



GAZETTE

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Principal: Ms. Sharon Hammerschmidt
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THE SELF-STUDY - Every seven years, our entire school team presents a Self-Study for accreditation through the Michigan Association of Non-Public Schools. It is an opportunity to re-evaluate our core curriculum and school programs.

Since last December, our entire staff has been working diligently to complete our documents and exhibits for the Accreditation Site Visit. During this three-day event Guardian Angels will host a team of thirteen teachers and administrators who will review our programs, interview members of our school community – administrators, faculty, staff, parents, visit our classes and make recommendations for improvement.

We'll begin with a Social and Harvest Supper on Wednesday, November 28th and conclude on Friday, November 30th.

Our last visit, in 2000, was positive and we are anticipating and praying for the same results. We have so very much to be proud of!

**** PLEASE COMPLETE the SELF-STUDY SURVEY in the Gazette and RETURN it to the school office before November 8th.**

CAN YOU HELP? We are still looking for parents who would be willing to volunteer on Wednesday during the cocktail hour, which begins at 5:30 p.m. and the supper, which begins at 6:00 p.m. Additionally, we need folks to help clean up after dinner and ready our cafeteria for Thursday morning.

We will begin to clean up at 8:00 p.m. If you are able to help out in any way, please contact the school office.

TIME FLIES! It is hard to believe that we've completed

two months of school and are coming to the end of our first quarter! November reminds us that we have so much to be thankful for!

- The **KINDERGARTENERS** are a group of children who are excited to be at school! If you are there in the morning when the bell rings, you know exactly what I mean.

- The **FIRST GRADERS** walk in with a sense of independence.

- The **SECOND GRADERS** show that they are willing to take on more responsibility each an every day.

- The **THIRD AND FOURTH GRADERS** have been busy making the transition from the primary to the intermediate grades.

- The **FIFTH GRADERS** have embraced the new opportunities offered to them. Many of them have become safeties and altar servers.

- The **SIXTH GRADERS** are

still adjusting to life in the Academy - having 6 different core subject teachers and another 5 special teachers.

- The **SEVENTH GRADERS** have settled in and are showing the "comfort" and excitement of "experienced" Academy students.

- The **EIGHTH GRADERS** have stepped up to become the leaders that we hoped they would be.

A REMINDER: Parent Teacher Conferences will be held Wednesday, November 7 and Thursday, November 8. There will be no classes on Friday, November 9th.

Continue to keep us all in your prayers...as we do you! Have a blessed Thanksgiving!

BRZEZINSKI'S BOUQUET



Last month when I was browsing the educational section of the bookstore I came across The Essential 55 by Ron Clark. I had heard many good things about the book and decided to buy it and e-mail the staff with 1 rule each week. Many of the staff members have read the book and enjoyed Mr. Clark's passion. We decided to share it with the students. Ms. Hammerschmidt

announces the new rule every Monday along with an explanation of why we have the rule. If you are not familiar with the book, it is about rules that Mr. Clark who is a teacher, would teach and enforce to his students. Many of them deal with manners. After the first three weeks I noticed a difference in some of our academy students. One student addressed me as Ma'am and another student

looked me directly in the eye when he spoke to me. It was nice to see that our book club was catching on. The students told me that they like the rules but some of them take practice to become routine.

Here are the first rules that we already went over:

1. When responding to any adult, you must answer by saying "Yes ma'am or "No sir".

2. Make eye contact.
3. If someone in the class wins a game or does something well, we will congratulate that person.
4. During discussions, respect other students' comments, opinions, and ideas.
5. If you win or do well at something, do not brag.
6. If you are asked a question in conversation, you should ask a question in return.

Ask your child about The Essential 55.

MUSICAL NEWS



Students are busy at work in all areas of the music world! In classes we have started working on the Christmas songs for this year's performance. The students are doing a wonderful job of learning the songs. Academy students have auditioned and been cast in parts for our Christmas play. They are busy

rehearsing the play after school. Our play and songs this year remind us how important it is to follow in Jesus' footsteps and treat everyone with love. Don't forget to **mark your calendar for the December 12th (7 PM) performance** that includes the entire school!

Band is in full swing.

