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Items sent home the week of November 2, 2009:

- New desk in teacher's lab (attachment)
- Tom Epperly Scholarship Guidelines (attachment)
- St. Zita's Angels Fundraiser (attachment)

Dear Parents,

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

We asked and we received! As we said last week, we were very close to obtaining our \$50,000 goal, as well as 100% participation in the Rake-A-Thon. With a few final pushes, we can honestly say every student at GA participated in our Rake-A-Thon by working and by donating. That being the single stipulation, Tracy and Rob Standal, parents of Adison in preschool (and daughter and son-in-law of the principal ☺) will provide us with \$675-which puts us over the top of reaching our monetary goal. Thanks to them and to all of you – Rake-A-Thon 2009 was a success all the way around. Because we made our goals, we will have a Fitness Fun Fest during Catholic Schools' Week, and because we appreciate the efforts of everyone, **Friday (tomorrow) will be a causal day for all.** Today our top donors spent some fun time at Grand Slam.

**Saints and Souls**

We studied 11 American saints during October as a way of preparing for All Saints Day, and we did so over GATV. But all during this month, students do spend some time focusing on saints important in our Catholic tradition.

Fourth grade is talking about the saint of the day, the info coming from a saint emailed to us daily from American Catholic.org Other grades do saint plays, saint reports, and all of the texts in our series feature saint studies. Also, a number of our students dressed up as saints at last week's Carnival –and some even won cash! (see below)

You may have heard your children talking about dia de los muertos (day of the dead or All Souls' Day) from their Spanish class. I walked in the other day to see 5<sup>th</sup> graders working on their sugar skulls, other students left school wearing masks, and still others brought in photos or remembrances of loved ones who have died.

Attached you will find the guidelines that have been developed for the Tom Epperly Scholarship Fund – it just seemed such a timely week to remember our friend and colleague in such a meaningful way. A special thank you to the faculty members who developed the guidelines – Mrs. Becker, Mrs. Gallus, Mrs. Girard and Mrs. Goers. Over \$6,500 has been collected toward that scholarship fund as of today.

## **Veteran's Day**

Next Wednesday, November 11, is Veteran's Day. That will be the theme for the Mass planned by our 2<sup>nd</sup> graders. We will specifically remember those who have served or currently serve our nation in prayer and learning about their important role in our country.

## **Homework Hotline from the Chaska Library**

Just a few more details about the tutoring portion of this program: All tutor sessions with live tutors are monitored; no last names are given or requested; background checks have been done on all tutors. You just bring in your Hennepin County or Scott County Library card and register – library personnel will walk you through the process. If you need a Library card and pin number, the first one is free; if you have lost yours, the next one is \$1. This is a great offering from the Library to help students be strong readers and get help with their homework, and all is offered free due to a two year grant the Public Library received. Check it out!

## **Thank Yous**

- To Tracy and Rob Standal for their generous gift to complete our Rake-A-Thon goal
- To all of you parents and teachers for the wonderful work done at Parent/Teacher conferences; the connections made and information shared are so valuable
- To Debra Bates, who once again donated supplies
- To Holy Family Catholic High School for giving our 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders the chance to attend their musical – “Seussical” and transporting them & the donation of a bus for our rake a thon winners to go to Grand Slam
- To Brian Winfield who donated, delivered and setup a new teacher desk in the lab!
- To Michelle Godzak for the delicious pie for the staff & for volunteering for Mrs. Reznick in the school office tomorrow 😊
- To the Sharing & Caring Ministry who provided a meal for one of our families
- To Nancy Tufto who helped out extra in the lunchroom today

## **Congratulations**

- To the following 6<sup>th</sup> graders who won the Lion's Peace Poster Contest: First place winner is Kari Holmstadt; second place is Alex Hagen; and third place went to Jacob Knudson. Congratulations to these fine artists.
- To the following students who won the Saint's costume contest last week: 1<sup>st</sup> -Sage Hessman – Padre Pio – \$50, 2<sup>nd</sup> - Michael Wintroath - Juan Diego - \$25, and 3<sup>rd</sup> - Steven Karschnia – St. Jude - \$15. Honorable mention: - \$10 Logan Radick – St. John the Baptist & Patrick Wintroath – St. Brendan

## **Academic Details**

- Tomorrow will be Mrs. Hed's last day as middle school Spanish teacher; she resigned for medical reasons. Stepping in to take over that position is Mr. Jim Schultz. He will transition in tomorrow, as well, and more details will come home in the days to come for the middle school parents.

