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Items sent home the week of October 5, 2009:

- Winter-wear (attachment)
- Influenza Like Symptoms (attachment)
- Rake a thon permission form (attachment)
- Chaska Community Center (flyer)
- Dance Clinic (flyer)

Dear Parents,

I hope you are asking your children about the month of October and the Rosary. Our school Mass fell on the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary, so Father helped with an explanation of the Mysteries of the Rosary, and the 2nd graders carried up posters of those mysteries with their 8th grade buddies. All grades are learning about either prayers or mysteries of the rosary. Here's a refresher:

The Joyful Mysteries

The Annunciation
The Visitation
The Nativity of Our Lord
The Presentation in the Temple
The Finding of the Child Jesus in the Temple

The Sorrowful Mysteries

The Agony in the Garden
The Scourging at the Pillar
The Crowning of Thorns
The Carrying of the Cross
The Death of Jesus

The Luminous Mysteries

The Baptism of Jesus
The Miracle at Cana
The Proclamation of the Kingdom
The Institution of the Eucharist
The Transfiguration

The Glorious Mysteries

The Resurrection
The Ascension
The Descent of the Holy Spirit
The Assumption of Mary
The Coronation of Mary

This week is National Bullying Prevention Awareness Week. Read below for how teachers addressed it this week in a special way:

- All teachers received information from Youth Frontiers with great classroom ideas, and they are putting them into practice
- In kindergarten they worked on "how to treat our friends and what is ok to do and what is not okay."
- First grade is reading a couple of books that are on manners; they will be watching the Veggie Tales movie that deals with bullying topics
- 4th grade working on role playing bullying, what it looks like, how to change it
- 3rd graders made posters about non bullying

PUMP IT UP (RAKE IT UP!) RAKE-A-THON 2009

Last week had some new winners:

3rd place – Mrs. Becker's 3rd graders

2nd place – Mrs. Girard's MS Homeroom

1st place – Mrs. Scott's 1st graders

Overall total – \$15,404 (quite short of our \$50,000 goal)

Progress and spirit were a bit low and slow; we need to bump up the momentum, **SO**...

Every student who brings in money tomorrow, in their envelope, and added to our total was informed that they can wear casual on Monday. We were bringing in money just too slowly, with no way to come close to our \$50,000 goal, so we added an incentive because tomorrow is our **LAST collection day/Parade until the actual D-Day Rake-A-Thon**. So please help your child Pump It Up and bring in all of their money; if they brought in their \$200 goal, maybe they could bring in a little more; if they haven't brought in anything, now is the time!!! We want to go to businesses and parishioners saying that we have 100% student participation, so we need every single family to contribute!!

Thank Yous

- To Sharon Menden, who once again did some character painting in our Library – now Scooby Do has joined the growing crowd
- To Kristine Scott who designated GA to receive her United Way gift
- To Lois Hidding for the Halloween candy
- To the Huson family for the delicious coffee from Dunn Brothers
- To the Godzak family for the health supplies
- To the Knights of Columbus for the \$50 check for our rake a thon
- To the Rothmeier family for the delicious apples

Discipline With Purpose

We are moving into Skill #2 – Following Instructions. Once listening skills are addressed, it flows naturally into following instructions. Another social skill we have been and will continue to address is how to greet others, especially adults in our school. This is an area where you can be very helpful – do you have your children make eye contact when people are addressing them? Do you have them greet people by name and acknowledge when they are greeted? You may be surprised how often we are “ignored”, even when we are walking by each other! I often joke about how I must be invisible, but that simple skill can take your children far when dealing with anyone – as you have most likely noticed in your own dealings.

In case you forgot, there will be no school next Thursday and Friday due to MEA, so there will not be a parent letter until October 22nd. Look at details below on Conference sign ups. Parent/Teacher conferences for all families will be held in the evening of October 29 and during the day of October 30.

CONFERENCE SIGN UP

On line conference sign up will be available on the GA website under featured links by this weekend. Conferences will be held the evening of October 29th and during the day on October 30th – a non school day for students. Please note the open slots: Grades K-5 the time slots are for 15 minute conferences Middle School, sign up for a 20 minute slot with your child's advisor (these are student led conferences); there are 10 minute drop in times surrounding all scheduled conferences for you to stop in to other middle school teachers. Please call the school office to arrange a conference with Mr. Jones (Phy Ed, Health) or a phone conference with Senora Johnson (K-5) or Senora Hed (6th-8th Spanish). If you are not able to sign up on line, please call the school office to schedule a time.

