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Items sent home the week of January 4, 2010:

- Label Contest Products (attachment)
- Catholic Schools' Week (flyer & attachment)
- Postcard (attachment)
- Boys' 7th grade Varsity Picture (attachment)

Dear Parents,

Welcome back for a healthy and happy new year to all of you. Hopefully you all had a blessed Christmas, a season which ends this weekend with the Baptism of the Lord. "The holidays can be a joyful time for families. Quality time sharing customs and traditions, family meals and gift exchanges can put people in a festive mood. It is also a time when children will want to share with adults in special ways." This quote is taken from the current issue of our Discipline With Purpose newsletter. At all levels our teachers will be working with the 4<sup>th</sup> social skill – Sharing time, space, people, things. This is a time to teach and model that "sharing is caring", that we will do here at school, and your child's teacher will share ways you can help support that at home.

This week we had meetings to review our budget for the 2010-2011 school year, which may seem early to you, but it needs to be addressed so we can present registration materials, including tuition figures to you. We aren't quite ready to get that out, but we will next week, and we will let you know when to expect your bright green envelope. We will ask you to determine your plans and re-register by the end of January because at the Open House on January 31, we begin accepting new registrations. Attached you will see the first post card sent out to all GA three, four and five year olds, as well as those from St. Nick's and St. Victoria's. Another post card will be sent out soon and all of us can watch for ads in the local newspapers.

That leads me to mention all that is and will be going on this next month here at GA, and much of it begs that you include your friends and neighbors to come see what we are all about. In our Science classes, please see Mr. Leach's note below about the Bell Museum setting up right here. Look at our Geography Bee winners in grades 4-8. The all school Geography Bee will be held on January 14<sup>th</sup>. Our "BIG WEEK" begins with the Liturgy on January 30, where our student choirs sing and students participate in the 5:00 Mass to introduce all of us to this year's Catholic Schools' Week. Here is the theme for this year

There is lots planned for the week, and a daily schedule will be coming home to you soon. But the biggest part of CSW for us is the kick off with a new and different Super Sunday Fun Day. Please see the note from Lora Hicks and know that just like past years, we need to count on lots of help from each family. We will be hosting a Dad's Waffle Breakfast from 9:00-1:00, a Scholastic Book Fair, games in various locations throughout the school, an open house with student led tours, and fun for everyone – current families, as well as those looking at our school. We need all of you to help us toot our horn and tell the community about GA School and what a value it is. Our purpose to include the open house with a community event was so that all of us can show the strong family that we are here at GA.

#### **Congratulations-**

- To the Geography bee winners - Students in grades 4-8 competed in a classroom Geography Bee. The top two winners in each grade will go on to compete in a school wide competition. This event will be

held on January 14 at 1:00 in the school gym. Classroom winners are: Anna Herd, Connor Herd, Brian Hidding, Andrew Fraser, Luke Schliesman, Rebecca Baker, Tyler Thompson, David Zugan, Justin Matthews, and Katie Farr. Congratulations to them for making it this far!

- To the Boys' 7th grade Varsity-Silver took 3rd place in the Holy Angels Basketball Tournament over Christmas break

### **Thank Yous**

- To Kris Schliesman for handling our Box Tops Program here at GA – we received a check for \$227.80, so...
- To all of you for saving and clipping and turning in those box tops – each one is money for us!
- To these people who have donated financially to GA – Mr. and Mrs. Kasbohm, Ms. Mavis Wheelock
- To these individuals who designated GA to receive their United Way money: Mr. Pete Ronhovde, Mr. Paul Van Pelt, Mrs. Sherrill Van Pelt, Mr. Brian Renfro, Ms. Terri Kimball, Ms. Connie Liestman ... ***You too can help us by designating us when your work campaigns begin this year – please*** consider us
- To the Braden family, the Huson family and all of the families for their generous gifts and donations

Lots of upcoming info. on Catholic Schools' Week coming soon. Do save Sunday, January 31<sup>st</sup> for Super Sunday Fun Day and Thursday, February 4<sup>th</sup> for a family night.

Blessings,

Nancy Ronhovde

### **From Mr. Leach**

A quick note about the exhibit coming to the Middle School Science classroom for the next 2 months: It is a stream simulator with live fish collected in Minnesota streams. We will be working with the Bell Museum collecting and data and making specific observations about how the fish are interacting and certain behaviors they are exhibiting. Throughout the 2 months the fish are with us the middle school will be visited by curators and scientists from the museum to talk with the students about the behaviors we are seeing, Fish Anatomy and evolution (adaptations) fish have to make them successful and a fish Dissection lead from a video feed from the museum. There will also be a large predator display the last 2 weeks of Feb where they will allow us to study the behavior of a Long-Nosed Gar.

