



# GAZETTE

Pastor: Fr. Gerry LeBoeuf  
Principal: Ms. Sharon Hammerschmidt  
Assistant Principal: Mrs. DeAnn Brzezinski

## HAMMER TIME BY SHARON HAMMERSCHMIDT



Catholic Schools Week "Celebrate Service" has come and gone. Yet the service that we do does not go away. We are blessed to be a part of a community that cares so much for others. This was never more evident than the last couple of weeks. We have a 1<sup>st</sup> grader (Samantha Mason) whose family suffered a house fire and the number of phone calls to help out in whatever way that was needed has been staggering. We are thankful for the prayers, visits and concern that continue to come in for Jessica Taylor (4<sup>th</sup> grade) who has spent the past week in the hospital. The families of GA have always risen to the occasion and I know that the spirit will continue.

I had the opportunity to talk with some students about Guardian Angels. I

asked them the question, "Why are you thankful that your parents send you to Guardian Angels Catholic School?" Their responses are from their hearts and they didn't have to take a long time to give me their answer.

Michael Benoit-8<sup>th</sup> grade, "I love the teachers because when you are struggling, they give you the help that you need."

Ricky Carey-5<sup>th</sup> grade, "I like the Catholic education, we learn about Jesus. We are also given more information about the religious in case we want to become a priest when we are older."

Jeffrey Davis-1<sup>st</sup> grade, "I do a lot of fun stuff and math is my favorite class."

Owen Groth-2<sup>nd</sup> grade, "I like the teachers."

Andrew Larkin-8<sup>th</sup> grade, "GA is AWESOME! They have sweet teachers and great programs such as Rocket Club and Band."

Lena Campanelli-Kdg., "I like my old friends and all the new ones that I have made."

Alex Maskill-4<sup>th</sup> grade, "I like that there are a lot of different activities for everyone to do."

Grant VanderKerhoff-Kdg., "I like all my new friends and I like you." (Give Grant an A+)

Our faculty and staff are truly **NUMBER ONE!** They share their gifts and talents with your children everyday. There are not many schools that can boast that they not only have one but two very visible priests who visit your children in their

classrooms. Fr. Gerry and Fr. Hoang, thank you for sharing your gifts with all of us here at Guardian Angels. Mrs. Szeligia, thank you for sharing your music with us and for teaching us so many great songs. I also want to thank our Latchkey staff, especially Mrs. Moore. I appreciate your time and devotion to our children. Finally, thank you parents for entrusting your children to our care. They are sincere and honest and truly are a blessing to all of us.

## BRZEZINSKI'S BOUQUET

We had so much fun during Catholic schools' week. We started off the week with Liturgy on Sunday and had an ice cream social right after Mass.



On Monday students were able to put on their Sunday best for an all school Liturgy followed by our school spelling bee. Steven Carey came in 1st place followed by Anna Cwiek in 2nd place. Gregory McMurtry came in 3rd place. Congratulations to all 34 participants!



On crazy hat day we saw some interesting looking hats (see below). Tuesday was also the day that students created snow sculptures outside. The snow was not packing



snow, but I was amazed to see a frog from the third grade and volcanoes from sixth grade. First grade did a chain of snow angels. It was nice to see all grade levels get outside and enjoy the snow!



VIPs joined us on Wednesday and enjoyed making projects with the students.

It is great to be part of a Catholic School.

# GAP NEWS

The Achatz Pie profit to GAP was \$1122.80, with many positive comments on the product. Delicious! Thank you Sue Brady, Tim Maskill, Cari Craig, and Tricia Dorflinger for all your help.

Hungry Howies brought in a profit to GAP of \$333.00. There were 119 pizza certificates sold. Thank you to Kristen Raona for volunteering your time.

For the month of January, Market Day brought in a profit of \$278.25, to be split equally between the Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts. Thank you Charlene Sharpe and Diana Palmeri.

