



# GAZETTE

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Principal: Ms. Sharon Hammerschmidt  
Assistant Principal: Mrs. DeAnn Brzezinski

## HAMMER TIME BY SHARON HAMMERSCHMIDT

**MANY GIFTS, ONE SPIRIT!**  
What a wonderful scripture passage (1Corinthians 12:4) as our focus this school year, a year with so many things to celebrate – 60 years as a school and 85 years as a parish! So many people have shared their gifts with this community in the past and God continues to bless us with many more gifts as we move forward. We have enjoyed a rich history and look ahead to an even brighter future.

**STAFF RETREAT** - While the staff was away on retreat, we had the opportunity to personally meet and thank many Adrian Dominican Sisters who ministered here to our children as the first educators of Guardian Angels Catholic School. Several of our current faculty had the opportunity to listen to the stories by Sr. Incarnata, the first

principal of Guardian Angels. She didn't miss a beat in recounting her tales! For her, it was just like yesterday. We were also blessed by Sr. Susanne's presence at our retreat as she told us of many historic moments – sleeping in a room on the second floor, teaching 100 students with one other Sister in a house located across from our playground. As we were leaving and I was thanking Sr. Susanne for sharing with us, her response was, 'No, I want to thank you for giving me an opportunity to share my fond memories of the beginnings of Guardian Angels. But more importantly, I want to thank you and the teachers for answering God's call and for continuing the work that was begun 60 years ago.' What a blessing!

As we move forward through this Anniversary Year, let us remember the past and thank God for what was, celebrate the present and say "Yes!" for what is, and look to the future and the blessings that lie before us. We have many gifts but the same Spirit. Thank YOU for being tender to the Spirit's call as YOU share YOUR GIFTS with us!

Unfortunately, due to numbers, we were unable to offer Ms. Lisa Allen a contract for this school year. I am however, happy to inform you that she has found another job. We wish Ms. Allen all the best and know that she is always a part of us.



*Family Day - A Day to Eat Dinner with Your Children™* is a national movement to inform parents that the parental engagement fostered during frequent family dinners is an effective tool to help keep America's kids substance free. *Family Day* reminds parents that *Dinner Makes A Difference!*

**Celebrate Family Day on Monday, September 22, 2008!**

## BRZEZINSKI'S BOUQUET



Thank you for your children! I learned as a child to always say thank you when someone gives you a gift. Your children are truly a gift to us. We are happy to have them with us for another year of learning and fun.

I dropped my second child off at Kindergarten this year. I left the school with a smile and a sense of satisfaction. This may seem odd to many parents who usually are a little teary eyed when they drop off their daughter or son for the first time. I was

smiling because I was so excited for her. She is about to begin a chapter in her life that is filled with learning, friendships, life lessons and fun. I felt a sense of satisfaction because I knew she was ready to begin that adventure and she was eager to do it.

Let me tell you that I see that same look of excitement and curiosity in your children. Pat yourselves on the back because you are raising children who are ready for new challenges!

I am looking forward to a great year with your children!

## Welcome Back Students

Students started back to school on Monday August 25th. The first day was filled with excitement and the smell of brand new school supplies. We would like to welcome our new students to GA:

Amelia Bittner, Isabella Gennero, Lilyana Kotulak, Maya Pelshaw and Conner Tedford (Pre-3)

Rylie Hana, Aaron and Evan McGhee and Chris Naoum (Pre-4)

Donovan Childs, Evan and Ethan Kubik (Pre-K)

Jeremy Cabrera, John Chanteloup, Dominic Childs, Viviana Daoud, Elena Gahan, Kyle Goodsell, Abbigayle Lemons, Paddy Lewalski, Mariah Losey, Sophia McCarthy, Joseph MeLampy, Nick Petty and Grant VandeKerkhoff, (Kindergarten)

Natalie Boswell, Matthew DiFonzo, Zena Ferrara, Ethan Hana, Kyle Kaczmar and Emily Williams (1st Grade)

Isabela Lewalski (2nd Grade)

