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Items sent home the week of November 16, 2009:

- Chaska Valley Theatre (flyer)
- Subway (flyer)

Dear Parents,

I had a very worthwhile week in Florida – the weather wasn't great, however! First I was part of the Department of Elementary Schools Executive Committee of NCEA meetings; we represent schools across the country and share national trends and information. Part of the business at hand is choosing the representatives for Distinguished Principal and Teacher for each Region of the US. Our nominees are exchanged with another region and decisions will be made in December. (This is the award our Mrs. Gallus received last year.) Then, because I was already there and my flight was paid for, I stayed for a conference called The Principals' Forum and attended many excellent break out sessions – which I will be sharing with the faculty and you in the weeks ahead.

But being gone is not such a good deal for 2 reasons – there is SO MUCH to catch up on after a return, as you know, but...

I really missed everyone here at GA. Mrs. Reznick updated me every day, but it isn't the same. It reminds me why I went in to education- it is all about the students! Then it was an extra bonus to have it be Principal Appreciation Day for our Catholic Schools – I received prayers at Mass, a beautiful framed verse (which you can find in my office), and many terrific cards, banners, and chains, and some great wishes from the middle school over GATV! I am truly grateful for the support.

### **Congratulations and Thank Yous**

- Student Council elections were held and those elected were: President – Anna Herd; Vice President – Sam Karschnia; Secretary – Madison Hicks – Congratulations to all of them
- Thank you to the Third Graders who coordinated our Fall Food Drive
- To Lisa Aberle, Lyn Heiland, and Nicki Bennett who have helped out extra at SACC
- To the Baker family for the donation of foam boards

## **Subway**

Today you are receiving information we received about the “Subway School Rewards Program”. If you designate money to be put on the card for yourself, family or friends – anywhere, and link to the rewards program, the school receives money back – so it is no additional cost for you and helps us. So, if you or your family ever eats at Subway, please “link up” and GA can benefit. Thanks!

## **WE NEED YOU**

The 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders are involved in a couple of activities to help them earn money for their trip to Washington D.C. – and you can help! On Sunday (November 22<sup>nd</sup>) they will be bagging groceries at the Cub in Chanhassen from 10:00 until 8:00. Then can I invite you to dine at Culver’s in Chaska on Tuesday, November 24. 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!

## **Stewardship**

You are probably learning about stewardship yourself – at weekly Mass; so are your children. Stewardship does not equal money, though many of us think it does. Stewardship is a whole way of life – it is giving back to God whatever we have to give – our time, our talents, and yes, our money, or treasure. New envelopes were ordered to be given to your child. Please consider together as a family, what is it that you have been given and what can you share with others to give thanks to God. Each school Mass will be an opportunity for that family discussion to take place, and a collection is taken each week.

With the short week coming up, there will not be a letter next week. So we address both ***Thanksgiving and Advent***. When we return after the break, we will have entered into the season of Advent. Please join us every Monday at 9:15, if you are at school; as a Catholic School, we will have an Advent Service to begin the 4 weeks of Advent. Your child will be learning about Advent – our traditions and its meaning for us, receiving Reconciliation, and preparing for the celebration of Christmas. Our theme at Mass this week was gratitude – many students had the opportunity to share what caused them to be thankful. It was suggested that families may read Psalm 100 when you gather together. You may choose to attend Mass on Thanksgiving Eve or on the day itself. Whatever you do, hopefully, you will remember to show gratitude and take the time to thank God for His many blessings. Have a very Happy Thanksgiving and enjoy a few extra days to celebrate.

May God bless you,

Nancy Ronhovde

### **Middle School Service Club**

The Middle School Service Club would like to extend a very large “Thank you” to all the families and students who donated items for packing, shoeboxes, baked goods and supported the Bake Sale on Wednesday, November 18<sup>th</sup>. Between cash donations and sales of baked goods, we raised about \$275, which will pay for a lot of postage on the 56 packed shoeboxes. The shoeboxes have been safely delivered to their drop-off location, and will soon be sent overseas to make many children’s Christmas Day memorable.

The Middle School Service Club is hosting a “Getting Ready for Christmas” Party at GA School on the morning of Saturday, December 12th. All students in grades K-4 will be coming home with an invitation to attend this event of Craft-making, Bingo, snacks, and Christmas Cheer. You must RSVP for this event to ensure enough supplies are available. Please contact Mrs. Amy Gallus if you have any questions.

[agallus@gachaska.org](mailto:agallus@gachaska.org) (Mrs. Gallus does so very much for us 😊)

### **Prayer Corner**

- For Deanna Rosenwinkel who had eye surgery and is recovering
- For Denise Truso’s mom who will be having surgery.
- For Tom Green’s daughters for recovery and more surgeries
- For Michelle Paradise’s Dad who is having medical procedures

We have a special day to observe today. November 19 it is National Catholic Schools Principal's Day. We would like to take this time to honor our principal, Mrs. Ronhovde, for all of the time and effort that she takes to make Guardian Angels School one of the best. Please remember her in your prayers today, as we here at school did the same.

## **DECEMBER 4<sup>th</sup>-PARENT DRIVE DAY NO KOCH BUS OR POSITIVE CONNECTIONS**

If your last name begins with A-L pick your child/ren up in the front of school, If your last name begins with M-Z pick up is in the back gym. Parents please send a note if someone else is going to pick up your child/ren. All morning drop offs in the front of school.

