



**REMINDER: School is closed September 21 and 22!**

**BACK to SCHOOL Events Continue!**

We are hoping to see students and families in the upcoming at a Back to School night. From 6-8pm, you can meet Agora staff, learn more about this school year and enjoy some fun S.T.E.M. activities. No reservations needed! Here are the dates and locations of the remaining Back to School nights:

- 9/20/2017 Monroeville: Doubletree Hotel, 101 Mall Blvd, Monroeville
  - 9/25/2017 Philadelphia: Bethel Church at Philadelphia Mills, 903 Franklin Mills Circle, Philadelphia
  - 9/27/2017 Williamsport: Penn College of Technology - Thompson Professional Development Center, 1 College Ave, Williamsport
  - 9/28/2017 Souderton: Calvary Church of Souderton, 820 Rte 113, Souderton
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- 10/2/2017 Harrisburg: East Shore Area Library, 4501 Ethel Street, Harrisburg
- 10/3/2017 Avoca: Queen of Apostles Parish Hall (Formerly St. Mary's), 742 Spring St., Avoca

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### **NEW: Learning Coach Orientation!**

We're very excited to introduce our brand new Orientation program for all parents and Learning Coaches of Agora students. In your role, you will have a tremendous impact on your student's success.

The Learning Coach Orientation program is designed to give you the tools you will need to assist them on a daily basis. Changes in attendance, new Sapphire functions and a tour of the all-new Agora.org website is included in this short program.



You should complete this **required course** as soon as possible to give your student the best chance of success. Click the link below to get started on the road to success:

<https://agora.org/academics/orientation/learning-coach-orientation/>

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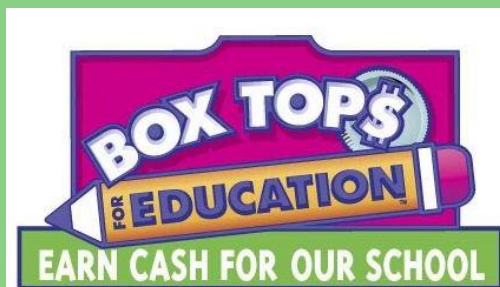
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## No Effort Fundraisers that Benefit Agora All Year Long!

At a time when school funding is being debated - and cut - here are a few easy ways to earn money for Agora and the special services we provide for your students. For additional details visit our website <https://agora.org/pupil-parent-services/pto/box-tops-4-education-and-other-fundraisers/>

### Amazon SMILE

AmazonSmile is a simple and automatic way for you to support Agora every time you shop, **at no cost to you**. When you shop at [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com), you'll find the exact same low prices, vast selection and convenient shopping experience as Amazon.com, with the added bonus that Amazon will donate a portion of the purchase price to your favorite charitable organization.



### GIANT EAGLE

Every family has to eat - so why not make it pay off?! Each time you shop at Giant or Giant Eagle, Agora earns money - and at no cost to you. Simply register your Giant Eagle Advantage Card® and select Agora (school #5858).

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Visit their website today: <https://schools.gianteagle.com/how-does-it-work-FAQ.aspx#q2>



For more info, visit our dedicated web page [AmazonSmile](#).

### **BOX TOPS 4 EDUCATION**

Clipping Box Tops is an easy way to raise money for our school. All those box tops add up quickly - pitch in and see how you can help our school. Every little bit helps!



### **GIANT A+ School Rewards**

Families that shop at Giant Food Stores can register their BONUSCARD® online and select AGORA to support with every purchase(excludes items prohibited by state law). Visit their website today to register your BONUSCARD®: <https://giantfoodstores.com/school-rewards/>

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### **SPECIAL EDUCATION PARENT FORUM DATES**

Agora is committed to helping our Special Education students succeed and have created a variety of resources for parents including the Parent Forum workshops that are held throughout the year. Please mark your calendar now and attend one - or more - of these forums to help you help your student:

Wed., Oct. 10 @ 12noon: ***Secondary Transition***, led by Morgan Witman

Tues., Nov. 14 @ 12 noon: ***Assistive Technology***, led by Melissa Dalesandri

Wed., Jan. 17 @ 3 pm: ***How to Read and Understand Your Child's IEP***, led by Tara Stine

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Wed., Feb. 21 @ 12noon: ***Understanding Your Child's Progress Report***, led by Jenna Schreiner

Wed., March 21 @ 3 pm: ***NOREP*** led by Laurie Super

Wed., May 9 @ 3 pm: ***Easy CBM and i-Ready***, led by Michelle Olsavsky

To join a workshop, use this classroom link:

<https://sas.illuminate.com/m.jnlp?password=M.F350389E2BBA6F689BD313AA61AE0F&sid=559>

Please note that this schedule is tentative and could be subject to change. If you have any questions please contact Jen Fisher for K-8 at [jclark@agora.org](mailto:jclark@agora.org) or Erinn Hunt for 9-12 [ehunt@agora.org](mailto:ehunt@agora.org).

