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Items sent home the week of January 11, 2010:

- CSW Postcard 2 (attachment)
- Catholic Schools' Week (attachment & flyer)
- Talent Show Permission Form (attachment)
- Fat Tuesday Brochure (attachment)
- CCC (flyer)

Dear Parents,

Before you read anything else, please run to your child's back pack and make sure you received a bright green envelope stamped "Registration Materials". There it is – next year's registration information!!!

Please don't hesitate to ask if you have any questions – just because everything is clear to us after being reviewed numerous times, there could be items you need clarified. We also ask for your help with the current marketing "blitz" underway at GA. Attached is the second post card that went out in Chaska, Chanhassen, Victoria, to our own preschoolers, parishioners of the 3 parishes. Two weeks of ads will run in The Chaska Herald and The Chanhassen Villager. Posters will be seen around town, and if you have a business where we may post one, please call the school office. Please make sure you attend our new Super Sunday Funday on January 31 and invite friends and relatives to come with you – they can have Dad's Waffles, buy Scholastic books for all age levels, play some games, have fun, see your child's classrooms, and if they are interested in joining us, we are all here to answer questions and guide them around.

We have some exciting, new changes planned for Little Angels Preschool, too. Not only will we have a two morning program for 3 year olds, but 2 options for the year before kindergarten – the three morning program we currently offer to help our little angels get ready for kindergarten, but also a five day pre-kindergarten class for those older student who just miss the kindergarten cut off. And we will continue with the very successful Lunch Bunch we added this year.

Now, tell me – does that sound like plans for a school in danger of closing? About this time of year, especially in challenging times, when we tighten the belt and discuss our need to be financially responsible, and the need to assist many of our families with their tuition, rumors begin to surface. Just since Christmas break, I myself have heard 3 comments proposing the GA might be in danger of closing!! There is absolutely no truth to such rumors. I appreciate those who have brought them to our attention. Please do not get caught up in such "stories". We are a vibrant school community, newly reaccredited for 7 years, and highly praised by the team and MNSAA itself. In fact, I would love nothing more than to apply for the "Blue Ribbon School Award". The only reason that we would not pursue that right now is because we have a small staff, very tightly scheduled with duties and responsibilities to offer a quality education for your children. Schools that close in this Archdiocese are studied as their enrollments drop below 100, parents and school personnel are informed early, and all other options are exhausted before any of that is even put on the radar. So relax, be proud of yourself for your choice in school, and celebrate with us during Catholic Schools Week.

Look for today's notes about January 31 and the areas we need help from all of you to help us show off our great school family. Check out the chance to show off your talent along with the students at our February 4 Family Event. Next week you will receive the brochure with the day by day information on what is going on.

Join us whenever you can- you are always welcome! To help with this event, please go to the online sign up located at <http://tinyurl.com/GAOpenHouse>

Congratulations

- To the Creativity Fair participants: Third graders-Emma Tierney, Eleanor Nolan Michael Zugar, Fourth graders – Stephen Godzak, Grace Crowell, Tommy Heiland.
- To the Geography students who competed today: Anna Herd, Connor Herd, Brian Hidding, Andrew Fraser, Luke Schliesman, Rebecca Baker, Tyler Thompson, David Zugar, Justin Matthews, and Katie Farr, and the winner, our school champion is eighth grader, Anna Herd.

Thank You

- To Mr. Jim Schultz for his donation
- To the Huson family for the Dun Brothers coffee for the staff on a cold Monday morning ☺
- To Nancy Tufto, Lisa Aberle, and Diane Jonasen for their help getting the registration materials out today

**2 more great events to mark your calendars: Thursday, February 11th – PTO sponsors a session on Social Networking for Parents – more info next week and February 16th – Mardi Gras Wine Tasting (see today's flyer).

Don't forget tomorrow is Spirit Day!!!

Blessings

Nancy Ronhovde

From the Catholic Schools' Week Committee

Lights, Camera, Action!

Haven't you always dreamed of having your name in print? Performing your talent before hundreds of adoring fans?

Our First Annual Family Fun Night Variety Show is just for you! On Thursday, February 4th from 6:30-8:00 p.m. the GA faculty would like to show their appreciation to you and your family for choosing GA as your school. Free popcorn and a beverage will be served while you wait your turn to perform, or are just sitting back and enjoying the show!

In previous years, our Talent Show occurred during the school day and many parents and families were not able to come and enjoy the event. This evening event will take the place of the May Talent Show. We know our students have many talents that they love to share, but we also hope some of our parents are willing to get up and share one of their talents as well! There are even some teachers putting together class performances, as well. Attached to the newsletter is a sign-up form for anyone who wants to perform an act in the Variety Show. The deadline for reserving a space in our program is Friday, January 22nd.

