



# GAZETTE

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

## HAMMER TIME BY SHARON HAMMERSCHMIDT



graders will also be receiving their bibles at the end of mass.

**“Our Blessed Past and Promised Future”** Those were the words that were spoken at this past Sunday’s Liturgy. Many gathered at the noon Mass to kick off a year of celebration with Cardinal Adam Maida. We celebrate 85 years as a parish and 60 years as school. The day began with beautiful music directed by Mrs. Szeligia and the choir, the words of thankfulness and gratitude by Cardinal Maida for the work that began decades ago and the work that still continues here at Guardian Angels. Thank you to the many hands that prepared the food for the reception, what a feast! A special thank you to Mrs. McMurtry and Mrs. Craig for their countless hours of sorting and assembling pictures and articles about the history of GA. These are located along the church wall heading toward the parish office, please stop and learn about our history. Thank you to all the students who helped clean the church, moved flowers, greeted people and distributed worship aids, took pictures, helped clean up the

gym after the reception. What a proud day for Guardian Angels Catholic School and Parish.

Where has September gone? So many things have already taken place here at school.

- Saturday, September 13<sup>th</sup> was the Moms to Moms Sale. Though it rained non stop the traffic into the gym was also non stop. I know that there were many hands that helped with this event but a special thank you to Mrs. Walmsley and Mrs. Mason for their work. Also thank you to the many students who came and helped out, especially Tiffani Haught, Mark Roman and Meagan Haw. How long did it take you to dry off?
- On September 19<sup>th</sup>, 70 golfers took part in the Guardian Angels Annual golf outing at Sylvan Glen golf course. The weather was perfect, the good was great and the company was the best. Thanks to Mr. Banet and his crew of many who helped planned, sponsored and worked the help make

this outing a huge success.

- Our kindergarten had their first field trip to the apple orchards. The consensus on the best part of the trip was the hay ride. They came back with apples and pumpkins and full tummies. The football and volleyball teams as well as the cheerleaders have been in full swing. There is still time to check out a game, see the Herald for the schedule.

As you can see there are a lot of activities that have already gone on and there are many, many more that will take place.

- Wednesday evening there is an Auction meeting for all those who are interested in helping out. This meeting will take place in the library at 7:00 p.m. Please come out and check us out.
- Thursday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> is the Feast Day of Guardian Angels; please consider joining us for an All – School mass at 9:00 a.m. The 6<sup>th</sup>

- This Friday is our Walk-a-thon and we will begin walking at 8:30 a.m.
- Our Parish picnic will take place Sunday, October 5<sup>th</sup> at Clawson Park. We will start the day with noon mass at the park. Please call the Parish office if you plan on attending no later than Thursday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>. October 8<sup>th</sup> there is a mandatory meeting for all 8<sup>th</sup> graders who will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation this year. This meeting will take place 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. in the church.

**8<sup>th</sup> Graders Attention: High School Placement Test Workshop offered at Bishop Foley Catholic Saturday, October 11<sup>th</sup> from 9-11 a.m. or 1-3 p.m. Learn various test strategies and how to deal with anxiety. Space is limited. Register by Calling Mrs. Green at 248-585-1210 x 131 Cost: \$25**

## BRZEZINSKI’S BOUQUET



Next week we begin IOWA testing for students in grades 1-8 from Oct. 6-17. The IOWA tests are developed by the College of Education of University of IOWA. “The main purpose of using a standardized achievement test is to provide information that can be used to improve

instruction. When used as intended, such tests can be a useful supplement to teacher observations about what students are able to do, and they can provide a starting point for monitoring year-to-year student development.”

Please make sure your child

gets plenty of sleep and eats a healthy breakfast on all testing days. It is important that all students are in school because it is difficult to find the time for them to make up the tests. Here are a few helpful hints to remind your child of on test taking days.