- NWEA testing is completed for this Fall period
- AR is rolling out soon – details will be coming from Mr. Blaufuss
- Our 6<sup>th</sup> graders will be at Long Lake Environmental Camp next Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, along with Mrs. Gallus and the parent chaperones. This is a required part of the curriculum in Minnesota as students experience many learning opportunities about their environment and stewardship of the resources we have.
- The seventh graders enjoyed hearing about the original Dakota settlers for our local expert, John Varone. He spoke to the class on Thursday afternoon and we learned a great deal from his presentation.

Our Middle School students will have their first dance of the year tomorrow evening. It promises to be a pleasant weekend weather wise, so I hope you can enjoy it.

Blessings,

Nancy Ronhovde

#### **Prayer Corner**

- For Tom Green and his family (his daughter is in the hospital)
- For a Jennifer Veum's Mom (Jennifer is a past teacher at GA) her mom remains hospitalized

### **PTO Presentation**

PTO is hosting a Dr. Kahn presentation **tonight** from 6:30 pm to 7:45 pm in St. Francis Hall. The topic of his discussion will be "When Friendship Hurts". We hope that you will join us for this educational evening.

### **Student Council**

The Student Council elections are underway! We are campaigning this week and next, and voting next Friday, November 13. We wish all candidates the best and thank them for helping to make our school a better place.

The fruit fundraiser has begun. See a 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> grader if you would like to buy fruit. Talk to Mrs. Girard if you have any questions. There will be movie passes available soon.

### **Food Drive**

Hi! We're from the Third Grade and we would like to let everyone know that the fall Food Drive, Stuff a Truck, has started here at

Guardian Angels School. Please bring any items that will not spoil such as: canned or boxed food, diapers, baby wipes, and soap. Our goal is to fill four grocery bags per classroom by **Friday, November 13<sup>th</sup>**. Remember that we are all missionaries, and this is one way we can give back to those who are less fortunate. Thank you for your generosity!

### Sharing & Caring Ministry-Meeting

Please join us on Thursday, November 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. in the School Library for a Sharing & Caring Meeting. We would love to hear your ideas, and see how we can help others 😊. Everyone welcome! Look forward to seeing you there!

**Christmas Concert is coming.** Grades 1, 3, 5 Group Y, Middle School choir and all band members will perform in the Christmas concert on December 17<sup>th</sup>.

We are in the preliminary planning stages and next week we will start the music.

Can you help?

1. First, we need donations of white foam poster board for a project Middle School Group Y will be doing. It can be found at Target by the poster board for \$3.19 a board. We need white we will need 43 of them. The one I have as a model is made by Elmers and the dimensions are 20x30x3/16in if you look at another place.
2. Second, it would be wonderful to have another adult to help with the Christmas play. We will be meeting after school for practice on November 23, 24, 30, Dec 1, 3, 7, 8, 10, 14, 15 from 3:45-4:30.
3. We have been offered to be able to use some scenery. We need someone to go get it and set it up when it is time.

If you are interested in helping out please contact Theresa O'Donnell at [todonnell@gachaska.org](mailto:todonnell@gachaska.org) or leave a message at 227-4035.

**Auditions for any 8<sup>th</sup> Grader who would like to be in the play will be NEXT WEEK November 12 or November 16 from 3:45-4:30. Scripts will be available for review starting this Friday, November 6<sup>th</sup>.**

More information for the other grades involved will come out soon!

LITTLE RINGERS PERFORMANCE

The Little Ringers will be performing on Sunday, November 8<sup>th</sup> at the 10am Mass. Practice will be at 9:30am prior to Mass. For more information or if you have questions, please contact Tami Hed at [tamihed@comcast.net](mailto:tamihed@comcast.net)

**Bake Sale**

Bake Sale during the lunches on Wednesday, November 18<sup>th</sup> hosted by the Middle School Service Club. All monies collected will be put towards the postage of sending 40 shoeboxes overseas for Operation Christmas Child.

Calendar of Events:

- Nov. 5 – 6:30 PTO - SFH
- Nov. 6 – 6-9 pm Middle School Dance (gym)
- Nov. 9-11 – Camp Long Lake (grade 6)
- Nov. 11 – Mass (2<sup>nd</sup> Grade)
- Nov. 17 – SAC
- Nov. 18 – Mass (6<sup>th</sup> Grade)
- Nov. 19 – 6:30 Sharing & Caring Meeting (Library)
- Nov. 25-27 – Thanksgiving Break

Lunchroom & Playground Helpers

Lunchroom    Playground    Playground

Mon	November	9	Carla Shermock	Jodee Korkowski	Jenny Richelsen
Tues	November	10	Lisa Aberle	Stacey Stoffel	Kris Janey
Wed	November	11	Lora Hicks	Jackie Weber	Jenny Richelsen
Thurs	November	12	Lisa Thompson	tonya dubois	Toni Gagnon
Fri	November	13	Jane Miller	Brooke Richards	Paul VanPelt

## **SPORTS CORNER**

### **Volleyball**

Saturday was the last day of the season and both teams played their best. Our cub team took second place at the tournament after being defeated by Nativity. Way to go girls!

