

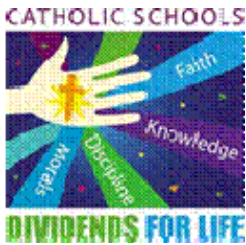
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Items sent home the week of February 1, 2010:

- Spring Sports Registration (attachment)
- Mari Gras Wine Tasting (attachment)
- Fresh Season's (attachment)
- CCC & Carver Parks (flyers)
- CSW Teacher Event (flyer)
- Chillfest pictures & info./St. Zita's (3 attachments)

Dear Parents,



What a great week – so far! And there is still more to come! Last weekend was a wonderful showing of our GA community – from those who cleaned and decorated and set up, worked the day, hosted the event and cleaned up. As I looked around I “felt” the sense of community – one of those warm fuzzy moments for me ☺ I can't begin to thank the many, many hands that helped out. It was actually fun, and I think having the open house during all the activity was a positive change, don't you? The Book Fair and the Waffle breakfast were big hits, as were the games. And I know there were lots of older alumni looking around and sharing with us how the building used to look. It was great to see so many of our GA grads, currently in high school come back to visit too.

Monday – we focused on the dividend of FAITH, and we started our week with Mass. Father Paul gave us a great message about celebrating how lucky we are to be able to celebrate being part of GA School and the gifts it gives us without marking ourselves as better than others. In the afternoon students played Faith Challenge games, and I know the MS students had some pretty stiff competitions with Bible trivia – and had fun doing it! *We also had student groups head off to Auburn Manor to be of help and service, bearing hand- made valentines and other decorations over all the days.

Tuesday - the dividend of KNOWLEDGE, even though it was found amongst the crazy hats and hair! The presentation of Helen Keller by Historical Perspectives was incredible and very interesting for all of us. Later in the day I went around to hear the biographies presented by our 5th graders, and I learned a lot about people from Benjamin Franklin, Michael Jordan, Walt Disney, just to name a few – students did a very good job presenting their famous people.

Wednesday – the dividend of DISCIPLINE began in church. Father Paul blessed candles and then all students had their throats blessed (on the feast of St. Blasé). Then students formed a living rosary, so we experienced many forms of prayers. We especially dedicated our prayers for those suffering in Haiti, and the hikers who are detained in Iran. Our students had the opportunity to have Mr. Winfield and Mr. Leach share their discipline training as members of the military, so again, lots of learning.

Thursday and Friday- yet to come. Today we focus on MORALS, so we have Father Paul and Deacon Gregg sharing their own faith journeys. Our Student Council is serving treats to the students during their reading time and a little Bingo is on the schedule. A fun-filled evening is planned to thank you for all you do. *That is*

tonight at 6:30 – new format, entertainment, snacks – I have seen some behind the scenes preparation, and I know you don't want to miss out.

Thank yous

- A BIG thank you to our book fair co-chairpeople, Lisa Aberle, Debbie Knudson, and Kari Vettel. I don't think most people realize how hard these three work to make our book fair fun and profitable. One of them said that they couldn't do it alone, that each of them brings their own talents to the team. Not only are they great book fair leaders, but they are also great examples of how much can be accomplished by working together. On behalf of all the students and parents, thank you so much!
- Super Sunday Funday and Lora Hicks are synonymous! Lora is incredible in the way she organizes all of our efforts to pull off such a big event
- To the members of the Catholic Aid Council of Guardian Angels, who gave us \$1,068 – we so appreciate it!
- To the students who helped at the Masses and gave tours for CSW: Eric Richards, Molly Weber, Andy Crowell, Emma Crowell, Kalie Dahl, Grace Crowell, Josh Perez, Daniel Guillemette, Madison Hicks, Kaitlyn Meger, Shea Braden, Kristen Matthews, Jerilyn Pastelin Osorio, Nick Gess, Casey Gess, Josh Gallus, Zac Gallus
- To our families who turn in cartridges and cell phones we received a check for \$55.90
- To Colleen Crowell, Kris Schliesman, Lisa Aberle, and Amy Gallus and service club for their help on the label contest
- To Huntington Learning Centers for the delicious cake
- To Jenny Richelsen for the delicious coffee from Dunn Brothers ☺
- To Jorge Lozano who went with 5th Grade to Auburn Manor

