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Items sent home the week of December 10, 2009:

- Sharing/Caring Minutes

Dear Parents,

Well, an unexpected snow day means lots of adjustments to a daily school schedule, but we'll do our best to catch up!

- First of all, we used our new phone system to reach all of you announcing the school closing. Please see Eric Crowell's note below. Using this system will also allow us to contact you for important reminders, unexpected announcements and emergency information.
- With no students, we were forced to cancel Reconciliation for the 3<sup>rd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders. In this busy Advent Season for priests, we are not able to reschedule before which 7 priests will be present to hear confessions. Bring the whole family for a very beautiful tradition -a Taize service with beautiful, meditative music and icons. Remember, come this Sunday evening from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.
- *Our concert is coming up very soon, and we are in need of some help!* Our accompanist had to withdraw for medical reasons, so Ms. O'Donnell with the help of Kathe Matthews found an accompanist. She still needs help with props, program, odds and ends. If you can help in any way, please call the school office, and let Lori know your willingness and Ms. O'Donnell will get back to you. After all, the show must go on!!
- We are in the midst of our Art Adventure program – we have the materials for the month of December, and 3 terrific volunteers to help us, so Wednesday's sessions will be rescheduled.
- Jr. Great Books – We are in need of more Jr. Great Book leaders. We currently have volunteers for 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade. However, if no one steps forward to teach 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>, we can't offer the program in those grades. Jenny Richelsen has generously offered to be the contact person to give you more details and discuss what the commitment entails.
- Check out what the Catholic Spirit has to say about Catholic education in this Archdiocese, if you didn't receive a copy. Also, please note messages from Archbishop Nienstedt on 102.9 (WLITE) about our schools. All of us are included in paying for those advertisements, so please take advantage and share the news!  
<http://specialeditions.thecatholicspirit.com/>

### **Congratulations**

- To the four 8<sup>th</sup> graders off to Quiz Bowl on Monday – Anna and Connor Herd, Luke Melander and Anne Richelsen. They were selected by MS staff to represent GA at the University of St. Thomas – and **GOOD LUCK!**

### **Thank You**

- To Terry Schepers for the cake as a goodbye from Mateo for the staff
- To Lora Hicks for the delicious dessert
- To Kristine Scott for the coffee maker
- To Lynette Wheelock for donation
- To the Perrill's and the Weber's for the donation of foams boards
- To Jennifer Salwei for the School Age Child Care donation

## **Stewardship**

Many more students deposited envelopes in the collection basket at this week's school Mass. Thank you for taking the time to discuss with your children and help them see the importance of giving back to God the many gifts He has bestowed on us. Help them think of the many ways they can share – time and talent, as well as treasure.

## **Advent**

We will enter week #3 on Sunday and are always willing to share ideas and resources to help you and your family in making the most of the season. Advent = wait, watch, wonder. There is lots of “**waiting**” in December – check out lines, restaurants, etc., so if you are with your kids, you can use that time to the religious time of waiting – how it must have been for Mary and Joseph, how can we wait actively... **Watching** – watch for Jesus in everyday dealings, events, and people... **Wondering** – take a walk or drive and look at Christmas lights and see through the eyes of children all the awe in that!

May God bless you and bring His joy to your life,

Nancy Ronhovde

Our recent “snow day” allowed us to utilize our new OneCallNow phone call system that telephoned each school household to inform you about the school closing. This was a bit of a test for us – so if you either did not get notified or would prefer one or more additional numbers (i.e. work, cell, grandmother, etc), etc., please visit this website: <http://tinyurl.com/gafamupdates>. The system also allows us to send e-mails and we will be testing this function soon – in fact, we will be using this system to send out school newsletters in the near future. Please utilize the above link to add any additional e-mails you would like added as well.

The system has several neat features. If you think you may have missed a call (perhaps, like me you also have youngsters in your house who don't always get phone messages delivered to you), you can call 1-877-698-3261 wait for the prompt and press 1 and you can hear the latest message that was sent. You can also log into the school website and click “Listen to/Update OneCallNow Information” to hear the latest message, played back on your computer. This link also provides a link to the update website indicated above. If you are receiving messages on a phone number that you would like to remove or you have other questions about the system, please e-mail us at [updates@gachaska.org](mailto:updates@gachaska.org). Eric Crowell

## **Skatetime (grades 1-8)**

**Permission forms DUE TOMORROW, December 11<sup>th</sup> (because of the snow day). Thanks!**

## **Middle School Service Club**

The Middle School Service club will be collecting toys for the national “Toys for Tots” campaign this year. Please place **unwrapped, new toys** in the box at the entrance of GA School. We will be collecting toys until December 18<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for your support of this worthwhile cause.

