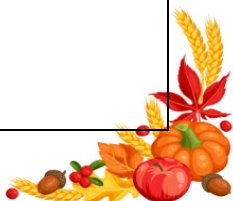




# November 2022



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6	7  	8	9	10  8:30AM All-School Liturgy (Special Intention for the Walsh Family) Nov. Birthday Bags	11  Scrip Dress Down Day	12
13	14 Hoagie orders Due	15 7:30 PM PTG Zoom Meeting	16 3:00 -4:00 PM Play and Pray Group	17 8:30 AM All-School Liturgy November Student of the Month Musical Auditions	18 Scrip Dress Down Day	19  1 PM Turkey Bingo
20	21 Hoagie Pick Up	22 Prayer Partner Friends Giving Day 1 PM Kindergarten Thanksgiving Program	23  No School	24 No School  	25  No School	26
27	28  No School	29  Auction Buy it Now Dress Down Day	30			





# NOVEMBER 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Pasta W/Butter or Sauce Breadstick Meatballs Salad	2 Chicken Tenders Mashed Potatoes Corn	3  1/2 Day No Lunch	4  Pizza Salad Fruit	5
6	7 Grilled Cheese Soup Chips Fruit	8 Hot Dog Pierogies Salad Fruit	9 Rigatoni Mozzarella Sticks Salad	10 Pancakes Sausage Hash Browns Fruit	11 Pizza Salad Fruit	12
13	14 Chicken Wrap Tots Fruit	15 Breadsticks W/Sauce Green beans Salad	16 Soft Pretzel Macaroni & Cheese Fruit Salad	17 French Toast Sticks Sausage Hash Brown Fruit	18 Pizza Salad Fruit	19
20	21 Walking Taco Rice Corn	22 Chicken Tenders Stuffing Mashed Potatoes Corn	23  No School	24  No School Happy Thanksgiving	25  No School	26
27	28  No School	29 Pasta Meatballs Breadsticks Salad	30 Hot Chicken Wrap (chicken,cheese,rice) Tots Salad Fruit			



# October Students of the Month

2022-2023

## PreK - Nora Carter



Nora is always kind to others and is willing to lend a helping hand. Nora is very quiet at first, but when she breaks out of her shell, she is radiant with her kind words and loving heart. She is so thoughtful and always offers a hug to a friend in need. Nora makes our classmates feel cared for and included in everything. We need more Noras in the world because she is so sweet and kind!"

## Kindergarten - Noah Hess



Noah is a kind-hearted and helpful friend to all of the students in the kindergarten. Noah will go out of his way to help a friend or a teacher. He is a great role model for others, as he follows the rules consistently and always does his best work. Noah is always smiling and so excited to learn new things. He always has his hand raised and is ready to participate. He is always respectful to teachers and other students. Congratulations, Noah! We are so proud to have you in our class!

## First Grade - Caroline Hess



The Student of the Month characteristic for October is honesty and that describes Caroline. She is also courteous, responsible, and conscientious. She makes choices daily that exhibit her honesty. She follows directions, stays on task, and puts forth her best effort in every assignment she does. Caroline can always be counted on to do the right thing. Her honest character makes her a great role model for her classmates and they are so proud of her to be the Student of the Month.

## Second Grade - Emily Rohrdanz



Emily always comes to school with an eagerness to learn. Emily works hard every day! She always participates in class discussions and is one of the first with her hand up. Emily is a wonderful friend to others, always willing to help those in need of service. She always has a smile on her face, keeping a positive attitude toward school and learning. Way to go Emily! Keep up the amazing work!

## Third Grade - Lucas Kacsur



Lucas shows maturity and kindness in so many areas as a third-grade student. Lucas is always such a positive influence on any class he enters. He is hardworking, honest, caring, and a friend to all other students. Lucas is always ready for class, participates, and works hard and his positive outlook is contagious to those around him. He radiates Christ-like behavior in everything he does. He is someone I can always count on. He has the best manners and constantly has a smile on his face. We are proud to have Lucas represent our third-grade class as our October Student of the Month.

## Fourth Grade Arden Wyke-Shiring



In life, the people we all most enjoy being near are those who radiate JOY wherever they are. The fourth grade October Student of the Month Arden is definitely this person. Each day she is full of enthusiasm for everything we do and always has a positive attitude. In class, she is eager and excited to learn. Her passion for learning is contagious. Arden is always willing to help in and out of the classroom. She represents AGS's pride in the school and in the community as an AGS cheerleader. She does a wonderful job of uplifting those around her with an encouraging smile or uplifting words. Arden is patient with people in her groups and tries to implement everyone's ideas. We are proud to have Arden as the fourth grade's student of the month.

