



GAZETTE

Pastor: Fr. Gerry LeBoeuf
Principal: Ms. Sharon Hammerschmidt
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HAMMER TIME BY SHARON HAMMERSCHMIDT



Catholic Schools Week "Light the Way" has come and gone. How blessed are we to be a part of a community that likes to play and pray together. A community that truly is working on becoming a cultivating, caring, Christian community. (see cultivating caring community letters on page 6) We have many things to celebrate here at Guardian Angels Catholic School.

Congratulations to 7th grader Dale Brown whose art work was used as the cover of the Mass booklet for the Catholic Schools Week celebration Mass at the Blessed Sacrament Cathedral.

Sarah Kubik, a 2nd grader received a 3rd place ribbon for her Crayola, The Art of Childhood Online Exhibit. Sarah will have her artwork published in Crayola's book, **The Art of Childhood**.

Joseph Pham, 6th grader is the winner of our school

spelling bee. Joseph will go on and compete in the Oakland County Spelling Bee.

David Isbell, 4th grader, is our school winner of the Geography Bee. David then had to take a written test that was submitted to see if he goes on to further competition

To all our sport teams who exemplify good sportsmanship. They are committed to working hard on and off the court.

To all our students who work hard in the classroom. All we ask is that you try to do your best in all that you do.

I received a letter of concern from a parent that needs to be shared with the rest of our school families. A serious incident was avoided and I cringe at the thought of what if.....

As a parent was waiting to

pick up her child a toddler had separated from his mom in the safe zone. He was standing on the path of the small island with the flower garden. This boy's mom was at the flag pole island helping her other child with his jacket and was calling for the boy to stay on the island or to come back to her. At that time an SUV pulled right next to the island and she was talking on her cell phone. The next time she saw the toddler, he was standing right behind the vehicle as it was backing up. This mom ran out and grabbed the boy as other mothers were honking their horns. This took only a few seconds. The mom driving the SUV was still talking on her cell phone and did not even see what was happening. Nothing is more precious than our children. Please refrain from talking on your cell phone in the school parking lot. Greet your children with a "how was your day" when they enter the car. They are so excited to share with you all the wonderful

things that they experienced that day that it gets lost when they are put on hold. Wouldn't it better if we put the phone call on hold rather than our children. They grow up fast and we don't want them to stop communicating with us.

As we enter the Lenten season let us reflect on our relationship with God and others. Are we gladly sharing what we have with others? Am I as thoughtful and forgiving of family as others? Do I speak up for the maligned and oppressed, or do I remain silent in order to remain popular? Am I listening to God more and complaining less? Let us continue to **Light the Way** for one another.

BRZEZINSKI'S BOUQUET



Catholic Schools Week was a roller coaster of fun. Look for pictures inside. I don't know who had more fun, the students or the faculty.

Now here we are in February and I know what is on many parents' mind, another teacher in-

service? Didn't they just have one? In-service days allow our staff to work on curriculum and professional development. This year we began mapping our curriculum. This mapping will help align the Michigan State benchmarks with our curriculum. It also allows us to look across all the grade levels to make sure

that concepts are reinforced and mastered. In addition to strengthening our curriculum, we work on important topics such as bullying, first aid, technology, grief counseling, and mentoring. During our Accreditation we learned about our strengths and our concerns. In order to

make sure we address all of our concerns and continue to provide a curriculum where academic excellence and just social behavior flourish, professional development days need to take place. The staff members are life long learners who want to provide the best education for your children. Every in-service provides us with a fresh approach to educating students.

DECEMBER STUDENT OF THE MONTH AWARDS

6th Grade– Andrew Maten
Samantha Sell

7th Grade– Andrew Larkin
Sarah Maskill

8th Grade– Thomas Stetser
Carissa Watson

JANUARY STUDENT OF THE MONTH AWARDS

6th Grade– Alison Kimmel
Joseph Harden

7th Grade– Denise Carter
Samantha Bennett

8th Grade– Michaelene Michels
Ashley Thornton

Art Rejoices with a Religious Theme



Right before our Christmas break the G.A. Art Angels had a Christmas sale. They made and sold small handmade Christmas items to raise money for Toys for Tots. They raised \$126.00 for their donation to this charity. Good job young artists!