Our school does rule!!!!!! We are currently in first place in the Oakland Mall "Will Your School Rule" contest. PLEASE continue to send in your receipts to the

office or take them yourself to the info booth down the hall from J C Penney to be tallied. The contest runs through March 31, and if we can maintain first place, GA will receive \$5000.00! Thank you Cathy Rowe for running around with receipts and keeping us informed of our position.

Also, thank you again Cathy Rowe for another family fun Bingo night on January 30.

And a huge thank you to all who have participated in and/or helped out with the fundraisers that have been going on. If you are interested in a chair position, GAP is in need of two Chairpersons for the following events:

**Field Day**  
Chairperson would be responsible for helping obtain and coordinate the activities, such as the inflatables and ice

cream cart. Help with the planning of the lunch menu, (what to serve, number of people expected to eat), coordinate volunteers, and get to school early in the morning the day of to arrange the gym activities. The Chairperson would work closely with Mr. Perry.

**Used Uniforms**  
Uniforms are collected, sorted and tagged. The sale occurs at the end of the school year. All clothing is brought to the school and arranged like a department store. People may call year round for uniforms and arrangements are made for delivery and payment, usually in the parking lot, or through the office mail. Must have a large storage area available. Usually encompasses one hour per week, except for the last two weeks of school

## JANUARY STUDENT OF THE MONTH AWARDS

- 6th Grade– Steven Jacques  
Jacob Raona
- 7th Grade– Anthony Ortisi  
Samantha Sell
- 8th Grade– Frank Shaya  
Sarah Maskill

when lots of donations are received and at the beginning of the year when parents are calling for clothes.

Call me or Ms. Hammerschmidt if you are interested.

Please stop in our next auction meeting. It will be held on February 11 at Guardian Angels. Come to listen or to get involved. Everyone is welcome!

## NEWS FROM THE ART ROOM

ART FLASH! Rejoice in the talents of our **Catholic Schools Week** poster winners! We had a school wide poster contest with this year's theme, **Catholic Schools Celebrate Service**. The winning posters are on display during Catholic Schools Week and again in March at the annual G.A. Art Show, which opens at our Open House (March 8<sup>th</sup>). **The Winners for**

**Kindergarten** were, 1<sup>st</sup> place, Janelle Johnson, and in 2<sup>nd</sup> place, Lena Campanelli. **In first grade** our winners were, 1<sup>st</sup> place, Marisa Bee, 2<sup>nd</sup> place Emily Williams and in 3<sup>rd</sup> place, Caleb Eisenbacher. **In second grade** our winners were, 1<sup>st</sup> place, Michael Galbenski, 2<sup>nd</sup> place, Jennifer Isbell and in 3<sup>rd</sup> place, Christina Casadonte. **In third grade** our winners were, 1<sup>st</sup>

place, Allison Goodsell, 2<sup>nd</sup> place, Mackenzie Kernen and in 3<sup>rd</sup> place, Sarah Kubik. **In fourth grade** our winners were, 1<sup>st</sup> place, A.J. Rowe, 2<sup>nd</sup> place, Erika Banet and in 3<sup>rd</sup> place, Michaela Dorflinger. **In fifth grade** our winners were, 1<sup>st</sup> place, Callaghan Tyson Mayer, and in 2<sup>nd</sup> place, Gabby Clipfell. **In 6<sup>th</sup> grade** our winners were, 1<sup>st</sup> place Marissa Medici, 2<sup>nd</sup> place,



Marianne Krause and in 3<sup>rd</sup> place, Izzy Marcellett. **In seventh grade** our winners were, 1<sup>st</sup> place Piotr Lewalski, 2<sup>nd</sup> place Kaithlyn Krygier and in 3<sup>rd</sup> place, Andrew Maten. **In 8<sup>th</sup> grade** our winners were, 1<sup>st</sup> place, Tiffani Haught and in 2<sup>nd</sup> place, Lynnette Pippin. Congratulations and Thanks for the inspirational posters!

