

Guardian Angels School
217 West Second Street
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Items sent home the week of September 8, 2009:

- Boy Scouts (flyer)
- AngelFest & Parade (flyers)
- AngelFest Dinner Ticket Order Form (flyer & attachment)
- Sports grades 4-8 (flyer)
- VIRTUS classes (attachment)
- Holy Family (attachment)
- Flyers were dropped off & available in the school office for Skate School, Chaska School of Dance, & Chaska Parks and Rec.
- Bulletin (sent home this week)

Dear Parents,

The new school year is off to a great start. We have 187 students in kindergarten through eighth grade and 35 preschoolers. Our staff includes some new and almost new faces – Ms Hoen in kindergarten, Mrs Hed in MS Spanish, Ms. Brusegard in 5th grade until after Thanksgiving, Mr. Leach in MS, Mr. Jones in Phy Ed and Health, Mr. Blaufuss in Technology and LA, and Mrs. Rosenwinkel in the Health office, as well as SACC Director. We welcome them and our new students to our school family. All of us are excited about and ready for a quality, action packed year ahead.

Some important first week business: If we do not have emergency information for your child or your signed handbook agreement, we will not be able to accept your child into class on Monday. Already, we are taking a risk not having that information in the event your child would become ill or injured.

H1N1

Both our Archdiocese and the MN Department of Health have given us information and procedures to help reduce our risk of exposure. All classrooms will be set up with hand sanitizers installed, some of which have already been done. You are certainly invited to send hand sanitizer with your child to be used in the classroom, before and after lunch, and recess. You are also instructed on the answering machine how to report an absence of flu like symptoms. As we receive directives and information updates, we will forward them on to you. Our crisis team will be meeting to formulate concrete response plans specific for our school, as a readiness precaution.

A VERY IMPORTANT INVITATION IS INCLUDED BELOW FOR 2 HUGE EVENTS AT GA: CURRICULUM NIGHT NEXT TUESDAY AND ANGELFEST ON THE LAST SATURDAY IN SEPTEMBER.

CURRICULUM NIGHT

Please join us on Tuesday, September 15th at 6:00 (revised from the parish bulletin). We will begin promptly at 6:15 with a full schedule of classroom presentations for all grades, Dr. Kahn and Father Paul, staff introductions, and a Washington D.C. meeting for 8th grade parents. We hope every parent can join us for an informative evening. Hospitality will be in the gym at 6:00.

ANGELFEST

If you haven't heard about September 26th, 11:00-11:00, and all the happenings, it's time to "get in the know". See the info from Father Paul about the "World's Shortest Parade", requests for help and for donations. Find a way to serve and bring everyone you know to make this the festival to end all festivals!!

*Tomorrow will be the kick off for Rake-A-Thon 2009. I can't spill the beans before the assembly, but you will be receiving your packet tomorrow and learning all the details in the days to follow. ☺

Thank Yous

- To all of you Target shoppers – we received our September check for \$2,582.53 – wow! We appreciate that you designate GA when using your Redcard
- To Clarence and Dorothy Kelzer for their generous donation of \$40,000 to help us with transportation costs and tuition assistance.
- To Sharon Menden, who saw a request for some "additions" to our Library, and gave of her time and talent to add "The Cat in the Hat" and "The Library Dragon" in the school Library. We currently have a ballot for our students to choose the next character to come to the Library – check it out!
- To Ted Janey for all the work on the school grounds
- To Heather Hessman and Michelle Godzak who prepared the first GA "Boo Hoo" breakfast this morning
- To Lora Hicks who prepared the packets of volunteer opportunities and has been working diligently to match needs with volunteers
- To Jenny Richelsen and Janice Dahl for hosting the Ice Cream Social for new and buddy families
- To the Holy Family Catholic High School Administrative Team for their back to school plant and well wishes & the use of a school bus for the 3rd grade fieldtrip
- To all of the helpers at our Back-to-School event: Tracy Huson, Nancy Tufto, Maureen Tesch, Lyn Heiland, Lora Hicks, Barb Winfield, Heather Hessman, Michelle Godzak & Debbie Knudson
- To these people who donated items to us for the school year: Kristine Scott, Debra Bates, Jeff Jones, Lora Hicks, Amy Pohlen & the Smed family
- If we have missed anyone, please let us know as our gratitude goes far and wide

This week's Discipline With Purpose skill has been "Listening". After 5 of us received training in the Lion's Quest Program this summer, we will also be piloting that program this year. Stay tuned on both...

For a short week to start the year, you are already deep into school information – enough for this week.

Welcome back! Enjoy this nice weather! Come visit us at the St. Nicholas Festival Saturday and Sunday – have some fun, join the parishioners of St. Nick's and stop by the school booth to say Hi!