Brendan Baber, Alanna Lewalski, John MeLampy, Nicholas Peper, Matthew Rynne, Katherine Taylor and Erin Whitman (4th Grade)

Michaela Lewalski (5th Grade)

Derek Hackert, Isabel Marcelletti, Marissa Medici, Sarah MeLampy and Joena Pennington (6th Grade)

Jessica Klimushyn, Piotr Lewalski, David Balaze and Anthony Ortisi (7th Grade)

Anna Cwiek (8th Grade)





# Ministry Minute

Blessings to our all children and families; those who are new or returning to Guardian Angels Catholic School as we begin anew! It is a new beginning for me as Campus Minister this year as well as returning as Director of Faith Formation of the after-school parish children as I start my sixth year. I am excited to

minister to the young children of the school after guiding the high-school teen Youth Group the past eight years. It is with joy that I am able to share our Catholic faith, prepare the children for sacraments, guide retreats, and help them with ministering at school Masses. Most importantly is getting to know

everyone by name. My door is always open and I welcome your visits and questions.

In Christ,  
Mrs. Ficorelli,  
Campus Minister



AUGUST:

Jamil, Anthony	2
Mason, Samantha	3
Pham, Joseph	4
Dedenbach, Claire	6
Hana, Rylie	6
May-Dismuke, Ryan	7
Moore, Connor	8
Krause, Marianne	9
Motowski, Christopher .	9
Shaya, Megan	9
Espinoza, Inna	10
Gilbert, Joey	10
Kubik, Sarah	10
Binno, Nicholas	11
Groth, Hannah E.	11
Crespi, Karli	12
DiFonzo, Matthew	12
Munoz, Daniela	15
Kaczmar, Kyle	15
Stark, Alexandria	15
Maskill, Alex	18
Banet, Anthony	19
Lumani, Serjan	20
Tarchala, Emily	23
Theisen, Emily	24
Bui, Krista	25
Schubring, Clayton	25
Melampy, Sarah	26
Theisen, Jack	26
Jacques, Marisa	27
McMurtry, Greg	28
Mayette, Ellen	29
Galbenski, Anna	30
Coyne, Joseph	31
Harden, Joseph	31

## Student Council's and NJHS' First Meeting

On Sunday, August 17<sup>th</sup>, members of Student Council and NJHS had their first official meeting in Mrs. Swanson's backyard. Many thanks to Mrs. Salgat, Ms. Eisie, Ms. Hammerschmidt and Fr. Gerry for also attending. Everyone shared and discussed their wonderful ideas for the upcoming

2008-2009 school year. There were many amazing thoughts that we are planning to include this year, such as: surveys, lunch sales, a car wash, an obstacle course, recycling, speakers, jeans days, book sales and entertaining Catholic Schools Week activities. Student Council and

NJHS hope to make this school year the best year at Guardian Angels ever!



## NEWS FROM THE ART ROOM



Last spring our 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> graders (now our current academy) entered their artwork in the **Year of the Frog Art Exhibit** to celebrate the **Detroit Zoo's 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**. Artist, Roy Feinson has taken all the entries and created frog murals which are now on display throughout the Detroit Zoo and the Belle Isle Nature Zoo until December 31<sup>st</sup>. The zoo is in the process on putting all 10,000 student entries online. We will soon

have information (in the G.A. Herald) on how to access and view the artwork and larger scale murals on the zoo's website. From all the entries we were blessed to have five of our own students take place awards in the top 104 entries! These students have had their work on display in the Ford Education Center at the Detroit Zoo, since June 1<sup>st</sup> (show ending on Sept. 14<sup>th</sup>). These students are, Crystal Deguzman, Andrew Larkin,

Justin Bui, Kelsey Nowak and Jack Venuto. **We rejoice in the successes of our young artists and give thanks for the blessing of our wonderful local zoo!** **Upcoming events in the art department:** On September 26<sup>th</sup> the 5<sup>th</sup> grade will spend a day in the art room (an auction item from last spring) to create clay works (Empty Bowls and worry angels) for charity purposes. On Oct. 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> Mrs. Coyne will attend the Michigan Art Education

Association fall conference again as a workshop presenter. Clay pieces made by some of our G.A. Art Angels will be in the Kids and Clay show at this conference! God Bless our young artist, who are themselves, works of art!