# PRESCHOOL NEWS

I recently went to a preschool expo to advertise for our school. With over thirty different schools in attendance, I really wanted to make sure that I shared some of the wonderful unique things that happen at our school. There is always a big kid to help hang a coat, backpack or hat. Several times a year my preschoolers are read to, played with or given attention by an older student. This past week alone academy students have stopped to tie a

shoe, help zip a coat, or simply gave a friendly wave or smile. I believe that my students think that the Science Circus is put on just for them to enjoy.

The lower elementary students are always returning items that are dropped or lost. Again, this week some older children are looking through their old books and

giving them to the preschoolers to share and encourage reading skills. Many of the preschoolers have siblings, cousins or neighbors in our school. It is a great comfort to know that they are in school too. Some preschoolers have told me that they have waited their "whole life" to come to preschool just like their big brother or sister!

The best difference is that I can teach the children to pray and learn all about God in an environment that is an example of His great love.



# MINISTRY MINUTE



The church continues her celebration of the Year of St. Paul. The Feast day of the Conversion of St. Paul which was observed on Sunday, January 25, reminds us that we also are called to a deep conversion of devoting our life to Jesus. God, in his mercy and love, gave Saul a new name, a new life, and a new a personal relationship with Christ. There is no cost other than to be committed in faith as a member of the community of believers. As baptized Christians, we must admit

our failings and self-seeking needs, and be willing to sacrifice human goods in favor of union with Christ. We are called to be holy people dwelling in a holy land that prepares us for the ultimate kingdom of heaven.

With your guidance, the students have shown their commitment to their school community with acts of service, prayer, and sacrifice. The Advent collection of hats and mittens for the Capuchins and the

items of soap, socks, toothbrushes and toothpaste for Haiti were abundant! It showed that we do place the needs of others as a priority in these difficult economic times. God bless us as we grow in faith, hope, and love.



Grantling, Christopher	2
Kenney, Devin	2
Ferrara, Zena	5
Kujawa, Jacob	5
Dierker, Elizabeth	6
Austin, Alexandra	7
Gomez, Leonardo	9
Kotulak, Lilyana	10
Banet, Erika	13
Dorflinger, Michaela	14
Groth, Owen	14
Banet Jr., David	17
Padrick, Michelle	18
Raona, Joseph	19
Bui, Marissa	22
Groth, Ethan	22
Hill, Claire	24
Simmers, Jake	24
Clipfell, David	26
Raona, Joshua	26
Lewalski, Michaela	27



## MARKET DAY

February is Girl Scout and Library Book Month! All profits will go to the Girl Scout Troops of G.A. and if proceeds from the sale exceed last February's sale by 10% G.A. will also earn a \$250 gift card to Barnes and Noble to

purchase books for your child's classroom! We are confident that we will reach the sale goal of \$3563.00 with your help. Market Day is also offering a free insulated bag which is great for frozen food, picnics, etc to customers who place an order of \$35 or more in 2

or more months from February - April and place an additional order of \$35 in May! If you have never ordered before and have questions please contact Diana Palmeri 586-795-4282 or Charlene Sharpe at 248-740-0290!

## NJHS NEWS BY MARISA KUJAWA

The National Junior Honor Society is starting off with a busy year. On November 21, 2008 we had a Jeans Day for a canned good. If you brought in a canned good you could wear jeans. We are hoping that this will help fill up the St. Vincent de Paul food pantry!

We hosted a food fight where each classroom brought in as much food as they could.

Whoever had the heaviest box at the end of the week had a whole afternoon for a movie with popcorn.

The entire school brought in 1,374 pounds of food. The winners were: Mrs. Wagner's class with 235 pounds came in first place. In second place: Mrs. Salgat's class with 111 pounds of food. In third place: Ms. Karol's class with 106

pounds of food. We hope that this will really help the St. Vincent de Paul food pantry.



My sincere apology to: Hailei Ruhlmann, Lauren Sharpe, Gabrielle Tatuch and Callaghan TysonMayer who were accidentally not printed on the Principal's list on the last issue of the Gazette.

