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Items sent home the week of April 26, 2010:

- Women's retreat (attachment)
- Food Service Policy (attachment)

Dear Parents,

This weekend is Spring Fling – no news to anyone! But I have 1 more pitch to make when you are thinking of what you want to make sure you 'possess'. If you were at last Thursday's Spring Concert, which was wonderfully entertaining and well done, you may have noticed the Gess family and the Radick family – way up in front and enjoying a pailful of treats! That can be your family at either concert next year! Just bid on front row concert tickets, and you can get the best photos in the house – no heads in the way!

That, of course, is just one of many fun things. If for some reason you can't make it Saturday night, aside from feeling bad for you, there are ways you can be part of the action – just go to the website. Just as high school students get excited for their prom, there is a buzz in the air for GA adult supporters anticipating a great evening. I know we have a whole list of folks who have been working behind the scenes to make this the best Spring Fling yet. We have to acknowledge one, however, who would have had an easier time if she just moved in for a while – and that is Beth Melander!

We are really looking forward to having our special day next Wednesday. We have over 70 guests staying for lunch following a Mass, May crowning, Book Fair and student art displays, so we hope it has something for all of our guests. Grandparents and guests are invited to go to St. Francis Hall from 9:00 until students process over to Church at 9:45. Mass will begin at 10:00. The Gym and the hallways will show off our student art work and projects. The stage in the Gym will be the home of the half price Book Fair. Please take a look, maybe buy a gift for the grandchildren and help GA at the same time.

Our 8<sup>th</sup> graders had a wonderful trip to Washington D.C. and represented our school well. They covered more ground than you could imagine! Mrs. Girard prepares them well over their 2 years of American history and they learned a lot and had fun too. All three Middle School groups had a track and field day this week at Holy Family High School. The 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> graders went to the hospital in Waconia, and there are field trips still coming up.

#### **Thank yous**

- To Kris Schliesman, box top coordinator, and those of you who turned in your box tops – we received a check for \$1064.30
- To Kris Westin who designated GA to receive donations from her company
- To these students who voluntarily chose to help clean up after the concert – Andy, Grace, Emma Crowell, McKenna Mechtel, Jenny Miller, and Jenna Gagnon
- To the second grade room parents Lyn Heiland, Jane Miller and the other second grade parents, Carla Shermock, Maddy Perrill who helped with treats for the spring concert
- To Michelle Godzak and Heather Hessman for treats/fruit for the staff
- To Lisa Aberle and Michelle Godzak for their help in the school office

**Congratulations** – to all of the Guardian Angels students making their First Communion this Sunday. We ask God to bless them in a special way on their big day. Also, check out the plaque hanging outside the school office for Pennies for Patients. We came in 9<sup>th</sup> place of schools with less than 200 students, throughout MN.

**Warm Weather Reminder** – although GA doesn't have a uniform shoe, we do not allow crocs, sandals, and flip flops. With Phy Ed class and steep steps in an older building, they are just not safe!

**Tomorrow, Friday, April 30<sup>th</sup> – Spirit wear day ☺**

May will go really fast, and then summer approaches. Don't wait for too much extra time to open up for your child. Some of our offerings need to be confirmed very soon because they are offering programs all over the Metro area. Take another look at the Summer Offerings Booklet, or call us for more information.

The GA staff is looking forward to celebrating with you on Saturday evening. I know Mr. Leach and Mr. Jones are getting all set for their part!

Blessings,

Nancy Ronhovde

**Scholastic Book Fair Diner Reopens**  
**Special of the Week – 50% off all Items**

The Book Fair Diner will be open on Wednesday, May 5<sup>th</sup> in the school gym stage from 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. during Grandparents'/Special Person Day. We will also be open in the evening from 5:45 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

What a great way to stock up for summer reading as **all items are 50% off!**

In an effort to streamline the Teacher Wish List process for Grandparents'/Special Person Day, personalized gift certificates will be available to purchase for all teachers/SACC. Remember that all gift certificates have double the value. A \$5 gift certificate turns into \$10 in books because **all items are 50% off.**

Also available - \$5.00 student gift certificates.

Teacher Appreciation Week is May 2-8<sup>th</sup>. Personalized Scholastic Book Fair gift certificates are available in any dollar amount as a great year end thank you for any teacher/SACC. Gift certificates will be available during Grandparents'/Special Person Day, as well as through the school office. Just enclose your money and specify which teacher/SACC, how much, and who it is from on a note addressed to Book Fair. Gift Certificates will then be distributed to teachers/SACC. **Volunteer opportunities are available for Book Fair. Please check out the GA website to sign up.**

### Junior Great Books 2009-10 Wrap-up

Congratulations to the following students who participated in this year's Junior Great Books program. These students met for 8 weeks to discuss literature with a parent/teacher volunteer. The program is designed to advance students' reading comprehension and vocabulary, and provide opportunity to analyze and discuss ideas relating to the stories. **Grade 2:** Kalie Dahl, Harrison Michael, Kate Perrill, Logan Radick, Patrick Tierney and Sophia Yuhas. **Grade 3:** Grace Becker, Sarah Gonsalves, Nate Erickson, Wyatt Hessman and Emma Tierney. **Grade 4:** Hayley Hass, Denae Rothmeier, Kathryn Shelly, Drew Stoffel and Katie Farr. **Grade 5:** Steven Karschnia, Zac Gallus, Lauren Vettel and David Zupan. **Grade 8:** Sierra Vettel, Annie Richelsen, Paige Nault, Sarah Almquist, Kristen Matthews, Sammie Schierman, Luke Melander, Connor Herd, Brent Hentges, Anna Herd and Madison Koebnick.

