

GUARDIAN ANGELS 2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR INFORMATION

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COST: A 20-hour card is \$95. There is also a \$15 registration fee/child. Unused hours will carry over into the next school year. However, we cannot return any money for unused hours if you don't need the program anymore. Weekly rate is \$80 for the first child and \$35 for each additional child for a 5-day school week.

PAYMENTS: I will let you know when your account is low or negative. Please square it up that week by sending in another check. You can drop it off when you pick up your child or send it into the office in an envelope marked GA or with my name on it. I deposit the checks that I have every Wednesday morning. Weekly families, please pay at the end of that week or beginning of the next week. Delinquent accounts will lose access to records and grades and Option C until paid in full. This will be enforced this year so please keep your accounts up to date.

PICK-UP: There will be a Guardian Angels sign that follows us wherever we go. It will be by the school office if we are in the library. It will be by the sign in the flowerbed near the sidewalk between Hilker Hall and the old rectory if we are in Hilker Hall. It will be by the playground if we are at the playground. Those are the main places. If we go to the Grotto or church for something, I will send an email to let you know we are doing something special that day. Use the walkie-talkie in the tote with the pink colored lid to talk to us. Just hit the button on the side and talk and then let go so we can answer you. Please DO NOT turn any of the knobs on top of the handset.

LOCATION: We are scheduled to be in the library on Monday, Thursday and Friday and then in Hilker Hall on Tuesday and Wednesday of each week. This can change if another activity is going on or the weather is bad and we want to stay in the library. That is why we ask that you please follow the GA sign. It will be wherever we are.

OUTSIDE: Whenever it is nice weather, we try to go outside and play. Feel free to have your child bring some clothes to change into in order to be more comfortable. No tank tops, short-shorts, sandals or flip flops are allowed and children must wear socks. We will go back to more dancing and working out this year, too. Also, please send in a water bottle that they can fill up to take outside. Before we go outside, we will all take a bathroom break, then after being outside a half hour or so, we will all come back in to take another water break/bathroom break before going back outside to play some more if time permits. We cannot have our staff going back and forth to the bathroom with one child at a time every couple of minutes. Please tell your child to use the bathroom when we all go. If your child has a medical issue dealing with this topic, please let me know and we will by all means help them.

SNACKS: Your child is welcome to pack a snack or extra lunch if he/she has a big appetite after school. They can eat it at GA whenever they like except for during "Quiet Time". Please be considerate of the children who have food allergies when you are choosing the snack for your child. Although we do not provide a daily snack to the children, we have parties and special activities where pizza and other food/snacks/drinks will be provided for the children. Other clubs and teachers think of us and often give us their left over food which we share at GA.

QUIET TIME: This usually starts around 3:30. The children will be spaced out away from their friends and must be quiet. Please make sure they have pencils in their backpacks for homework. So many children forget these. Please have one or two that remain in their backpacks for GA. We need them to do better at this and be prepared. If they don't have homework, they can read, rest, draw or whatever they want by themselves and no talking during that time. Then we will have another half hour of "Table Time." Here they can ask questions about their homework, check their homework with staff, older students or classmates or group study. We will have crafts, stories, games, puzzles or card games also available during this time. Here they can talk quietly so the older children can still finish their homework. There will be no playing or moving around during this time though, except to move to another table. I think it will allow more options than them sitting there for an hour when they don't have homework. Please encourage your child to do their homework during this time so then they can go play at night.

PERSONAL BELONGINGS: If your child has a special doll, blanket or teddy bear (These especially help our younger friends feel more comfortable.) that they want to play with, that is fine. Last year many children brought in Pokemon cards to play with and trade. They can bring in what they want (No electronics and No super balls). However, GA is NOT responsible for ANY coats, bags, glasses, homework, books, toys or anything else that gets broken, lost, misplaced or damaged. We try to instill respect for others and property, but they are children so if it is a treasured heirloom, I would highly recommend it stay at home. If someone leaves something at GA, we will collect it and put it in the school's lost and found each night. Also, if your child leaves something in the classroom, they are NOT allowed to go back upstairs. After you pick them up and sign them out, you can escort them upstairs and we will document that so we know who goes upstairs and when.

RESPECT: Our children are not allowed to touch the books when we are in the library. We will try to leave all the places we use cleaner than we found them. This includes the restrooms, (Where there will only be one at a time allowed to go and they will sign out and we will check the bathrooms periodically each day) library, Hilkert Hall, playground and anywhere else we go.

DISCIPLINE: The number one rule at GA continues to be "Safety First!" We will go over all the rules in the first weeks of school. We have so many great activities planned. We know that after being in school all day, it can be hard to be your best self, but we do need to be safe and respectful at all times. GA is a continuation of the school day and we follow the same rules as the school. The GA family is AWESOME and we want it to be a fun and loving time for the students. Ninety-eight percent of the children follow the rules and for that I am so grateful. My goal is to get the two percent who day in and day out choose to do their own thing to join us so we can do so many more fun things together. We will continue to keep track of incidences and write them in a notebook. If a child gets 5 tallies, I will meet with the parents. If they get 5 more, they will meet with Mrs. Cinadr (Principal) and Mr. Gasparro (Dean of Discipline). If the behavior does not improve, the child may be asked to leave GA. I'm not speaking of the tallies for talking. I'm focusing on the ones for bullying, hitting, spitting, kicking, punching, vandalizing the bathrooms or school property and disrespecting me, my staff or other students. I want this to be a fun, safe and loving place for all of the children at GA. I, my staff, the students and hopefully the parents will be kind, loving, respectful, helpful, gentle in words and actions and this will be the best year of GA ever! Please let me know if there is every anything I can do to make this an amazing experience for your child(ren). I want this to be the best program ever!

