Guardian Angels Catholic School

GAZETTE

March 2009

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

Hammer time by Sharon hammerschmidt

Fast approaching is our **OPEN HOUSE on Sunday, March 8th from 1:15 p.m. - 3:15 p.m. "Many Gifts, One Spirit,"** is the theme that has been carried out throughout the school year by both students and staff. We are blessed to have so many gifted people within our community. What a great time to share our gifts with other people who will walk through our doors for the first time. 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 that you have within your own homes.
- Perhaps our gifted 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 blessed and gifted for your being here! Now we are calling on **YOU** to help us share "Many Gifts, One Spirit." Extend your hand and **INVITE them to our OPEN HOUSE!** I truly believe that if they visit and experience (even during these tough economic times) all the wonderful things that make us Guardian Angels Catholic School, they will join us, helping us to continue being a place that has **"Many Gifts, One Spirit."**

We are looking for parent tour guides for our Open House, if you are interested, please let Mrs. Kriza know in the office. Thank you for the help that you have given in the past and the help that you will give us in the future. We cannot do this alone.

Inside the Gazette you will find the registration forms and the tuition fees for next year. **THERE IS NO TUITION INCREASE 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 10TH.** Michigan Catholic Credit Union has available a scholarship opportunity called, "Making a Difference." This application may be found on our website. **DEADLINE IS MARCH 13TH.**

SAVE THE DATE:

Friday, March 20th, 9:30 a.m. - Kindergarten Round-Up

Monday, March 30th, 7:00 p.m. –Academy Spring Musical Production, "Princess and the Pea"

Saturday, May 2nd, **CHILDREN in BLOOM AUCTION**

Brzezinski's Bouquet

We will have a feature presentation at our open house this year. In the cafeteria we will be showing our very first GA movie. Cyndi Claucherty, Daniela Munoz, and Bethany Brown (8th grade students) assisted me in making this film. They were reporters doing a cover story on Guardian Angels. Cyndi, Daniela and Bethany interviewed staff and students in a typical day at GA. They asked tough and thought provoking questions. The reporters were enthusiastic and did a fabulous job. Two thumbs up for the incredible acting and script. This film will give future parents a sneak peek at their child's school. As we show the film on March 8, MCCU will be serving popcorn. What a great combination, popcorn and a movie at a great school!!!

I would like to thank the parents who helped make and hang decorations for reading month. You will notice 2 enormous Oscar statues at the interior entrance of the school. Thank you Rynne Family for creating them. Thank you Mrs. Whitman and Mrs. Williams for creating the Walk of Fame grid lines. Thank you Mrs. Petty and Mrs. Krygier for painting movie reels. Thank you Mrs. Schmidt for the palm trees and for buying the light bulbs for the marquees. Thank you Mrs. Kernen and Mrs. Rowe for gluing the light bulbs to the marquees. Thank you Mrs. O'Neil, Mrs. Rowe and Mrs. Hana for creating signs. Thank you Mrs. Rowe, Mrs. Sharpe and Mrs. Kernen for hanging all the decorations. Thank you Mrs. Coyne for creating the marquees. Thank you to our staff and students for helping to decorate for another fabulous reading month and Open House!

FEBRUARY STUDENT OF THE MONTH AWARDS

6th Grade– Brendan Gracey
Adriana Tatuch

7th Grade– Kaitlyn Krygier
Jacqueline Banet

8th Grade– Mark Roman
Justin Kenney

Regional Art Show Winners

GAP

What is GAP?

The letters of GAP stand for Guardian Angels Parents but I would like to take this opportunity to better define this important group.

What is GAP?

It is fundraising. Events like the Entertainment Book sales, Walk-A-Thon, Sally Foster, and the Spring Children in Bloom Auction are examples of some of the current ways that we are raising money to support the school. As you know, GA does not have mandatory fundraising activities but does need this aid to help maintain the facilities that provide the higher level of education that we all desire for our children.

What is GAP?

It is continuous improvement in our school. Over the past few years, we have been able to provide the funds to improve the playground equipment, install blinds throughout the school, update the computer lab and classrooms with new hardware and software, and purchase a new sound system in the gym for plays and concerts. These are items that were greatly needed and, otherwise, could not have been accomplished.

What is GAP?