Blessings and stay warm,

Nancy Ronhovde

Prayer Corner

- For Jennifer Veum, a former GA teacher, and her family as her mom is ill and hospitalized
- For the Vannett's Grandpa (Rita's Dad) who was hospitalized
- For Beth Melander's sister

Rake-It-Up Announcers Needed for the weekends of October 10/11 and 17/18

FOURTH GRADERS thru EIGHTH GRADERS:

We are looking for students to make an announcement before a weekend Mass asking parishioners to donate money for the Rake-a-thon. Please contact Ms. Hritz via email ahritz@gachaska.org or leave me a phone message. There are benefits in wearing your uniform at the Sunday Mass and collecting the money.

KINDERGARTENERS thru THIRD GRADERS:

We are looking for students to pass out and collect the green envelopes that the parishioners will put their money in for the Rake-a-thon. Please contact Ms. Hritz via email ahritz@gachaska.org or leave me a phone message. There are benefits in wearing your uniform at the Sunday Mass and collecting the money.

Rake-It-Up-Permission forms

As our rake a thon quickly approaches, we are still missing permission slips from some students. If you need another form, we have attached a copy to the newsletter. Your child cannot rake on October 23rd without a signed permission slip. Thank you!

News from the School Advisory Committee (SAC):

In May 2009, the School Advisory Committee sent a survey to all current Guardian Angel School parents. The survey questions were grouped under the following topics: Tuition, Catholicism, Communication, Staff/Administration, Facilities and Curriculum/Education. Forty-one families responded to the survey. We extend a thank you to those families that took the time to respond. The survey results have been tabulated. SAC has reviewed the survey results. We have committed to forming an action plan to use the survey results to improve our school and help meet each family's needs. SAC will continue to share findings from the survey in this weekly newsletter as updates are available. If you have any comments or questions for SAC members, please consult your school directory for their email addresses or phone numbers.

Are you available for a few hours one day per month?

We are in need of volunteers to come in and do some copying and laminating. If you could spare some time to come in we are specifically looking for people that could help us one Wednesday or Friday per month. Please contact Lora Hicks: 361-6527 lorahicks@comcast.net or the school office if you can help out in this area.

Thank You

Thank you to all the students who participated and sang in the Blessing of the Animals last Sunday. The kids sang very well and their service to the GA community is appreciated. Ms. O'Donnell

Youth/Contemporary Choir Mass

We are having a youth/contemporary choir Mass this Sat. Oct. 10, with rehearsal at 3:30 for 5 pm mass. On board so far are guitar, drums, saxophone, keyboard, cantor and 4 singers. **PLEASE join us and rsvp to tschmidt@gachaska.org or 952/361-0181 (text message rsvp ok!)** if text messaging a response use my cell 952/201-4667.

Teresa Schmidt
Music Director and Organist
Guardian Angels Church
Phone: 952-361-0181
Fax: 952-227-4051

Note from the Nurse

As with the rest of District 112, Guardian Angels is seeing somewhat elevated reports of student illness; however, absentees have declined today. One class has reported several students with flu-like symptoms and notices were sent out to that class on Monday. We have a few other classes with 1 or 2 students reporting flu-like symptoms and will continue to monitor the situation carefully and endeavor to keep you updated with important information.

Please see the attached document for the Minnesota Department of Health's "Influenza-like Illness Symptom Screening Tool for Parents and Caregivers."

The District 112 website also has useful information and pertinent links:

<http://www.district112.org/h1n1.html>

Holy Family

Want to help promote HF and support our teams? You can help spread the word by visiting KARE-11-TV's website and voting for the Holy Family-Belle Plaine football game **this Friday** to be the featured game on **KARE-11's Prep Sports Extra!** Look for the link on the left-hand side of your screen. Go FIRE!

<http://www.kare11.com/sports/prep/football/default.aspx?menuid=17>

Holy Family Catholic High School
8101 Kochia Lane, Victoria, MN 55386
www.hfchs.org

**Holy Family Catholic High School
Fine Arts Department proudly presents...**

Please join us for this delightful musical presentation based on the books of Dr. Seuss. From Horton to the Cat in the Hat to the Whos down in Who-ville, all your favorite characters are on hand to keep you entertained.