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO

## SEPTEMBER

Gonek, John	5
Matibag, Abrielle	6
McGowan, Brendan	10
Meinecke, Drew	11
Provencher, Alexandria	11
Craig, Erin	12
Deguzman, Crystal	12
McCarthy, Sophia	12
St. Onge, Griffin	12
Kernen, Mackenzie	13
Kimmel, Hannah	13
Bennett, Samantha	14
Kennedy, Thomas	14
Rissman, Jay	20
Melampy, John	23
Kolar, Samantha	25
Marcelletti, Isabel	25
McGhee, Andrew J.	25
Micu Jr., Gary	25
Buttrey, Brent	26
Stark, Justin	27
O'Neil, Michael	28
Pippin, Lynnette	29

The Faith Community of  
**GUARDIAN ANGELS**  
cordially invites you to attend the

# Opening Liturgy

of our Year of Celebration  
commemorating

**85 years - Catholic Community**  
&  
**60 years - Catholic School**

with celebrant  
**Adam Cardinal Maida**

**Sunday, September 28, 2008**  
**12:00 PM Mass**  
Hospitality to follow Liturgy

581 East Fourteen Mile Road  
Clawson, Michigan  
[www.GuardianA.com](http://www.GuardianA.com)

## Kriza's Korner



Ready or not here we are back at school and it was a sight for sore eyes to watch all your children come through the doors and see how much they have grown over the summer. They all seemed so excited and eager to see old friends and meet new. You could just feel all that first day of school excitement in the air. I was struck by the very beauty of childhood and all the wonders that go with it and how quickly it flies by. I realized what an awesome responsibility we all have in being a part of their formative years. Like my dad always said "Live each day as though it were your last." The time spent with your children can't be regained next week, next month, or next year. It flies by so quickly, remember to spend it wisely.

## On the first day of 6<sup>th</sup> grade I was scared...

I wouldn't have any friends in my class.

Alexandria Provencher

That I would have a bad school year.

Sarah Parick

Of the lockers and forgetting stuff.

Steven Jacques

About having more than one teacher.

Isabell Marcelletti

Of what teacher I would get.

Brian Wisneski

We were going to get homework.

Samantha Casadonte

I wasn't going to fit in with my class.

Allie DiLodovico

I would forget my locker combination.

Emily Theisen

About what teacher I was going to get.

Alyssa Gosselin

I wouldn't get my locker combination.

Allison Curran

People would make fun of us and I would

get a PT. Reggie Golfin

If there were any mean teachers.

Brendan Gracey

Of forgetting my combination.

Brendan McGowan

Of forgetting my books for class.

Natalie Jeffries

About getting locked out of my locker.

Marianne Krause

One of my parents would embarrass me.

Mickey Davey

That the teachers would be mean and give

us too much homework. Kristen Derby

That none of my friends were in my class.

Sydney Sell

Of how much homework we would get.

Mariam Hanna

That the teachers would be mean.

Kaitlin Diamond

Because I didn't want to make a fool of

myself. Joeena Pennington

Of a lot of Science homework. Joe Coyne

Of a lot of homework. Jacob Raona

Of the way things will change. Ryan May

What my homeroom would be.

Joey Gilbert

How much homework we would get.

Derek Hackert

It was going to be really hard.

Andrew Jamil

Of all the hard homework we would have.

Rachael Walmsley

Of what teacher I was going to get and

how much homework I would have.

Megan Haw

That I would have trouble with my grades.

Griffin St. Onge

I didn't think I would be able to do my

locker combination. Adriana Tatuch

Of the lockers. Nick Newcomb

I wouldn't get my locker combination.

Sarah Melampy

I would forget something. Cole Maten

That I was going to get lost and show up in

the wrong classroom. Gina DeLaRosa

Who was going to be in my class.

Katie Bromm

About having harder subjects and things

to do. Karli Crespi

That I would not be able to find my way

around or know any of the teachers.

Marissa Medici