It is the building of a family. Through the year, there are several events that take place to help build our GA family such as the Welcome Back Picnic and the Family Bingo Nights. In the past, there have been other activities that strengthen our community such as Skating parties and Road Rallies.

What is GAP?

GAP is needed by all of us and yet is in need of all of us. Without fresh ideas and many volunteers, we could not continue to be as successful as we have been. We have been sending out the word over the past few months that we are in need of Chair People for a few events as well as officers for next year's Board. Even if you cannot take on this level of commitment, please attend one of our upcoming meetings and bring your ideas and input as to how we can improve.

Thank you for all of your support! See you on **Tuesday, March 3rd at 7:00 pm.**

NEWS FROM THE ART ROOM

A ***Thank You*** to our young artists!

Each year we send five young artists to the **Young at Art Regional Art Show** at Oakland Schools (2111Pontiac Lake Road in Waterford). The awards reception was held on Feb 11th. Our proud Guardian Angels representatives for this year's show are, Jennifer Banet (3rd grade), Jessica Taylor (4th grade), and three of our 8th graders, Jessica Rossman, Denise Carter and Lynnette Pippin. The exhibit is on display until Feb. 27th.

Congratulations and thank you for representing our school in this exhibit!

MUSIC NEWS

We have many things to prepare for in music. A group of twenty academy students are busy rehearsing a spring musical entitled, "The Princess and the Pea." It is the fairytale story of trying to find the perfect princess for the prince to marry. Our students stay after school about 2 days a week in order to rehearse this show. They will perform on March 30 at 7:00 in the Father Bretz Activity Center and everyone is invited! We hope you can join us for our second annual musical. The other students in grades kindergarten-fifth are starting to learn their Spring Concert music. These students will spend time in class rehearsing and then perform on May 13 at 7:00 PM. Our concert has a Patriotic theme to it and we hope you can join us for it!

Ministry Minute

We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you, because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

Lent is a time to think about ways we can grow in our relationships with Christ. The cross is a sign of suffering, but a suffering that strengthens and redeems. We empty ourselves of the things that get in the way; now is the time to make peace with God and with one another. Let us approach Him with sincere and contrite hearts, forgiving those we hurt and fail to love. The words of the prophet Joel tell us, "The Lord says, 'It isn't too late. You can still return to me with all your heart. Turn back to me with broken hearts. I am merciful, kind, and caring.'"

A wonderful way to celebrate Lent is to place images in our homes that help raise our hearts and minds to Jesus. Here are some symbols that will inspire and place your thoughts on what is holy:

A bible to remind us of the desire of God's Word in our lives.

A crucifix to remind us of the powerful sign of God's love.

A bowl of water to remind us of our journey to the font; our commitment to new life in Christ.

A bowl of sand to remind us of the journey in the desert; a place of retreat to face our temptations.

A candle to remind us of the light of Christ in the midst of a darken world.

May your Lent be a blessed season of turning back to God with all your heart to experience the joy of the Risen Christ on Easter!

March:

Roman, Scott	2
Stuglin, Rudy	2
Bromm, Jacob	4
Landrith, Jenna	6
Pattinson, Ross	6
Richard, Seth	8
Amparo, Jarod	9
Banet, Jennifer	9
Medici, Marissa	9
Lewalski, Alanna	11
Lemons, Abbigayle	12
Lewalski, Izabela	14
Benjamin, Rita	16
Haun, Declan	17
Boswell, Julia	18
Larkin, Andrew	18
Maskill, Sarah	18
Schuller, Sarah	18
DeBussey, Nicholas	19
Jamil, Andrew	20
Richard, Austin	23
Groth, Noah	24
Ruzycki, William	26
Walker, Michael	26
Curran, Allison	27
Gennero, Isabella	28
Gracey, Nicholas	28

Celebrate Reading

This month, Guardian Angels will be celebrating Reading Month with the theme: "Reading Makes You a Star"! For the entire month of March, we will be participating in reading-related activities. Charles David and David Anthony, authors of the Heroes A to Z and Knightscares series will be visiting our school on March 3rd. The book fair will be at our school from March 3rd-11th. This will be our last book fair of the school year. We will also have a Teacher Swap and a Read-in during the month of March. Look for more details about all of these exciting activities.

Third Grade News

Third graders are hard at work. In math we are continuing to work on addition and subtraction facts. We have begun to work on our multiplication and division facts. We also have been working on identifying points on line graphs.