1. Follow the directions closely. Underline words

that will assist in answering the questions



2. Budget time appropriately
3. Check work carefully
4. Read the entire item and all answers
5. Read the test questions prior to reading the assigned passage
6. Answer easier questions first and persist to the end
7. Make educated guesses

**SEPTEMBER STUDENT OF THE MONTH AWARDS**

6th Grade– Isabel Marcelletti  
Joeena Pennington

7th Grade– Justin Bui  
Joseph Pham

8th Grade– Greg McMurtry  
Lynette Pippin

# NEW FACES IN TOWN

This year at Guardian Angels School we have the pleasure having two student teachers working with us. Both come to us with impressive qualifications. Ms. Suzette Stasiewicz is working with Mr. John McClain and the 5th grade. Ms Stasiewicz comes to us with a Masters degree in developmental psychology and worked in the medical field until 2000. She also has experience teaching computers, science and social studies at St. Florian Middle School in Hamtramck. She is

currently working on her teaching certification at Marygrove college. Ms. Stansiewicz lives in Hamtramck and is the mother of grown twin daughters. The 5th graders are having a wonderful time working with her!

Mr. Tim Hruszkewycz, also known as "Mr.H.", or "Mr. Cool" by the 8th graders, is working with Ms. Barbara Dunham in the Academy. Mr. H. has a strong background in Theater and has a Bachelor's degree in

English and Theater from Franciscan University in Steubenville, Ohio, He also has experience teaching theater classes at Cranbrook. He is currently working on his teaching certification at Madonna University. The Academy students are enjoying his creative teaching style, particularly his promotion of "International Talk Like a Pirate Day" recently!

Both Ms. Stasiewicz and Mr. Hruszkewycz will be with us until December. Welcome!



Mr. Hruszkewycz

## NEWS FROM THE ART ROOM



**Art Praises! The Detroit Zoo's Year of the Frog on-line exhibit is now available.** Go to [www.projectsnap.org/](http://www.projectsnap.org/) to see this year's academy students' art. If their work was finished by the deadline with a permission slip, it is in this show! To find someone's artwork, go to "Visit the Web Gallery" and follow the directions. When you enter the grade level, you need to put in last year's grade level. Once the artwork is on the screen you will see in the top left corner the column and row where you can

find your artwork in the larger frog murals. There are two murals in the amphibian house at the zoo and another at the Belle Isle Zoo. These murals and on-line exhibit will be on display until Dec. 31 of this year.

We also give thanks for our five G.A. Art Angels who will have their clay worry angles in this year's **Kids and Clay show at the Michigan Art Education Association's** fall conference. Our worry angel artists are; Christine Busch, Kaitlin Krygier, Daniela Munoz, Denise

Carter and Tiffani Haught. Great job angels!

On Sept. 26 the 5<sup>th</sup> graders spent their **"Day in the Art Room"** to create Empty Bowls for the **Empty Bowls charity event** at the fall conference. The money from this event will go to a local soup kitchen. They also created clay worry angels to sell at our parent/teacher conferences. These proceeds will go to the **Detroit Rescue Mission** for Thanksgiving meals. God Bless these 5<sup>th</sup> graders for their angelic, artistic deeds!



Ms. Stasiewicz



We'd like to thank everyone who supported our September Market Day sale! We raised over \$378 and introduced 10 new customers to the delicious foods available from Market Day. With any October order (due by Oct.3rd), you will automatically be entered to win FREE groceries from Market Day. There will

be over 1,000 winners! Be sure to look for us in the parking lot on October 31st and during conferences as we pass out samples of the delicious pies available for order during the month of November (pie bonus month). If you have never ordered from Market Day or just want to see "what it's all about"

please stop by the GYM on October 10th from 2:30 - 3:30. We always have extra foods on hand for purchase and we would be happy to answer any questions you may have! Charlene Sharpe 248-740-0290 and Diana Palmeri 586-795-4282

## MARKET DAY

# GAP NEWS

First, I would like to thank everyone who helped out at the Welcome Back Picnic and to those who entered the chili contest. We had a great turn out, and the picnic could not be successful without all the wonderful help – all the way from the invitations to dumping out the last cooler of melted ice. What a nice start to the school year, but how did it get to be October?