## Fifth Grade - Karly Gill



Selfless, caring, exceptional, honest, and hardworking are just a few ways to describe what a great student Karly is. She is always eager to learn and has excellent participation in class. She is very responsible and consistently puts forth her best effort to succeed academically. Karly always has a smile on her face, and is extremely kind to her classmates! She consistently puts the best interest of others ahead of his own. She is a friend to all and offers a helping hand to any student or teacher in need. Karly is a great leader and role model for others! It is a pleasure to recognize Karly as the October 5th grade student of the month at Archangel Gabriel Catholic School.

## Sixth Grade - David DeFiandra



He displays the characteristics that define this award. David has shown kindness towards his classmates and teachers. He has shown leadership by participating in class, volunteering for a class job, and by taking on a preschool prayer partner. He is respectful toward his peers and teachers. David strives for excellence in his work; he works very hard. Congratulations David and keep up the good work

## Seventh Grade - Elizabeth Tokarczyk



Elizabeth leads by example. She models to her fellow students what it means to be a kind and respectful person and an excellent student. She is attentive and well-behaved and actively participates in class discussions. Not only does she display excellent character, but she is also hard-working and achieves above-average grades. Keep up the great work, Lizzie

## Eighth Grade - Alex Smith



Alex is an excellent student and a very high achiever. Alex is hard working and has high expectations for himself. Besides his high academic standards, Alex is very respectful and polite. He is courteous and is a leader in the 8th grade. Alex Smith works well with others and is very friendly. Alex is an asset to Archangel Gabriel School and the perfect choice for student of the month in 8th grade.

**Congratulations to each of you on your extraordinary efforts. We proudly present this award to you based on the following criteria:**

**Displays Excellent Character.**

**Shows Honest and Trustworthiness.**

**Has Outstanding Behavior.**

**Displays a Positive attitude towards others/learning.**

**Demonstrates responsibility.**

**Is Respectful to peers/teachers.**



# ARCHANGEL GABRIEL CATHOLIC SCHOOL

## Knight's News

November 2022

### NOURISHING SOULS

**Feast Day of the Holy Rosary** — On October 12th our students celebrated the Feast Day of the Holy Rosary. They connected with their prayer partners at Holy Trinity Church to create a living rosary together. Parents and teachers watched as a Rosary was built with roses as the congregation prayed the Rosary. Each colored rose represented a bead where the partners would say prayers together. Our prayer partner program offers connections between the lower and higher grades and instills mentorship, patience, growth, respect, and love. The students are paired up to build special bonds and many of these mentorships last for more than a year. We are thrilled to be able to have these special opportunities to connect our students. Watch this event via YouTube:

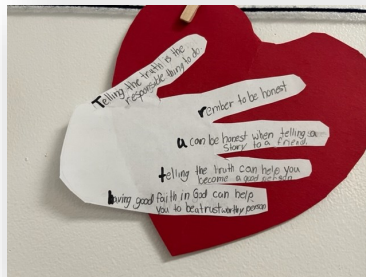
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**Friendsgiving Preparation** - We are very much looking forward to our November Prayer Partner activity which is celebrating "Friendsgiving" with our buddies. We cherish the opportunity for our students to get together any time but around this time of year, it is extra special. If you want to contribute to this event, please use this link to do so:

<https://signup.com/go/UJTZQKo>

**Inspirational Characteristics**- Every month AGS will focus on characteristics with a specific theme that our students and faculty can be inspired by. In October, we focused on Honesty. Throughout the school, the classrooms have knights outside of their doors holding hearts showing the monthly theme. If you had a chance to walk through the middle school hallway you would have seen their "I Promise to Be Honest" display, highlighting their promises. From promising to be honest when telling a story to a friend, to striving to not sin and create a closer relationship with God, our students reflected on ways to always live a more moral and truthful life. We look forward to the rest of the months which include: Leadership, Humility, Self-Discipline, Respect, Purity, Perseverance, and Loyalty. Ask your children how they are inspired by these characteristics both inside and outside of the classroom.



**Strides for CJD** - Our fifth graders took part and supported Strides for CJD and Miss Golden on October 8th. Her father passed away from this rare disease a few years ago and our kids have helped to raise money to help find a cure. They created inspirational bracelets and decorations, and helped to raise money for this great cause. Thank you to all who participated. It is always great to see our Knights supporting each other. Miss Golden, our thoughts and prayers are always with you and your family.