In science we recently learned about the solar system. We studied the phases of the moon, and why we have seasons. We are currently watching the clouds. We learned that the clouds help us to predict the weather. Then we created model tornadoes and discussed how storms form.

In Religion we discussed the importance of Mass. We talked about the different parts of the Mass. We learned that it is important to participate in Mass by praying the responses, singing praise to God, listening carefully to the readings and the homily, and receiving the Holy Communion. The third graders are preparing for lent by taking a closer look at our relationship with God. In art, we made Mardi Gras masks to celebrate and prepare for the 40 days ahead of us.

We are continuing to read for AR points. We are reading *Holes* as a class. In writing we have written personal narratives, poems, and expository papers. We just finished writing a book review on our favorite books.

Social studies has been exciting too. We have been studying the U.S. Presidents. Each student randomly chose a President. Then they wrote speeches explaining what made that President special. The most exciting part is yet to come when each student creates a costume to look like their President and recites their speech aloud in front of a camera. The process is nerve racking for some, but also very exciting. I think it will be something that each student will remember for a long time.

Mardi Gras Cute!

Angel Savers Club at Guardian Angels

February 4 & 25

11:30 am outside the library

"Make a Difference" Scholarships

Michigan Catholic Credit Union is proud to be a strong supporter of

Catholic education, and wants to reward **two deserving GA families**

with scholarships for the 2009-2010 School year.

If you and your family have made a difference in your church, community and school

in the last year, please fill out an application!

All you need is a brief essay, list of activities, and a letter of recommendation.

Scholarship applications are available on

Guardian Angels website and in the school office.

DUE DATE: Friday, March 13 by 3:00 pm

Kriza's Korner

Thomas Haller and Chick Moorman are the two of the world's foremost authorities on raising responsible, caring, confident children. I recently read an article that they published titled: Make Yourself Dispensable. I found it very informative and I thought I would share a couple of their tips with you in the next couple of Gazettes. So here is part one and I hope you enjoy it as much as I did.

Are you at all interested in raising a thirty-year-old Nintendo player who lies around all day eating cold pizza and downing cokes? Probably not! Our prediction is that you are a lot more interested in raising a responsible, caring conscious youngster who, somewhere between the ages of 18 and 25, is capable of leaving home and living successfully on his or her own. Raising such a young adult does not happen by luck, coincidence, or magic. It occurs only when parents set out to make it happen by working diligently and purposefully throughout a child's life to see that they learn about independence and personal power. It happens when parents work intentionally to make themselves dispensable in their child's life.

Point #1- Believe that making yourself more dispensable is your main job as a parent. If you believe that your job is to be needed, that your central role is to do for your children, you will have a difficult time implementing the ideas that follow. Helping doesn't always help- sometimes it creates helplessness. Overfunctioning begins with the belief that my children need me to do for them. Change that belief to: my job is to help my children do for themselves. When we do things for our children that they can do for themselves we are overfunctioning. Refuse to do for your children what they can do for themselves. Do you pack your 5th grader a lunch? Do you tie the shoes and zip the coat of your 6yr old? Do you do laundry for a teenager? Do you look up phone numbers for your 4th grader? If so you are overfunctioning. Remember the more you function, the less your child has to do.

Point #2- If you want a behavior, you have to teach a behavior. Children do not naturally know how to set the table, clean the fishbowl, or take the dishes to the sink after dinner. If you don't teach behaviors, you could end up doing them all yourself.

Now I know you are all sitting on the edge of your seats just waiting with bated breath to hear the rest but unfortunately I have run out of space for this month so as they say at the end of your favorite sitcom where the problem did not get solved-

To Be Continued…

Bishop Foley High School Happenings

OPEN HOUSE

Sunday, March 8, 2009

2 - 4 p.m.

Come and see what Foley can offer you…

Check a destination of many opportunities…

BFC - A passport to your success

Drama Ensemble presents…

Our Spring Musical, **"Seussical"**

Friday, March 13th 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, March 14th 7:30 p.m.

Lamphere Auditorium

610 W. 13 Mile

Contact: Mrs. Green – Ticket info

248-585-1210x 131

GAP News

Thank goodness it is finally March! Of course that means it is time for Open House. Please come and bring a family or friend on March 8. Open House will run from 1:15pm to 3:15 pm. Our students always do such a great job representing Guardian Angels and there is no better time for people to see what Guardian Angels Catholic School can offer their children.