### Public Health

Carver County Public Health is offering a H1N1 Nasal Vaccine Clinic for Healthy Children Ages 5 through 9 from 11a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 21, at the Chaska High School--See attachment for details.

### Fundraising

Tired of bagging your own groceries? Let the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students take care of it for you. The students will be at Cub Foods in Chanhasen (Hwy 5 & Market Blvd) on Sunday November 22<sup>nd</sup> from 10:00 am to 8:00 pm bagging groceries. All tips they receive will go towards their Washington DC field trip. Please support these GA students by shopping at Cub Foods!

Guardian Angels eighth grade students will be working at Culver's to earn money for their Washington D.C. trip. Please give yourself a nice night out and support the eighth graders at the same time by eating at Culver's on Tuesday, November 24 from 4:00 to 8:00. Thank you for your support!

### Sharing & Caring Ministry-Meeting TONIGHT

Please join us **tonight**, 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 38 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, 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 there are any 6<sup>th</sup> or 7<sup>th</sup> Grader interested in participating in the play they must see Ms. O'Donnell by tomorrow 11/20. Play practice will be November 23, 24, 30 December 1, 3, 7, 8, 14, and 15 from 3:45 to 4:30.

Students in the concert will need to wear their dress uniforms for the afternoon concert. For the evening concert students will need to wear dark pants with a nice shirt or blouse. Please no jeans. Dark skirts or dresses are acceptable for girls. Middle School Boys will need to wear a shirt and tie. If you need a tie please contact Mrs. O'Donnell and if you have extras that you can loan it would be appreciated too. Students will need to be in their classrooms at 6:40 in order to have the concert start on time. They will need to leave their coats or jackets with you as they will not be allowed back up to their classrooms at the end of the concert. If you have any questions please call Theresa O'Donnell at 952-227-4035 or at [todonnell@gachaska.org](mailto:todonnell@gachaska.org).

### **Holy Family Catholic High School 2009-2010 First Quarter Honor Roll**

During the first quarter of the 2009-2010 school year at Holy Family Catholic High School in Victoria, 449 students earned placement on the school's academic honor roll lists. Of these 449 students, 158 were placed on the President's List by earning GPAs of 3.8 or higher; 150 were placed on the Principal's List by earning GPAs of 3.446 – 3.799; and 141 were placed on the Honor Roll by earning GPAs of 3.0 – 3.445. **Guardian Angels graduates** are listed below:

**President's List 3.8 – 4.3**

Rachel Baker '11, Mackenzie Braden '13, Ben Johnson '12, Samantha Keyport '12, Matthew Pohlen '13, Elin Pool '11, Samantha Renfro '13, Alex Richelsen '10, Jake Richelsen '12, Allisa Tufto '12

**Principal's List 3.446 – 3.799**

Carolyn Collins '13, Ryan Dahl '12, Steven Guillemette '11, Dan Renfro '10, Katie Schepers '11, Cortnie Schierman '12, Erin Schliesman '10, Jack Schliesman '13, Krista Stanoch '12, Nathan Stanoch '10

**Honor Roll 3.0 – 3.445**

Clayton Forner '12, Leanne Forner '13, Mackenzie Healy '10, Andy Hentges '11, Chase Paradise '13, Denice Perez '13, Brian Radick '12, Joshua Radick '10, Alejandra Redwing '12, Margaret Renfro '12

*Calendar of Events:*

Nov. 19 – 6:30 Sharing & Caring Meeting (Library)

Nov. 23 & 24 – Prek conferences

Nov. 25-27 – Thanksgiving Break

Nov. 30 – 9:20 Old Log (K-3)

Dec. 2 – Mass (Grade 7)

Dec. 3 – Terrific Kids photo

Dec. 4 – Parent Drive Day – End of Tri I

**Dec. 8 – Mass – Immaculate Conception (5<sup>th</sup> Grade)**

Dec. 9 – Reconciliation – grades 3-8

Dec. 12 – Getting Ready for Christmas Party

Dec. 14 – Quiz Bowl –University of St. Thomas

Dec. 15 – SAC

Dec. 16 – Honor Roll Breakfast

Dec. 16 – Mass (4<sup>th</sup> Grade)

Dec. 17 – noon Luncheon for Active Older Adults info coming

soon

Dec. 17 – Christmas Concert 1:30 & 7:00

# Lunchroom & Playground Helpers for the next two weeks

## Lunchroom Playground Playground

Mon	November	23	Kari Bork	L. Link	Leslie Michael
Tues	November	24	Stacy Dunlap	Diane Jonasen	Jenny Richelsen

Mon	November	30	Barb Winfield	Melissa Nault	Leslie Michael
Tues	December	1	Marie Guillemette	Colleen Fraser	michelle godzak
Wed	December	2	Jackie Weber	Stephanie Nunes	michelle godzak
Thurs	December	3	Stacy Dunlap	Melissa Horn	michelle godzak
Fri	December	4	KelliAnn Mechtel	Amy Pohlen	Tim or Peggy Kaufhold

## **SPORTS CORNER**

### **Fall Uniforms**

Thank you to everyone that turned in their uniforms on time. One pair of soccer shorts & a volleyball jersey are still missing.

### **Basketball**

- Cub team schedules should be out within the next couple days
- Varsity team schedules should be out by Thanksgiving
- Information will be sent out soon about the volunteer schedule for home games.
- Look for schedules and other information on the school website soon.