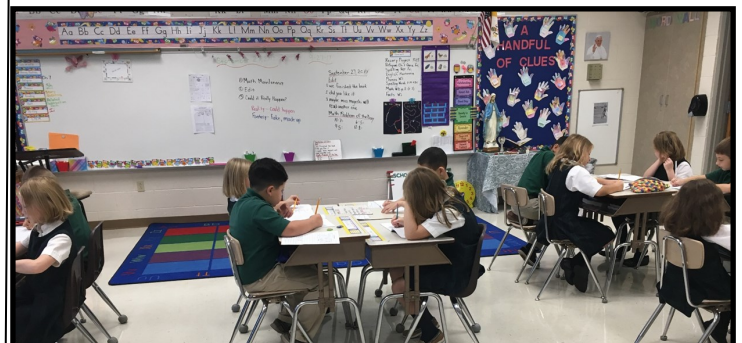
AN APPLE A DAY...

This month in 2A, Mrs. Zatorski's class learned about apples. One fun project was tasting three different types of apples and then graphing our favorite one. The class favorite was the Golden Delicious! We watched a very interesting video, "From Apple Seed to Grocery Store." We culminated the apple unit by tasting apple cider and making an apple crisp in a crock pot in the classroom. Every child had a job in the baking of this tasty treat. The aroma was incredible and the "baked good" was delicious!"



2B is a HOOT!

Things are going great in 2B so far this year! Everyone is in a routine and knows what to do. We really love the new reading books. We have read stories about twins, astronauts in space, and going camping with your dog. Math is a blast, too. We are amazing at our math facts! We can't wait until we receive Penance and Holy Communion. We are spending time preparing for these sacraments in Religion. When we are not working hard, we spend time quietly reading books from the classroom library. Whoooo would have thought second grade would be so fun!



Third Grade

3A - IT'S TIME FOR SCHOOL,

CHARLIE BROWN

The new year got off to a great start in 3A. Being third graders on the second floor is quite a big deal! There are many changes to get used to and the class is hard at work meeting those challenges. As part of the Peanuts Gang, everyone is doing a great job “working together” to get off on the right foot. In religion class, we are discussing the importance and origin of our names. God calls us each by name. We are sharing what makes each of us very special, and the talents we all have been given to share with others.

In social studies, we are studying communities and map skills. The children are sharing what they know about their own communities. Applying their knowledge of the compass rose, they will begin their first project of the year. They are also making maps of their neighborhoods.

They are definitely headed in the right direction.

In honor of 9/11,



3A and 3B worked together to make a paper chain American flag. We honor all those we lost and those who selflessly

risked their lives to save others on that day.

In reading class, we read “The Trial of Cardigan Jones”. The story teaches the importance of not judging others too quickly. We will be making a connection to our judicial system by having a mock trial of our own in class. A Halloween mystery is in our near future. See our next newsletter to catch up on how the case in 3A unfolds.

3B - WALKING WITH GOD



During Religion class students had the opportunity to share their names and the reason why their names were chosen. We discussed the important role God has in calling us by name. The unique origin of our name makes us all different. Each student had the opportunity to create a shoe symbolizing their uniqueness and how God walks with them through life.



Holy Guardian Angels Regional School “Put on the Red” to help those affected by Hurricane

Harvey. Students, faculty, and administration joined together to raise funds that will be disbursed through Catholic Charities for those in need. At the end of the day, a total of \$2,000 was raised.

Thank you to everyone who participated and donated.



Fourth Grade

EXPLORE & DISCOVER WITH US

Throughout the year in fourth grade, students are and will be continuously exploring and engaging in science experiments in correlation with our curriculum. A hands on science curriculum allows the students to critically think about the concepts of the chapter and unit, explore questions, and use the scientific method. Currently, we are studying and exploring about how all living things are made of up cells. Students are creating 3D models of the plant and animal cells. Stay tuned to see what our scientists are exploring and discovering throughout the year!



4A - LETTING OUR LIGHTS SHINE!