Beginning band students have picked their instruments and are playing songs! Students have been working hard at reading the notes, fingering the correct notes, counting/playing rhythms, and producing a good tone. Advanced band is busy practicing songs to perform for everyone at the Christmas program. These students are working hard at refining their basic playing skills such as breath support,

tone, rhythm, and articulation. Feel free to ask any of the band students what these items mean.

See you at the Christmas Concert!

OCTOBER STUDENT OF THE MONTH AWARDS

6th Grade— Katelyn McGowan
Justin Bui

7th Grade— Daniela Munoz
Mark Roman

8th Grade—Philip Femminino
Alex DiFranco



NEWS FROM THE ART ROOM



The Baker's dozen by the 4th Grade Artists

2007 Kids and Clay State Show

Guardian Angels Catholic School was represented at this year's annual Michigan Art Education Association's Kids and Clay show by our fourth grade clay artists. The fourth graders studied artist, Wayne Thiebaud. They created cakes, pies or cookies to show their understanding of fractions.

They made sure the pieces were divided (cut) fairly. Then they decorated (frosted) their baked goods. They were making a connection to art history and math, go figure! Our artists were; Hannah Kimmel, Gabrielle Tatuch, Scott Roman, Rita Benjamin, Isabelle Daoud, Emily Tarchala, Elizabeth Dierker, Leonardo Gomez, Hailei Ruhlmann, Elizabeth

Banet, Lauren Sharpe, Alexander Micu, and Patrick Carey. Each year approximately 800 to 1,000 Michigan art teachers attend this conference. Mrs. Coyne was very proud to share this baker's dozen at the show! This display will be in the annual Guardian Angels art show.

FIRST GRADE NEWS

Guardian Angels first graders have had a great start to the school year! We have made new friends and are always learning how we can share the love of Jesus with others. In religion class we have learned about the Holy Trinity, the Greatest Commandment, and the Liturgical Church "seasons". We look for the "green" of Ordinary Time and like to hear the stories of Jesus' teachings and miracles. In science we have studied liquids, solids and gases and heat, sound and light. We all agree that the hands-on experiments are the best! In math class we have learned about tens and ones, angles and sides of shapes, and patterns. We completed our review of consonant

sounds, and began our work with short vowel sounds and spellings. First graders are very busy workers each day! We learn a lot outside of the classroom as well! Our trip to Upland Hills Farm was a great day of hands on learning, as we picked pumpkins, walked the storybook trail, watched the barn show and visited lots of animals in the barn area. We also enjoyed the Clawson firefighters' presentation about Fire Safety and loved to see the fire trucks in the G.A. parking lot. We did some baking for the firefighters and they were very happy to receive our brownies as a thank you gift! November promises to be a busy and fun filled

month in first grade, as we plan our annual Thanksgiving Feast and cook the turkeys in our classrooms! In the spirit of Thanksgiving, we are thankful for our G.A. parents and parishioners for all that they do for us at Guardian Angels Catholic School! Happy Thanksgiving and God bless!

Mrs. Ottenhoff and
Mrs. VanFleteren



November:

Brady, Kayla	2
Goodsell, Allison	2
DiFranco, Alex	4
Cascianelli, Nikolas	5
VanFleteren, Megan	6
Jamil, Adele	10
Cope, Cameron	12
Callewaert, Brooke	13
Dorflinger, Daniel	13
Oles, Hayley	15
Maten, Michael	16
Clipfell, Gabrielle	17
David, Christian	17
Haw, Jeffery	19
Stark, Julia	20
Claucherty, Cyndi	21
Benoit, Michael	24
Sell, Sydney	24
Smigels, Maria	25
TysonMayer, Callaghan	28
Diamond, Kaitlin	29
Dooley, McKenna	29
Nowak, Kelsey	29
Skoglund, Keara	29
Brown, Bethany	30
Clemons, Emma	30
Weeks III, Billy	30

DAY OF THE DEAD

The 8th graders are commemorating Day of the Dead on Nov. 2nd. This is a special day of remembrance in some areas of Mexico. The people welcome their departed loved ones home. Special masses are said at cemeteries and those living celebrate the lives of those who have moved on to a new life.

Our 8th graders are honoring special people whom they miss. Alex, Taiesha and Brandon remember their grandfathers. Katie, Jack and Giorgia think of an uncle. Sydni is honoring her great aunt. Julia won't forget her neighbor. Nick chose to remember a football coach. Anna honors her great grandma.