Thank you to all of the parents that worked at our home game over the season. A special thanks goes to those that were at the tournament for five hours on Saturday! The time you spend helping to host our guests from other schools is greatly appreciated.

### **Sports Uniforms**

Please turn in your uniform to the office by tomorrow, **November 6<sup>th</sup>**. Make sure they are washed and either in a bag or wrapped with a rubber band with your name somewhere on them. **\*Girls that are playing basketball may keep their uniforms for the next season.** Thanks for your cooperation!

### **Basketball**

Practices have started and hopefully everyone is excited for another season of Sabre basketball! Please remember if your child cannot make it to practice to contact their coach, as soon as possible.

# **TOM EPPERLY SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

## **Purpose**

The Tom Epperly Scholarship Fund was created in memory of a man who exemplified the Christian values in athletics, academics, and daily living. The purpose is to honor a sixth or seventh grade student athlete who exemplifies/lives out the Guardian Angels School mission.

## **Administration**

A standing committee of the Guardian Angels School Staff will administer the Tom Epperly scholarship fund. The Committee will hold a minimum of three meetings a year. In order to remain active on the committee, a member must attend a minimum of two meetings a year.

Members of the Scholarship Fund Committee will include:

- Guardian Angels School representative
- Pastor of Guardian Angels
- Guardian Angels Administration
- Athletic Director of Guardian Angels School
- Community representative

## **Who is Eligible?**

To qualify for this scholarship, an applicant must:

- Seek to pursue further athletic goals within Guardian Angels School;
- Be a current sixth or seventh grade student at Guardian Angels School;
- Achieve honor roll status during the current academic year.

## **Selection Procedure**

Applicants will be selected based on the following:

- A completed application form
- Short autobiography and statement of educational goals (500 to 1000 words)
- Interview (if committee deems necessary)
- Incomplete applications will not be considered.

## **Conditions of Award**

- Attend athletic banquet and be present to accept award
- Provide proof of registration for the next academic year (funds will be issued directly to institution)
- Signed response to letter of acceptance by specified date
- A student may apply one time per year, but only one grant will be awarded

## **Award**

- A scholarship of \$500 will be awarded each year.
- All applicants will be notified of award by letter.

## **Promotion of Scholarship**

Copies of the guidelines and application will be provided to current sixth and seventh grade students at Guardian Angels School.

# TOM EPPERLY SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION 2010

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
First Middle Last

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street

\_\_\_\_\_ City State Zip

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Instructions:

**Application deadline: March 15, 2010**

1. Complete following application form.
2. Write an autobiographical essay meeting the following criteria:
  - 250 to 500 words describing how this scholarship will assist in meeting educational goals.
  - Demonstrate how the student fulfills the Guardian Angels Mission Statement:
    - *“Guardian Angels School is a vibrant expression for the spiritual, moral, intellectual, physical and personal formation of each student, based on Catholic tradition, Christian values and the pursuit of academic excellence.”*
  - Include any information the applicant deems important for the scholarship committee’s consideration.
2. Mail completed information form and essay to the following address. Application and related materials must be postmarked on or before **March 15, 2010**.

Scholarship Committee  
c/o Guardian Angels School  
217 West Second Street  
Chaska, MN 55318  
OR  
E-mail: info@gachaska.org

Questions? Call the school office at 952-227-4010

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**St. Zita's Angels (Guardian Angels Youth Group)** has a unique way to earn money for this new and upcoming group! We will be selling Herberger's Community Day Coupon Books.

The booklet contains

- Coupon worth \$10 off on a \$10 or more item.
- 6 coupons 20%, 15%, 10% off each regular, sale price item
- 1 30% early bird coupon from 6-9am
- \$17.97 genuine stone / diamond accent jewelry
- \$49.99 Bella Cucina 3 in 1 Slow cooker
- \$25.00 off a purchase of \$99.99 or more on Columbia Outerwear
- 35% off your entire purchase of selected, already reduced coordinates from Breckenridge& Alfred Dunner
- \$20 off Emu Boots

**All of this for only \$5.00!!!!**

**(St. Zita's Angels receives 100% of the profits!)**

*The coupon book is only good for Herberger's Community Day on Saturday, November 14, 2009*

If you are interested in purchasing a book please write your check to Guardian Angels Church. You can pick up as many books as you will use. Please come by the parish office any time from now until Friday, November 13, 2009 to purchase your book.

Thank you for supporting our new parish middle school youth group!

If you have any questions please contact Ms. Emily Klinker 227-4007