



GAZETTE

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Principal: Ms. Sharon Hammerschmidt
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HAMMER TIME BY SHARON HAMMERSCHMIDT

“The outstanding strength GUARDIAN ANGELS CATHOLIC SCHOOL has is that it is TRULY A WARM AND WELCOMING PLACE.”

These were the first words the Accreditation Visit Team Leader, Ms. Pat Domagala, spoke to our faculty and staff as we gathered Friday after school. We had been anxiously waiting for the Site Team’s outcome. We know that we do a good job but hearing someone else say it makes it even better! Truly, the success of the visit rested with our entire community - students and parents, faculty and staff, and the parish community of Guardian Angels.

Our children were polite and enthusiastic. They were patient with the adult visitors and answered their questions with honesty and sincerity. They looked

them in the eye and spoke from their hearts. (Rule # 2 from our Essential 55) You have every reason to be extremely proud of them.

Thank you to the Parents, Parish Council, GA Committee members and Pastoral Staff who were bombarded with questions in the driveway or hallways throughout the three-day process. The Team really appreciated your openness. It is apparent that our students have learned their graciousness from you. Many of you offered your assistance throughout the three-day Site Visit. I am so grateful to all of you - from the women who served during Wednesday evening’s gathering to the team of Moms who worked with Mrs. Mona Hampton to ready the breakfast and lunch buffets. No easy

feat as they cooked, set the table, washed linens and dishes for Thursday, only to start the process all over again for Friday. Outstanding! One of the Team members thanked us for the extra pounds she put on during the three days.

Teachers, what a fantastic job you did as a steady stream of visitors came into your classrooms to observe. You didn’t skip a beat! You really modeled the ways we are “cultivating a caring, Christian community.”

One of our teachers shared a story of a preschooler that reflects how we live out the mission of Guardian Angels. When asked by a Team visitor, “Who is Mary? Do you have a statue of her in this room?” The young girl



pointed out the statue and responded, “She’s right here.” “Where’s Jesus?” the visitor continued. The youngster looked at the visitor quizzically and wondered why the visitor would ask that. She answered simply, “Why, He’s in my heart!”

At this happy, holy time, may you and yours share the child’s truth. . . **He’s in my heart!**



BRZEZINSKI’S BOUQUET



Thank you to our judges: Gary Lundy, Bea Lude, and Marylee Petty.

On November 20th, 36 students competed in the Declamation contest. Students select a poem, a children’s story, speech, or any other complete published work to memorize. The selection has a minimum of 100 words, not including the title. The student’s

recitation of the piece is a maximum of three minutes.

Teachers prepare the students by discussing delivery style, expression, volume, eye contact, and gestures. Students memorize and perform the selection using only their voice and gestures. No props are allowed.

The winners from grades three through six are Inna Espinoza (3rd place), Lauren Sharpe (2nd place), and Adriana Tatuch (1st place). The winners from grades five through eight are Joey Fontana (3rd place), Julia David (second place), and Adele Jamil (1st place).

Congratulations!



NOVEMBER STUDENT OF THE MONTH AWARDS

6th Grade— Kayla Akey
Nicholas Gracey

7th Grade— Michael Benoit
Marisa Kujawa

8th Grade— Megan VanFleteren
Anthony Trotta

NEWS FROM THE ART ROOM



The 5th graders hosted an *Empty Bowls* event and made clay candy dishes in art class for the sole purpose of charity. The bowls were for sale at the parent teacher conferences and the money raised was given to *The Detroit Rescue Mission* to feed the hungry this Thanksgiving! These students raised \$240.00, enough to feed 123 people at Thanksgiving! Later in the school year these students will again make candy dishes, which they will keep as their own.

The 2nd and 3rd graders participated in *The Art of*

Childhood Exhibit with **Crayola** (www.crayola.com/ArtExpo). Second graders made coat designs in a project called, *Erase Shivering* and our 3rd graders made clay medal of honor for someone they appreciate. All of our 2nd and 3rd graders will receive a certificate of participation and have a chance to be selected by **Crayola** for more awards!

At last year's auction a family bid on and won *A Day in the Art Room* for their child and his class during the 2007-2008 school year. The lucky winner was in Mrs. Burke's 3rd grade class. On Nov. 15th these students spent the whole day in the art room,

making piggy banks for an Advent Penny Charity Project! Thanks to all these talented artists and to the Guardian Angles Art Angels club too. The Art Angels made several signs and poster for the WIND conference hosted at Guardian Angles early in November.