## Kriza's Korner



With Valentines Day upon us, I ran across this poem to share with you:

Sometimes when nothing goes just right and worry reigns supreme, When heartache fill the eyes with mist and all things useless seem, There's just one thing that can drive away the tears that scald and blind- Someone to slip a strong arm 'round and whisper" Never Mind;" No one has ever told just why those words such comfort bring, Nor why that whisper makes our cares depart on

hurried wing. Yet troubles say a quick "Good day" we leave them far behind when someone slips and arm around, and whispers, "Never Mind." But love must prompt that soft caress-that love must, aye, be true. Or at that tender, clinging touch no heart ease come to you, but if the arm be moved by love, sweet comfort you will find, when someone slips an arm around, and whispers, "Never Mind!" This poem reflects the comfort that only a loving touch can bring! Show your love for your children in the things you say and do and that love will be returned to you over and over

through the years! Celebrate your love for one another and Happy Valentine's Day!



### Angel Savers Club at Guardian Angels

February 4 & 28

11:30 am outside the library

#### "Make a Difference" Scholarships 2009

MCCU supports Catholic education and offers 2 \$500 scholarships every year to two deserving Guardian Angels families who make a difference in their school, church, and community.

Scholarship applications are available on GA's website and in the school office.

Scholarship applications are due to the school office by Friday, March 13 at 3:00 pm.

## BFC

### Foley Happenings

32000 Campbell Rd. 48071

Call for further details

248-585-1210

[www.bishopfoley.org](http://www.bishopfoley.org)

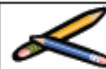


#### Euchre Parties

Field House \$10 Saturdays

January 17 February 21

March 21 April 18



#### High School Placement Test

Saturday, February 7<sup>th</sup> 7:30 a.m. - Noon

\$26 2 # 2 Pencils No Calculators

**REGISTRATION REQUIRED**

Also another opportunity April 4<sup>th</sup>

Call Mrs. Green

248-585-1210 x 131 to register



#### Class of 2013

Freshman *Express* Registration

Wednesday, February 11<sup>th</sup>

between 6 and 7:30 p.m.

This evening we begin the process of connecting your family to all the possibilities that Foley can offer.

# PRINCIPAL'S LIST 2nd QUARTER

## Mr. Webster—4<sup>th</sup> Grade

Erika Banet  
Inna Espinoza  
Ethan Groth  
Alanna Lewalski  
John Melampy  
Ryan Michael  
A.J. Rowe  
Michael Walker  
Erin Whitman

## Mrs Hammell—4<sup>th</sup> Grade

Claire Craig  
Michaela Dorflinger  
Angela Gosselin  
Alyssa McMurtry  
Katie Sanocki  
Justin Stark

## Mr. McClain—5<sup>th</sup> Grade

Rita Benjamin  
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Elizabeth Dierker  
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Sarah MeLampy  
Adriana Tatuch

## Ms. Dunham—7<sup>th</sup> Grade

Justin Bui  
Christine Busch  
Daniel Dorflinger  
Sara Gomez-Perez  
Jessica Klimushyn  
Kaitlyn Krygier  
Piotr Lewalski  
Serjan Lumani  
Clayton Schubring  
Megan Shaya

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Tiffani Haught  
Marisa Kujawa  
Gabe O'Neil

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## Mrs. Hammell—4<sup>th</sup> Grade

Brendan Baber  
Jack Beddow  
Brent Buttrey  
James Diamond  
Christina Gillette  
John Gonek  
Michelle Lee  
Zachary Nowak  
Raymond Pippin

## Mr. Webster-4<sup>th</sup> Grade

Felna Caparoso  
Jenna Landrith  
Alex Maskill  
Christopher Motowski  
Annie O'Neil  
Nicholas Peper  
Jessica Taylor

## Mr. McClain—5<sup>th</sup> Grade

Aaron Augustyn  
Elizabeth Banet  
Krista Bui  
Isabelle Daoud  
David Isbell  
McKayla Krygier  
Jake Simmers

## Miss Harlan—6<sup>th</sup> Grade

Samantha Casdonte  
Kristen Derby  
Cooper Gammon  
Reggie Golfin  
Brendan McGowan  
Sarah Padrick