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**Trick or Treat at the Willows** - We are finally able to go back to The Willow's long-term care facility in Kennedy Township after an in-person break due to Covid. On Friday, October 21st students in grades Pre 3 through 5th were invited to trick-or-treat through the hallways. The residents were thrilled to pass out candy and enjoyed seeing all of their costumes. Community involvement truly enriches the lives of each one of us and we are blessed to have this opportunity.



**Devotion to Mary** - Throughout October each of our classrooms made devotions to the Blessed Mother by visiting the Mary prayer courtyard or the Mary Grotto in the front of the school. This was such a special way for each child to connect with Mary and have special time to dedicate their prayers to someone in need.



**Pray and Play Group** - Our Pray and Play after-school group has been absolutely a gift. Students most recently prayed two decades of a Rosary, played games while praying, and ended with a craft. This experience is so special for our children and we are very grateful to Alaina Sedlack for leading the group! The next one is on November 16th. Pray and Play is in the cafeteria monthly from 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM and all are welcome to join.



## BUILDING MINDS

**Parent-Teacher Conferences** - It is hard to believe that we have come to the end of the first quarter. On Thursday, November 3rd we will hold parent-teacher conferences after the early dismissal. Communication has gone out through OptionC to select a time for your child(ren).



**4th Grade STEM Marshmallow Challenge** - Mrs. LaGrosse's 4th-grade science class had an interesting challenge this month. Groups of 3 or 4 were given 25 sticks of spaghetti, a marshmallow, and a piece of tape to construct the tallest tower in 20 minutes. Their creativity never ceases to amaze us. Look how high they went!



**Art, Art, and More Art** - Miss Boburka is doing a fantastic job this year in her Pre K - Grade 8 art classes. Not only is she teaching lessons on media and history, but the school looks absolutely amazing. From the Dots on the wall for National Dot Day to the hundreds of Halloween-themed designs throughout the building, we can't stop looking around the hallways to see what is new. At the end of the year, she is planning to put together an art show to showcase some of the amazing art our students have done throughout the year. Stay tuned to find out what is next.



**Learning All About Apples** - Pre4 students had a lot of fun exploring apples this fall. They learned that there are over 7,500 different types of apples and that some apples are pink and orange! The students made apple prints, had an apple taste test, explored the parts of the apple (the skin, core, seeds (pips), and flesh), and learned about the life cycle of apples. These hands-on experiences are the ones that our students will remember most!



# Archangel Gabriel Knight's News

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**Students of the Month** - Congratulations to our October Students of the Month: PreK - Nora Carter, Kindergarten - Noah Hess, First Grade - Caroline Hess, Second Grade - Emily Rohrdanz, Third Grade - Lucas Kacsur, Fourth Grade Arden Wyke-Shiring, Fifth Grade - Karly Gill, Sixth Grade - David DelFiandra, Seventh Grade - Elizabeth Tokarczyk, Eighth Grade - Alex Smith. If you would like to read more about these impressive students please go out our website: <https://archangelgabrielpgh.org/student-of-the-month>



## EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

**Girls Volleyball** - Our girls JV volleyball team advanced to the Elite 8 (the first time in AGS school history) after a stunning 2-0 win over Sacred Heart Monday evening at St. Louise. They will play St. Louise's Green team on Sunday at Bishop Canevin starting at 1 PM. Please wish our girls the best of luck on Sunday! Fans are welcome to attend! For varsity, although they didn't make the playoffs (by 1 game), the 8th grade recognition night was very memorable. All six 8th graders played the majority of the game and ended up beating Seelos in a nail-biter that went down to the wire in three sets.



**Violin** - After our Halloween parade, Mr. Ott and our violinists had a treat for some of the classrooms. A special Halloween story was read and they played their music to go along with it. We have such talent at AGS. We can't wait for the music concert in December to hear more.



**Cross Country** - On Saturday, October 22, our AGS Cross Country team competed in the Diocesan Championships, which consisted of over 1,000 runners and 28 school teams. All of our runners showed off their impressive skills and strength! Runners that medaled in the top 30 were Varsity Boys, Andre Kolocouris (13th place), and Wyatt Walsh (28th place). JV Boys, David DelFiandra (28th place) and Declan Ireland (29th place). Developmental Girls, Elly Stuckeman (8th place) and Sadie Tamburino (24th place).