In the Crayola News... just in.... as you may recall all of our 2nd and 3rd graders are in The Art of Childhood Exhibition online. They received a certificate from Crayola and the online exhibit will be playing in the art room during our open house, as part of our annual art show. We just got the good news that our own 2nd grader, Sarah Kubik, won a special 3rd place award from this online exhibit. From the whole U.S. only sixteen of

the 2nd and 3rd place winners will be published in the Crayola book this spring. Sarah is one of the chosen winners to get her work published in the 2007-2008 the Art of Childhood Book! She will also receive \$15.00 worth of Crayola products and her artwork has the chance to be published on Crayola packaging! **Best of all is the message of her piece, Erase Shivering. The family she shows inside of her coat design is happy to have the coat Sarah made to keep them warm. We hope that her work will remind people to assist the homeless. God Bless you Sarah!**

For Catholic Schools Week we held a school-wide poster contest and we will have the winners from each classroom on display in the gym for Catholic School Week. We

will also see these posters again during our annual art show at our Open House in March. Praise Jesus!

From February 1st to the 27th we have five of our students who will have their artwork in the annual Michigan Art Education Association, Young @ Art Regional Show. These students are Brandon Ko, Erika Banet, Rudy Stuglin, Denise Carter and Andrew Kolf. They will represent our school this year at the Young @ Art show. At the awards reception on Tuesday, Feb. 5th they will receive a ribbon and they also have a chance to be selected to go on to one of the State Art Shows! This show is at Oakland School in Waterford, during regular business hours! Thank you G.A. Catholic School artists!

NATIONAL JUNIOR HONOR SOCIETY NEWS

The NJHS has had a pretty busy 1st semester. Every week we rotate between three teams, to recycle. We've been busy planning Catholic Schools Week, and other school functions. We sell bagels every other month, but for Catholic Schools Week, we will be

selling donuts for 50 cents on Friday. On February 5th, we are going to be throwing a Mardi Gras dance, before the Lenten Season. We are looking forward to the incoming NJHS members, at the upcoming induction. The

NJHS hopes to be just as successful in the 2nd semester.

By: Erin Mullen



GAP NEWS

With February already upon us, it is hard to believe that there is just a little over 4 months left of this school year. The children are all happy to see the snow falling and I am sure that many are hoping for a snow day! I am sure that many are waiting to see the first sight of Spring. There were many wonderful events that took place before the

close of 2007. From Santa Secret shop, to the GAP pizza lunch for the students and the Feast of St. Nicholas. Thank you to the many wonderful volunteers that help to make all of these events possible for the children. I know that they really enjoy and appreciate all that you do for them.

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.

We hope to see you there!

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 02-08-08 GAP Family Bingo Night
- 02-13-08 GAP Meeting 7 pm Cafe
- 02-15-08 Market Day Pick-up Gym
- 03-01-08 Moms to Moms Sale
- 03-12-08 GAP Meeting 7 pm Cafe
- 03-14-08 Market Day Pick-up Gym (look for more upcoming events next month)

GAP is looking for someone who is willing to take on the role of President-Elect this year. We do not have one as of yet. If you or someone that you know may be interested please contact one of the following board members; Kristen Raona, Christina Moore or Bruce Kowal.