Fundraising is well underway. The Entertainment Book sale began on September 11 and is in the process of completion. Order forms or unsold books were due back on September 25. If you have any further questions regarding the sale, please contact Chairpersons Susan Galbenski at 248 549 3629, or Lori Johnson at 248 740 7577. Thank you Susan, Lori, and to all involved with this sale!

Market Day raised \$378.79 for the September sale. This money goes to the general GAP fund. Thank you to Chairpersons Charlene Sharpe and Diana Palmeri for heading up Market Day and to all who helped them.

Next came the Moms to Moms Sale on September 13. Revenue is created from admission, items and baked goods donated to GAP, and also by the rental of tables and racks to the

vendors. What a great job from Chairperson Janet Walmsley, all of the volunteers that helped with the planning and those who showed up on both Friday and/or Saturday (parents and students). Also a big thank you to those who donated items and baked goods for sale. I visited the baked goods area myself, and the numerous items I purchased were delicious. From the rentals, baked goods, and donated items over \$2800.00 was raised.

On September 19, we had a beautiful day for the Golf Outing. Thank you Chairperson David Banet for the tons of work you put into this successful outing. Mr. Banet and GAP would like to thank all the volunteers as well. Without the help of others, these events could not happen. Seventy-two golfers enjoyed their day and just over \$2600.00 was raised.

So many people help in so many different ways and all are much appreciated. Without all your help and ideas GAP would not be successful. Please think about coming to the GAP meetings. They are held at 7:00 on the first Tuesday evening of each month, except election day, November 4, when the GAP meeting will be held on the 11<sup>th</sup> instead.

What is coming next? Good stuff. The Walk-a-thon on Friday, October 3.

Sally Foster with cookie dough on Thursday, October 9. October Market day, and the first Auction meeting on Wednesday, October 1 at 7PM in the library. Please remember to mark your calendar for our auction being held on May 2, 2009!

Also on October 17 at 2:00 in the gym is the GAP sponsored play, Aladdin, performed for our students by The Windy City Players. Aladdin will last approximately 45 minutes. Have a fantastic October, Sherry Carter



## OCTOBER

Gomez-Perez, Sara	1
Johnson, Mallory	1
O'Neil, Ann	2
Kennedy, James	7
Ankrapp, Lizzie	11
Brown, Dale	11
Bui, Justin	13
Pattinson, Hannah	14
Beddow, Jack	15
Ortisi, Anthony	16
Baber, Brendan	19
Gracey, Brendan	20
Lee, Michelle	21
Craig, Claire	22
Newcomb, Kathleen	24
Caparros, Felna	25
Murphy, Hannah	25
Almacci, Sebastian	26
Motowski, Elizabeth	28
Boswell, Gavin	29
Petty, Ellen	30
Rossmann, Jessica	31
Schilling, Garrett	25
Taylor, Jessica	5
VandeKerckhoff, Grant	20

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## HAPPENINGS

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### Euchre Parties

October 18<sup>th</sup>

3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday evening of each month

All are welcome...

Field House \$10 7 p.m.

Contact: Mr. Reichenbach

[Rbachome@aol.com](mailto:Rbachome@aol.com)



### An Evening with the Stars

15<sup>th</sup> Annual Auction

Saturday, November 16 -10 p.m.

248-585-1210



Sunday, November 9, 2008

1 - 4 p.m.

A place of growth and a variety of opportunities. Come and see what Foley can offer YOU!



BFC Fall Play...

Friday, November 21st 7:30 p.m.



Basketball practices will begin the week of October 27. More information to follow.

## Kriza's Korner



from school was shared and the event triggered

havoc around the table. That was the beginning of 20-30 minutes of the loudest, silliest, most enjoyable laughter you can imagine. At one point, I watched my oldest literally fall off his chair in hysterics, my youngest doubled over in her chair as her face wound up in her plate and corn chips stuck to her cheeks... and my other two children were

**Trouble knocked at the door, but hearing a laugh within, hurried away!** Charles Swindoll wrote in "Growing Strong in the Seasons of life." Tonight was fun 'n games night around the supper table in our house. It was wild. First of all, one of the kids snickered during the prayer (which isn't that unusual) and that tipped the first domino. Then a humorous incident

leaning back, lost and preoccupied in the most beautiful and beneficial therapy God ever granted humanity: laughter. What is so amazing is that everything seemed far less serious and heavy. Irritability and impatience were ignored like unwanted guests. "Laughter is truly a gift from God! Make time for it in your daily life." (Did you know that children laugh an average of 400x times a day compared to 4x for an adult?)

