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Items sent home the week of December 14, 2009:

- Guardian Angels Christmas Card (attachment)

Dear Parents,

We wrap up the Season of Advent, the month of December, and the Year of 2009 in the next few days. Our final Advent prayer service will be next Monday at 9:15, each having been planned by a different group – the faculty, the middle school grades, the intermediate grades and this week, it will be the primary students.

We concluded the toy drive for Toys for Tots, we honored our Trimester I honor students, and today is the culmination of hours of practice for our Christmas Concert. We know that Ms. O'Donnell and students in grades 1,3,5, middle school, bands and choirs will entertain us well and bring us the Christmas spirit. Students will spend some time on their last day before break celebrating with classmates. **It is also a day for "Spirit Wear" or Red and Green day – instead of uniform. (that is Tuesday, Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup>)**

### **Congratulations**

- To our Quiz Bowl team – Anna Herd, Connor Herd, Luke Melander and Anne Richelsen – they were 4<sup>th</sup> out of 48 teams of 8<sup>th</sup> graders; we are proud of them and the great performance on their part (and some coaching help from Mrs. Girard)
- To the following Middle School students who made the honor roll and were recognized at a breakfast in their honor:  
**Principal's List**-Patrick Baker, Rebecca Baker, Andrew Fraser, Anna Herd, Connor Herd, Luke Melander, Anna Perrill, Christopher Pohlen, Anne Richelsen, Megan Schierman, Samantha Smed, **1<sup>st</sup> Honors**-Sarah Almquist, Shea Braden, Justin Dahl,  
Josh Gallus, Madison Hicks, Karie Holmstadt, Matthew Salwei, Peter Tufto, Joey Winfield, **2<sup>nd</sup> Honors**-Josie Ambroz, Tony Eaton, Alex Hagen, Brent Hentges, Sage Hessman, Sam Karschnia, Emily Knudson, Madison Koebnick, Max Luft, Kristen Matthews, Kaitlin Meger, Jennifer Miller, Paige Nault, Rachel Oldsberg, Samantha Schierman, Luke Schliesman,

Anna Tesch

### **Thank Yous**

- To Rob Standal for picking up donated conference chairs and delivering them to us
- To Miss Amy and Miss Lyn (our preschool staff) for offering a fun filled craft time for preschool families
- To Mrs. Gallus and the Service Club for sponsoring today's luncheon before the Concert, and for coordinating the Toys for Tots Drive; a special thanks to Mrs. Gallus and her boys for dropping off a huge load of toys!!
- To the following students, members of the Service Club, who helped Mrs. Gallus with the "Getting Ready for Christmas" Saturday activity: Sarah Almquist, Josh Gallus, Daniel Guillemette, Sam Karschnia, Emily Knudson, & Peter Tufto
- To Jessica Gensmer, who agreed to be our accompanist for today's concert; and to Mrs. Kathe Matthews for putting us in contact with each other!
- To Elaine and Bianca Ess and Doris Zupert for the delicious cookies
- To Terri Kimball, Sue Hamburge and Gerry Johnson for presenting Art Adventure to our students
- To Kris Zugan for the donation of new library books
- To the Pohlen family for the delicious cookies for the staff
- To Jenny Johnson for the wreath donation
- To John Schierman for the donation of supplies
- To Collin and Allen Jones for the candy for the staff

Our prayer and hope for each of you is a very blessed Christmas, a Happy New Year, a relaxing break from the school schedule, and lots of family fun and memories. Remember to come back on Monday, January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2010! – to a very busy schedule and full month of activities.

While Statewide Immigration Sunday will be celebrated on January 3, 2010, *the Feast of the Epiphany*, it is before we return to school. Our school will be able to celebrate on the days surrounding Immigration Sunday. The theme for Immigration Sunday, *Nations Shall Walk by Your Light*, invites us to renew our commitment to welcome our immigrant sisters and brothers. The Feast of the Epiphany is a perfect day to celebrate Immigration Sunday, because it is a day that centers on our unity as one human family, and our call to welcome everyone with dignity, respect and love. You will hear more in our first January letter.