Comments from Mr. Kuhar, the Campus Minister

As we enter into the Lenten season of prayer and penance, there are many opportunities being offered here at the parish to assist in one's preparation for Easter. There will be a weekly prayer experience on Wednesday evenings. This is a great chance to pray with the parish community as well as sample the richness and variety of the Church's traditions. The parish penance service on Monday March 10th is another great way to ready one's self for the resurrection of our Lord. The sacrament of reconciliation is a great gift of healing and forgiveness. It is so comforting after hearing the words of absolution "I absolve you from your sins" to know that the

Lord has forgiven our failings. What a great way to remove any obstacles that may hinder us from growing closer to the Lord and to open ourselves more fully to receive the grace He is showering down upon us. Not to mention the great example it provides for your children when they see you, their parents and guardians practicing what is being taught and encouraged. The parents are the first and primary educators of the faith for their children. The parish and school assist you in your endeavor to pass the faith along but it needs to come from the home. It is important to teach your children about prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, the three staples

of the Christian life. A good way to do this is to choose an extra family prayer that you will pray each day or at least once a week during Lent. Maybe cut out a dessert or instead of going out to eat one evening stay home and give that money to a charity or someone in need. Pick a few days where as a family you will not watch TV or cut out a certain program and pray a rosary together. These are only suggestions, but whatever you choose to do, it is important to **fast, pray, and give** as Christians, especially during Lent. May God bless you and draw you and your family deeper into the mystery of the passion and death of our Lord Jesus Christ!



FEBRUARY:

Grantling, Christopher	2
Kenney, Devin	2
Kujawa, Jacob	5
Dierker, Elizabeth	6
Austin, Alexandra	7
Scandrick, Jarrett	7
Gomez, Leonardo	9
McMahon, Evan	11
Peterson, Michael	11
Banet, Erika	13
Dorflinger, Michaela	14
Groth, Owen	14
Banet Jr., David	17
Dimaria, Michael	18
Padrick, Michelle	18
Raona, Joseph	19
Bui, Marissa	22
Groth, Ethan	22
Combs, Ty	23
Hill, Claire	24
Simmers, Jake	24
Clipfell, David	26
Raona, Joshua	26

Art and Technology Join Forces in the Classroom

"Catholic Schools Light the Way" is this years theme for the Catholic Schools Week Art Logo Contest Design. Many schools participated in this wonderful contest. Only one winner from grades K-5 and one from the academy were chosen. The lower elementary grades

colored their logo by hand and the academy designed theirs on the computer.

Guardian Angels Catholic School is pleased to present the cover design winner, our 7th grade student, Dale Brown. The winning design will be on the front and back of the

Mass program. Dale Brown will be presented with an additional prize at the end of the Mass on January 30th.

Congratulations to all the participants and their efforts.

Mrs. Kakos

GEOGRAPHY BEE

Guardian Angels participated in the annual National Geographic Bee on Wednesday, January 9, 2008. The preliminary rounds were held in each fourth through eighth grade classroom. Each grade was represented by two students for a total of ten finalists. The ten finalists were asked a series of difficult questions during a school assembly. The questions ranged from United

States national parks to geography from around the world. The ten finalists were 4th graders, David Isbell and Aaron Palmeri, 5th graders, Cooper Gammon and Mariam Hanna, 6th graders Nicholas Gracey and Joseph Pham, 7th graders Daniela Munoz and Mark Roman, and 8th graders Mike Morrow and Matt Landrith. Our first place winner was 4th grader, David Isbell. Second place went to

7th grader, Mark Roman, and third place went to 5th grader, Mariam Hanna. Congratulations to all of the students who participated in both the preliminary and final competitions!



WE ENJOYED CATHOLIC SCHOOLS



Rock N Roll into Catholic Schools week by wearing clothes for the 50's



Look at all those crazy hats!



VIPs were welcomed by our students on Tuesday



Our choir sang beautifully during Mass and afterward we enjoyed donuts in the gym.