All families are invited to attend this Family Fun Night Event. This evening is sure to be a memorable one and fun for all!

Note from Mr. Leach

Next week on the 21st the Bell Museum will make their first visit our school to talk about the simulated Stream aquarium set up in my room. This first Visit will talk about Fish care and the observations the students have been making over the last 2 weeks. Second grade has already paid a visit! Mr. Leach

PLEASE SEND IN TOMORROW, ALL YOUR . . .

LABEL CONTEST

The 3rd Annual Label Contest has started. Classrooms bringing in the most will win a product prize for the class. Last year some groups enjoyed granola bars, rootbeer floats or pizza rolls. Each classroom is competing against the others so sharing amongst siblings is encouraged.

Tomorrow, January 15th please send in all of your Land O' Lakes, Kemps and Milk Moola caps and bags. Starting January 17th please send in your Box Tops for Education. The last week, January 24th please send in all of your Campbell products labels.

If family and friends will contribute, let them know what to save and bring theirs in too. See a list of the qualifying products in the attachment.

These corporate sponsored school programs help us to enhance our classrooms and learning centers, thank you for supporting our contest.

Angel Club ~ School-Age Child Care

Just a reminder that there is no school on Monday, January 18th (Martin Luther King Jr. Day). Full day care WILL BE available for children. You do not need to be enrolled in the program to attend! Program is open from 7:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. and cost for the day is \$36 per child. **Contact Deanna Rosenwinkel ASAP, if you are interested in care (952-227-4088).**

Bowling – PTO Sponsored Event

PTO would like to invite your family to join us for a community event on Sunday, February 28, 2010. We will be hosting a family bowling session at Louisville Lanes from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm. PTO is subsidizing the event, so the cost will be \$1.20 per person (which includes 2 games plus shoes). We look forward to sharing this family time with all of you. No unaccompanied children allowed. If you would like to join us, please RSVP by February 15th, to Tracy Huson at Tracy@woodlands.com, or contact her at 952-443-2400.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR HEALTH SCREENING-ON Tuesday, January 26th from 10:00-2:00

Training will be provided. If you can't volunteer for the whole time slot, please consider a 10:00-12:00 or 12:00-2:00 shift. We need at least 10 volunteers working to be able to function efficiently and finish by 2:00. If you can help, or if you have any questions, please call the Nurse's Office at 227-4014. Health Screening is fun and provides a great and far-reaching service to our students.

Prayers

- For Mrs. Kim Becker's family on the loss of Kim's grandma.

Calendar of Events:

Jan. 15 – Spirit Day
 Jan. 18 – NO SCHOOL
 Jan. 19 – SAC
 Jan. 20- Mass (Grade 1st Grade)
 Jan. 26 – Vision/Hearing Screening
 Jan. 27 – Mass (8th Grade)
 Jan. 28 – PTO Bowling family event
 Jan. 29 – Parent Drive Day
 Jan. 29 – Mount Kato (Grades 5 & 6)
 Jan. 31 – CSW – Open House, Book Fair, Breakfast

Lunchroom & Playground Helpers

			unchroom	Playground	Playground
Mon	January	18	No School	No School	No School
Tues	January	19	Marie Guillemette	Kris Janey	Brooke Richards
Wed	January	20	Michelle Paradise	Stephanie Nunes	Dan Ellis
Thurs	January	21	Nancy Tufto	Joe or Diane Jonasen	Lora Hicks
Fri	January	22	Debbie Knudson	Sara Heitkamp	Becky Stacken

Sports Corner

Upcoming Games:

Tonight at Home BVS (7th) 4:30 p.m.

GV (7/8th) 5:45 p.m.

BVG (8th) 7:00 p.m.

Saturday 1/17 at Home

BCG (5/6th) @ 8:00 a.m.

BCB (4th) @ 9:15 a.m.

GCG (4-6th) @ 10:30 a.m.

Tuesday 1/19 BVG (8th) @ SACS 5:45 p.m.