Boots in school, with the school uniform – NOT! Our uniform policy does not specifically address boots, as it does crocks, sandals, etc. (I guess you can tell we reviewed our policy in times of warm weather!!) Not every fashion trend can be put into a "policy", as they change from year to year. We do not want students wearing fashion boots with their uniforms for several reasons: an unhealthy reason is that their feet get too hot during the day with boots, but an even bigger reason for us is the "status" element of fashion boots. The purpose of a uniform is to create a feeling of uniformity and commonality among our students; we do not want to add to any peer pressure of begging parents to purchase expensive boots. Please help us with your cooperation on uniform days– casual days are another matter. Thank you!

Christmas blessings!

Nancy Ronhovde

### Skatetime (grades 1-8)

Permission forms DUE TOMORROW. We are missing several forms; if not turned in by tomorrow your child/ren **WILL NOT** be able to skate.

Thank you to everyone who donated toys for the national “Toys for Tots” campaign this year. There will be some happy children ☺. We appreciate your generosity!

**Christmas Concert TONIGHT.** Grades 1, 3, 5 Group Y, Middle School choir and all band members will perform at the Christmas concert.

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 Ms. 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).

### Nurse Needs

Our supply of extra clothes needs replenishing. We would appreciate donations of outgrown uniforms, especially boys' pants and girls' skirts; ALSO -- new boys' underpants size 6, 8, 12; boys white socks (above ankle)

size in small, medium, and large; AND -- new girls underpants size 10; and girls' white, socks (above ankle) in small, medium, and large. If you'd like to donate new underwear, please call the Nurse's office and check the need/donation status Thank you! 227-4010. Lawana & Deanna

It would also be great to have used/new mittens, gloves, hats, snowpants, too. Thanks!

### **Prayers**

- For Patty Sopsic (Wyatt Graczyk's grandma & Jenny's mom) who had surgery this week
- For Mary Worm in the kitchen for a speedy recovery

Little Ringers will be performing at the 4pm Children's Christmas Service on December 24<sup>th</sup>. Children age 4 thru 2<sup>nd</sup> grade are welcome to join in the Christmas celebration. Our practice will be at 3pm that day in St. Francis Hall. Please email [tamihed@comcast.net](mailto:tamihed@comcast.net) with any questions.

### **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 TONIGHT. 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-OPEN** **LIMITED DAYS OVER CHRISTMAS** **BREAK!!**

**We have enough participation, and WE will be open December 28-30<sup>th</sup> from 7-6 p.m. ☺**

Calendar of Events:

- 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. 3 – 9 Immigration week
- Jan. 4 – School Resumes
- Jan. 4-15 – Rollerskating (grades 1-8)
- Jan. 6 Mass (3<sup>rd</sup> Grade)
- 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. 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

Playground		Playground		Lunchroom	
Mon	December 21	Maddy Perrill	Greg / Lori Osterdyk	Patrick Kiedrowski	
Tues	December 22	Stacy Dunlap	Kris Janey	Jenny Richelsen	

## Sports Corner

Thank You!!

**Mark & Janet Robling** for a donation they made earlier this year.

**Brandt & Kari Vettel** for a donation made towards the purchase of new basketballs.

Your gifts to the Athletic Department are greatly appreciated!!

Upcoming Sabres Basketball Games:

Saturday 12/19 - all games at Home

BCG (5/6<sup>th</sup>) vs. IHM Red 8:00 a.m.

GC (4-6<sup>th</sup>) vs. Annunciation White 9:15 a.m.

BCB (4<sup>th</sup>) vs. Annunciation 10:30 a.m.

## Volunteer Schedule

	<u>Scoreboard</u>	<u>Scorebook</u>	<u>Concessions</u>
8:00 a.m.	Perrill	Haas	Karschnia
9:15 a.m.	Baker	Vettel	Miller
10:30 a.m.	Stoffel	Matthews	Red Wing

- Please turn in the Christian Athlete forms to school & emergency forms to your child's coach.
- Check out the new SSYO league web site at [www.ssyomn.com](http://www.ssyomn.com) for game cancellations, schedules, site directions and more!