Congratulations

- To the Service Club who will be featured in the Chaska Herald - Josh Gallus, Peter Tufto, Sam Karschnia, Anna Perrill, Jacob Knudson, Joey Winfield, Jenny Miller, Madison Hicks, Daniel Guillemette, Dallin Rosenwinkel, Kaitlin Meger, Patrick Baker, Rebecca Baker, Shea Braden, and Luke Schliesman
- To Julia Westin who won the drawing of the coloring contest
- To the following classes who won the January label contests: Kemps/Milk Moola-Mr. Leach (762), Box Tops for Education – Ms. Hritz (1,217), and Campbell's - Mrs. Scott (487)

We still have lots of activity packed into the remaining days of this week. Please join us tonight – that is where we celebrate our school families. You are also welcome to join us for a prayer service on Friday morning and the Magical Dividends for Life presentation by Brian Richards at 10:00. Then it is on to Fun Fest in the Gym and a middle school dance. Thank you, thank you, each and every one of you who helped with the breakfast, the book fair, games, tours, ticket sales, set up and clean up – leading the charge or behind the scenes. We need each of you and we value your help and support.

God bless you,

Nancy Ronhovde

P.S. I would bet you thought I was done- and so did I. Then I looked at next week to see what it will be like to get back to normal, and I soon realized it will be one more week until “normal” is the word of the week.

- **On Wednesday, February 10th, ISD #112 is having a 2 hour late start** and so is GA. That means that buses will arrive at your house exactly 2 hours later than the normal start time,

and for those of you driving your children to school, we will begin at 11:10. It changes our lunch time a bit because we do not have recess; the 3 lunch sessions are 11:30, 11:50 and 12:10

- Lots of changes for Thursday, February 11th – The Men's Club is preparing for the Beef and Sausage Dinner on Sunday, so there is no use of the gym at all. That means – **NO HOT LUNCH – ALL STUDENTS MUST BRING A BAG LUNCH TO SCHOOL. WE WILL SELL MILK WHICH IS BROUGHT TO THE CLASSROOMS - LUNCHESES ARE EATEN IN YOUR CHILD'S CLASSROOM**
- Still on Thursday is what promises to be a very informative PTO meeting 6:00 - in SFH. At 7:00, John Schierman will present "Social Media for Parents: How to Better Parent Teens on Facebook". Please join us for the meeting and/or for this informational session. If you are the parent of a 5th grader, there is even more reason to come. Following John's presentation, the Middle School teachers will have materials about your child entering Middle School, and they will have hand outs and be there to answer your questions.
- Friday, is Spirit Day at GA – Students may wear their Sabrewear or Valentine colored clothing (pink, red)
- Next week is also your big chance to buy your tickets for the Mardi Gras Wine Tasting at Oakridge, sponsored by our own Dan Keyport of Dolce Vita. Believe it or not, Lent comes up on February 17th, so Tuesday, February 16th is a party time for adults to taste wines and beers sold at Dan's shop. The best part is that we all come out winners – Dolce Vita, GA (proceeds from tickets purchased through us), and you (a great evening and maybe some new beverages you'll discover). Oakridge was packed last year, and this year it would be great to see it bigger than ever!!
A long P.S., but now I am done!

Note from Lora Hicks ☺

Waffle Breakfast / Bookfair (Formerly SSFD) Follow Up

A Huge Thanks to everyone that made our event on Sunday a success. We served 432 waffle breakfasts and it was a pleasure seeing so many families touring our school and socializing with one another.

An extra special thanks goes to the following people for the extra time and effort:

- Lisa Aberle, Debbie Knudson & Kari Vettel for the wonderful bookfair.
- Tony & Cecilia Luft for spending the entire event running the kitchen.
- All of the parents, students & alumni that gave of their time by working a shift at the event.
- David Schroedl, an alumni of GA who helped set-up, worked the entire event & helped clean up as well.

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

Meal Pay

Due to technical difficulties meal pay is not reflecting current balances. We are still in the process of trying to go live via the internet. Balances shown on letters home with your child are correct.

