



GAZETTE

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HAMMER TIME BY SHARON HAMMERSCHMIDT



The snow is still on the ground, the cold air wakes us up in the morning and the calendar says February 29th. Yet the Tigers are in Lakeland, the Red Wings are heading for the play-offs and believe it or not, Spring really is just around the corner. Can you feel it? How exciting! A time for all of nature to bloom and grow. If spring is coming so must our annual **OPEN HOUSE on Sunday, March 9th from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.** At Guardian Angels Catholic School we strive to **CULTIVATE A CARING, CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY!** The time has come to share with everyone around us all the wonderful ways that Guardian Angels help us grow. Once again we are asking you to think back of the things that drew you into our GA family.

- Was it the faith based education your child receives? Our school is an extension of the values you have within your own homes.
- Perhaps our great staff? They are highly qualified, caring individuals who challenge your child to do

their very best...everyday.

- What about athletics? Extra-curricular activities? Truly terrific compliments to academics, they help to make your child a fuller individual.

- Hot Lunch? Latch Key? We live in challenging times in a fast paced world. How good it is to know that our children can thrive in a safe and nurturing environment, a home away from home!

Whatever your reason, we are richer for your being here! Now we are calling on **YOU** to help us cultivate among your family, friends, neighbors and co-workers. Extend your hand and **INVITE them to our OPEN HOUSE!** I truly believe that if they visit and experience all the wonderful things that make us Guardian Angels Catholic School, they will join us, helping us to continue growing as a **"CARING, CHRISTIAN, COMMUNITY!**

Inside the Gazette you will find the registration forms

and the tuition fees for next year. You will find the registration forms also on our website. Please get the registration forms in as soon as possible so that we can begin making our plans for next year.

- Please don't forget that there are financial aid applications available in the school office. **DEADLINE IS APRIL 1ST.** Michigan Catholic Credit Union has available a scholarship opportunity called, "Making a Difference". This application may be found on our website. **DEADLINE IS March 14th.**

SAVE THE DATE:


Kindergarten Round-up will be Friday, April 4th. 9:30 a.m.
April 15th, - first Academy Spring Musical Production, Pinocchio.
May 3rd - our **CHILDREN in BLOOM AUCTION.**

The faculty and staff of Guardian Angels Catholic

School wish you a Blessed Holy Week and a Happy Easter.



Congratulations to **Marisa Jurek (Guardian Angels Catholic School Alumni)** for winning the Prudential Spirit of Community Award. Marisa won the award for her countless hours volunteering in our parish and community. Marisa is involved in many programs such as altar service, Catholics Come Home, Religious Education, Sunday School and Vacation Bible School. The award is judged on personal initiative, creativity, effort, impact, and personal growth.



We are very proud of Marisa for her service work. She is an impressive example of our school.

BRZEZINSKI'S BOUQUET



March is one of my favorite months in school because it is reading month. During the month of March we try to promote reading by celebrating it using a theme. This year it is Book a Trip Across the United States. When you come into our school you will see our state flags hanging by every classroom, reading road signs along the hallways, and state license plates on the doors. I

would like to thank Mrs. Sharpe, Mrs. Abraham, Mrs. Simmers, and Mrs. Nowak for their help with decorating our school. I would also like to thank the students and teachers who helped paint the flags after school and during recess.

We tried to plan as many activities as we could during the month. One of them was a bookmark contest. Lauren

Kowal in 2nd grade won in the K-2 category, Joey Coyne in 5th grade won from grades 3-5. Cyndi Claucherty in 7th grade won from grades 6-8. Their bookmarks will be distributed to the students in those categories. Congratulations Lauren, Joey and Cyndi!

Another fun event which will take place on St. Patrick's Day is called a poem in your

pocket. During that day students are asked to carry a poem in their pockets. When they are approached by me or another staff member, they can show their poem and read it to us to earn a Hershey Kiss.

