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Items sent home the week of March 11, 2010:

- Movie Night (attachment)
- Anne Fredrickson (attachment)
- Tools Kit (flyer)
- Calendar (flyer)
- CCC (flyer)
- Reading (flyer)

Parent Drive Day TOMORROW – March 12th ISD# 112 does not have school, but GA does. No Koch or Positive Connections Bus

All morning drop offs in the front of school. In the afternoon, 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.

Dear Parents,

I would like to begin by thanking your family for your prayers, cards, and kind expressions of sympathy on the death of my Mother. I truly felt the love, prayers and support of this wonderful GA staff, the GA families, and most especially the students. When I came in and walked up to find my office door posted with hearts and wishes and prayers, it was a very emotional welcome back. I am still feeling a little disconnected as I get back into the swing of things. I am finding that this little bustling school family is always moving and doing - So if you get behind, you are in trouble!

Let's just do a few "announcement-type" items in bullet form:

- First of all, please find the school calendar for the 2010-2011 school year attached. Other than the late starts, which GA will not do next year, there are only 2 parent drive days, so our calendar will be more similar to that of ISD #112.
- Uniforms – please refer to the uniform policy on page 28 & 29 of the Handbook. Around this time of year, some are outgrowing their uniforms, and others are testing the teachers. We do enforce our policies, so we ask you to help us do so. Skirt and jumper length must be at the knee – that does not mean 2 inches above the knee! Shirts are to be tucked in and socks must be navy or white and cover the ankle.
- Speaking of attire – plans are underway for a very special March 17th Mass. Our school Mass will be at 9:30, with special touches and special music. Please make plans to join us if you can. For those of you with Honor Roll Middle School students, there will be a breakfast at 8:30, so just stay for Mass too. Our faculty decided that students should wear their uniform pants for Mass with wearin' o' the green for shirts or sweaters/sweatshirts. That way we can be sure to be respectful for Mass and honor St. Patrick at the same time! A casual day from CSW will be on our last day before break – March 26th.

- Prairie Fire Theatre is set to begin! If you are new to GA, let me fill you in. For the last 10 years at least, we have invited Prairie Fire Theatre to come into our school and in one magical week, they put on a fantastic performance with our students as the actors. This year's production is "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs", and 72 of our second through eighth grade students make up the cast. They practice each day next week after school, and then on Friday we are treated to 2 performances – 1:30 and 7:00 p.m.
- Parent/Teacher Conferences – Please remember to sign up online for a conference with your child's teacher either next Thursday, March 18th or Tuesday, March 23. Conferences are held in the evening, and we ask everyone to connect with your child's teacher, so please save them phoning you to arrange!
- Next week we will send home a great booklet of summer offerings here at GA – from Math classes, Vacation Bible School, camps of various kinds, Science and Art classes, tutoring - YOU WILL FIND SOMETHING YOUR CHILD WILL ENJOY!
- We are approaching registration numbers that we budgeted for next year. Another important deadline is fast approaching – March 19th is the final day for submitting TADS information in order to be considered for tuition assistance next year. We have several families who have indicated they are applying for aid, but TADS has not forwarded that information to us. Remember, we will meet to decide on tuition assistance based on information submitted by the deadline, as that is the only fair way for us to proceed.

Next week is the Holy Childhood Association National Prayer Week. We will be praying daily for children in missions around the world, and we hope you will do the same. To culminate that focus during Lent, we ask the children to bring in their completed HCA folders to Mass on March 24th, before break, so that money can be sent to help those children living in poverty. We are into the second half of Lent – maybe it is a good time for all of us to see how we would analyze our Lenten journey, how have we been doing, ask ourselves if we need to 'beef it up' a bit, and not forget to ask for God's help in the process.

With a very grateful heart I ask God to bless you. Once again I am reminded why I love to do what I do, in such a special setting, serving in a faith-filled environment, at a time when I needed to feel God's love – and I did, from all of you.