## Ministry Minute

by Mrs. Denise Ficorelli



*He will give His Angels charge over you, to guard you in all your way. Ps 91:11*

We celebrate the Feast of the Guardian Angels on Thursday, October 2. Blessed are we to believe in angels that guide and guard each one of us in divine ways. Give thanks to God for our angels who protect us always!

I've had a great beginning as Campus Minister! I am enjoying my time with the children at Mass, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, and visits to the classrooms. Interested academy

students will be selected soon to begin a Teen Team that will meet during recess time to help write prayer intentions and act out the Gospel for school Masses. They will share their many gifts and lead by example ways of being a disciple of Jesus. With adult guidance, their understanding of our faith and growing familiar with liturgical planning will deepen their spirituality with Christ.

A prayer table has been placed inside the hallway of the first floor to write your special intentions in the book provided. We pray each

day for all the written intentions during our Morning Prayer time.

Many of the young teens have asked if they can continue the Trick-or-Treating for canned foods on Halloween. I am willing to take interested academy students on this service venture. Permission slips will be available with their homeroom teachers. Please return your slips to Mrs. Ficorelli by October 28 so to properly plan for adult supervision and drivers.

Prayers and blessings during these beautiful autumn days!

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.

*"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*

Moderators: Ms. Laurie Wagner and Mr. Tim Hruszkewycz

## Academy Roars at Comerica

By Noah Groth and Chris Oles

It is a beautiful Wednesday morning and all the students arrive at school. They are dressed up nicely for pictures. But some people might not know that they are ready to go crazy at the Tigers game. People had a good time. Just ask **Garrett Schilling (7<sup>th</sup> Grade)**. "I liked the Tigers game because it was a chance to relax and hang out away from school with some friends." **Andrew Jamil (6<sup>th</sup> Grade)** also had some things to say about his time away from school. "I liked the game," Jamil started, "but the bad part is that they lost."

Now, they might have lost five-to-two, but that had little to do with the attitude of the afternoon. The Angels got to leave the school. People laughed and had a good time. That's what students will remember.



*Samantha Casadonte (6th Grade) and Marisa Medici (6th Grade) play the part of the loyal fans to Tigers mascot, "Paws."*

## A Quick Look at Art

By Adriana Tatuch

In **Ms. Amy Kurkiewicz's** room, things are happening! Grades six, seven, and eight will be in Guardian Angels' Christmas show! In the show, sixth and seventh grade will be performing together and eighth grade will be performing separately.

If you are an aspiring actor, start getting your jazz shoes ready for the spring musical. While the name of the show has yet to be released, future issues of the Angels Articles will be covering this information as it develops.

The art room

[Pictured right] An example of **Mrs. Joyce Coyne's SQUARE ONE PROJECT**. Students will be creating these images that will be available for purchase in anything from a tee-shirt to a tote bag.



is buzzing with **Mrs.**

**Joyce Coyne**. "Square One Art" has started. Also, the Art Angels are making fish shaped platters for the auction center pieces. Last year, many kids made "Year of the Frog" pictures for the Detroit Zoo's 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. The pictures students made are online.

## HISTORY AND GRACES: THE FACTS ABOUT ALTAR SERVING

By Samantha Casadonte

Do you like praising the Lord and going to Mass? Then you should try altar serving! Altar serving is a good way to pray to the Lord and help out with the Mass. But what are the jobs of an altar server? That question can be best answered by looking at the

duties that need to be accomplished during the Mass.

Altar serving is performed with three people dressed in white robes with a white tie going around their waist. These three people include the two candle bearers and the one cross bearer. The candle bearers, for the most part, share the same responsibilities. The cross bearer is the

student who takes the book up to the priest when he says, "Let us pray." After a lector reads the petitions and Prayers of the Faithful, the two candle bearers walk up and put the candles by the altar then walk away.

