



# GAZETTE

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## HAMMER TIME BY SHARON HAMMERSCHMIDT



Rain, rain, go away.... I think that we should be singing "cold, cold, go away!" **SPRING IS HERE!** I have spied the first red robin, the tulips are springing up and though the Tigers (as of this writing) have not won a ball game, there is the hope of new life.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you who helped make our Open House such a success. Thank you to all who were greeters and guides and for your openness and willingness to share the good news of Guardian Angels Catholic School. You only can make one first impression and you did a great job. The many students who worked in their classrooms, demonstrated activities and answered questions. The student ambassadors who toured and were questioned about the many different things that goes on in our school. They truly are pleasant and knowledgeable and I am very

proud of them as I am sure you are too. The teacher's for their willingness to say YES! Not just to teaching the daily subjects, but helping to form the mind, body and spirit of your children. We are in this together to "cultivate a caring Christian community."

There are many wonderful things taking place during the remainder of the month of April. The children had the opportunity to spend time with Mr. Vince Ambrosetti Monday afternoon and he led them in song and story. Please consider joining us Tuesday and Wednesday evening, April 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> for the Mission at 7:00 p.m.

**Tuesday, April 15, 7:00 p.m.** is the First Academy spring musical production. A group of Academy students will be performing a version of *Pinocchio*. They have been working hard under the direction of Ms. Amy Kurkiewicz with the assistance of Mrs. Laurie Wagner. The

younger students have been working hard on creating the set for this show under the direction of Mrs. Sara Provost and Ms. Melissa Beebe. Please consider joining us on Tuesday, 7pm in the Father Bretz Activity Center.

Our 2<sup>nd</sup> graders will be making their First Holy Communion the weekend of April 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> at the 4:30 p.m. and Noon mass. Please pray for them as they will be receiving Jesus for the first time. Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup>, 4:30 p.m. Bishop Quinn will be here to confer the Sacrament of Confirmation with our 8<sup>th</sup> graders. May they be enlightened and open to the gifts of the Holy Spirit that will come down upon them.

The "Children in Bloom Auction is right around the corner. Please consider joining us, Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> for this event. I guarantee you will have a great time. Also, if you are unable to attend the Auction, please

consider selling your raffle tickets. Each family was given \$60.00 worth to sell and if you are able to sell more, please contact the school office. The success of these fundraising events helps our school to enjoy many "extras" which enhance and enrich the educational experience of our children.

Congratulations to Jeff Haw, Daniela Munoz and Eddie Budeca who represented Guardian Angels Catholic School in the "You Be the Chemist" competition. Jeff and Eddie qualified for the state competition which will be held in Midland later this month. These student's put in extra hours to sharpen their knowledge of chemistry and competed against 6 other schools. Good luck Jeff and Eddie!

Also at the end of the month, we will have students from 6, 7, and 8 competing in Muskegon for the Annual Rocket Club competition. Good luck to all who will be competing.

## BRZEZINSKI'S BOUQUET



Reading month was an enjoyable month where students were racing across the United States by reading. We had 6 classes reach the finish line and then started swimming across the ocean by reading. I think they were trying to reach Hawaii. Congratulations to Ms. Beebe's third grade class who won 1st place and will receive a dress down day along with a pizza party. Ms. Karol's 2nd grade class came in 2nd and Mrs. Lampman's Kindergarten came in 3rd place. Our top

readers in each class were Nicole and Alex McIntosh, Jarod Amparo, Caleb Eisenbacher, Hallie Buckner, Mallory Johnson, Katie Newcomb, McKenna Dooley, AJ Rowe, Katie Sanocki, Rita Benjamin, Connor Moore, Hailei Ruhlman, Alyssa Gosselin, Samantha Casadonte, Derek Trumbo, Kayla Akey, Bethany Brown, Justin Kenney, Jaclyn Sanocki, and Ashley Thornton. Congratulations! During the month we ate green eggs and ham to celebrate Dr. Suess' birthday,

we received Hershey Kisses for the poems in our pockets and we all got together to read in our sleeping bags in the gym. Johnathan Rand (Michigan author) came to our school to talk to the students about reading and writing. The message he delivered was that books do not have book covers. They have doors and when you open it you are stepping into a journey across the pages. Our students took many journeys through the books they have read! Keep it up GA!



Mrs. Lampman's Kindergarten class sitting in front of their 132 tags from reading month. Great Job!

**MARCH STUDENT OF THE MONTH AWARDS**

6th Grade– Madison Adams  
Daniel Dorflinger

7th Grade– Bethany Brown  
Kayla Brady

8th Grade– Jack Trastevere  
Jonathan Rushton

**MATH-A-THON  
LENTEN PROJECT**

During Lent Guardian Angels Catholic School participated in the St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital Math-a-thon. Students got sponsors to pledge money for each math problem they completed in workbooks, on CDs, or online. We are very happy to announce that over \$3,900 was raised for this worthy cause. Thank you to all who participated.

**NEWS FROM THE ART ROOM**



Additional News!

Rejoicing in our Artists!