Volunteer Schedule:

Tonight

4:30 Hidding Salwei Karschnia
5:45 Knudson Wintroath Anderson
7:00 Baker Melander VanPelt

Saturday

8:00 Shermock Gallus Schliesman
9:15 Kendall Salwei Winfield
10:30 Miller Haas Braden

Dear Parents,

As a school, we encourage the participation of students by their attendance at home games. Please be aware of the following:

For the 4:30 p.m. (first) game

- Players on the team scheduled to play at this time should bring a note that they are staying after school to play in a game. (Especially, since this is not something that is scheduled on a weekly basis such as practice).
- If a player on another team decides to stay and attend the 4:30 game as a spectator, they must bring a note that they are staying after school. A parent is required to be in attendance with that student. A "team parent(s)" may be designated to supervise more than one student. This parent(s) should be indicated on the note sent to the school office and should arrive at school no later than 3:50.
- Sibling(s) of an athlete that stay after to attend a game must also have a note and a parent must arrive at school no later than 3:50 to supervise their child(ren).

Supervision of your child(ren) cannot be the responsibility of any coach (other than their own team), older sibling or the Athletic Director. Coaches are to maintain the safety of athletes on their team only. Athletes are to focus on the task at hand. The Athletic Director is there to oversee students who are involved in the scheduled activity and the facility.

Starting **Thursday** if any student stays after school under these conditions (without a note or supervision), they will be sent to the SACC program and parents will be charged the drop in rate (as stated in the school handbook pg. 40).

Thank you for your cooperation to maintain the safety of our students.

Maureen Tesch

Athletic Director



Experience high-tech classrooms



Experience nationally recognized teachers

Experience a Catholic education

Experience small class sizes

Experience a nurturing environment



Experience Guardian Angels Catholic School

Open House for PreK-8

Sunday, Jan. 31
9:00am-1:00pm



952-227-4010
215 West 2nd St.
Downtown Chaska
Look for the Steeple!

NOW ENROLLING

- **Little Angels Preschool (Ages 3-5)** offers the option to extend your child's day to include lunch and additional activities.
- **Kindergarten - 8th Grade** offers high-tech classrooms and nationally recognized award winning teachers.

The Open House will feature a waffle breakfast, Scholastic book fair, student-led tours, and games with prizes! All classrooms will be open with teachers on hand.

Visit our website, for more information:
www.gachaska.org



WE APPRECIATE YOUR HELP!

**Sign up to help with our Super Sunday event
which will take place on January 31, 2010**

This is not only an opportunity to volunteer, it is a great way to meet and socialize with fellow Guardian Angels Families as well as families that might be looking to enroll their children at Guardian Angels School.

Sign up is online, go to the school website and you will find a link to the sign up on the far right column. There are a variety of times and tasks. All of our staff, SAC and PTO will be involved with the event and **we would all love to see each family join in the fun.**

The event includes:

- Dad's Belgian Waffle Breakfast
- Scholastic Book Fair
- Kids Games
- Open House for Prospective School Families

Date: Sunday, January 31st

Time: 9:00a.m. - 1:00p.m.

Place: Guardian Angels School

If you have questions please contact Lora Hicks @ 361-6527 or lorahicks@comcast.net

Catholic Schools Week Family Fun Night Variety Show

Dear Parents,

We would like to invite you to our First Annual Variety Show on Thursday, February 4th at the Family Fun Night for Catholic Schools Week. In previous years, our Talent Show occurred during the school day and many parents and families were not able to come and enjoy the event. This evening event will take the place of the May Talent Show. The program is planned to begin at 6:30 p.m. in the gym and end roughly around 8:00 p.m. We will also be serving free popcorn and a beverage in appreciation of your generosity to Guardian Angels.

We would like to not only invite the students to perform, but also would love to see parents get into the act. You and your child could do an act together, your child with a sibling, or with a group of friends. Teachers are planning some class performances, as well. Please do consider that the acts selected must be suitable for a large audience, and need to be able to be seen from the stage.

This is an optional event to take part in, but we do encourage all to come, watch, and enjoy the talents of our GA community!

Please fill out and return the bottom of this form to the office by January 22, 2010 to reserve a performance spot in the program.

Thanks,
Catholic Schools Week Committee

I give permission to have my child involved in the Family Fun Night Variety Show:

Student Name _____ **Grade** _____

Nature of Act: _____

Performed to (music) _____

Other performers in the group:

Parent signature: _____

Fat Tuesday Grand Wine Tasting



*Proceeds to Benefit
Guardian Angels School
and
Minnesota Valley Community Band*

Tuesday, February 16

6:30 to 9 PM

At

Oak Ridge Conference Center

*1 Oak Ridge Drive
Chaska, Mn 55318*

*Sample more than 100 Wines and Beers
With experts from over a dozen wholesalers*

Cost \$20

*Tickets available at Dolce Vita Wine Shop, at the event,
and from Guardian Angels School or Minnesota Valley Community band Members*

More information available at www.dolcevita.wine.net