8th Graders battle the Faculty in Volleyball and win for the first time in 3 years



Talent Show 2008



CULTIVATING CARING CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY

If you were to look up the definition of **CARING, CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY**, you would see a picture of Guardian Angels Catholic School. On Sunday, December 9, twenty five, sixth, seventh and eighth graders attended 10:00 a.m. Mass together and then went Christmas shopping to help out families who may otherwise not have had a Christmas. They were asked to donate money that they earned to buy these gifts for others. They collected well over \$300.00 and purchased many gifts to help make Christmas brighter for many children. Thank you to Mr. Kuhar for organizing this caring outreach event for our young people. The following is an excerpt that was received from the Director of Outreach from St. Aloysius.

“The Lord Give You Peace!” Thank you for your generous donations of gifts and Toys for Christmas. Your ongoing support allows our ministries to carry on our Franciscan mission to spread the Gospel of Jesus through word and deed. Please accept our sincere appreciation for your friendship and know that you share in the prayers and good works of our parish community.

Br. Al Mascia, OFM
Director of Outreach

Our Kindergarten, first, second and third graders helped collect mittens and hats for the Capuchin Soup Kitchen’s second annual Christmas, “Caps, Coats and Kids” program. They collected 196 hats and mittens.

On behalf of all the families and children that participated in the Capuchin Soup Kitchen’s second annual Christmas, “Caps, Coats and Kids” program, I want to thank you for the wonderful donations of coats, caps and gloves. The colors and styles were marvelous, giving every parent a multitude of choices for their children. Know that you have made Christmas and this year’s winter season much warmer and comfortable for many children and eased the burden of parents as they struggle to care for their little ones! Along with the winter clothing items, each family received a hearty food basket with all the trimmings for a fine holiday meal! Thank you so much for the support and I wish you all a wonderful New Year.

Jerry Smith, ofm cap
Executive Director, Capuchin Soup Kitchen

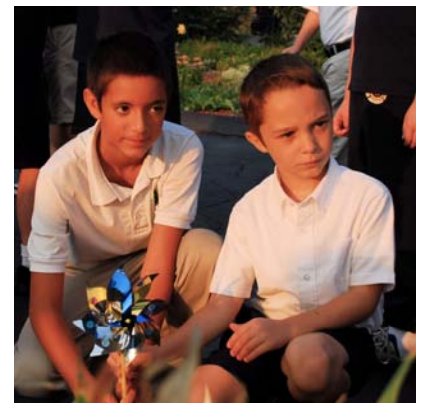
During the Advent Season our Student Council spearheaded a “spare change” drive. All spare change was collected and their goal was to be able to purchase 15 turkeys for families. Each homeroom also took a tag or two off the “Giving Tree” to help out our own St. Vincent De Paul.

We want to express our sincere thanks for all that you did and contribute to make our “Giving Tree: a wonderful success. You certainly showed how each person together can make a real difference. Your change collection of \$345.00 purchased turkeys and hams for baskets as well as gift cards which added to the baskets. The food collections that you do at the school masses and the special way that the kindergarten collected food instead of exchanging gifts helped a family through the entire season.

You have shared the light of Christ with so many. You have shown how the values you learn in a Catholic school are developing caring, responsible children. You are special. Thank you for helping us help others and helping us to fulfill our mission of bringing Christ’s love to those in need.

“The Giving Tree” Guardian Angels’
St. Vincent De Paul Society

As you can see Guardian Angels Catholic School truly
CULTIVATES a CARING, CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY



8TH GRADERS AND THEIR BUDDIES TIE DYE T-SHIRTS

Eighth graders and their second grade buddies were tie dyeing T-shirts together in the science room. Each created their own shirts by gathering, folding and then tying their shirts with rubber bands. The students placed their shirts in different dyes, and then removed and rinsed them in warm water. Eighth graders then watched the second graders' faces light up as they removed the

rubber bands to see the amazing design they had created. They all had a blast! The eighth graders attended the Holocaust as part of their Confirmation preparation on January 13th.