*For more about Altar Serving, please read Marissa Medici's thoughts on the matter inside.*

**Altar Serving**  
**Fun Fact:** Did you know that Father Gerry and Father Hoang have their own unique chalices?

## TEACHER PROFILE: MRS. SALGAT

By Katie Diamond

### Just the Facts:

Mrs. Salgat teaches math, pre-algebra, and pre-geometry to the academy students. She has been teaching at Guardian Angels for eighteen years. She took time out of her career to raise her three children, who all attended Guardian Angels school. Her son, Michael, now lives and works in Cleveland, Ohio. Her daughter, Kathleen, like Mrs. Salgat, is also a teacher living in Florida. Matthew, a graduate of Bishop Foley High School and Albion College, is currently attending University of Detroit Mercy Law School. Both Mrs. Salgat and her husband, Chuck, enjoy working to support Catholic schools.

### Getting Ahead: Mrs. Salgat on Getting Organized

1. "Make sure everything you need is written in your planner."
2. "Check and recheck your schedule every time you have a locker break."
3. "Make sure you have every book you need for your classes during locker break."
4. "Before you go home, make sure you have all your books for homework."

### Katie's Thoughts:

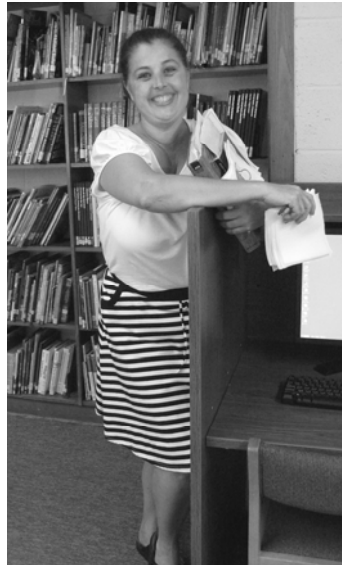
Mrs. Salgat is a very great teacher. She has fun games for math, like "Around the World," which is a multiplication game where she goes to the first two people in the first row and shows them a multiplication card. Whoever gets the correct answer tries to travel all the way back to their seat. Another reason I think Mrs. Salgat is a good teacher is because she is a very great person. Every sixth, seventh, and eighth grader that I talked to seemed to like her.

Oh...and she is also a great math teacher.



## TEACHER PROFILE: MS. HARLAN

By Mickey Davey



*Ms. Lisa Harlan takes a moment out of library time to smile for the camera.*

Ms. Harlan has been teaching kindergarten at Guardian Angels for sixteen years. Then Ms. Michalak retired. Who took her spot? Ms. Harlan, that's who! She switched from the cute and small kindergarteners to teaching in the Academy. She teaches seventh and eighth grade literature and sixth grade English.

### MD: How did you feel when the principal wanted you to

teach in the Academy?

H: Shocked!

MD: If you could teach any subject, what would it be?

H: It would be literature and drama.

MD: What was the hardest thing leaving kindergarten?

H: Leaving the arts and crafts.

MD: What is your favorite thing about teaching in the Academy that you couldn't do in kindergarten?

H: Reading novels.

MD: Where did you first teach and what grade?

H: St. Bridget in Detroit and I taught 32 kids. Ten first graders and 22 second graders.

MD: Did you ever think that you would have to leave the kindergarten?

H: No, I never thought about it.

MD: At Comerica Park, when the A's hit two homeruns in the first inning, what were you thinking?

H: Those poor Tigers...

MD: When you were a kid, what did you want to be when you grew up?

H: I wanted to be an actress!



## VARSITY VOLLEYBALL THIRSTY FOR VICTORY

By Noah Groth and Chris

From the start of the season, they had the passion. At the time of this article, they were 0-3. Did that discourage them? Nobody thinks so.

