



Fiscal Year July 1, 2012—June 30, 2013

Mission Statement

The mission of Guardian Angels Regional School is to nurture, encourage and educate the mind, body, and spirit of each child to foster spiritual, social and intellectual growth by providing a quality and challenging academic education permeated by Gospel values in the Catholic Franciscan tradition.

A note from our Principal:

A new school year is upon us here at Guardian Angels Regional School and I am very excited to be writing you to share the wonderful news that we have over 250 students from Pre-Kindergarten– 8th Grade who we will be educating this year.

I would also like to take this opportunity to again thank our donors for their generous support to the 2012-2013 Guardian Angels Fund. With their support and prayers our school raised over \$84,000 last year through donations to our annual fund. Their generous support has benefited our children directly in the classroom, on the playing field and on the stage.

With the funds raised through last year’s annual fund, we have been able to:

- Purchase new science books for our 6th grade students
- Continue professional development workshops for our faculty
- Send five faculty members over the summer to work on curriculum development for the diocese
- Apply mulch and spruce up both of our playgrounds
- Renovate all bathrooms at our Paulsboro campus

We are truly grateful to them for their continued support of our school. Their generous donations enable us to provide the best education for our students. I invite those of you who have not donated to our fund before to do so this year for our 2013-2014 Guardian Angels Fund. By supporting our annual fund you are assisting our school community as we educate our students today, the future leaders of our church and nation tomorrow.

God Bless You!

Sincerely in Christ,

Sr. Jermilyn Einstein, fmij

Principal

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2012-2013 School Year Comes to an End

The 2012-2013 school year came to an end in June with the graduation of 29 young men and women completing their elementary education. Many of them continued their Catholic education at several of the local Catholic high schools in our area. The Baccalaureate Mass and Commencement ceremonies were filled with joy and sadness. Joyous smiles were visible on the faces of our graduates as many of them were happy to be completing 10 and 11 years of learning at GARS while sadness could be seen on the faces of their parents as they were preparing to send their children off to high school.

Our Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten students also celebrated milestones as they transitioned from Pre-Kindergarten to Kindergarten or from Kindergarten to First grade. We were very excited to share in these celebrations with them as they now begin the

next step in their academic journeys.

Our final PTA General Meeting was held once again in conjunction with our Arts @ GARS evening. It was an evening where our students from Kindergarten through 8th grade gathered to share their musical and artistic talents with our school family.

The evening was complete with beautiful music from our school band and our school choirs. Our families also had an opportunity to view the artwork prepared by students from 1st-8th grade.

During the Arts @ GARS event we also had an opportunity to thank, Mrs. Joan Stetser our PTA President, who has served our school for many years. Her service to our school has been immeasurable. We are grateful to her for the countless hours she has dedicated to our PTA and our students.

Thank you Mrs. Stetser!

We also thanked Mrs. Lisa Gimpel for her service on our PTA Board. Lisa has been an integral part of PTA board for the past few years and she too shared her talents and treasures with our school and our students. Thank you Mrs. Gimpel.

To culminate our school year we celebrated Mass as a school community on the last day of school.

The school community of students came together to once again share in the joys from the past year and to reflect on what it means to be a member of the Guardian Angels Regional School community.

The Mass ended with the "End of Year" awards where students were recognized for their outstanding academic achievements over the entire school year.

Service Projects

Throughout the year at Guardian Angels Regional School our students are constantly reminded that the Mission of our school should be embodied by their thoughts, words and actions everyday. In order for our students to embrace and understand that giving to others is a Christ like behavior we encourage them to participate in all of our philanthropic activities. This year GARS students participated in the following programs:

- Veteran's Day Luncheon
- Tree of Warmth
- Souper Bowl Sunday soup donations
- Donations made to animal shelters and various charitable organizations
- Pajamas and books donated to victims of hurricane Sandy
- Senior Citizen Luncheon
- Christmas Concert for senior citizens
- 3rd Grade Sister School in Camden



PTA Family Fun Nights

2012-2013

Each year the PTA Executive Board works diligently to raise funds for our school and to provide fun events for our students and families. This year was once again a great year to be a member of the GARS family, as the PTA provided us with great events throughout the year.

In the fall they hosted the Back to School Ice Cream Social, where parents and students had an opportunity to come out and enjoy ice cream and catch up with each other after returning to school from a great summer break. They also hosted our children's Beef Hot Dog and Root Beer Fun Night as well as our Beef and Beer for parents. Both of these events were well attended and everyone had a lot of fun.