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### **KIDS IN CRISIS - Help is Just a Text Away!**

***Are you or someone you know in need of speaking with someone? Are you or someone you know experiencing a crisis, but do not feel comfortable talking to someone on the phone?***

*Text 741741 if you feel depressed, anxious, suicidal, and/or just needing someone to talk to. A live crisis counselor will text you until you feel the crisis is resolved. Everyone doesn't like talking on the phone or might be in a situation where talking is not possible. It's a free and confidential service.*

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### **HOW DOES CRISIS TEXT LINE WORK?**

*Text 741741 when in crisis. Anywhere, anytime. A live, trained crisis counselor receives the text and responds quickly. The crisis counselor helps you move from a hot moment to a cool calm to stay safe and healthy using effective active listening and suggested referrals – all through text message using CTL’s secure platform.*

### **WHO SHOULD TEXT IN?**

*Anyone in crisis anytime.*

*\*\*The Crisis Text Hotline ensures all text messages are anonymous and free, although charges may apply with carriers other than AT&T, T-Mobile, Sprint, or Verizon.*

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### **Agora Gay/Straight Alliance (GSA) - Come Join Us!**

**The Agora Gay/Straight Alliance (GSA)** is a student-run club, for our high school students. The mission and purpose of each GSA is it is a safe place for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender or queer (LGBTQ) students and allies, a time to provide support to each other, plan ways to educate other students in the school, organize activities to raise awareness of LGBTQ issues or all of the above!

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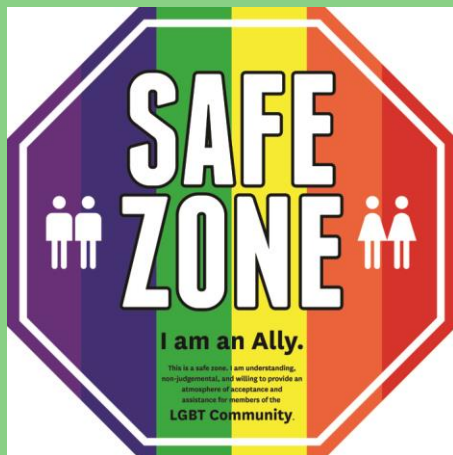
Club advisors are: Jennifer Barrios, Mia Jafarian, Kelly Noss, and Amy Shea so please email them if you have any questions.

**First Meeting: Thursday, October 5 @ 3:45 p.m**

Meetings will be held on the **1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of every month!**

Complete the survey below if you want to become a member of the GSA. The GSA will then be added to your class connect schedule

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdzqk6AiUjdVXaeZcSduileziBrwVYGvOKUluXnuTj2cxybOw/viewform?c=0&w=1&includes\\_info\\_params=true](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdzqk6AiUjdVXaeZcSduileziBrwVYGvOKUluXnuTj2cxybOw/viewform?c=0&w=1&includes_info_params=true)



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## College Tours and Career Planning

**October 2 - Penn State Altoona, Altoona, PA**

**Agenda:** Please arrive by 10:45 am to sign in with Ms. King at the Mountain View Room in Port Sky.

10:45 to 11:00 am: Arrival Sign in with Ms. King at the Mountain View Room in Port Sky

11:15 AM – 12:15 PM Admissions Presentation

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12:15 PM – 1:15 PM Lunch

1:15 PM - 1:30 PM Break

1:30 PM – 2:30 PM Campus Tour

2:30 PM Departure

**To RSVP for this tour, [Please Click Here](#)**

### **October 3 - Penn State Behrend, Erie, PA**

**Agenda:**9:30am to 10:00 am Meet Ms. King at the Metzgar Admissions and Alumni Center to sign in

Admissions Presentation: 10:00 am-10:30 am

Campus tour: 10:45 am-11:45 am

Lunch at Dobbin's: 12:00 pm- 12:45 pm

Depart from campus: 1:00 pm

**To RSVP for this tour [Please Click Here](#)**

### **October 4 - The Great Lakes Institute of Technology and Erie Technical Institute in Erie, PA**

**Agenda:** 9:15am to 9:45 am: **We will begin the tour at The Great Lakes Institute of Technology.** Please meet Ms. King in the lobby of the building to sign in and turn in your Permission Slip.

9:45 Registration at Great Lakes Institute of Technology

10:00 Introduction to 2-Year Career Colleges and Great Lakes

10:05 Tour of Great Lakes Institute of Technology

10:35 Explanation of Application Process/Q&A

10:55: Registration at Erie Institute of Technology

11:00 Introduction

11:05 Tour of Erie Institute of Technology

Address: 940 Millcreek Mall Erie, PA

11:35 Explanation of Application Process/Q&A

**To RSVP for the above tours [Please Click Here.](#)**



### VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY!

Oct 5 - Erie City Mission, Erie, PA

**Agenda and Responsibilities:** Please arrive at 8:30 AM to sign in with Ms. King.

**Service:** Helping to sort, organize, clean and give out food to those in need.

**Shift:** 8:30AM – 12:00PM

**To RSVP for this event** [Please Click Here.](#)

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### IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

- September 21 – 22: Rosh Hashanah (School and Admin Office Closed)
- September 29: AM Half-day for Students / PM PD for Staff / Benchmark Window Closes

Agora **CALENDAR OF EVENTS** and

**ADOs:** [https://calendar.google.com/calendar/embed?src=agoraevents2013%40gmail.com&ctz=America/New\\_York](https://calendar.google.com/calendar/embed?src=agoraevents2013%40gmail.com&ctz=America/New_York)

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