Congratulations to our Developmental girls Rose Staudenmeier, Mila Kolocouris, Sadie Tamburino, Lily Urick, and Elly Stuckeman on winning 5th place overall and JV Boys, Declan Ireland, Xavier Hess, Gus Stuckeman, David DelFiandra, Charles Seng, Liam and Luke Blatt, and Lucas Wertelet, Nolan Meyer, and Sebastian James on winning 5th place. 28 teams total and over a thousand runners. All our runners did amazing! We said goodbye to our 8th graders, our new and veteran runners will be missed! Until next year, keep running! -Coach Kara



## BUILDING OUR AGS COMMUNITY

**AGS in Wonderland** - Friday, November 4th, we will be holding our annual auction at the Airport Hyatt. You all have received your AMAZING invitations designed by Tabitha McGarvey (thank you). This event is one of our largest fundraisers of the year and we are excited to have the support of our community. We hope you are all able to be there to bid on the fantastic packages including personalized classroom baskets that are always so special.

This year the auction has an amazing grand raffle! Click the link to purchase tickets. We are auctioning off one roll each of \$2 \$3 \$5 \$10 and \$20 PA scratch of lottery tickets. The winner is determined by pick 3 at the event. \$10 each. <https://archangelgabrielpgh.org/auction> or contact event chair: Leslie Williams— [williams8897@yahoo.com](mailto:williams8897@yahoo.com).





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**Turkey Bingo** - SAVE THE DATE, our annual Turkey Bingo will be held at 1:00 PM in the cafeteria on Saturday, November 19th. This event is open to our families and the community so feel free to bring a guest or two! This event is also a perfect opportunity to earn family and middle school volunteer hours. Stay tuned for more information soon on our website and via OptionC.

## Safety Lessons for Preschool and Kindergarten

There was so much excitement one October morning when Moon Run Volunteer Fire Company and Robinson EMS visited Archangel Gabriel Catholic School. Some of our preschoolers and our kindergarten classrooms learned about keeping themselves and others safe. They also learned details of the extensive equipment on both a fire truck and ambulance, and were able to safely board the trucks to get a closer look. This visit made such an important impact on our young minds. A highlight of the visit was meeting Robinson EMS rescue dog Sirius. We are blessed that we are in such great hands (and paws) should an emergency take place. We even had a few students express their goals of working with them someday! A HUGE thank you to our helpers. Your visit made a huge impact.



**7th and 8th Grade Hayride** - On Friday, October 14th, the PTG offered a fun event for our 7th and 8th graders. They visited Simmons Farms where they took a long hayride to a bonfire where they played some outdoor games, made crafts, made s'mores, and just had fun being together and making memories. They were all glowing with excitement! Thank you PTG and volunteers for all of your time and effort with this event. Your creativity and dedication to our students are amazing.

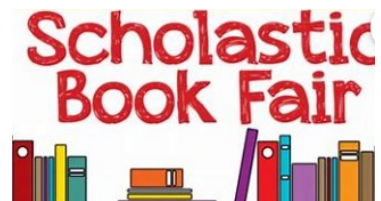


**Boo Bash** - On the evening of Saturday, October 22nd, our school was transformed into a Halloween spooktacular for our annual Boo Bash hosted by our PTG. Costume contest, pumpkin carving contest, games, prizes, the most amazing haunted hallway, and so much more. A special thank you to Jenna Blatt and all of her volunteers for the amazing job. Everyone had a blast and (drumroll please) over 300 guests were in attendance! Take a look at our video on YouTube to see some pictures and the haunted hallway. [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rfv\\_DRqeZDc](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rfv_DRqeZDc)



**Halloween Parade and Parties** - October 26th was amazing and we wanted to share a link for you to see the fun: <https://youtu.be/C7t2L1PocUE>

**Scholastic Book Fair** - We are excited to be able to bring our Scholastic Book Fair to our school on November 7-11 for Preschool - Eighth grade. We ask that each family who will participate in the book fair to create an online account and fill the eWallet with your payment. <https://www.scholastic.com/bf/agspgh>. Cash and checks will also be accepted this year. The book fair will be spread out in the cafeteria. A special thank you to Mrs. McCord who is the chair of the book fair and making sure that all of the children have a safe way to shop and enjoy new books this year!



**Dress Code & Spirit Wear**— The winter dress code takes effect on November 1st. Shorts will no longer be permitted to be worn from November 1st - March 31st. Please see the parent-student handbook and our dress code both located on our website for details. Please make sure your child has the appropriate outerwear for outdoor recess as we do go outside weather permitting. Note that spirit wear is not part of our regular dress code.



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**Who Does What Directory** - We are blessed to have so many people in our AGS community who help make the school run so smoothly. Have you ever had a question of who does what? Did you ever need to reach out to someone with a question but didn't know who to ask? We now have a directory on our website under Contact Us!