On March 18th we will have a Reading Camp out where the students will bring in their sleeping bag, pillow, and books to spend 1/2 the day reading in the gym. What a way to celebrate reading!!! Happy Reading!!!!

FEBRUARY STUDENT OF THE MONTH AWARDS

6th Grade– Joseph Pham
Megan Shaya

7th Grade– Robert Coyne
Dale Brown

8th Grade– Julia David
Michael Morrow



NEWS FROM THE ART ROOM



For the month of February, five of our students have been in the Michigan Art Education Association, Regional Art Show at Oakland Schools in Waterford. Two of these students had their artwork selected for State Art Shows! Congratulations to our kindergarten student, Andrew Kolf, and to our 3rd grader, Erika Banet for this honor. Our three academy students in the show, Rudy Stugin, Denise Carter and Brandon Ko were selected to have their works go on to the Barnes and Noble Art Show/ Book fair from March 11th- March 20th. We were additionally allowed to choose two exceptional elementary pieces for the Barnes and Noble show, so our 2nd grader,

Nathan Jeffries and our 3rd grader, Michaela Dorflinger will also have their artwork in this show. **If you go to Barnes and Noble from March 14th-16th and use our school voucher with a purchase at the store, a percentage of the sales will be donated to our school. (Vouchers will be sent home with the G.A. Herald and available in our school office.)**

In March we will have our annual Guardian Angels Catholic School Art Show. From March 9th (Open House) through April 9th you can see artwork from grades K-8 grace our hallways. God Bless all our talented students who allow us to see

through their eyes, through their creations.



**MARCH IS READING MONTH
“BOOK A TRIP ACROSS THE UNITED STATES”**

During the month of March Guardian Angels will participate in National Reading Month. Over the course of those weeks, students will celebrate literature through several activities. Under the theme "Book a Trip Across the United States", our

readers will meet with a published author, participate in a Read-In, visit a book fair, create a bookmark for a contest, as well as many other reading related activities while they are immersed in our theme. Students in each classroom will explore

literature as they "travel" across the United States and have opportunities to share and reflect on the books they have read. On March 7, Jonathan Rand, author of the Michigan and American Chillers book series will be visiting our school. Students will also

have an opportunity to purchase his books and have them autographed during the visit. More information about this very special event was sent home the last week of February.

GAP NEWS

On behalf of GAP, I would like to welcome Sherry Carter to the GAP board. Sherry has taken on the role of President-Elect for the remainder of the school year. She will be the President of GAP for the 2008-2009 school year. Welcome Sherry, it is wonderful to have you as part of the board.

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

- 03-01-08 Moms to Moms Sale
 - 03-12-08 GAP Meeting 7 pm Library
 - 03-14-08 Market Day Pick-up Gym
 - 04-11-08 Market Day Pick-up Gym
 - 04-16-08 GAP Meeting 7 pm Library
- (look for more upcoming events next month)



Comments from Mr. Kuhar the Campus Minister

WOW! It is hard to believe that we are already halfway through the season of Lent. I am amazed how fast time seems to be flying by. I realized that Lent was almost half over and I had not really stopped to reflect or spend extra time in prayer. I then had the opportunity to attend the Wednesday night prayer service here at Guardian Angels. It was an excellent opportunity for prayer and reflection and provided me with what I realized was missing—that extra time for conversation with the Lord. What a great gift to be able to converse with the Lord and to share my hopes, dreams, fears, concerns, thanks, and praise. It also gave me time

to quiet my life and to still my being so that I could listen to what the Lord had to say to me. Listening is a major part of any relationship but it can be challenging especially in conversations with the Lord. The reason for this is that we typically do not hear His voice with our ears but rather in the quiet and stillness of our hearts. The silence can be intimidating and uncomfortable, but the more time we spend listening to the Lord in our hearts the easier it becomes. If you have not already, I would encourage you to spend some extra time in conversation with the Lord. The Wednesday prayer services are an excellent way to do this. Take time to share

with Him what is going on in your life but also to listen to His words of peace, comfort, and guidance. He wants to fill you with every good thing so give Him the opportunity by opening your heart and mind to receive His gifts. May God bless you and fill you with many graces during the season of Lent.