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 came home with an invitation to attend this event of Craft-making, Bingo, snacks, and Christmas Cheer. A copy of the invitation is attached to today's newsletter. 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)

### **GRANDPARENTS OF STUDENTS LUNCHEON**

You are cordially invited to attend our Soup/Sandwich Luncheon hosted by the Guardian Angels Middle School Service Club. Lunch will be served in St. Francis Hall. Doors open at 11:45, and lunch will be served at noon. Following the luncheon, all are invited to attend the afternoon performance of the GA School's Christmas Concert beginning at 1:30 p.m. Front row seats will be reserved for you. Please RSVP by December 15<sup>th</sup> to the school office---952-227-4010.

**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>.

Thank you for all the donations of white foam poster board. We have enough 😊

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, or are interested in helping out, please call Theresa O'Donnell at 952-227-4035 or at [todonnell@gachaska.org](mailto:todonnell@gachaska.org). Play practice will be December 14 and mandatory 15 from 3:45 to 4:30.

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### **Fuel up to play 60 program for Phy Ed**

Starting this trimester, I am implementing Fuel Up to Play 60, which is sponsored by the National Dairy Council and the NFL. The goal for this program is to engage and inspire you to take control of their health and wellness through eating healthier and getting more physical activity. The students will earn points by tracking their nutrition and exercise, which enters them to win prizes such as being in a commercial with an NFL football player or an Ipad touch and more. For more information visit [www.fueluptoplay60.com](http://www.fueluptoplay60.com). You'll be hearing more from us. Mr. Jones

## **Label Contest**

Label contest starts January 4-22<sup>nd</sup>. Please save all your box tops, Campbell's soup labels and milk caps (Kemps, Land o Lakes, and Milk Moola) from Kwik Trip. Remember to collect from friends and family over the holidays. Weekly tallies will be announced. Good Luck!

## **Prayers**

- For Ms. O'Donnell's Sister In Law in Montana who was hospitalized
- For Dr. Kahn's mother who was in a serious car accident in New Jersey

## **New SpiritWear-GA**

Need that special something, or last minute stocking stuffer? Brand new GA SpiritWear will be available on a first come, first serve basis, or you can give them a certificate to get something after Christmas. SpiritWear will be on display with some items for sale at the Christmas concert on December 17<sup>th</sup>. There will be a full line fashion show right after the holidays, so your items will be here before Catholic Schools Week.

## **SCHOOL AGE CHILD CARE-CHRISTMAS BREAK**

**Looking for a fun way for your child/ren to spend part of Christmas break? If we have enough participation we will be open December 28-30<sup>th</sup> from 7-6 p.m.**

**Please contact Mrs. Rosenwinkel – please let us know next week at (952) 292-9126, if you are interested. Thanks!**

### *Calendar of Events:*

Dec. 12 – 9:00 Getting Ready for Christmas Party  
Dec. 14 – Quiz Bowl –University of St. Thomas  
Dec. 15 – SAC  
Dec. 15 – 6:00 Prek craft nigh (gym)  
Dec. 16 – 8:30 Honor Roll Breakfast  
Dec. 16 – Mass (4<sup>th</sup> Grade)  
Dec. 17 – noon Luncheon for Active Older Adults  
Dec. 17 – Christmas Concert 1:30 & 7:00  
Dec. 19 – 5 p.m. Posada – gym  
Dec. 23-Jan. 3 – Merry Christmas! Christmas Break **NO SCHOOL**  
Jan. 4 – School Resumes  
Jan. 4-15 – Rollerskating (grades 1-8)  
Jan. 6 Mass (3<sup>rd</sup> Grade)

# Lunchroom & Playground Helpers

				Lunchroom	Playground	Playground
Mon	December	14	Heather Hessman	Brenda Red Wing	Kari Bork	
Tues	December	15	Marie Guillemette	Brenda Red Wing	Chris Schepers	
Wed	December	16	Michelle Paradise	Eric Crowell	Michael Braden	
Thurs	December	17	Jen Dowling	Colleen Fraser	Lora Hicks	
Fri	December	18	Barb Winfield	Kris Janey	Becky Stacken	

## Sports Corner

Upcoming Sabres Basketball Games:

Tonight 12/10 GV (7/8<sup>th</sup>) 5:45 p.m. at St. Peter's, Richfield

Saturday 12/12 - all games at 10:30 a.m.