In early September, we had the honor of Mrs. Precchl visiting our classroom to share her experience with the aftermath of Hurricane Harvey. In Texas, she was able to offer her services to assist with the rescued animals. The students enjoyed learning about her trip and how one person can let their light shine using their gifts from God.

This year we look forward to many learning adventures through various aspects of our curriculum.

The students will have a math fact challenge as well as a

reading challenge. We have already traveled around the world in reading, learning about how other countries in remote areas receive library books. We will explore Pennsylvania history and use real-world problem solving in math.

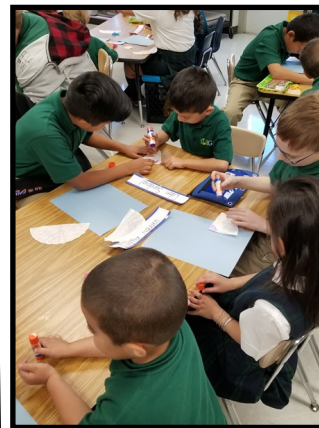
We are still looking for 4A parents/family members who would like to be a "Mystery Reader" any Friday throughout the school year. Please contact Mrs. Burkman if you are interested.



Fifth Grade

MEETING NEW FRIENDS - AT HGA AND AROUND THE WORLD

The first few weeks have seemed to fly by. Besides getting to know each other we have also gotten to know our friends in Kindergarten as well. A few of our



students have been bus buddies since the start of the year helping them get to their buses. We have also matched everyone with a Kindergarten partner who they will assist during Masses they attend and other fun activities throughout the year.

Fifth grade is learning about geography with our post-card project this year! We sent home a letter, and shared it on social media, asking people to send us post-cards

here at HGA. Each postcard we receive we map

where it came from and display the card on the wall. We're hoping to have our wall covered by the end of the school year. You can help! Are you traveling this year? Do you have any friends or family who live outside of Berks County? Please ask them to send us a postcard with a few facts about where they are sending it from.

Welcome to Mr. Achenbach, 5A. He is very excited to be a new member of the Holy Guardian Angels family, and is looking forward to a great year!



Eighth Grade **FUN**

The eighth grade is happy to announce the debut of a new program this year, Fun Fridays. We are setting aside one Friday afternoon each month to do a special activity. We are looking forward to our September activity which is a kickball tournament between 8A and 8B. Of course, we are hoping for nice weather so we can play outside. However, if Mother Nature doesn't cooperate, we'll take our friendly competition to the gym. Our October activity is the "Can Corn Catapult Challenge". Prior to this event, students will discover and explore catapult construction techniques in Mrs. Morris' science class. Then, on our Fun Friday afternoon, students will work with a partner to create a catapult and compete to see who can send their corn the farthest distance as well as who can be the most accurate in landing their corn on a small target. We'll keep you posted on the outcomes of our fall activities and share our future Fun Friday events as well.

MIDDLE STATES *Update*

Last year, we were thrilled to announce that Holy Guardian Angels Regional School had been granted reaccreditation through the year 2024. For the faculty and staff, that announcement was not only the culmination of 18 months of self-study and preparation, but also the starting point for us to begin working toward our Action Plan Goals for improvement over the next seven years. It is our intent to work toward improvement in the areas of mathematics and reading, as well as participate in more professional development in the area of discipline.

Specifically, our Discipline Action Plan Team has started a book study with the entire faculty and staff concerning Responsibility Centered Discipline (RCD). RCD is a transformational approach that shifts the goals of school discipline from making a student behave to empowering a student to take ownership of his or her behavior. In other words, we want to partner with you and reinforce what you are trying to instill in your children at home: responsible behavior, effective communication, and problem solving. This book study will lead up to a two day training during the summer of 2018.

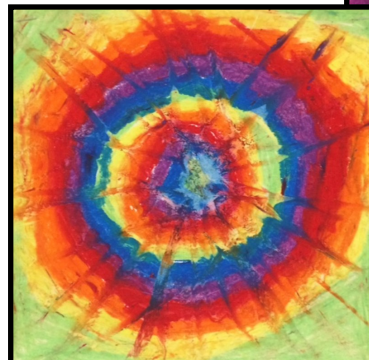
Art Class Fun

Fourth Grade



Focus:

- To create a piece of art that mimics tie dye using the medium oil pastel.
- Explore the blending capabilities of oil pastels.
- Reinforce prior knowledge from third grade study of concentric shapes.
- Develop creative problem solving skills for color choice.