Anthony has a cousin who is remembered. Eric, Megan and Mackenzie think of their grandmas. Mrs. Raine is remembering her dad. These are examples of the many lives being honored and celebrated. What a wonderful opportunity to rejoice that our dear ones lived!

BIRTHDAY BOOK WORM

Birthdays are always special to a child. What better way to celebrate the occasion than to donate a book to the Guardian Angels Library on behalf of your child? The GA Birthday Book Program gives you the chance to make a lasting gift in your child's name for \$5.00.

Children enjoy sharing books with their parents,

siblings, and friends. They will always have special memories of the book they selected for the Library and their picture will hang in the hall outside the Library all school year.

We're excited about Birthday Books and hope that you are, too. It's a great way for your child to give back to GA. What's more, our library can



always use an influx of new and wonderful books.

So start thinking about your child's Birthday and a book that s/he would like to donate. Order forms are available in the Library. Not sure which book to choose? Mrs. Provost has a list of suggestions.

Volunteers Needed

Our Accreditation site visit is almost here and we are finalizing plans for the days our site team will be with us. We are looking for a group of parents who would be willing to help serve dinner and clean up after the dinner that will be held on Wednesday Nov. 28th (around 8:00pm). We are also looking for 4-5 parents to assist Mona Hampton in serving the breakfast and lunch for the site team visitors on Thursday Nov. 29th and Friday Nov. 30th. If you can help, please stop in at the office and let us know.

GAP NEWS

I have been approached by a few parents who were asking how they can help out with different activities that GAP provides throughout the school year. If there is any specific fundraiser or activity that you would like to help out on please feel free to contact the committee chair that is in charge of that activity; they are listed on the main web page. Or if you have any further questions please feel free to give me a call and I can assist you.

Thank you,
Kristen Raona
GAP President

Grade Representatives Committee

- Pre-school Sharon Altman
- Kindergarten Kristen Pelshaw (Mrs. Lampman)
- 1st Grade Susan Galbenski (Mrs. VanFleteren)
Susan Combes (Mrs. Ottenhoff)
- 2nd Grade Dan Calu (Ms. Karol)
- 3rd Grade Cathy Rowe (Mrs. Burke)
- 4th Grade Len Palmeri & Christina Moore (Mr. Webster)
Charlene Sharpe (Ms. Allen)
- 5th Grade Betsy Vande Kerkhoff (Mr. McClain)
- 6th Grade
- 7th Grade Mike O'Neil (Mr. Waligora)
- 8th Grade Ann VanFleteren (Ms. Eisenhart & Mrs. Wagner)

The above lists are the parents that have signed up to be classroom reps for the school year. We are still in need of a few classroom reps. If interested please let me know. You can e-mail me at kristenraona@wowway.com or phone me at 1-248-894-5334. Thank you!

What is the job of the classroom representative?

This is a GAP Board position which is two fold in nature. The Room Rep works closely with the homeroom teacher in planning and facilitating events throughout the year, while also attending all GAP meetings and voting as a representative for their respective classroom.

GAP MEETINGS

Just a reminder; if you would like to attend a GAP Meeting and are in need of a sitter, please feel free to give me a call or e-mail me and I can make arrangements for a sitter 248-894-5334 or kristenraona@wowway.com. We hope to see you there! GAP is looking for someone who would be willing to take on the role of **President-Elect** this year. We do not have one as of yet. If you or someone you know may be interested please contact one of the board members: Kristen Raona, Christina Moore or Bruce Kowal.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 11-02-07 Market Day pick up
- 11-12-07 Santa Secret Shop (11-12 thru 11-16)
- 11-14-07 GAP Meeting 7 pm Cafeteria
- 11-20-07 GAP provides pizza lunch for students
- 12-05-07 GAP Meeting 7 pm Cafeteria
- 12-06-07 Feast of St. Nicholas
- 12-14-07 Market Day pick-up
(look for more upcoming events next month)

Have a wonderful and bountiful Thanksgiving!



GA CELEBRATES MASS TOGETHER



Students bring food for the food pantry



6th grade receive their blessed bible from Fr. Gerry



Student Council gives Fr. Gerry and Fr. Hoang spiritual bouquets in honor of Priesthood Sunday

OCTOBER 23 IS MOLE DAY

National Mole Day is celebrated Oct. 23rd each year.