We are super excited about this chance to be a part of the Museum experience and doing "real" science. Mr. Leach

### **Note from Eric Crowell**

Your child may have come home in the past few months saying that a particular classroom was very warm or too cool. We wanted to let you know that we have now completed phase 2 of our steam boiler upgrade which includes individual radiator controls for each classroom. If you have been at G.A. for a while, you may remember that, a few years back, we invested in a new central boiler for our school that was much more efficient and easier to maintain. At that time the budget did not permit upgrading the radiators in each room. Since the new boiler is so much more efficient, we had some rooms that would become uncomfortably warm. When we turned down the temperature for the building zone that that room was in, it created cold rooms in other rooms in that same zone. Our plan to install individual room controls was interrupted when we had to unexpectedly complete repairs on the lower level of the school several years ago and remove all the overhead radiators. I am happy to report that we are back on track and that the individual room controls have now been installed in all classrooms resulting in a much more comfortable building. We are still doing some fine-tuning, but we have heard numerous students and staff report back that the rooms feel great! Thank you for your patience during this process. Eric Crowell, Director of Operations

## Virtus Training

Virtus training will be held at GA in classroom 204 on MONDAY, JANUARY 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. To register, please go to the [www.virtus.org](http://www.virtus.org). Anyone who has not had training, and wishes to chaperone during your child's GA days, this is your chance.

## LABEL CONTEST

The 3rd Annual Label Contest will be held starting next week. 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.

Please send in all of your Kemps and Milk Moola caps and bags the week of January 10. Please send in all of your Box Tops for Education tickets the week of January 17. Please send in all of your Campbell products labels the week of January 24.

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.

## Culver's

The 8<sup>th</sup> graders are involved in activities to help them earn money for their trip to Washington D.C. – and you can help! We invite you to dine at Culver's in Chaska on Tuesday, January 12<sup>th</sup> between 5:00 and 8:00. Our students will be working and 10% of all sales will go toward their trip. So, please tell your friends and neighbors to make it to Culver's!

## 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 may be available if enough children sign up to come. 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 by Friday, January 8th if you are interested in care (952-227-4088).**

## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR HEALTH SCREENING-ON Tuesday, January 26<sup>th</sup> 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 Jenny Sopsic (Wyatt Graczyk's mom) who is having surgery this week
- For the Truso family (TJ's grandpa passed away)
- For Stevenson Klotz's mom, Tanya, that she be healed

### Calendar of Events:

Jan. 4-15 – Rollerskating (grades 1-8)  
 Jan. 13 – Mass (2<sup>nd</sup> Grade)  
 Jan. 18 – NO SCHOOL  
 Jan. 19 – SAC  
 Jan. 20- Mass (Grade 1<sup>st</sup> Grade)  
 Jan. 26 – Vision/Hearing Screening  
 Jan. 27 – Mass (8<sup>th</sup> Grade)  
 Jan. 29 – Parent Drive Day  
 Jan. 29 – Mount Kato (Grades 5 & 6)  
 Jan. 31 – CSW – Open House, Book Fair, Breakfast

## Lunchroom & Playground Helpers

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Mon	January	11	Heather Hessman	Michelle Godzak	Nancy Tufto
Tues	January	12	Jen Dowling	Greg / Lori Osterdyk	Dan Ellis
Wed	January	13	Janice Dahl	Diane Jonasen	Martha Radick
Thurs	January	14	Lisa Thompson	Greg or Lori Osterdyk	Pete or Debbie Nolan
Fri	January	15	Kris Janey	Kris Zupan	Becky Stacken

## Sports Corner

Congratulations to our 7<sup>th</sup> grade boys' team! They took 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the Academy of Holy Angels basketball tournament over Christmas break.

### Upcoming Games:

Thursday 1/7 GV (7/8<sup>th</sup>) 3:15 p.m. at St. John's Lutheran

Saturday 1/9 BCB (4<sup>th</sup>) 9:15 a.m. at Chapel Hill  
 BCG (5/6<sup>th</sup>) 9:15 a.m. at Our Lady of Grace  
 GC (4-6<sup>th</sup>) St. John's Savage 10:30 a.m.

Thursday 1/14 at Home  
 BVS (7<sup>th</sup>) 4:30 p.m.  
 GV (7/8<sup>th</sup>) 5:45 p.m.

BVG (8<sup>th</sup>) 7:00 p.m.



*New and Different Super Sunday Fun Day*

## **You're Invited....**

To join in helping us build the Guardian Angels School Community.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS...** Super Sunday Fun Day is quickly approaching and we would like to make sure everyone is aware of our new format. The event will include:

- Dad's Belgian Waffle Breakfast - serving from 9:00 – 1:00
- Scholastic Book Fair
- Door Prizes
- 5-6 small games
- **ANNUAL OPEN HOUSE** for prospective school families

What a great way for all of our school families to enjoy some fun social time together while also showing others what a welcoming environment we are a part of.

**SIGN UP IS AVAILABLE ON THE GA WEBSITE** We would greatly appreciate if your family could give us two hours of your time, by signing up for a shift, to make this event a Success.