<https://www.archangelgabrielpgh.org/contact-information-for-events-and-school-matters-1>

**AGS Gym Update** - The gym is really coming along and we can't wait until it is in full use and our magical renovation is complete. Our floor, wall mats, plaques, and chairs are all updated. There are just a few more things to go! We are extremely grateful for all of the donors and our Athletic Association led by President Marc Mattarochia has done a phenomenal job. We are going to ask for your help in keeping our gym looking new. There is to be no gum, food, or drinks in the gymnasium. Water may be consumed on the sidelines during practice with the coaches approval. Food may be consumed only in the stands during the games. The stage is also not to be used by anyone that is not authorized. This is an amazing space and the heart of our school. We are extremely proud of our gym and it needs to be used by hundreds of children a week and needs to be taken care of for safety and longevity purposes. We truly appreciate everyone helping to keep it in great shape.



**AGS Family Business Directory** - As a Catholic School, we pride ourselves on being able to come together and support each other as a community. In order to help grow support and community efforts, we thought it would be a good idea to share some additional information. Many of you and your families have personal businesses. We would like to provide additional opportunities for support, therefore we created a small questionnaire for you to fill out. It is the goal to continually add to and create an AGS Family Business Directory. If you or your family has a business, please consider participating, contact Advancement Director Susan Kalich [skalich@archangelgabrielpgh.org](mailto:skalich@archangelgabrielpgh.org). Thank you to all who have already submitted a response. Look for the online directory to come out soon.

## KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

Please keep in your prayers the Walsh family. Mrs. Heather Walsh, mother of Wyatt, lost her two parents, Nancy and George Geregach in September. A special intention mass will be held on Thursday, November 10th at our all-school liturgy. If anyone wants to show support, the family is asking that donations be made to AGS via scholarship funds for those in need.

Please keep in your prayers Father David Poecking as he has been reassigned by Bishop Zubik as the South Regional Vicariate. We wish him the best of luck during his new assignment. Each of our students has made him a special card which we will be presenting to him before he leaves Archangel Gabriel Parish.

Thank you to all of those who have made submissions for our November 2022 issue of Knights News!

If you would like to submit any news articles for upcoming issues of Knights News, please email them to Advancement Director, Susan Kalich [skalich@archangelgabrielpgh.org](mailto:skalich@archangelgabrielpgh.org) by the 15th of the month.





## Lucky Lottery remaining tickets

We are asking each family to try to sell at least 2 tickets. Please see the below list of remaining tickets and contact Marianne Pilotta 412-708-1057.

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Dear Parents and Families:

Get ready! The Scholastic Book Fair is coming our way (YAY!). Choosing their own books empowers kids and inspires them to become Bolder, Prouder, and Stronger Readers. AND—as always—every book they buy earns rewards for our school.

Here's what you need to know about the Fair, which will take place from November 7-11, 2022 in the school cafeteria.

This year, say goodbye to cash and hello to **eWallet**—your child's digital payment account. Before the Fair, set up eWallet for worry-free, cash-free purchases. Anyone can contribute! Share each child's eWallet so friends and family can add funds and give your kids more books to enjoy. If this doesn't work for your family, cash, credit, and checks payable to AGS are still accepted.

If you can't make it to the Fair, then **shop at our school's Online Book Fair**. All orders ship directly to your home, and shipping is free for book orders over \$25. Your online orders will also benefit our school.

Visit our Book Fair homepage to learn more and get started with eWallet and online shopping:  
<https://www.scholastic.com/bf/agspqh>

The countdown to more Bookjoy is on! Catch you at the Fair!

Happy reading,

Karen McCord  
Book Fair Chair

P.S. Volunteer opportunities available for those with up-to-date clearances! Check out the sign up for times slots!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409094DABAA2FA0F85-fall>





ARCHANGEL GABRIEL  
CATHOLIC SCHOOL



# *Share Your Sweets*

Tuesday, November 1, 2022 - Friday, November 4, 2022

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**The Archangel Gabriel PTG will be collecting  
extra Halloween candy or snacks that your  
trick-or-treaters are willing to share.**

Goodies will be donated, on behalf of the Archangel Gabriel student body,  
to the following organizations in our community:

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**Merakey-Allegheny Valley School**

(individuals with mental and physical challenges)

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**Coraopolis Community Development**

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**Meals-on-Wheels locations**

Allegheny West (Stowe) and West Hills (Coraopolis)

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**West Hills Food Pantry**

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All items must be individually wrapped from the manufacturer  
to be accepted by these groups.

Sugar-free candy welcomed by Meals on Wheels.

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**Collection will be  
Tuesday, November 1st through Friday, November 4th**

Collection boxes marked "Share Your Sweets" will be located at the bus doors  
in the cafeteria and at the car rider doors.