Shopped at Oakland Mall within the past sixty days? We still need your help with turning in receipts to the office (attn Cathy Rowe), or taking them to be tallied at the information kiosk located just down the hall from J C Penney at Oakland Mall. All purchases made at Oakland Mall through March 31, 2009 are eligible. We receive one point for each $1.00 in purchases and prizes are earned based on total points credited to each school participating. First prize is $5000, second is $2500, third is $1000, and fourth through fifteenth prizes are $600.

Speaking of shopping, there is no better way to purchase children's clothing, toys, furniture, car seats, well, pretty much anything you could possibly need for them - at wonderful prices - than at the GAP Moms to Moms Sale! It will be held on Saturday March 28 from 8:00 am till noon.

Please join us for our next Auction meeting on March 11 at 7:00pm in the library. At this meeting we will be filling out tags for the Giving Tree and lots more! Hope to see you there.

Once again, thank you all for supporting GAP!

ANGELS ARTICLES

This newspaper is created by the students of the Academy. While it is moderated and edited by instructors, it is a student paper.

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

A Faithful Treat

By Alli Stark and Ellie Mayette

Not many 8th graders were looking forward to the retreat at Marianhill. Most of the kids had it set in their minds that it would be boring, but they were wrong! Dennis, the retreat director, was a cool guy. He made it fun and exciting to learn about our faith. By the end of the retreat everyone was moved by the power of God, and no one wanted to leave. When we asked 3 students if the retreat was in their top 5 experiences of their life, they all said yes. When we asked how the retreat changed them we got 3 different answers. **Greg McMurtry** said, "It made me slow down and look at life a little bit more" **Bethany Brown** said, "It made my life closer to God and made my life more open." **Mark Roman** said "It made me a better person and more confident." When we asked them if they brought anything they learned home with them Mark Roman said, "Yes, I respect my parents and friends more." Bethany Brown said, "I brought home a greater respect for people and myself," and lastly Greg said "Yes, to live like I would if I only had one week left to live." Over all we all had a wonderful experience and learned to live everyday like you only had one week to live.

Making History

By Justin Bui and Serjan Lumani

History was made January 20, 2009. On this day Barack Obama was inaugurated as our 44th president. It is so special because he is our first black president. About 40 years ago blacks couldn't drink from the same drinking fountain, go to certain places, sit in the front of the bus, and they had to listen to white people. Having a black president is just amazing!!! So many people thought that this day would never come.

The inauguration took place in Washington D.C. Millions of people came from all over the United States to witness history. The inauguration was on the web and on TV.

Joe Biden was the first to be inaugurated. Then it was Barack Obama's turn. He used Abraham Lincoln's 1861 inaugural Bible. We had our 44th president!!!! Later on, the new President went to a luncheon followed by a parade and the inaugural ball.

Here's what some students thought about this history changing event.

Justin Bui and Serjan Lumani: What did you think of the inauguration?

Joey Fontana: It was a great change that will go down in history.

JB SL: Do you think Obama will be a good president for our nation?

Joe Harden: I think he'll do ok.

JB SL: How did you feel during the inauguration?

David Banet: Excited for the new bi-racial president, as people thought this would never happen 50 years ago.

JB SL: Are you happy that Obama is president?

Rudy Stuglin: No because I think he will raise taxes and gas will go up.

JB SL: If he ran before do you think he would make it?

RS: No, Probably not

JB SL: What do you think Obama will do to help our country?

Anthony Ortisi: I think he'll stop the war and lower taxes.

Catholic School's Week

By Denise Carter and Alli Stark

Anna Cwiek, Steven Carey, and Greg McMurtry came in 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place in the Spelling Bee

This year's Catholic Schools Week was a blast! On Monday was the spelling bee and the winners were **Steven Carey** in first, **Anna Cwiek** in second, and **Gregory McMurtry** in third. Also we had an all school Mass and we dressed up. Tuesday was crazy hat day and everyone wore fun and crazy hats. On Wednesday there was V.I.P day. There were a lot of family members and friends here with the students. Thursday was sweats and slippers day and everyone looked very comfy. The talent show was a great treat for classmates to see other students perform. Friday was the teachers vs. 8th grade volleyball game. The teachers won, but the 8th grade tried their best and did a very good job. Also, on Friday the whole school cheered for GA spirit day. This Catholic Schools Week was very fun and we look forward to next year!