Sydney Sell  
Emily Theisen

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Alexandria Stark

# CITIZENSHIP ROLL FOR 2nd QUARTER

## Ms. Beebe- 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade

Jennifer Banet  
Taylor Calu  
Donte Childs  
Emma Clemons  
Cameron Cope  
John Cynowa  
McKenna Dooley  
Amanda Hammond  
Nathan Jeffries  
Mackenzie Kernan  
Lauren Kowal  
Kathleen Newcomb  
Hannah Pattinson

## Mrs. Burke- 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade

Julia Boswell  
Jacob Bromm  
David Clipfell  
Shaun Davis  
Allison Goodsell  
Christopher Grantling  
Marisa Jacques  
Devin Kenney  
Laurel Krause  
Sarah Kubik  
Seth Richard  
Drew Schmidt

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This publication is a representation of the work and spirituality of the students of Guardian Angels. It reflects the mission of Guardian Angels to proclaim Jesus Christ through words and deeds.

This is the voice of the Academy.

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*"Make friends with the angels, who though invisible are always with you. Often invoke them, constantly praise them, and make good use of their help in all of your temporal and spiritual affairs."*

-Saint Francis de Sales  
Patron Saint of Journalists

Moderator: Ms. Laurie Wagner

## Miracle at Midnight

By Joey Fontana

This year's Christmas play was named *Miracle at Midnight*. It is a little program put together about the whole story of when Jesus Christ was born...well...midnight. The writer put the play in a new and funny way. It begins with the mayor of Bethlehem (**Cyndi Claucherty**), and her assistant Mr. Snitley (**Joey Fontana**). They are charging Bethlehem with another tax. In the meantime some angels, and Sergeant



(above) Sarah Padrick and Nicholas Necomb as Mary and Joseph.  
(lower left) Joey Fontana as Mr. Snitley and Cydi Claucherty as the Mayor of Bethlehem. (lower right) Marianne Krause and Katie Bromm as angels, Andrew Larkin as Sergeant Seraphim, and Rachel Walmsley, Samantha Casadonte, Kristen Derby, Gina DeLaRosa, and Tiffani Haught as the shepherds.

Seraphim (**Mari  
sa Kujawa, Katie  
Diamond, and  
Sara**

**h MeLampy**) set out to see Mary (**Sarah Padrick**), give birth to her child Jesus.

The art teacher here at Guardian Angels, **Mrs. Coyne**, said, "I thought it was delightful. The solos were very good. I was very proud of everyone who participated." **Tiffani Haught** (Reporter/Shepherd 5) said, "It was awesome. I had so much fun. This play was so much fun; I want to try out for the spring musical." Each scene of this play led into the children singing. They have all worked very hard in their music classes with **Ms. Kurkiewicz** (now known as **Mrs. Darling**), the music teacher and director of the play. The play went very well. Congratulations to all who participated!



# Five Week Averages....Oh My!

By Joey Fontana



The week of December 8<sup>th</sup> was five week average, also known as progress reports. I know that a lot of people dread progress reports, but for some, they were very pleased by their grades. I interviewed some of Ms. Eisenhart's homeroom kids, and they said they like progress reports because you get to see where you are grade wise so you can improve. For the people who really

hate progress reports, just think that this is only a PROGRESS report. You still have five weeks to bring up your final grade. Just try your best. That's the best you can do. What will your expression be?

## Mr. Cool is Out of School!

By Robert Coyne

Mr. H, A.K.A Mr. Hruszkewycz, is leaving Guardian Angels now that he is done with his student teaching. He was a favorite among the students and everyone enjoyed his fun methods of teaching and his crazy ties. We will all miss him and we wish him luck at his new job. I got to ask him how he felt about leaving:

**Robert Coyne:** How did you like student teaching?

**Mr. H:** I loved it all and everyone was extremely nice!

**RC:** Will you miss Guardian Angels?

**Mr. H:** Of course! I loved it here. It has been really fun.

**RC:** Are you happy to be leaving?

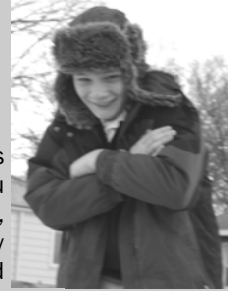
**Mr. H:** No way, it was great to get my teaching certificate, but I don't want to leave.