Its purpose was, and continues to be, to get all persons especially students, enthused about Chemistry. Each year 8th graders, celebrate National Mole Day by having cake, ice cream, pop and snacks. The celebration begins with the mole pledge, mole music, and mole jokes. Then Mrs. Trastevere, a parent/scientist, gives a short

lecture titled *What is a Mole?* She compares it to several things such as a mole of salt or a mole of sugar. Then we have a demonstration of liquid nitrogen done by Mrs. Trastevere. The 8th graders help by assisting Mrs. Trastevere. Some students put flowers in the liquid nitrogen to see the reaction. They have a great learning experience and a Mole of a day.



NATIONAL JUNIOR HONOR SOCIETY NEWS

The NJHS has had a very busy schedule lately. We have been planning for the upcoming Halloween Dance and monthly bagel sales. Since the NJHS is setting up for the dance, our past meetings have been about what we are planning for. We also have discussed recycling plastics. Many of

the students bring in water bottles, so we decided that we should recycle water bottles, too. We have been working on finding a company to help us out and with donating recycling bins as well. More updates are soon to come.



Congratulations to Michael DiMaria and Megan VanFleteren who received the Fall Scholar Athletes award presented at Ford Field on October 20.

PUMPKIN DECORATING CONTEST

Each class was given a pumpkin on Oct. 26. The classes could decorate it, but not cut into it. As you can see everyone was very creative. The winner received a special treat. Which one would you pick as the winner?



Bishop Foley News



BISHOP FOLEY CATHOLIC

Sunday, November 11th
1- 4 p.m.

Discover the Foley difference!!!
Opportunities in academics,
athletics and more...



BFC Fall Play...the Comedy

"Whodunit...and to Whom"

Friday, November 16th 8 p.m.

Saturday, November 17th 8 p.m.

Tickets: \$7 Adults \$5 under 10

Looking for:

Parents who would be willing to help decorate the school for March's reading month. Our theme is **Book a Trip Across the United States**. Each class has picked a state which will represent them in a reading race from DC to LA. We will need volunteers in February who would be willing to help students paint or hang art work in the hallways. If you are able to help, please contact the school office.



Needed: Boxes of baby wipes for our cafeteria. Due to food allergies we use a large amount of wipes for the students' hands after lunch. If you could donate a box of wipes, we would appreciate it!

Kriza's Korner



With the hustle and bustle of the holidays upon us I'd like to share the article that I refer to whenever I need to settle down and put things in perspective. I hope you find it as helpful as I have.

"Cultivate gratitude. Carve out an hour a day for solitude. Begin and end the day with prayer and meditation and reflection. Keep it simple. Keep your house picked up. Don't over schedule. Strive for realistic deadlines. Never make a promise you can't keep. Allow an extra half-hour for everything you do. Create quiet surroundings at home and at work. Go to bed at nine o'clock twice a week. Always carry something interesting to read. Breathe- deeply and often. Move-walk, dance, run, find a sport you enjoy. Drink water-lots of it. Eat only when hungry. If it's NOT

delicious, don't eat it. Set aside one day a week for rest and renewal. Laugh more often. Luxuriate in your senses. Always opt for comfort. If you don't love it, live without it. Let Mother Nature nurture. Don't answer the telephone during dinner. Stop trying to please everybody. Start pleasing yourself. Stay away from negative, sarcastic people. Don't squander precious resources, time, creative energy, emotion. Nurture friendships. Don't be afraid of your passion. Approach problems as challenges. Honor your aspirations. Set achievable goals. Surrender your expectations. Savor beauty. Create boundaries. For every "yes" let there be a "no". Don't worry, be happy. Remember happiness is a living emotion. Exchange security for serenity. Care for your soul. Cherish your dreams. Express love everyday."

In closing I am remembering you all with gratitude and I hope every day of this holiday season will give you abundant new reasons for thanksgiving.

The Angel Savers Club

November

November's here and that means the holidays are just around the corner.

Look for us at Guardian Angels on the following
Wednesdays at 12:15 pm outside the library:
November 7th and 28th

Angel Savers Club in November

We want to celebrate our Angel Savers at Guardian Angels and show them how much we appreciate them!

On one of the November Angel Savers Club dates,
any Angel Saver who visits us will get CIDER AND DONUTS.

See you there!



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