



at Villa Maria
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February 1, 2016

Dear Parents,

GENERAL NEWS

If we need to have a **late start or cancel child care due to inclement weather**, we will get it on the local TV stations asap. Please call ahead (234-1854) to be sure we are open before you venture out.

Please remember to mark your child's blanket, pillow, coat, hat, boots, mittens, and belongings with his/her name. It makes sorting through items so much easier. **Also send proper outdoor clothing.** When the weather cooperates, we enjoy having the children outside for short periods of winter play. Thank you.

Cold and flu season is upon us. We are able to administer over the counter medications to your child **once you sign a medical sheet.** We are also able to administer prescription medications. If your child develops a temperature of 101 degrees, can not participate in the daily routines, or is in a contagious state, we will need to have your child leave Angel House.

KINDERGARTEN

We have started **registration for fall, 2016 at the Blessed Sacrament location.** If your child will be starting Kindergarten in the fall at Holy Cross (St. Michael's Center), and you wish him/her to be at our BS site for before/after school care, see me soon.

Kindergarten registration throughout the city is beginning. Feel free to ask any questions you may have about Kindergarten registration. It is wise to call and be sure your child's name is on the roster.

Kindergarten registration for Bishop Heelan Catholic Schools is during the week of February 15. Holy Cross School at the St. Michael's Center will hold Kindergarten registration at 1:00 and 6:00 on Thursday, February 18, 2016.

Each elementary public school has a different date for Kindergarten registration. The dates are posted in the Moonbeams/Stars classroom. You must attend Kindergarten registration in your 'home' school before transferring to a different school.

NEW PROGRAM

Angel House at both locations is participating in a new program called NAPSAC. (Nutrition and Physical Activity Self-Assessment for Child Care) This program is sponsored by the Siouxland District Health Department. Our center will participate in a self-assessment and develop an improvement plan with the help of a consultant from SDHD. Our staff will be involved in training and implementation of new policies to improve our child's nutrition and physical development. Attached please find a handout from NAPSAC.

VALENTINE'S DAY PARTY

We will celebrate Valentine's Day at Angel House on Friday, February 13, 2016.

The children will be able to bring Valentine cards to their friends for the party. To help make the distribution of Valentines easy, please sign your child's name on the back of the Valentine, but you don't have to address the envelope. On the day of the party we will hand the Valentines out to the children and send them home in a special sack which they will make at Angel House during art class. Angel House will provide the party snack.

If you want to send a surprise in the Valentine envelope, be sure to remember that **our building is peanut free**. All product must be in a factory package with the ingredients shown. **You must be sure that the package does not state that the product is made in a factory where peanuts are used. Thank you for remembering to check for all food and treats brought into the building.**

The following numbers will indicate how many Valentines to send with your child.

If your child is in the: **Clouds**, send 12 Valentines. Teachers are Mrs Peck and Miss Amanda
Rainbows, send 14 Valentines. Teachers are Miss Emily and Miss Annie.
Sunshines, send 17 Valentines. Teachers are Miss Jessica, Miss Roxanne
Moonbeams, send 20 Valentines.
Stars, send 20 Valentines.
Teachers for the Moonbeams and Stars are Miss Nicole, Miss Lisa, Miss Alyse, Mrs. Jaacks.

THEMES

The **themes for February** are as follows:

February 1 – Animals in Winter

February 8 – We Love Hearts

February 15– I Can Be Healthy

February 22 – People We Know

Valentine's Day parties on Friday.

Thank you for your support. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Marla Skadburg