Nancy Ronhovde

Reminder

- Report cards mailed out to families tomorrow

Congratulations

- To Holy Family's 7th grade basketball team, who won 4th place for state

Thank you

- To Nancy Ronhovde's family and friends for the donation towards GA's tuition assistance program, in the name of her mom, Betty Green
- To Jessica Oberpriller for her extra help at recess duty yesterday
- To the Sharing/Caring committee for the meal for Nancy Ronhovde
- To Michelle Godzak for her donation
- To Terry Schepers for the coffee from Guatemala

Prayer Corner

- For Vicky Goers' mom who has been hospitalized

During our Wednesday school Masses we now have the opportunity to request a Mass intention just like we currently have for the 8:00 am daily Mass and weekend Masses. These Mass intentions would then be included in the Prayers of the Faithful at the school Mass on the date that you choose. You can call Jean at the parish office for any questions or to request a Mass to be said in honor of a loved one for a suggested donation of \$10/per Mass. Thank you!

News from Father Paul

If you haven't filled out a G.A. Parish Council survey yet ...

... about a possible Sunday evening Mass at Guardian Angels, please fill one out online, using Survey Monkey. We ask that you not fill out another paper survey printed from an email or found in your bulletin. (One survey per person, please.) We're trying to get as many parishioners, school parents, and Friends of G.A. to respond. The more, the better the decision.

Even if you would not attend a Sunday evening Mass, please fill one out anyway. Please forgive me if you've received this earlier. This helps us gauge the Mass's possible popularity. Click on the following online website. ~ Fr. Paul

www.surveymonkey.com/s/822FLCH

St. Patrick Wasn't Even Irish

You don't have to be Irish to celebrate St. Patrick's feast day on **Wednesday, March 17, at the 9:30 a.m.** Mass at Guardian Angels Church.

After all, the guest of honor – St. Patrick himself – wasn't Irish. He was a Briton of Roman citizenship, kidnapped and enslaved by pagan Irish.

If you love beautiful music and liturgy, come join the intergenerational Mass of school children and parents, parishioners and members of the Carver County community, come to this beautiful celebration. Many participants, if pre-registered, will be heading to *The Lodge* at the Chaska Community Center for corned beef and cabbage and more music.

Saintly Solidarity with the Un-employed, Under-employed, and Mis-employed

St. Joseph is the patron saint of work and workers. His feast day's celebration will be at **8 a.m. on Friday, March 19**, at Guardian Angels Church. The recession has brought a lot of unemployment and employment challenges to our community. All are welcome to not only pray for those individuals and families challenged in this way, but to also come and learn what Guardian Angels community is doing to help. Tom Green, the head of G.A.'s employment ministry, will be speaking at the half-hour celebration.

LENTEN TAIZÉ PRAYER SERVICE

Meditative Singing with Possibility for Individual Confession

Reconciliation Service open to all: **March 21, Sunday, 7 to 8:30 p.m.**, Guardian Angels Church, downtown Chaska. Just look for the tallest steeple. Come for the meditative singing and instrumental music, and the quiet in between. If moved by the Holy Spirit, you may also have your confession heard. There will be nine confessors to hear individual confession.

Taizé (pronounced teh-ZAY) singing is prayerful, simple, meditative singing with icons; it comes to us from the ecumenical Taizé monastic community.

Singing is one of the most essential elements of worship. Short songs, repeated again and again, give it a meditative character. Using just a few words, they express a basic reality of faith, quickly grasped by the mind. As the words are sung over many times, this reality gradually penetrates the whole being. Meditative singing thus becomes a way of listening to God. It allows everyone to take part in a time of prayer together and to remain together in attentive waiting on God, without having to fix the length of time too exactly.