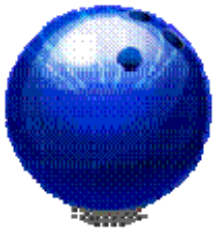
We apologize for the inconvenience. If you have any questions or concerns, please call 952-227-4044 between 10-12:30 pm or email Vicky at vicki.minoui@yahoo.com. Thanks! Vicky and Mary (the lunchroom ladies) ☺



ATTENTION LITTLE RINGERS

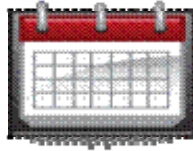
We will be playing at the 5pm Mass on Saturday, February 13th. All children ages 4- 2nd grade are welcome to join us for our performances that evening. Our practice will be at 4:30 in St. Francis Hall prior to Mass Hope to see you there!! Please email tamihed@comcast.net if you have questions!

On Saturday, February 13, Angels Choir (any 3rd through 8th grader) will be singing for the 5 p.m. mass. Rehearsal will be at 4:15 p.m. in the choir loft. All are welcome.



***Bowling – PTO Sponsored Event**

PTO would like to invite your family to join us for a community event on Sunday, February 28, 2010. We will be hosting a family bowling session at Louisville Lanes from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm. PTO is subsidizing the event, so the cost will be \$1.20 per person (which includes 2 games plus shoes). We look forward to sharing this family time with all of you. No unaccompanied children allowed. If you would like to join us, please RSVP by February 15th, to Tracy Huson at Tracy@woodlandhillsmтка.com, or contact her at 952-443-2400.



Calendar of Events:

- Feb. 4 – Terrific Kids photo
- Feb. 5 – 6-9 MS Dance
- Feb. 10 – **LATE START/NO MASS**
- Feb. 11 – PTO Mtg./Speaker
- Feb. 11 – **NO HOT LUNCH**
- Feb. 14 – Beef & Sausage
- Feb. 16 – Mardi Gras Wine Tasking
- Feb. 17 – Mass (Grade 6)

Lunchroom & Playground Helpers

			Lunchroom	Playground	Playground
Mon	February	8	Heather Hessman	HELP NEEDED	Carla Shermock
Tues	February	9	Jen Dowling	L. Link	Kris Janey
Wed	February	10	Janice Dahl	NO RECESS	NO RECESS
Thurs	February	11	LUNCH IN CLASS	Joe or Diane Jonasen	Joe or Diane Jonasen
Fri	February	12	Jane Miller	Terri Rothmeier	Chris Schepers

New Mom's Bible Study for Lent

Busy Moms! Take some time for yourselves to grow in your faith during lent this year! We are a small group of Moms who meet for an hour Wednesday mornings at 10:30 in St. Francis Hall. We will start a new book for lent, and we hope you will consider joining us.

"The Seven Last Words of Christ: A Bible Study on Jesus' Passion" will help you to meditate and pray with Jesus as he endured the agony of the cross. Learn to pray with Jesus, "Father, forgive them..." and hear His comforting words, "Today, you will be with me in Paradise."

First session will be Ash Wednesday (Feb. 17), so please call soon so we can get the books ordered by Feb. 10. Contact Emily Klinker at eklinker@gachaska.org or phone 227-4007. Cost is \$10.

Mom's Group looking for Child Care Provider

The Mom's bible study is hoping to be able to offer child care for one hour Wednesday mornings from 10:30-11:30, so that more people could join the session. If you are interested in caring for a small number of preschool children for a small reimbursement, please contact Cathy Cress at 368-9413 or Emily Klinker at 227-4007.



Sports Corner

Parents - due to many activities that are in the gym this month, please make sure to look over the practice schedule that went out before Christmas break. If you have misplaced your copy, the information should be on the website soon. Until then, please feel free to contact me.

Maureen Tesch
mtesch@gachaska.org

Upcoming Games

Saturday, 2/6

BCG (5/6th) @ Minnehaha 9:15 a.m.
GC (4-6th) @ St. Michael's 10:30 a.m.
BCB (4th) @ Calvin Christian 10:45 a.m.

Monday, 2/8 @ St. John's Savage

GV (7/8th) @ 4:30 p.m.
BVG (8th) @ 5:45 p.m.

Tuesday, 2/9

GV @ Nativity 5:45 p.m.
BVS (7th) @ St. Michael's 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, 2/10

BVS @ Chapel Hill 4:00 p.m.

****Baseball & Softball registrations** for grades 5th-8th are **due Friday, February 12.** Teams must be registered with the league by Monday, February 15. For this reason, teams will be decided on the amount of students we have registered by Friday. Sorry, there may be NO exceptions.