The annual YWCA Art Exhibit runs from March 31<sup>st</sup> to April 6<sup>th</sup>. This year we have 20 artists to proudly represent Guardian Angles Catholic School. The YWCA is located at 839 South Crooks in Clawson. This year our young artists are: Kindergarten students, **Sarah Schuller** and **Jack Theisen**; 1<sup>st</sup> grade artists, **Marisa Bui** and **Claire Dedenbach**; 2<sup>nd</sup> grade artists, **Julia Boswell** and **McKenna Dooley**; 3<sup>rd</sup> grader artists, **James Diamond** and **Angela Gosselin**; 4<sup>th</sup> grade artists, **Lauren Sharpe** and

**Gabrielle Tatuch**; 5<sup>th</sup> grade artists, **Kelsey Nowak**, **Andrew Jamil** and **Joseph Coyne**; 6<sup>th</sup> grade artists, **Justin Bui** and **Nicholas Gracey**; 7<sup>th</sup> grade artists, **Ellen Mayette** and **Crystal Deguzman**; 8<sup>th</sup> grade artists, **Mackenzie Kaiser**, **Katie Tomsick** and **Erin Mullen**. On April 6<sup>th</sup> from 2:00pm-4:00pm the YWCA invites these artists along with their families, and friends, to attend an awards reception. They will receive a certificate and gift from the YWCA from sharing their talents in this show. Here’s to another job well done G.A. Artists! God Bless each of you and thank you for sharing your talents!

We are also thankful to receive the news that our two young artists who were chosen for state judging were accepted. **Andrew Kolf** in Kindergarten and **Erika Banet** in third grade will both be in the **Elementary State Art Show**. This show runs from **June 19<sup>th</sup> to July 1<sup>st</sup> at the Michigan Library and Historical Museum, in Lansing**. They are in the category of top 100 elementary pieces statewide! We thank God for our talents and blessings!

**GAP NEWS**

It is so wonderful to finally see the flowers coming out of the ground, hearing the birds chirping and listening to the sounds of laughter of all of the children playing outside. Before we know it the school year will be coming to a close of another terrific year. There have been so many wonderful events that have taken place during the school year so far, with more yet to come. I just

want to thank the many volunteers for their help in making all of our events run smoothly.

**GAP MEETINGS**

Everyone is invited to attend the monthly GAP meetings. Babysitting is available if we have advanced notice. If you have any questions regarding the meetings or need a sitter, please feel free to give me a call at 248-894-5334 or you

can email me at [kristenraona@wowway.com](mailto:kristenraona@wowway.com).

We hope to see you there!!

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- 04-11-08 Market Day Pick-up Gym**
- 04-16-08 GAP Meeting 7 pm Library**
- 05-03-08 AUCTION**
- 05-14-08 GAP Meeting 7 pm Cafe (look for more upcoming events next month)**

**COOKIE PROJECT**



Thank you so much for your incredible participation in the G.A.School and Faith Formation Lenten Project, "Cookies for the Troops!". We collected **55** dozen cookies on the first drop off date, and **251** dozen cookies on the last drop off date, totaling **306 dozen** in all! We did the math,

and that adds up to 3,672 cookies for our soldiers in Iraq! We also appreciate the monetary donations to help with postage for the many boxes we sent to the soldiers! Together with G.A. Faith Formation, \$360 was collected to offset postal costs. Thank you so much for

your participation in this project! We worked together to share the love of Christ with our soldiers around the world! God bless you!

The Christian Service Committee of Guardian Angels Catholic School

# Comments from Mr. Kuhar the Campus Minister

This past weekend, the Gospel was from Luke and it was the story of the two disciples who were on their way to Emmaus when Jesus appeared and began walking with them. The disciples did not recognize Him until they reached their destination and Jesus then broke bread with them. They realized it was Jesus in the breaking of the bread. It was the action of Jesus that gave Him away. Our actions should also give us away. Those we meet should be

able to tell that we are Christians by our actions. As Christians we are called to love one another and to spread God's love. What a difference we could make if we all learned to truly love as God loves. Ghandi once said, "If Christians would really live according to the teachings of Christ, as found in the Bible, all of India would be Christian today." This quote, at first glance, seems like a very bold statement but yet when we see the difference one person can make in the world it seems

plausible. Mother Teresa is a prime example of one person making a huge difference in the world. She did everything out of love. This quote from her exemplifies this point. "Someone once told me that not even for a million dollars would they touch a leper. I responded: 'Neither would I. If it were a case of money, I would not even do it for two million. On the other hand, I do it gladly for love of God.'" Love is the greatest gift we can give to another. Let us all make a

resolution to be more like Christ and spread His message of love to all those we encounter.