Guardian Angels music director, Teresa Schmidt, and its liturgist, Randy Symanitz, bring back this incredibly popular liturgy to our parish this Lent. All are welcome. 215 West Second Street, Chaska ~ 952-227-4000 ~ www.GAchaska.org

Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord

Jesus' Conception

Thursday, March 25

8 a.m. Word & Communion Service, with Deacon Gregg Sroder presiding
12 noon Mass, with Fr. Paul Jarvis presiding ~ remembering the unborn

Lunch Menu Changes

Mar. 12

Cheese Quesadilla
Seasoned rice
Corn
Fruit

Mar. 24

French toast Sticks
Sausage Links
Apple Sauce
Juice

Mar. 26

Shrimp Poppers
Cheese Stick
Oven Potatoes
Roll/fruit

"Angel Club" (School-Age Child Care) During Spring Break

Plans are under way for some fun days at Angel Club during Spring Break! We will be open for full day care on Monday, March 29th; Tuesday, March 30th; Wednesday, March 31; Tuesday, April 6th; Wednesday, April 7th and Thursday, April 8th. We will be open 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. each of those days. We will be able to take a few more children on those days, on a first come, first serve basis. Please call Deanna Rosenwinkel ASAP if you are interested in getting more information about having your child attend (952-227-4088).

Share the Spirit

As of Thursday, March 4, we are in third place. We can do it 😊 Thanks!

Blessed Bee Clothing Donations Due Tomorrow--March 12th is the last day to bring in gently used spring/summer clothing for Blessed Bee. Erin, Jack and Madison will be here on Friday to tally clothing and determine the class that earns a pizza party. So, look thru those closets, drawers, storage bins etc. for clothing items that are gently used and you or your child no longer wears or have outgrown and bring them into the school. There will be bags in the classrooms for the kids to deposit the items. (Please note that Blessed Bee cannot accept donations of shoes, maternity clothes, uniforms, underwear, robes, adult pajamas and items with corporate logos.) This is a wonderful way to help your community and people in need as well as get your closets cleaned out! We appreciate your help and support with this project! Bring on the clothing items and let's see who can bring in the most!

The Penny War has ended! The service club has finished counting and we are pleased to report that over \$1,000 was collected for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society by GA students! Some highlights include Ms. O'Donnell/Mr. Jones' homeroom who brought in over \$132 during the 2nd week alone of the Penny War, the Pre-K students brought in over \$70 for the cause, and 4 classes were above zero during the 2nd week—Ms. Hoen's Kindergarteners, Mrs. Scott's 1st Graders, Ms. Hritz's 2nd Graders and the Jones/O'Donnell Homeroom. The drawing for donations occurred on Friday afternoon. Anne Richelsen won the \$25 Target gift card, Denae

Rothmeier was awarded the \$15 Rex Theater gift card, and Grace Crowell won the "Mystery Bag" (which contained a \$10 Tommy's Malt Shoppe Gift Card and other various goodies). Mrs. Amy Gallus & the Middle School Service Club

It's Prairie Fire Theatre time! The cast is set!!

"Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs" will be performed two times next week.

Friday, March 19th at 1:30 & 7:00 p.m.

Price: \$3.00 for adults

\$2.00 for seniors or HS students

Cast: Be sure to stay after school on Monday for auditions to determine which role will be for you! Most students will be finished by 6:00 that evening, a few members with larger roles will be asked to stay later. A quick snack and clothing change can be brought with. Any questions, please contact Mrs. Amy Gallus or Mrs. Jeanne Karschnia.