Details, Details, Details. . .

Date: Sunday, October 15th

Location: HGA

Time:

Kitchen Opens: 12:30 PM

Registration: 1:00-1:40 PM

Walk begins: 1:45 PM

The Walk – approximately 2.5 miles

The Food –

- American
- Italian
- Caribbean
- Polish
- Asian

The Fun –

- moon bounce
- activities,
- music provided by JAM on Sound Productions

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FUNDRAISING

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Evergreen Sale

Sale Runs: October 17th - 31st

Delivery: Saturday, December 2nd
9:00 AM – 11:30 AM

Fundraising Quota: Earn 50% towards your fee

Money must accompany order
(make checks payable to HGA)

Sale has Ended



Thank you to all the families who participated our KidStuff Coupon Book Sale. This year's sale was very successful! We sold 352 books, earning HGA a profit of \$4,400.

PLEASE NOTE: \$25 WILL BE ADDED TO ANY FAMILY'S TUITION PAYMENT FOR COUPON BOOKS NOT RETURNED OR PAID FOR.



You know my **name**.
Do you know my **story**?

You've see it, you've read it, and you're probably wondering why this was painted on the wall.

The sign is a reminder of Jesus asking of us, "Do not judge so that you will not be judged."

Students spend 180 days each school year broadening their knowledge, participating in extra curricular activities, and honing social skills, all the while interacting with classmates and fellow students. Making friends and finding common interests is easy, right? Striking up a conversation comes naturally, doesn't it?

Some children are outgoing, some are shy. Some are curious while others prefer to remain quiet. Laughter may erupt easily or tears may flow often. On any given day a child may be helpful or disruptive. What is their story? Why does someone act or react in a certain way?

Many claim to know us. Many times they are the very same individuals who speak to us, but don't listen or see. Those who stereotype us. In this world of quick judgements, patient minds are not that common. Patient minds can understand the struggle behind the face, the story behind the name.

We must take the time to discover what lies beyond a look, a face, a name.

In order to achieve this three things are needed: a real interest, emotional openness, and quality time. The single element we ask for in the course of our daily lies is mutual respect.

Sometimes we all fight fierce battles. We are MUCH MORE than our identity card, our resume, or academic record. We are destined to shine, but sometimes we choose to extinguish the light of each other. Let us avoid this and invest more in respect, sensitivity, and empathy for others.

Inside

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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.



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Holy Guardian Angels Gift Certificate Program - GAGC



GAGC News for Fall 2017

School just began but the GAGC Program Year started on June 1st! Be on the lookout for your tuition statement in October.

Tuition Statements are issued three times each program year, October, February, and End-of-Year. The statements are in summary form, but if you would like to know your tuition credit amount or would like to see a detailed statement, please contact Tricia Christ at triciachrist.hga@gmail.com.

Planning Ahead: be sure to get gift cards now for...fall outdoor clean up, Black Friday & Cyber Monday shopping, October & November birthdays, anniversaries, and other special occasions.

Not a planner? The Online Option is for you! With so many retailers offering eGiftCards - you can purchase what you need on the go. Visit the [GAGC Tab](#) on the school website for a Quick Start Guide and details.

ICYMI - Disney now offers ScripNow eGiftCards in \$10 increments from \$20-\$1,000. Use Disney Gift Cards at Disney destinations nationwide for practically all things Disney to shop, dine, stay, and play! Redeem at the Walt Disney World Resort, Disneyland Resort, Disney Cruise Line, Disney Store locations in the U.S., DisneyStore.com and beyond.

GAGC FAQ

Do families really get any substantial tuition credit?

Absolutely! In fact, approximately 113 participating families earned a total of \$20,287.82 in tuition credit for the year. In addition, \$1,327.58 was earned for the Mother Theresa account which is used for students in financial need for HGA or PREP.