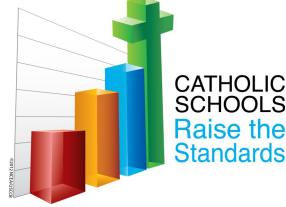
December brought the perennial favorite, St. Nick Shop, where students have an opportunity to purchase Christmas gifts for their parents, while parents shop at vendors set up in the gym.

February is our CSW Family Night, The Brain Show. The students and families play a live version of a "Jeopardy" like game with age appropriate questions, including questions regarding our Catholic faith.

March is our parent's favorite fun night, Parent's Night Out. Students bring sleeping bags and pillows to the Paulsboro campus and enjoy movies while their parents have an evening out.

Thank you to our dedicated PTA:
President-Joan Stetser
Vice President-Janet Mee
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Catholic Schools Week 2013



Catholic Schools Week 2013 was a wonderful week of celebrations for our school community.

The week was filled with many events for our students, faculty, staff and school families.

We began the week with our opening Mass where we came together as a faith-filled community.

Athletics

We ended the school year with another track division title for the Gloucester County Catholic Athletic League.

Congratulations to all of our track and field athletes!

Our team, over 65 students strong, practiced diligently every week for their track and field meets held on Saturdays at the Paulsboro High School track. Thank you to Mr. Paul Morina, Principal of

On Monday and Thursday we hosted open houses for prospective and current families. We had quite a few new families come and visit our school. It was also great to see so many families in our school for our current family open house.

Tuesday, January 29th our students celebrated our senior citizens in the area with our Senior Citizen Luncheon. Over 200 senior citizens from the area came to our school where our eighth grade students served them lunch. They were entertained by students from our choirs and our theatre arts club.

Paulsboro High School, for the use of the track and field.

Week after week our athletes continued to improve their time and/or their distance as they kept the goal in sight, the GCCAL Track Division Title. With three titles in the short history of our track & field program, each athlete knew they needed to compete at the highest level. Their dedication and hard work paid off when they won

On Wednesday, our students enjoyed a day of fun at our Paulsboro campus with indoor field games.

The week came to an end on Friday with Teacher Appreciation Day and the Brain Show. We capped off the week with our Family Fun Night, where families came to compete on the Brain Show. We also invited our alumni back for an alumni pizza party. It was a great week and we can't wait for CSW 2014!

the title for the third out of four years of competing.

Under the guidance of our athletic director, Mr. Tom Romantini, each of the sports has continued to grow in student and parent participation. We thank him for all he has done for our sports program.

Go Wings!

Mathletes Compete at Rowan University

Six students from Guardian Angels Regional School accelerated math class competed in the annual Mathcounts South Jersey chapter math competition held at Rowan University. Michael B., Erin B., Michael G., Emily S., Tiffany T. and Antonio V. met with their teacher, Mrs. Emily Harker as they prepared to compete once again in this all day math event. The event consists of different rounds to challenge the students in the math problem solving skills and included a "Sprint Round" which consists of 30 questions to be answered in 40 minutes without the use of a calculator.

The MATHCOUNTS Competition is a national middle school coaching and competitive

mathematics programs that promotes mathematics achievement through a series of fun and engaging "bee" style contests. Winners of the regional competitions advance to the state, whose finalists advance to the national level competition. The event is held at Rowan University in February and consists of four rounds: The Sprint Round consists of 30 problems to be completed in 40 minutes without the use of a calculator. Next is the Target Round, where problems are given in pairs of two with six minutes to solve each pair. The third round is the Team Round, consisting of 10 problems for which the team of four has 20 minutes to solve. These two rounds allow

calculators. A final round, the Countdown Round, is for the top 25% of all competitors, who compete head-to-head. A problem is projected and the student must answer as quickly as possible using scratch paper to work the problem.

GARS students represented 20% of the top ten scorers in the "Sprint Round" and two of our students participated the fast-paced head-to-head "Countdown Round". Our school placed 5th overall and was the highest placed Catholic school among all schools competing.

Congratulations to the Class of 2013



We are very proud of the accomplishments of the Class of 2013 from our school. In total, this class of 8th grade graduates was offered over \$95,000 in scholarship money from numerous Catholic high schools in the area and an additional \$4,000 was awarded from various donors. We wish them all the best as they begin the next chapter in their academic journey.

Bishop Eustace

Tiffany Tran
(Recipient of Full Tuition Scholarship)

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William Voight

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This year's spring musical was *Godspell, Jr.* Our students in 3rd through 8th grade did a fabulous job as they made the popular musical from the 70's come to life on the stage at the Broad Street School in Gibbstown.

The familiar tunes, 'Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord', and 'Day by Day', were performed beautifully by the cast.

A big thank you to our Director, Miss Jen Rieger, and to our Music Director, Mrs. Karen Mercer.

We look forward to next year's musical which will be announced at our Christmas performance.





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