Oct. 29-31 at 7:30 pm
Nov. 1 at 2:00 pm
Nov. 5-8 at 7:30 pm
Nov. 8 at 2:00 pm

All performances take place in the Holy Family Catholic High School Multi-Purpose Room. Advance tickets (Adults \$10/Students \$8) are available by calling 952.443.4659. Tickets may also be purchased at the door (Adults \$12/Students \$10).

School Caring for One Another Ministry –

By now you have received the wonderful Time and Talent Opportunities Pamphlet that the Parish has put together. Both the Parish and School have many opportunities☺. One of the ministries that is new at the school is the Caring for One Another Ministry. A “helping hearts & hands” ministry. We would like to ask all parents who are willing to help and share their ideas to contact Mrs. Reznick in the school office, or put their ideas in a suggestion box outside the school office. We would like to have a core committee of parents to implement this ministry. We are all on the same T.E.A.M. (Together Everyone Achieves More).

Some of the services can and may include babysitting, food, clothes, or other outreach you think we should have. Requests of the families will remain **CONFIDENTIAL**. By communicating with each other and showing our love for one another we can make our school and parish embrace our spirituality. We look forward to hearing from each and every one of you so we can get this ministry up and running. . .

The Middle School Service Club will be organizing the Samaritan’s Purse—Operation Christmas Child project this year. While you and your family

may not be in the Christmas Spirit quite yet, we'd like to jump start the season for you! Our goal is to pack up 40 shoeboxes with small items for Christmas. This project needs to start early because all the boxes need to be mailed overseas, which can take 4-6 weeks for delivery. Please bring Mrs. Gallus any shoeboxes or items from the list below that your family would be able to donate to this worthy cause. Cash donations will also be accepted at GA to help defray the cost of shipping, which is \$7.00 per box. Let's help bring lots of smiles to children's faces this year!

GIFT IDEAS:

TOYS

small cars, balls, dolls, stuffed animals, kazoos, harmonicas, yo-yos, jump ropes, small Etch A Sketch®, toys that light up or make noise (with extra batteries), Slinky®, etc.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

pens, pencils and sharpener, crayons or markers, stamps and ink pad sets, writing pads or paper, solar calculators, coloring and picture books, etc.

HYGIENE ITEMS

toothbrush, toothpaste, mild bar soap (in a plastic bag), comb, washcloth, etc.

OTHER

Hard candy and lollipops (please double bag all candy), mints, gum, T-shirts, socks, ball caps; sunglasses, hair clips, toy jewelry, watches, flashlights (with extra batteries)

A PERSONAL NOTE

In a separate envelope, you may enclose a note to the child and a photo of yourself or your family. (If you include your name and address, the child may write back.)

DO NOT INCLUDE:

Used or damaged items; war-related items such as toy guns, knives or military figures; chocolate or food; out-of-date candy; liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items such as snowglobes or glass containers; aerosol cans

Sabrewear Order Forms

Coming home today are Sabrewear order forms. If you would like to order, please complete and return to the school office by Monday, Oct. 12th. Thanks. . . Go Sabres 😊

Calendar of Events:

- Oct. 9 – Rake-A-Thon collection day
9:45 Fieldtrip Apple Orchard-Preschool
- Oct. 12 – Casual day for all Rake-A-Thon money contributors
7:00 PTO Meeting
- Oct. 14 – 9:20 Mass (5th grade)
- Oct. 15&16 - **NO SCHOOL MEA**
- Oct. 20 – 7th & 8th graders to HF for Musical
SAC
- Oct. 21 – 9:20 Mass (4th grade)
- Oct. 23 – Prayer Service for Rake a thon
- Oct. 23 – Rake a thon &
(final collection day)
- Oct. 27 – Picture Retake day
- Oct. 28 – Mass – 3rd Grade
- Oct. 29 – Carnival/Evening Conferences
- Oct. 30 – **NO SCHOOL – Conferences**
- Oct. 31 – **Happy Halloween** 😊

Lunchroom & Playground Helpers

			Lunchroom	Playground	Playground
Mon	October	12	Heather Hessman	Carla Shermock	Sarah Baker
Tues	October	13	Kris Janey	Pete or Debbie Nolan	Heather Hessman
Wed	October	14	Jessica Oberprillar	Teresa or Chris Gess	Paul VanPelt
Thurs/Fri	October	15-16	No School	No School	No School MEA

SPORTS CORNER

Tonight

Varsity Volleyball plays at 4:30 p.m. & 6:30 p.m. at home

Volunteer Schedule

*If someone would be able to work the scorebook, it would be appreciated.