Calendar of Events:

Mar. 12 – **Parent Drive Day AM/PM**

Mar. 12 – Report cards sent home

Mar. 15-19 Prairie Fire Theatre begins

Mar. 16 – 6:30 SAC

Mar. 17 – 8:30 Honor Roll Breakfast

Mar. 17 – **9:30** Mass (Grade 4)

Mar. 18/23– Conferences (4-8 pm)

Mar. 19 – Prairie Fire Theatre Performance (gym)

1:30 pm & 7:00 pm

Mar. 20 – Movie Night SFH

Lunchroom & Playground Helpers

			Lunchroom	Playground	Playground
Mon	March	15	Maddy Perrill	Anne Hajek	Michael Braden
Tues	March	16	Marie Guillemette	Jessica Oberpriller	Tedie Fahey
Wed	March	17	Michelle Paradise	Jen Dowling	Tina Holmstadt
Thurs	March	18	Nancy Tufto	Michelle Schaffer	Joan or Mike Shelley
Fri	March	19	Lora Hicks	Candy Almquist	Tim or Peggy Kaufhold

We have some open slots for lunchroom duty coming up on Wednesdays if anyone could help us out please go to the online sign up for lunchroom.

Sports Corner

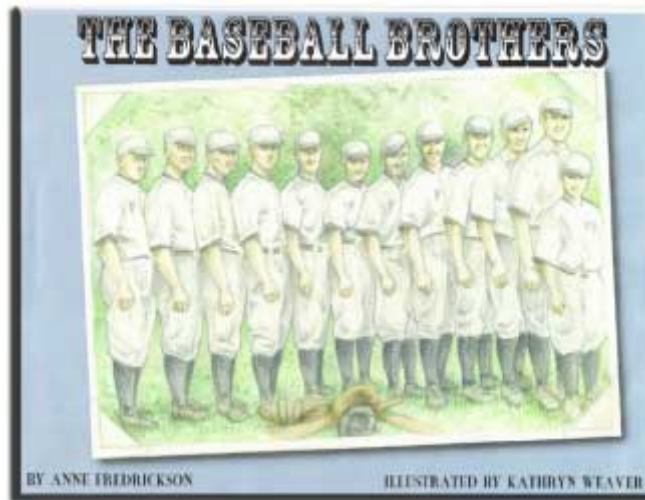
Basketball Uniforms: are due in the office by Monday, **March 15**

Please make sure they are labeled with your child's name. *Deposits will be returned once uniforms have been checked and if they are received on time and in satisfactory condition.

Sports Banquet: Any parents interested in helping to plan the sports banquet (Sunday, May 16th), please contact Mrs. Tesch: mtesch@gachaska.org.

Reminder: Applications for the Tom Epperly Scholarship are due Friday, March 19th.

Children's Author **Anne Fredrickson**
is coming to our school
March 25!



Mrs. Fredrickson is the author of **THE BASEBALL BROTHERS**, which tells the true story of 12 baseball playing brothers from Lakeville who made history. Through working together on the farm and playing together as a team, the brothers developed lifelong friendships. Their unique team is noted in a display in the National Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, N.Y. The book is a tribute to baseball and a celebration of family.

The book retails for \$12.95 + tax, but is available to us at a 20% discount on or before the day of the author's visit. To pre-order and ensure your child's copy is signed by the author, please fill out the form below and return by **March 24**.

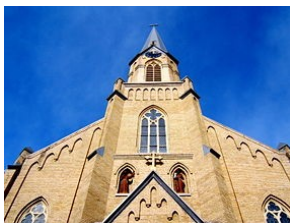
Checks made payable to White Barn Books

Child's Name: _____ Grade: _____

Number of copies at \$11 (\$10.30 + .70 tax): _____

Total Amount Enclosed: _____

Guardian Angels Movie Night



Happy Spring!

Celebrate Spring with your family and ours!

Phone: 95327-4007
E-mail: eklinker@gachaska.org

Join us **Saturday, March 20** after the 5pm Mass for two family movies - *Veggie Tales - An Easter Carol* and *UP*. Each are wonderful movies to watch with your family while enjoying the company of your Guardian Angels family.

The movie is free of charge; snacks and a light supper will be sold for \$.50 - \$2.00 each. Bring your family and friends, some comfy clothes, and perhaps pillows and blankets for a fun family evening. Show time for *Veggie Tales* is at 6:45pm in Saint Francis Hall, *UP* will begin immediately after.

We look forward to spending the evening with you and your family!