BCB (4<sup>th</sup>) at St. Michael's, Prior Lake

BCG (5/6<sup>th</sup>) at Carondelet (upper campus), Mpls

GC (4-6<sup>th</sup>) at SACS, Shakopee

Tuesday 12/15 BVS (7<sup>th</sup>) 5:45 p.m. at Our Lady of Grace, Edina

GV 6:15 p.m. at Annunciation, Mpls

- Team pictures will be taken on Wednesday, Dec 16<sup>th</sup> after school. The Girls Cub team will go 1<sup>st</sup> at 3:40 p.m.
- If your family has not signed up to work 1-2 shifts (per child) at our home games, please do so. Go to [www.mysignup.com/sabres](http://www.mysignup.com/sabres) There are still a number of spots left. Those who haven't signed up will be assigned a shift.
- Please turn in the Christian Athlete forms to school & emergency forms to your child's coach.
- Game & practice schedules are on the school web site. Boys Varsity Gold schedule has been corrected.
- Check out the new SSYO league web site at [www.ssyomn.com](http://www.ssyomn.com) for game cancellations, schedules, site directions and more!

## Masses

This weekend's Masses celebrate Gaudete Sunday (REJOICE!) – always the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent. Youth Contemporary Choir will be singing this Saturday for the 5:00 pm Mass, with same day rehearsal at 3:30. No experience necessary. Our Prelude piece is "Immanuel" by Michael Card. Listen to it at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n-vTQqbofuM>

If you'd like to sing with us please call your YES to Teresa Schmidt at 361-0181 or e-mail to [tschmidt@gachaska.org](mailto:tschmidt@gachaska.org).

## Cookie Walk

Annual G.A. Christmas Cookie Walk Dec 12th and 13th

St. Francis Hall after the 5:00 Mass until 7:30 and Sunday Morning 8:00 am until 12:30. All are welcome to donate and buy goodies. This is a Catholic Aid Matching grant for the school opportunity. Call Tina Holmstadt 448-7569 if you have questions or would like to make a money/baked good donation. See Attachment.

# Cookie Walk



Guardian Angels Church  
Basement  
218 West Second Street  
Chaska

Saturday, December 12th 6 to 7:30pm

Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup>

from 8:00am to 12:30pm

A container is provided, you wear a glove and walk along the table and choose the cookies you wish. The container will be weighed at the end to determine the cost. There will also be containers of assorted candies and goodies pre-priced for you to choose.

New this year we are adding some diabetic cookie choices!



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Sharing/Caring Minutes 11-19-09

*Guardian Angels Mission Statement*

*Guardian Angels Catholic School is a vibrant expression of the spiritual, moral, intellectual, physical and personal formation of each student, based on Catholic tradition, Christian values and the pursuit of academic excellence.*

**GUARDIAN ANGELS SCHOOL**  
**PHILOSOPHY STATEMENT**

Guardian Angels Catholic School is dedicated to:

- Empowering students to grow in their Christian faith through the teaching and modeling of Catholic principles and values.
- Providing a safe and caring learning environment for all students.
- Recognizing the variety of learning styles and abilities while striving to meet individual needs with an adaptable, written curriculum.
- Fostering respectful and open communication among parents, staff and students.
- Encouraging students to build a strong relationship with God in order to serve parish and broader community.

Prayer-Kristine

Treats-Lori

Tracy Huson will put a spreadsheet together with names, emails, etc., and what people would like to contribute (some ideas, meals, money, housecleaning, driving, errands, etc.). Please let Tracy know if you want to be a contact person, and Tracy can you assign a month? If want a different month, let her know.

Meals

We have delivered two meals to our families. They really appreciated. If they want to send a thank you they can address to Sharing/Caring at the school address. We will post these somewhere in school. Suggestions?

Follow up with the families we have helped out

What can we do for Tom Green and family. Lori contacted Tom, and 2 grandkids may be coming back with him. At that point, he might take us up. Please keep praying he said

Suggestion box – GA shadow box outside school office with suggestion slips, ideas, comments

### Suggestions for setting up ministry

Contact person for the month. If you prefer not to do this let us know.

Month of November, Lori

Month of December Kris Janey, please let Kris know any family who needs help. At the end of the month the contact person will send a summary to the committee.

### Deaths/Get Well

Suggestion that the Card Making ministry provide us with cards in the event of sickness and deaths. (Lori has them now in school office) ☺ Children can make cards too? prayer cards? Prayer shawls are available. Someone can go to adoration for the person

Fundraiser ideas –

Bake sale

Muffins in the mornings

Host a gathering - Wall of wine like freshman parents did at Holy Family

Put news in the bulletin of what we're doing and what items are needed.

Sharing & Caring – name ok? Use Sharing/Caring

God Bless!