Blessings,
Nancy Ronhovde

We are not able to answer the phones at the end of the school day from 3:40 pm-4:00 pm, when we are dismissing for buses. Please call before or after ☺

GA will not be featured in the Steamboat Days parade.

Little Ringers

Please join us this Saturday morning at 11:30 a.m. for practice in the church for the 5:00 Mass for the little ringers (prek-2nd grade).

Faith Formation

On Sept. 20th we will have our first youth group meeting in St. Francis Hall after the 10:00 Mass (also enjoy juice and doughnuts). Thank you.

Ms. Emily Klinker

Director of Faith Formation

Band

Is your child interested in Band? Beginning band will start with Instrument Night Open House on September 17th from 6-7:30 p.m. in the Music room for grades 4-8th Grade. Please bring your child and we can make a final selection on your instrument and a representative from Groth Music will be there to make arrangements for a rental of an instrument if needed. There was a brochure about the beginning band program in the Back to School packet. If you need that brochure or have any other questions please contact Theresa O'Donnell.

Calling All New and Veteran Servers

If you are in 4th grade or older and would like to become a server or if you are a current server, please attend the following practice.

When: Sunday, Sept. 13 6:30 PM

Where: Guardian Angels Church

Questions: Call Julie at 952-448-5532

AngelFest Dinner Tickets are available for presale at a discounted price! You can order them by filling out the **enclosed order form** and we will send the dinner tickets home with your child in a sealed envelope. Adult tickets are \$8.00 and children's tickets (12/under) are \$5.00. A delicious home-cooked meal of porkloin, dressing, mashed/potatoes and gravy, baked beans, cole slaw, roll, pie and beverage all included! Serving is from 5:00 -7:00 p.m. in the gym. Take-outs are available with these tickets if you prefer.

AngelFest

Help! We need your help to staff the upcoming Angelfest on Saturday, September 26th. There are numerous opportunities to volunteer: volunteer as a family, friends or just come to work & meet others. You can sign up to work in the dining since we're bringing back the dinner, you can work at many of the games or even some of the food booths. An online signup will be available shortly. Please watch the school website or church website to sign up online, or if you prefer, contact:

Maddy Perrill 448-2635 maddy@black-hole.com

Jessica Oberpriller 361-3165 Jessica.oberpriller@gmail.com

Thanks for your help!

Calendar of Events:

- Sept. 11 – Rake a thon Kick Off
- Sept. 14 – Preschool begins
- Sept. 15 – Preschool begins
- Sept. 15 – Curriculum Night (gym)
- Sept. 16 – Mass – 8th Grade
- Sept. 18 – First Marathon turn in day
- Sept. 22 - SAC
- Sept. 25 – Second Marathon turn in day
- Sept. 26 – GA Angelfest
- Sept. 28 & 29 Picture Day
- Sept. 30– LATE START DAY (school starts at 11:10am)

Lunchroom & Playground Helpers - please arrive at 11:00 a.m. for lunch & 11:20 a.m. for playground. This will really help us out !! Now that one parent is assigned to help in each area, it is VERY important that you come on your assigned day or find a replacement. At the very least, please call us if you are unable to make it - we must make arrangements for coverage.

Lunchroom Playground

Mon	September	14	Heather Hessman	Mark Robling
Tues	September	15	Marie Guillemette	Heather Hessman
Weds	September	16	Michelle Paradise	Mark Robling
Thurs	September	17	Jen Dowling	Mark Robling
Fri	September	18	Barb Winfield	Jane Miller

SPORTS CORNER

Soccer

Team plays their first game on Saturday, 10:00 a.m. at Our Lady of Grace in Edina.

Volleyball

Cub Team: Play on Saturday, at 8:00 & 8:45 at Chapel Hill in Chanhassen.

Varsity: Play on Thursday, Sept 17th at home at 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Please come out and cheer on our teams on their opening days! Go SABRES!!!

****Volleyball parents:** please remember that your help is needed to stock the concession stand. If you have not done so already please donate pop, water, Gatorade, candy or send in a monetary donation to help pay for items already purchased.

Volunteer Schedule for Thursday, Sept 17th

4:45 Line Judge – Melander & Oldsberg

Scorekeeper – Matthews

Concessions – Perrill

6:00 Line Judge – Knudson & Nault

Scorekeeper – Koebnick

Concessions – Smed

7:00 Line Judge – Wintroath & Melander

Scorekeeper – Matthews

Concessions – Koebnick

* We will also need someone on scorebook for each match. If you could help out, it will be greatly appreciated.