The team has been bringing their optimism to all that they do. They can feel it in every practice and every time they put on that jersey. This positive thinking can only lead to victory. Even the team knows it. They know that they

are going to come out victorious. **Bethany Brown (8th Grade)** says, "Our team wants it really bad. We want it really, really bad." Bethany is not alone in her mentality. **Jacqueline Banet (7th Grade)** is in the same frame of mind. "We want it, but we need to try harder."

But is this an empty hope? **Mr. Tim Hruszkewycz**, the student teacher assisting **Mrs. Dunham** doesn't think so. "I went to one of their games and

was amazed," he exclaimed. "They played their faces off! All I know is that I couldn't do what they do." The season is moving forward quickly. Optimism has the power to bring about wonderful things. All they need now is more support.

[Pictured left] *Samantha Bennett (8th Grade) shows some hustle in a game against St. Clemens*

# OUR GUARDIAN ANGELS

By Kaitlyn Krieger, Kayla Brady, and Anna Cwiek

We have all seen Fr. Gerry walking around, but the big mystery around Guardian Angels is the other priest walking around the halls of the school. We sat down with Fr. Hoang to find out the inside scoop!



wanted to become a priest?

**AA: Do you enjoy being a priest?**

FH: Yes, I do enjoy being a priest. I love the fact that I'm in contact with God all the time. I give the sacrament to people to receive in the grace of God.

**AA: When did you know you**

FH: After graduating from [University of Michigan] in Dearborn in 1998, I worked as an engineer for a while, but then I got a calling from God. I asked Fr. Vincent to teach me how to teach [about] first communion and first confession. But God called me further than that to the

vocation of the priesthood.

**AA: Do you enjoy being a priest at GA?**

FH: It's very special to me because I was baptized with my mom here on July 4, 1993. I never imagined when I became a priest that my first mission would be the very same place I was baptized. When I get another mission at another parish, I will always remember the people at Guardian Angels and I will come to visit often.

**AA: Did you have another calling besides being a priest?**

FH: The priesthood is a calling from God and God chose me. This vocation is a blessing and I'm very happy being a priest for two years now.

## Definitely, Maybe...NOT!

By Sara Gomez-Perez, Christine Busch, and Megan Shaya

2 STARS (out of 5)

We watched a movie and it turned out with interesting results.

This movie was about a young girl, Maya, trying to find out information about her real mother. While the actual story may take place in Maya's bedroom, the movie flashes back to her father, William Hays, in 1982. Once Hays begins to retell his triangle love story, he realizes who he was really in love with and wants to give it a second chance. With his daughter's encouragement, he pursues his true love. In the end, Hays realizes that eleven-year-old girls are smarter than they look and than he should give love a second chance. Go figure.

We thought the movie was way too long and it did not hold our interest. It is a love comedy, but there was nothing hilarious in it at all. On top of all that, we would lose interest completely causing us to almost fall asleep! The actors were not funny at all but the plot develops quite nicely. There's also a bit of guessing for the audience and our bet is you'll stay to the end if only to find out how it finishes. We would not recommend this movie to anyone under twelve because content and language. Instead of watching this "comedy," we would rather go back to Blockbuster and rent *The Little Mermaid: Ariel's Beginning*. Like for real. Not kidding. Not even a little...

*Definitely, Maybe* (2008)

**Director:** Adam Brooks

**Screenplay:** Adam Brooks

**Runtime:** 1:12 minutes

**Starring:** Ryan Reynolds, Abigail Breslin, Elizabeth Banks, Isla Fisher, Rachel Weisz

**Available on DVD**

# WHO'S THAT FRESH FACE?

By Megan Shaya

Everyone's talking about the man in Mrs. Barb Dunham's class. What's with the ties? Why's he here? Most importantly, who is he? I sat down with him to find out all about the one and only, Mr. Tim Hruszkewycz.

Known primarily as Mr. H around the school, Mr. Hruszkewycz is a student teacher from Madonna University. He will be working at Guardian Angels until December. While officially positioned as a seventh grade teacher, Mr. H is dealing with all three academy classes. "Not much is going on in the seventh grade at the moment," started Mr. H. "I'm learning everyone's name and getting to know the school. It's been really cool." As of the time of our interview, Mr. H was staying in Mrs. Dunham's class and helping out with the paperwork among other things. "Not many people would think this, but it is actually really exciting.