**A HUGE Thank You to the volunteer leaders this year! Martha Radick, Sandy Kehrwald, Terri Farr and Lisa Aberle.** We couldn't have provided this service to our students without your faithful, generous assistance. Jenny Richelsen (Jr. Great Books program coordinator)

### Vacation Bible School

**What:** It's time for Guardian Angels VBS! Let's go on a High Seas Expedition!

**When:** June 21st - June 25th, 9:00am– Noon

**Who:** All children entering Kindergarten - 4th grade &  
Children entering 5th - 8th (as junior leaders)

(fees include one High Seas CD per family)

(Financial assistance available)

**Cost:** \$40.00 for participants and \$20 for junior leaders

At this year's **High Seas Expedition**, kids explore the mighty love of God on a journey that will change them forever! Bible point crafts, team building games, cool bible songs, and tasty treats are just a few of the activities that help faith flow into real life. Plus, we'll help kids discover how to see evidence of God in everyday life—Something we call God sightings!

To register please go to our website [www.gachaska.org](http://www.gachaska.org)

### **Prayer Corner**

For Jeff Jones who will be having surgery

**Women's Mini-Retreat "Spring Buds and Hearts: Learning to Embrace Change" (see attachment). If you'd like to deal gracefully with the changes in your life, this retreat's for you! On Saturday, May 15<sup>th</sup> from 9am - noon join us for a wonderful combination of music, prayer, laughter, small-group discussion and quiet reflection. This uplifting 3-hour retreat will be led by Jane Leyden Cavanaugh, founder of The Vineyard. Suggested donation is \$22. To register, call the church office at 952-227-4000 or go to our website [www.gachaska.org](http://www.gachaska.org).**

### Lunch Changes

#### May 5

Spaghetti meat sauce/noodles

Salad

Breadstick

Fruit

Ice cream bar

#### May 7

Super Taco Meat Nachos

Cheese Sauce

Fixings

Fruit

Churro

## Guardian Angel's Basketball Tournament Last Weekend-Update

For those of you who didn't make it, the GA 3rd Annual Men's Basketball Tournament was another success. The weather held out Friday evening and 250 seminarians, priests, GA parishioners and others enjoyed a fantastic tail gater hosted by John & Martha Radick. After, the lower seminary, St. John Vianney, defeated the upper seminary, St Paul Seminary, only to lose to a ragtag team of Archdiocesan priests. This unlikely victory over the younger, better skilled and more athletic seminarians was referenced in Archbishop Nienstedt's prayer after the game as a "miracle." Saturday and Sunday featured 21 games among 12 local parishes. St. Mark's in Shakopee once again won the tournament and took the coveted "ugliest" basketball trophy. Our own GA team played valiantly with 1 victory and 2 loses. A special thanks to all who helped set-up and run concessions - especially the boys 8th grade basketball team that helped get the tail gater set-up! Obviously a big thanks to Nick VanDenBroeke who organized the tournament and his family for the massive amount of work they did before and during the weekend. Thanks! Mike Richelsen

## Share the Spirit

Guardian Angels School is running neck and neck with Chaska Middle School East for the 2nd and 3rd place donations in Fresh Seasons Market's Share The Spirit promotion. The contest ends April 30<sup>th</sup>. Thank You for participating in Share The Spirit at Fresh Seasons Market! You have helped so much already, could we ask one **BIG** push tonight and tomorrow!!!

### *Calendar of Events:*

April 30 – 9:30 – Kindergarten round up (**NO KINDERGARTEN**)

April 30 – Spirit Wear

May 1- 9:00 AM 1<sup>st</sup> Communion Rehearsal

May 1 – 6 pm-midnight Spring Fling !!!

May 2 – 2:30 PM 1<sup>st</sup> Communion

May 5 – 9:00 AM Grandparents' /Special Person Day

May 5 – 10:00 AM Mass

May 7 – 6:00 PM MS dance

May 12 – **11:10 AM LATE START DAY!! NO MASS**

May 13 – 9:20 MASS – Archbishop Nienstedt

May 16 – Athletic Banquet

## Lunchroom & Playground Helpers

			Lunchroom	Playground	Playground
Mon	May	3	Carla Shermock	Melissa Nault	Jill Busch
Tues	May	4	Marie Guillemette	Kris Janey	Brooke Richards
Wed	May	5	Jackie Weber	Jodee Korkowski	Marie Guillemette
Thurs	May	6	Stacy Dunlap	Greg / Lori Osterdyk	Tami Hed
Fri	May	7	Kathe Matthews	Teresa or Chris Gess	Jane Miller

## **SPORTS CORNER**

**Varsity Softball** Game Today @ SACS in Shakopee 4:30 p.m.  
Game Tuesday, 5/4 @ Minnehaha South Campus 5:00 p.m.

**Mark Your Calendars!** On Sunday, May 16 we will be having the first annual Athletic Recognition and Awards Reception. E-vite invitation, coming to all GA athletes!