Basketball

Registration will be coming home today. If your child has any interest in playing, please send in your completed form and fees by **Monday, September 21st**. A question that is often asked is: “Will we have a team?” The answer is: Teams are based on the number of registrations received. Teams cannot be formed if your child is not registered in time. Please do not wait to see if we have a team first before sending in your registration.

VIRTUS Session MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2009 at Guardian Angels Church and School

All volunteers with in the Archdiocese St. Paul and Minneapolis must have both a background check and have taken Virtus session. This includes all volunteers at Guardian Angels some examples are (but not limited too); classroom volunteers, hall monitors, Sunday school volunteers, catechists, chaperones, coaches. Please make be sure you have completed both the background check and Virtus training before the beginning of the school year so that you will be able to share your gift of faith with our students. To pre-register, please visit www.virtus.org. It is very important that you pre-register to make sure your attendance is counted. It also lets the archdiocese contact you if your session is canceled. If the session at Guardian Angels does not work with your schedule, please feel free to choose another session listed on www.virtus.org . There are dozens of other sessions scheduled throughout the archdiocese and you may register for any session outside your home parish or school that's not listed as only for employees or volunteers of the hosting institution. If you have already attended a VIRTUS session, but did not pre-register nor post-register for that session at www.virtus.org, please do so to make sure you receive credit for attending. If you would like more information about VIRTUS, please contact Emily Klinker 227-4007 or visit www.archspm.org and click on "Protection of Children and Youth Initiative".

St. Patrick, Edina – 9/9/09 6:30pm
St. Michael, Prior Lake – 9/9/09 7:00pm
Our Lady of Grace, Edina – 9/10/09 6pm
St. Victoria, Victoria – 9/10/09 6pm
Pax Christi, Eden Prairie – 9/12/09 1:30 pm
St. John Neumann, Eagan – 9/12/09 4pm (in Spanish)
Immaculate Heart of Mary, Minnetonka – 9/12/09 9:00am
Guardian Angels, Chaska – 9/14/09 7pm
Academy of Holy Angels, Richfield – 9/15/09 6pm
St. Patrick, Edina 9/17/09 9:00am
St. Therese, Deephaven – 9/21/09 6:30pm
Shakopee Area Catholic Schools, Shakopee – 9/26/09 10am
St. Hubert, Chanhassen – 10/8/09 6:30pm
Our Lady of the Lake, Mound – 10/14/09 7pm
St. Victoria, Victoria – 10/19/09 6:00pm

AngelFest Dinner Ticket Order Form

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A delicious home-cooked meal of porkloin, dressing, mashed potatoes with gravy, baked beans, coleslaw, roll, pie and beverage all included.

Take-outs are available with these tickets if you prefer.

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Child's Name: _____

Teacher and Grade: _____

Number of Adult Tickets: _____

Adult: ___ x \$8.00 = _____

Number of Children's(12/under) Tickets: _____

Child: ___ x \$5.00 = _____

Total: \$ _____

Please include check (written out to G.A.) or cash with your order form and return to school. We will send home with your child your tickets in a sealed envelope. Invite your grandparents, neighbors and friends to take advantage of these presale prices. Dinner tickets at the door on the day of AngelFest will be \$10.00/Adult and \$6.00/Child.

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12 Hour Crop

Saturday, October 10th
10:00 AM -10:00 PM
Holy Family Catholic High School
8101 Kochia Lane, Victoria, MN 55386

Crop includes:

- Large space to scrapbook with friends
- Lunch, Dinner, and snacks
- *Close to My Heart* and *Stampin' Up!* Catalogs

Cost: \$35 (Early Bird Registration post dated by Sept. 15th: \$30!)
Sign up for a class to make a two-page layout. Register to make a Birthday and/or Halloween spread for \$10 each.
You will go home with extra paper and supplies from each class.

Registration is due September 25th. Space is limited.

Hosted by:

Rebecca Kennedy
Close to My Heart Consultant
www.rebeccakennedy.myctmh.com
Kennedyr3@yahoo.com
612-237-4725

Lynnae Bosch
Stampin' Up! Demonstrator
www.lynnaebosch.stampinup.net
L96bosch@embarqmail.com
952-466-9923

Contact either of us with questions.

12 Hour Crop Registration

Name _____

Phone Number _____ Address _____

Email address _____

People attending with you: _____

Any dietary concerns: _____

Early-bird Registration before Sept. 15:	\$30.00	_____
Registration:	\$35.00	_____
Birthday Layout	\$10.00	_____
Halloween Layout	\$10.00	_____

Total: \$_____

Make checks payable to Rebecca Kennedy and mail to Holy Family Catholic High School at 8101 Kochia Lane, Victoria, MN 55386 by September 25th.