Mall Cop

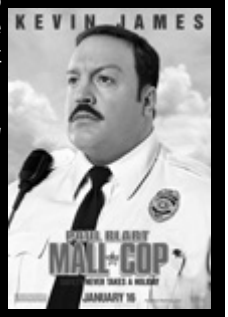
By **Serjan Lumani**

This movie follows the sad sack guard who works at a shopping mall in New Jersey. The film was actually shot at a working mall in Massachusetts. A single dad who flunked the state police exams, Paul, lives with his daughter, Maya, and his mom.

He drowns his sorrows in junk food and takes his job waaaaaaay too seriously. You'd think he was guarding the President. Alas, no one else "on the job," especially his rookie partner, Veck, share or respect his devotion to protecting the shoppers and stores.

Desperate for love, Paul develops a crush on Amy who runs a hair extension shop called "Unbeweavable." But as sweet as he is to Amy, including giving her a segway ride through the mall, (that's vaguely like Superman flying Lois Lane over Metropolis), she's just not smitten by his buffoonery.

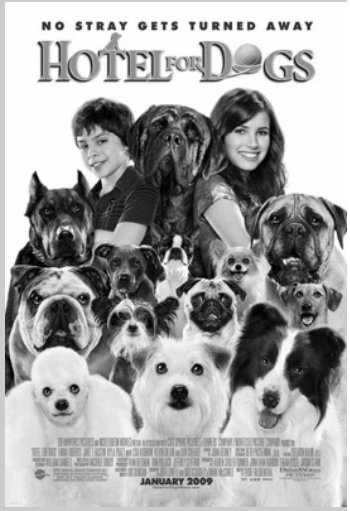
Paul finally gets a chance to prove himself as a man to Amy and his colleagues when a band of thieves -- who also so happen to be great skateboarders, BMX bikers and free runners -- take over the mall on Black Friday, the biggest shopping day of the year. With Amy among the hostages, Paul must rise to the occasion and use the terrain, if you will, against his enemies if he's to save the day. *I give mall cop 3 angels out of 5*



Hotel for Dogs

By Garrett Schilling

Hotel for Dogs is about two kids who love dogs. These two kids would do anything to know that all dogs are safe, out of trouble, not in the pound, and being taking care of. These two kids are orphans who live in a foster home and have this dog that their foster parents don't know about. One day the dog wanders off and goes to the hotel, but the kids do not know. The next night the kids hear a howling noise coming from the building next door. They walk over to take a look. They find their dog and two more dogs. Since they love dogs they decided to take care of all of the dogs. The police want to stop them because they were doing something illegal but since they were doing such a good job they let them keep it. Here is what some of our viewers thought.



Joey Pennington, a sixth grade student, says, "I thought it was very interesting because that kid made all those machines and stuff out of things just lying around. Before the movie I thought that they like just came up with a hotel for dogs out of nowhere, like it was just there. I would give this movie a rating of 8/10. I thought it was very good."

Marissa Medici another sixth grade student said, "I thought the movie was really good because I love dogs and the actors sent a good message. Before the movie I knew it was going to be about dogs and there was a hotel, but I didn't think it was going to be as good as it was. I would rate this movie a 9/10. I loved it!"

Mrs. Coyne, the art teacher, says, "I thought it was a very fun loving movie, with a happy ending, and I liked the initiative that the kids took to find all the dogs and make them a home. I thought it was a good message for those who have dogs to take care of them. Before the movie I knew that it was going to be a really good movie or a really bad one and I was hoping it wasn't going to be a really bad one. I would rate this movie a 7/10.

Pack 1094 Blue & Gold

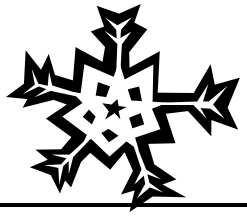
By Gary Micu and Andrew Larkin

On February 8, 2009 eight Webelos II , from pack 1094: **Aaron Augustyn, Alexander Micu, Aaron Palmeri, Ricky Carey, Austin Richard, David Isbell, Connor Moore,** and **Quern Newel** were presented with their Arrow of Light award which prepares them to become a Boy Scout. (Their leaders are **Mrs. Micu** and **Mrs. Augustyn).** The ceremony was held at the Club Venetian where the eight crossed over the ceremonial bridge to the awaiting Boy Scouts to be welcomed and given their lapels, handbooks, and neckerchiefs. Later that afternoon the new Boy Scouts and guests were entertained by a performance by Lowanue Kuwe dancers, a group of members of the Order of The Arrow who promote scouting by spreading the Native American Culture.