I love everything I do."

While Mr. H may seem to know his way around the building, the funny tie man did not go to Guardian Angels, but graduated from Shrine Catholic High School. "I was the editor of my school paper. That is one of the reasons I am helping with the student publications. Also, there has never been this class before, so it is an opportunity to completely start from scratch." He has also kept up with journalism, taking part in private writing projects. "My newspaper career isn't over. I still do graphics and publica-



tions for different schools and programs in the area in my spare time."

Currently, he is working on many different projects for the student publications. The paper is going to be self-sufficient and Adobe Photoshop and Microsoft Publishers will be the focus of future classes. "I want students to have a say in what's in the paper," exclaimed Mr. Hruszkewycz. "This is their school and no one knows it better than the students."

Finally, Mr. Hruszkewycz and I discussed the Tigers game. "I did [enjoy it]! Even though I got to see more of the stadium and less of the game, I had a great time. I got to see a lot of the kids and staff not at school. That was nice."

# What It is like to Be an Eighth Grader

By Melissa Clendennin and Kayla

Being an eighth grader means that you are the top of the food chain. Some people think that it is awesome and others, well...not so much. Eighth grade is all about getting ready for high school, leaving your friends after this year, being ready for whatever is coming your way, and finding a way to keep all of the bad memories while trying to move on with your life.

**Samantha Bennett (8th Grade)** had quite a bit to say on the subject. "It's a lot better than being a seventh grader," she

stated plainly. "It's a lot more fun but there is more homework. It is also going to be weird

we are going to lose our past. We have learned from each other and depended



leaving everyone because I love my class." As a fellow eighth grader, we can tell that she is not alone. We are all excited for the future, but scared that

on each other for so long and the thought of being an eighth grader and surviving all of these years together is amazing. We know at some

time or another, we get on each other's nerves and yell, but we know that we love each other and that's what makes it so hard knowing this is our last year.

To top it all off, the eighth graders are having a big part of our lives changed. We are having our confirmation, which is a good but scary thought! Knowing that from this point on that all of our religious choices are up to us and not our parents is overwhelming. We have learned a great deal about saints that will help us with our confirmation, which offers a degree of comfort. Also to help the

transition will be the upcoming retreat to help us with our spiritual life. We think that it will be a great way for us to learn more about what is out there and not just what is around us.

One thing that we have learned is that in eighth grade, you put away your differences and you try to click with each other because it's your last year and you want to make it the best possible. Like most eighth graders, you want to be remembered as a good person that always tried their hardest.

## From the Mind of Marissa: Altar Serving

By Marissa Medici

This year at GA, grades four, five, six, seven and eight will be able to volunteer to be altar servers. This year, I will be altar serving on weekends. I am very excited to do this. It will be my very first time to serve this year at Guardian Angels. I am happy to be able to participate in this activity.

The reason that I am so excited for this year's altar serving is because the new altar servers met with Fr. Gerry on Wednesday, September 17. When we were at the church we got to hold the cross, and go to the back room of the church. We also learned where to get our robes. Fr. Gerry also told us about some of the things in the room. It looks like it will be a fun year!

## REGGIE GOLFIN BRINGS COMMITMENT TO JUNIOR VARSITY



*Reggie Golfin (6th Grade) plays it cool in class and on the field. [Photo by Sara Gomez-Perez]*

By Noah Groth

It's football season and that means that GA football is starting. While varsity football may currently be only 0-2, JV is undefeated and looking for more wins to put under their belts. Leading the pack is

**Reggie Golfin (6<sup>th</sup> Grade)** playing running back. Varsity players know all about Reggie. Nick Newcomb, a varsity player, says, "He dodges a lot of tackles. He is the fastest player on the team."

At the time of this article, he already had four touchdowns in only two games. Rock-hard defense, explosive offense and wins over our Lady of the Lakes and Marist Academy got them into that respective spot at the top of the leader board. GA football has always been strong and Reggie with the JV football only makes the Angels even stronger.

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