SACRAMENTAL BUDDIES

The eighth grade and second grade sacramental buddies had a special get together. After interviewing their second grade buddies, the eighth graders went to work to create a special book for the second graders. They

spent many hours writing and illustrating the books. On the day before Thanksgiving they presented the books to their buddies. They read the book and then the second graders read it back to them. What a wonderful job they did. The books

were exciting, colorful, and full of imagination. The second graders truly appreciated receiving them and are very thankful for their sacramental buddies.



FR. HOANG ADDRESSES THE FIRST AND SECOND GRADERS

Fr. Hoang Lam talked to the first and second graders about the Church Year. Father explained what colors were used during each season of the Church Year and why those colors were chosen. He showed the children the

vestments worn by the priests and deacons and explained the differences between them. The children were very attentive, asked many questions, and learned a lot. Thank you, Fr. Hoang, You're the BEST!!



Comments from, Mr. Kuhar, the Campus Minister



As we enter into the Advent season of waiting or better said, preparing, we should recognize that our whole life is one of preparation. Just as during Advent we prepare for the coming of Jesus, our life is one of preparing for our coming home to Jesus. Our purpose in this life here on earth is to follow the will of God and to prepare for the life which is to come. The will of God is one of happiness and peace. God only wants what is best for us and asks of us only that which is good. We become trapped when we live in our human weakness and failings but it is through the grace of God that one can live

a life of freedom and holiness. This is attained through the grace of the sacraments especially Eucharist and penance. What a gift God has given to us in sending His only Son Jesus Christ to take on human flesh and become one like us in all things except sin. Let us take advantage of this wonderful season of Advent and come to the parish penance service on Monday, December 10th at 7 P.M. Come and ask the Lord for wholeness and grace in this sacrament of healing.

The next Junior High Youth Group is meeting on Dec 9 at

the 10 A.M. Mass followed by a shopping trip for Christmas presents for those who are in need. We will then meet again on January 6th from 4-6 P.M. (extended time) for a movie and snacks. I hope and pray that you all have a very blessed and fruitful Advent and Christmas Season and that you come to experience the gift of the Christ child in a whole new way!



December:

Eisenbacher, Caleb	1
Savino, Salvatore	2
Daoud, Isabelle	4
Palmeri, Aaron	5
Pinili, Romina	5
Casadonte, Christina	6
Casadonte, Samantha	6
Fava, Dominic	6
Isbell, Jennifer	7
Sundi, Markisha	7
Ko, Brandon	8
Frederick, Brianne	11
McGowan, Katelyn	13
Pinili, Olivia	15
Banet, Elizabeth	16
Dolphin, Jeremy	17
McMurtry, Alyssa	17
Kowal, Lauren	19
Mei, Nathaniel	20
Dorflinger, Anna	22
Maten, Andrew	22
Micu, Alexander	24
Kernen, Griffin	26
Naoum, Christina	27
Augustyn, Amanda	28
Kolf, Andrew	28
Campanelli, Lena	29
McIntosh, Nicole	29
Brady, Matthew	30
Bromm, Katherine	31
Landrith, Matthew	31

January:

Jeffries, Natalie	9
St. Onge, Dallas	11
Gosselin, Alyssa	12
Ruzycki, Thomas	13
Banet, Jacqueline	14
Childs, Donte	15
Rowe, AJ	15
Tomsick, Katie	17
Michael, Ryan	18
Newcomb, Nicholas	19
Tatuch, Adriana	19
Walmsley, Rachel	19
Bell, William	20
Sust, Taylor	20
Watson, Carissa	21
Paparisto, Giorgia	25
Bee, Marisa	28
Farhat, Alexandria	28
Ruhlmann, Hailei	28
Tenant, Brady	28
DeLaRosa, Gina	30
Kujawa, Marisa	30



Look who came to visit! Mrs. Riesner brought in Emma for a visit during our pizza luncheon sponsored by GAP. Mrs. Riesner taught fourth grade and took her maternity leave at the end of the year. She decided to stay at home and raise this little cutie!

NICE JOB THIRD GRADERS!