Mr. H. was a great teacher and friend to the students at GA. He was so much fun to learn with. All of us in the Academy will miss him very much.



## Snow!

By, Clayton Schubring



That's right! It's finally winter! Some of you may be excited about this, but some are probably moaning about the cold weather. Well, in my opinion, I couldn't wait! When that snow first hits the ground, I can't control myself.

But, winter weather did come really early. Temperatures are going to continue to drop, there will be more snow, and frustrating slippery weather.

Winter also means celebrating Christmas, the birth of baby Jesus. Presents, worshiping the Lord and snow. Can winter possibly get any better?

Anyway, we also have to be careful, because in this weather, people could get seriously hurt. If you do follow this advice, you could end up loving winter, just like I do!

## Uniforms? To Be or Not to Be?

By Piotr Lewalski

Some students would like to see the school uniforms changed, and here is why. First of all, some students think that the uniforms are uncomfortable, and for good reason too, because they simply are. Secondly, the parents are always telling us to express ourselves, but how can we if we are forced to wear the same clothes every day? Lastly is a question to the faculty, and it is, why do we have to wear uniforms if God wants us to be ourselves?

By Joey Fontana

In my personal opinion, I think uniforms are good in a way too. Uniforms keep things in line. No one fights over what they're wearing or what shoes they wear. Plus, in the winter, the green Guardian Angels vests are very warm and cozy. I personally love it. **Tiffani Haught** one of the 8<sup>th</sup> grade says, "It's very easy because you already know what you're wearing the next morning. They could be better, but I do like them." Uniforms are a symbol for lots of good things such as equality and balance. Well, for the people who don't like uniforms, think of it this way. We are all the same in God's eyes, and that's how we should look. These are my positive opinions toward uniforms.



## The Greatness of Locker Breaks

By Gabe O'Neil

Here at Guardian Angels Catholic School the sixth through eighth graders have locker breaks in between every two classes. Each locker break is about five minutes long. This gives the students time to get the books they need for their next two classes. It also gives the students a chance to relax and take a break from learning. They usually talk, but it's alright as long as it doesn't get out of hand. In my opinion, locker breaks are great! It's nice to just get out of class for a couple of minutes and talk to my friends or get a drink of water.

The downside to locker breaks is that the students don't always follow the rules. Kids are sometimes late getting to class because they are talking or goofing off with friends.

However, in the afternoon you only get one locker break after recess. At this time the students put their things away from recess, and get their books for the last three classes of the day. I think most of the students would agree with me that locker breaks are a great part of our school system.



Eighth graders **Joey Fontana, Dale Brown, Robert Coyne, Steve Carey, Gabe O'Neil, and Jessica Rossman** show what good behavior at the lockers looks like.

## Christmas Dance

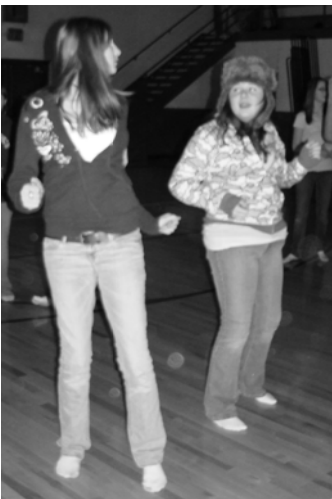
By Brendan McGowan

Before we all walk into our school Christmas dance, we know that we are going to have a lot of fun. There will be Christmas music and songs requested by the Academy students playing loudly. The gym will be decorated with balloons and streamers.

When we walk into the gym, we take off our shoes and dance. There might be a dance off, games, but for sure there will be food.

The night before the dance the snow started to fall and the roads were covered in ice and snow. During the night, six to ten inches of snow fell. Most of us wanted school to be closed, but we did not want to miss the school Christmas Dance. We woke up, though, and found out that we had a snow day!