## GA Auction News

"Train children in the right way, and when old, they will not stray." So Proverbs 22:6 tells us. Each Guardian Angels parent knows only too well the commitment required to teach our children well. The Guardian Angels Catholic School Auction is only weeks away. This important fundraiser will allow us to continue to provide funding necessary to keep GA the

wonderful school it is for our children. We aim to earn funding necessary to update our gym's sound system, among other capital improvements. Additionally, we hope to continue to offer the "extras" for the children and staff in the form of educational assemblies, like our Jonathan Rand presentation, and fun events, like Field Day. We ask you to

consider supporting this event in any way you can..... donate an item to be auctioned or consider a cash donation, place an ad in our Program, and please join us at the Auction on Saturday, May 3 for an evening of fellowship, shopping, dining and dancing! Invitations are coming home this week, so gather friends and family together and get your tickets



now!!

Our most precious blessing is our children and our hopes rest in their future. Let us make their school the best it can be. Have a blessed Spring and enjoy every moment of watching your children....in bloom.

## FOURTH GRADE NEWS

Time has just flown by for our fourth graders since the New Year began! So many exciting things have been going on for them. The fourth graders had so much fun at the Science Fair that they could hardly believe all of the learning they were doing. Catholic Schools week was also a lot of fun and was full of activities. The children had time to really reflect on how fortunate they are to receive such a wonderful education that also allows them to grow spiritually. It seems the VIP day was one of the favorite events for them. The children enjoyed welcoming a special person to share part of

their school day with. The reflection and gratitude for a Guardian Angels education continued as the children brainstormed ideas of why they are so blessed with some of the things they encounter before and after school, through and with the faculty and staff, as well as in their classrooms and in the parish. Their thoughts were made into posters and put on display outside the classrooms.

Science has been a source of fascination as students learn about matter, motion, and forces. Did you know that anything that has mass, has gravity? Coming attractions

include electricity and magnetism. Students will then be illuminated with light and sound concepts. As the year progresses, students are seeing the importance of math in science. The newly implemented Saxon Math program has been beneficial in preparing students to use math as a useful tool.

The fourth graders also took advantage of learning about black history and women's history this past month. The children chose their own books to learn from and had a choice of four report projects they could complete. Each student presented their projects to help teach the other fourth graders what they learned. The children were also able to experience the

plight of the Harriet Tubman and The Underground Railroad during a field trip to The Detroit Opera House. The children found the presentation to be very moving and could understand the sacrifice people made to help others be free and treated fairly, as we are all God's children. The fourth graders are looking forward to many more exciting learning experiences as we come closer to the end of the school year!





# Kriza's Korner



## April:

Augustyn, Aaron	1
Hanna, Mariam	2
Tatuch, Gabrielle	2
Gillette, Joseph	3
Jodway, Jamason	3
Michels, Michaelene	3
David, Julia	4
Meinecke, Kate	4
Jacques, Steven	5
Latif, Aaron	5
Drinkwater II, John	6
Harris, Nicholas	7
Haw, Meagan	7
Matthew, Lee	10
Busch, Christine	11
Decker, Jack	12
Carey, Steven	14
Kaiser, Mackenzie	17
Connert, Griffin	20
Krygier, Kaitlyn	21
Haught, Tiffani	22
Skrzypek, Dylan	22
Walker, Daniel	23
Sharpe, Lauren	25
Wisneski, Brian	28
Calu, Taylor	29
Coyne, Robert	29

The two boys were dressed and were ready to go. Excitement flooded their faces and all their talk was about only one thing: their father had promised to take them to the circus that afternoon! Dad came home from work and quickly changed into casual clothing. Just as they were about to leave the phone rang. The boys listened as their dad talked with the person on the other end of the line. Bit by bit their faces began to fall as they realized this was obviously a business call. Disappointment rolled into the room like a dark cloud. Their mom also overheard what she thought was the inevitable change of plans. Then to everyone's surprise, they heard Dad say, "No, I won't be down. It will just have to wait till morning." He hung up the phone and called for the boys to meet him at the car. As he turned to kiss his wife goodbye, she smiled, and with a tinge of fear that he may have made the wrong decision, she said, "The circus keeps coming back, you know". He replied, "Yes, I know, but childhood doesn't." Time goes so quickly. Enjoy your children today.

Psalms 127:3 Children are a gift from God: they are his reward.

## Michigan Catholic Credit Union's Angel Savers Club

### Punch Card Program

Don't forget to visit the club to get your new punch card:  
after you make four deposits, you'll receive \$1 cash!

Look for us at Guardian Angels on the following Wednesdays at 12:15 pm outside the library:

**April 16 & 30**

### **Heifer International**

The fifth graders have collected a little over five-hundred dollars to help people in the third world nations. We did this by collecting money from baked goods and school supplies sold at lunch time on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

The money we collected will be doubled through a matching grant of the Bill Gates Foundation.

Heifer International supplies animals for third world nation where one goat could be sold to build a small single room home. The four water buffalos that our fifth graders are buying will produce milk, cheese, and labor for planting crops for four lucky villages.

Thank you fifth graders (and parents) for supplying us with baked goods and Christian attitude.

### Angel Savers Club Prize for April

Make a deposit and get a chance to win

**\$10 CASH!**

For an application, stop by GA's main office or contact 12.866.NOW.MCCU and ask for Business Development. For an application, stop by .866.NOW.MCCU and ask for Business Development.



**See you there!**