The 3rd grade participated in Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF, the original kids helping kids project. This annual Halloween campaign has empowered generations of children in the US to make a difference in the lives of their peers around the globe. UNICEF helps the most disadvantaged children no matter where they live in 156 countries around the world. By participating in this worth

while project, our 3rd grade class raised **\$295**. This money will provide 104 packs of food rations for use during emergency situations and immunize four children from diphtheria, measles, polio, tetanus, tuberculosis and whooping cough.

Ms. Beebe and Mrs. Burke are extremely proud of their students. They believe that

this will help develop responsible, caring and compassionate children. And, in the end, isn't that the an extremely important aspect of our student's development?

For more information about this fundraiser, please visit www.unicefusa.org/trickortreat

AR Top Readers for First Quarter

Third Grade

Michelle Lee (15.5 points)
Angela Gosselin (54.5 points)

Fourth Grade

Keara Skoglund (14.4 points)
Elizabeth Dierker (27.8 points)

Fifth Grade

Kristen Derby (52 points)
Griffin St. Onge (94.4 points)

Sixth Grade

Derek Trumbo (75.4 points)
Joseph Pham (209.3 points)

Seventh Grade

Sarah Maskill (39.9 points)
Andrew Larkin (68.2 points)

Eighth Grade

Brenton Pippin (44.0 points)
Brandon Ko (75.6 points)

The Angel Savers Club

December

December's here and Christmas is on its way.

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

December 12th

Angel Savers Club in December

We're giving our Angel Savers a chance to win a Christmas gift for your family, friends, or yourself!

Make a deposit on December 12th and be entered to win

a \$50 AMC Theatre Gift Card!

See you there!



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



Bishop Foley News



Euchre Parties (3rd Saturday of each month)

Field House 7 p.m.

December 15, 2007

Contact: Mr. Reichenbach

Rbachome@aol.com



Merry Christmas Concert

December 18th 7 p.m. Café

Free will donation

Kriza's Korner



At this very hectic time of year I thought it would be appropriate to share with you a little reflection that I have turned to many times over the years to help me focus on what is really important.

Children spell love t-i-m-e!
"There are little eyes upon you, and they are watching night and day: There are little ears that quickly take in every word you say: There are little hands all eager to do everything you do. And a little boy or girl who's dreaming of the day they'll be like you. You're the little fellow's or lady's idol, you're the wisest of the wise, In their little minds about you, no suspicions ever arise! There's a wide eyed little boy, or girl, who believes you're always right. Their eyes are always open and they are watching day and night: You are setting an example every

day in all you do, For the little one who's waiting to grow up to be just like You!

Children believe in their parents and want to be just like them. You are the most important people in their lives. They will remember the example you set for them as long as they live. Savor the time spent with your children (or grandchildren) especially at this beautiful, joyous time of year. That is one of the greatest gifts you can give them and the one they will remember the most. May you have the Spirit of Christmas which is PEACE- The joy of Christmas which is HOPE and the Heart of Christmas which is LOVE!

GAP NEWS

November was a very busy month at GA for the children and the many wonderful volunteers that assist GAP with all the different activities that take place every month. The children were able to do their Christmas shopping during the Santa Secret Shop. And right before their Thanksgiving break they were able to attend the all schools pizza lunch. And now that December is here, I am sure that the children are probably counting the days until Christmas break begins. There are many wonderful things planned for 2008, please watch the GAZette for updates on the upcoming events. On behalf of the

GAP Board we would like to wish each and everyone of you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

GAP MEETING

Just a reminder: if you would like to attend a GAP Meeting and are in need of a sitter, please feel free to give me a call or e-mail me and I can make arrangements for a sitter. My cell number is 248-894-5334 or e-mail me at kristenraona@wowway.com We hope to see you there! GAP is looking for someone who would be willing to take on the role of President-Elect this year. We do not have one as of yet. If you have any questions on what the role of President -Elect is about please let me know and I will be happy to

answer any questions that you may have. If you or someone you may know may be interested please contact one of the board members: Kristen Raona, Christina Moore or Bruce Kowal.

UPCOMING EVENTS

12-05-07 GAP Meeting 7 pm Cafeteria
12-06-07 Feast of St. Nicholas
12-14-07 Market Day Pick-up
1-03-07 Hungry Howie's Sale Kick-off (1/3 thru 1/17)
1-11-08 Market Day Pick-up
1-16-08 GAP Meeting 7 pm Cafeteria (look for more upcoming events next month)