THANK YOU!

10/8/09	4:15	5:30	6:30
Line Judge	Melander	Wintroath	Knudson
Line Judge	Matthews	Smed	Oldsberg
Scorekeeper	Perrill	Nault	Wintroath
Concessions	Oldsberg	Koebnick	Perrill

Saturday, October 10th

Cub Silver Volleyball at Nativity, Bloomington 8:45 & 9:30

Soccer 11:00 a.m. at St. Hubert's

Fall Team Pictures

Are in the process of being rescheduled.

Pep Fest at school being planned

Exhibit 4

G.A. Rake-A-Thon

WAIYER: To be held on file MUST be returned to school!!!!

In consideration of the furtherance of the purposes and objectives of the Minnesota Marathon for Non-public Education and in consideration of your permitting me to participate in the MARATHON for NON PUBLIC EDUCATION, on behalf of myself, heirs, and representatives, waive and release any and all rights and claims for damages whatsoever they may be, especially committee member, any governmental unit as well as any other person connected with the MARATHON, specifically the "GUARDIAN ANGELS - ANGELS IN THE COMMUNITY SERVICE MARATHON", for any and all injuries arising out of the MARATHON.

During the Guardian Angels Service Marathon the participant will either walk or be bussed to a raking assignment. The participant must have this portion of the waiver form completed in order to ride a bus to the event.

I give my child _____ permission to walk / ride the bus and to participate fully in the Guardian Angels Service Marathon.

Participants under the age of 18 must have this application signed by parent or guardian.

X _____
(Signature of participant and date)

X _____
(Signature of parent/guardian and date)

PARTICIPANT REGISTRATION INFORMATION

NAME _____ PHONE # _____ AGE _____

STREET _____ CITY _____ ZIP _____

Help Someone in Our Community
Stay Warm & Enjoy Winter

THE GREAT OCTOBER WINTER-WEAR DRIVE

Sponsored by Blessed Bee Thrift Store and
Love INC of Eastern Carver County

Please donate NEW or Gently Used:

- Coats & Jackets
- Snow Pants
- Hats
- Gloves & Mittens
- Boots

Items must be clean and
ready to wear!



Donations may be dropped off in the back of
church in our new collection kiosk or directly to
Love INC throughout the month of October.

Questions? call (952) 448-7794
Blessed Bee Thrift Store
960 Chaska Blvd., Chaska, MN 55318



Influenza-like Illness Symptom Screening Tool for Parents and Caregivers

Parents and caregivers should use the following questionnaire to assess the health status of their child on a daily basis.

Does your child have:

1. Fever (100. F or greater)? **Yes No**
(take temperature before giving fever reducing medicine)
2. Sore Throat? **Yes No**
3. Cough? **Yes No**

SHOULD I KEEP MY CHILD HOME?

. If you checked **yes** to fever **AND** one of the other symptoms, keep your child home for at least 24 hours after his or her fever is gone without fever reducing medicine. For many children this will be 5 to 7 days. Your child should feel well enough to participate in school before returning. If you have questions about your child's health or symptoms, call your child's healthcare provider.

. If your child has been diagnosed by a healthcare provider with a different disease, such as strep, follow your healthcare provider's recommendation and school policy for when to return to school.

WHAT SHOULD I TELL MY CHILD'S SCHOOL?

. If you checked "yes" for fever **AND** one of the other symptoms, tell your child's attendance office that your child is home with influenza-like illness.

. If your child has been diagnosed by a healthcare provider with a different disease, such as strep, tell your child's attendance office.

. No personal information about your child, including your child's name, will be shared outside of the school.

For more information and on-going updates 651-201-5414 or 1-877-676-5414 or go to the MDH website at: www.health.state.mn.us

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