We did end up getting to have the Academy Christmas Dance on Thursday, January 8, the week we came back to school after Christmas break.



## He Shoots! He Scores!

By Reggie Golfin and  
Anthony Ortisi

Did you go to the Thanksgiving basketball tournament? If not, here is what happened. First off, the 6<sup>th</sup> grade boys and the 7<sup>th</sup> grade boys both came in 3<sup>rd</sup> place! The 8<sup>th</sup> grade boys came in 2<sup>nd</sup> place, which is really good! They only lost to St. Clement of Centerline, **Mark Roman** explained. The 6<sup>th</sup> grade boys also did well. They only lost to 1 team, The La Salette Broncos. They came in 3<sup>rd</sup> place. 7<sup>th</sup> grade boys also did well. They only lost to St. Ann's & Holy Family, exclaimed **Chris Oles**. They also came in 3<sup>rd</sup> place. We hope that all teams do well this season.

# Christmas Break

By Amanda Augustyn

I went around asking what everyone was going to do over Christmas Break, and I got a lot of different answers:

**Katelyn McGowan**- I am going to hang out with my friends at GA. I will be there playing basketball and cheering for the guys.

**Mrs.Coyne**- I am going to visit family and go to the art museum.

**Melissa Clendenin**- I am going to be chilling with people and cheering at the Christmas tournament.

**David Balaze**- I am going up north.

**Ellen Mayette**- I am going up north to Torch Lake to go snowboarding.

**Sarah Maskill**- I am going on a cruise to Puerto Rico and Haiti.

**Alexandria Stark**- Going up north with Ellen.

# Ask an Angel

By Amanda Augustyn, Dale Brown, and Jessica Rossman



**Dear Angel,**

My best friend had her birthday party without me. What should I do? **Anonymous**

**Dear Anonymous,**

Well, maybe think about it. If she had her birthday party without you, then maybe, just maybe, she is not your best friend. You also could go up to her and be like, "Why wasn't I invited to your party?" Sometimes your invitation could have gotten lost in the mail or something. So just talk to her.

**Dear Angel,**

I am really mad at my friend because she always copies me. What should I do? **Copycat**

**Dear Copycat,**

You should tell her it really bothers you and that you don't like it. If she still doesn't stop copying off of you then you should tell a teacher.

**Dear Angel,**

My friends and I are in a fight. How should I help?

**Friend Trouble**

**Dear Friend Trouble,**

Have everyone come together and discuss why they are fighting about in the first place.

**Dear Angel,**

I failed a test. How do I tell my parents? **All Quizzed**

**Out**

**Dear All Quizzed Out,**

First you go to the parent that does not yell a lot. Have the less angry parent sign your PT. Then you can tell the other parent the next day. The other parent will say that they had already punished you. Then you can tell them that you WILL try a lot harder the next time.

# Cheerful Joys of Christmas

By Adele Jamil and Jaqueline Banet

Christmas is the time of year where we get joyful presents and loving holiday cheer!

We interviewed three people on what they thought about Christmas. They are **Karli Crespi**, a sixth grader, **Melissa Clendennin**, an eighth grader, and **Miss Harlan**, a sixth grade homeroom teacher. We asked them:

AJ and JB: What is Christmas like for you?

Karli Crespi: It's fun!

Melissa Clendennin: It's a fun, joyful time!

Miss Harlan: It's like a snuggly blanket that smells like cinnamon.

AJ and JB: Are you excited for Christmas?

KC: Yes

MC: Yes, very excited!

MH: Definitely!

AJ and JB: What is your favorite thing about Christmas?

KC: The snow.

MC: Decorating the tree with my brother.

MH: Sitting and looking at the lit-up tree with the nativity scene under it.

AJ and JB: What do you do to get ready for Christmas?

KC: Put up the tree and buy snow pants and boots.

MC: Buy gifts for friends and family.

MH: Decorate!

These are all great things to do to get ready for Christmas. Christmas is also supposed to be a time where you spend time with family and friends, and have a get together with family to celebrate the birth of Jesus.