SPELLING BEE

The students at Guardian Angels School got the first school day of Catholic Schools Week off on a high note with the annual school spelling bee. Five participants from each homeroom, grades 5-8, participated in the bee for a total of 40

contestants. The competition was tough and the words were challenging. Words like "obsequious", "eureka" "mahimahi" are just a sample of the words the spellers faced. After six rounds, we had our three finalists: David Banet, gr.

7 - 3rd place, Ellen Mayette, gr. 7 -2nd place, and Joseph Pham, gr. 6 - 1st. place. As our school winner, Joseph will move on to the Regional Spelling Bee at Oakland University next month. We wish him



well! Congratulations to all our spellers on a job well done.

School Advisory Committee

The Guardian Angels School Committee is an advisory committee that seeks to be an avenue of communication for parents, students, and administration. It will counsel, confer and support the pastor and school administrator. It will consistently foster the positive response that will help promote the excellence in education we are all striving for. It will endeavor

to develop and define policies which govern the operation of the school, subject to such regulations that might proceed from the Archdiocesan School Office.

The School Advisory Committee meets monthly during the school year. All parents and parishioners are welcome to present an issue to the school committee during the 'Open Forum' at

each school committee meeting. The Open Forum is from 7:15pm to 7:30pm. If anyone has any questions or they would like to present an issue to the school committee they must contact either the Principal, Sharon Hammerschmidt, or the School Committee Chairperson, Jim Krygier, prior to the meeting to schedule a time slot. There are specified guidelines which to follow.

We are currently looking for volunteers with any marketing

or strategic planning experience to help us with the following tasks.

1. To help develop a new marketing plan for the school.
2. To help create a new strategic operating plan.

Anyone who is interested please call Sharon Hammerschmidt 248.588.5545 or Jim Krygier 586.979.9543.

FOLEY HAPPENINGS

32000 Campbell Rd. 48071

(¼ Mile West of Stephenson Hwy
& ¼ Mile S. of 14 Mile Rd.) Call
for further details

248-585-1210

www.bishopfoley.org



Euchre Parties

Field House \$10

January 19th, February 16th
& March 15th

Contact: Mr. Reichenbach
Rbachome@aol.com



Class of 2012

Freshman **Express** Priority
Registration Wednesday, February
13th **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.



Sunday, March 9,
2 - 4 p.m.

"Big enough to offer a wide range of
academics and athletics, but small
enough for individual attention."



Musical

"Oklahoma"

Friday, March 14th 8 p.m.

Saturday, March 15th 8 p.m.

Clawson Auditorium

Contact: Mrs. Green

248-585-1210 x 3307

Kriza's Korner



I have always thought of
January and February as
great months to step
back and slow down af-
ter the hassles from run-
ning to accomplish eve-
rything from the holi-
days.

Sometimes Mother Na-
ture even forces us to
stay indoors and just
cuddle up and be to-
gether. I just read an
article recently about
having a Family Night! It
reminded me of Sun-
days when I was growing
up and how much fun
we had. Of course that

was back in time when
no malls or businesses
were open so basically
you either went to
Grandma's for dinner or
we had Family Fun Day.
We learned how to play
all kinds of card games
(black jack is great for
math) and board games
too. We usually enjoyed
an early dinner and then
that evening my dad
would spread a blanket
in our living room in
front of the TV and we
would have a popcorn
party and watch Walt
Disney. I think this was

the reason that we have
all remained so close in
spirit. This is where we
learned about life skills
that would stay with us
forever. Skills like listen-
ing, and sharing and
helping each other out.
So next time the
weather hands you a
raw deal just kick back
and keep your pj's on
and bake some cookies,
watch movies, throw a
blanket down and have
a picnic, pop some pop-
corn, play some board
or card games, and just
snuggle down and enjoy
some great quality time
with each other. What a
gift!! What a treat!!

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:

February 13 & 27

Angel Savers Club Prize for February

Make a deposit on January 16 and 30 and enter to win

a **Border's Books 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.