Build a Blizzard

By Gary Micu

Build A Blizzard For The Hungry is an NJHS project. The project started on Feb. 2nd and continued on until Feb. 13th. The goal of the project is to bring in cans for the hungry. For each can that students bring to school, they will be given a paper snowflake to tape to their classroom windows. Now there is also a reward for this project. The grade that brings in the most cans will receive a free jean day.



This is one of the many NJHS service projects throughout the year. The last one was around Thanksgiving. NJHS also does other things, like dances, to raise money too.

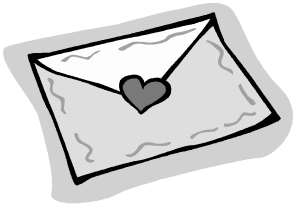
Valentine's Day

By Alison Kimmel

As many of you know Valentine's Day, February 14 is a day where many exchange chocolate, cards, and maybe even engagement rings. But do you know the history behind it all?

Many people say that the day is named after St. Valentine who was a bishop at the time. He was stationed in the Roman Empire back then. Claudius II was the emperor. Claudius thought that unmarried men were better soldiers, so he did not allow young men to marry. Bishop Valentine felt very bad for the men. He decided to help them. He started to make secret marriages happen. When Claudius found out he sent him to jail. The emperor tried to make him worship Roman Gods, but he refused. Instead he tried to convert the emperor to Christianity.

Another version of this story says that Bishop Valentine fell in love with the jailer's daughter. Right before his death, he wrote a love note to her saying, "From your Valentine." After he died, St. Valentine was declared a patron saint.



Black History Month

By Andrew Larkin

Black History Month was started in 1926 by a historian named Carter G. Woodson. It was started as Black History Week and held during the second week in February to remember and honor Abraham Lincoln, the sixteenth president of America who fought for equal rights and Fredrick Douglass, a former slave. Later the name was changed into Black History Month and held throughout the whole month of February.

The Big Day

By Sarah Maskill and Samantha Bennett

On December 27, 2008 our own music teacher, **Ms. K,** got married at St. Ireanaeus church in Rochester! Ms. K, now **Mrs. Darling,** said she was really excited and a little nervous about getting up in front on so many people. Mrs. Darling didn't have a small wedding either, there were about 175 people there. She said her favorite part was walking down the aisle and seeing her new husband, Shawn, at the altar. Mrs. Darling said she had so much fun, and we are so happy for her!

Science Circus

By Katelyn McGowan and Samantha Sell

The 6th, 7th , and 8th graders put on a science circus for the younger grades in the gym on February 4, 2009. They have been working on their projects since the beginning of January. They were put in groups of three and got to choose a project out of the ones selected by Ms. Eisie. To prepare for the circus, they looked up the information about their project, chose a board, decorated it, and figured out how to do their experiment.

At the science circus, all the kids from grades K to 5 got to participate in doing the activities. Some of the activities available for them were Tornado Twisters, Paper Rockets, Gold Digging, and making Silly Putty. By the expressions on all of the kid's faces, it looked like they were having a blast!

The Science Circus turned out to be a huge success! We had a lot of fun, and enjoyed working with the little kids!

Ask an Angel

By Gary Micu

Dear Angel,

I am a busy person between sports, friends, and school. I am a very friendly person and very athletic, but my grades are ailing and I need some tips on how to keep everything in balance. Too Busy

Dear Too Busy,

You need to figure out which is most important. Then you can base your schedule around that. For instance homework, then sports, then friends.

Dear Angel,

My friend wants to hang out with me, but he is getting annoying. Advice? Slightly Annoyed

Dear Slightly Annoyed,

You should tell your friend what is annoying about what they do. If that doesn't work ask them to stop one more time. Your final conclusion after that is that they're not a true friend.

Dear Angel,

I got on the Honor Roll for the first time. Any advice on how to get on the Principal's List? Ms. Advice

Dear Ms. Advice,

You should study more for your tests and go over your homework problems twice. Also, you could do some extra credit for some extra points.