March:

Stuglin, Rudy	2
Roman, Scott	2
Bromm, Jacob	4
Landrith, Jenna	6
Pattinson, Ross	6
Richard, Seth	8
Gleason, Patrick	9
Banet, Jennifer	9
Amparo, Jarod	9
Sheffieck, Daniel	12
Stetser, Thomas	14
Ruble, Austyn	15
Benjamin, Rita	16
Haun, Declan	17
Larkin, Andrew	18
Maskill, Sarah	18
Boswell, Julia	18
Drinkwater, Marisa	18
Schuller, Sarah	18
DeBussey, Nicholas	19
Akey, Kayla	20
Jamil, Andrew	20
Femminineo, Philip	21
Schmidt, Luc	22
Trastevere, Jack	23
Richard, Austin	23
Groth, Noah	24
Walker, Michael	26
Curran, Allison	27
Rushton, Jonathan	28
Trotta, Anthony	28
Gracey, Nicholas	28

LENTEN SERVICE PROJECT

Guardian Angels Catholic School and Faith Formation families are working together to bring joy to US soldiers stationed in Iraq. Families are encouraged to bake cookies that will be sent with cards made by students. The next cookie drop off date is March 11! Please bake cookies for our troops! Package 6

cookies in fold-over sandwich bags, tie with ribbon or string, and bring them to the school office on March 11. If your cookies contain nuts, please include a note. Special postal boxes will then be packed and sent to the troops. Thank you for your generous participation in this

project. Together, we can spread the love of Jesus to our soldiers working for peace in the world!



FROM THE LIBRARY

Kindergarteners travel through the library at centers where they learn about different kinds of books (look and find books, drawing books, and electronic books), study books written by one author, and complete other literature-related puzzles. First graders are learning about fairy tales from around the world. We read and compare several versions of fairy tales, like Little Red

Riding Hood and Cinderella. Second graders are learning about the nonfiction section of the library and the major sections of nonfiction books. Third graders are studying genre. We've learned about biographies, autobiographies, and fairy tales. Students are working on creating a "Wanted" poster for a fairy tale villain. Fourth graders are also studying genre. We've learned about

nonfiction and poetry so far. Finally, fifth graders are learning about reference materials. We've covered encyclopedias and dictionaries and will move on to almanacs, and atlases in the coming weeks.





Kriza's Korner

I read a good article about observing Lent within our own families and I would like to share some of it with you. Lent has traditionally been a time of self-sacrifice, repentance and conversion of heart. But this year, instead of giving up something why not do something positive to bolster your own spiritual life, strengthen the spiritual lives of your family members, and make the world a better place? For Yourself: Slow down!! Set aside 10 min. a day for silent prayer or meditation. It will boost your energy level and spirit. Promise yourself

that you will go out of your way to do something nice for someone everyday. For Your Family: Have each family member mention one person or problem that they would like to pray for in a special way at dinnertime each evening. Teach your children the background and real meaning of special days that fall during Lent like St Patrick's Day and the feast of St. Joseph. During Lent I would turn off the television after dinner, and we would spend some quality time reading books or playing games or we talked about the values that were really

important in our lives. At first my kids were upset with me and then before we realized it we actually looked forward to spending time together without the television intruding into our lives. Another idea is to take the kids grocery shopping for the poor and then let them bring their canned goods to weekly Mass for the parish food bank. My wish for all of you is that grace and peace will be yours in abundance during your Lenten journey with your families and that Easter will dawn brightly in each of your hearts.

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 7 p.m. \$10
March 15th & April 19th
Contact: Mr. Reichenbach
Rbachome@aol.com



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

Happy St. Patrick's Day!



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:

March 12th

Angel Savers Club Prize for March

Make a deposit in March and get a **March Treat!**

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

See you there!