



GAZETTE

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Principal: Ms. Sharon Hammerschmidt
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HAMMER TIME BY SHARON HAMMERSCHMIDT



What a great beginning to the 2009-2010 school year. The year started with a New Family Orientation. Thank you to our veteran parents and students who made our new families feel welcomed and to our new families for entrusting us with the education of your children.

Thank you to the parents for their support of our fundraisers last year. One of the biggest items that we were able to purchase was seven document cameras and projectors, or better known as "Elmo". These have been invaluable to our teachers and to our students. Elmo has enhanced our learning. Our goal for this year is to have an Elmo in every classroom.

Our kindergarten had their first field trip to the apple orchard. They were able to bring home any size pumpkin as long as they could carry it by themselves. And some did just that. They came back with apples, pumpkins, full tummies and also a pumpkin back for me, thanks!

Both the JV and Varsity football teams have won their division and if all goes well, the Varsity team will be playing at Ford Field on October 24th. More information will be provided after this weekend's game. The volleyball and soccer 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.

Our Children's Choir has been to the recording studio to record their CD. It will be ready for Christmas purchases. They have been working on this project since the middle of August and we are looking forward

to the finished project. Thank you Mrs. Szelgia for all your hard work putting this together.

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

- Friday, October 2nd is the Feast Day of Guardian Angels; please join us for an All School Mass at 9:00 a.m.
- IOWA testing begins Monday, October 5th for all grades. Please make sure that they get a good nights rest and a good breakfast in the morning.
- The 6th graders will be receiving their Bibles at their Mass on Monday, October 5th at the end of Mass.
- Wednesday, October 7th there is a mandatory meeting for all 8th 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.
- October 10, 6:00-8:30 p.m. is the "Autumn Splendor", our 1st Daddy/Daughter Dance. Tickets are now on sale in the school office.

Please be assured of my prayers for you and your families as we continue to strengthen the wonderful things that have already been put into place here at Guardian Angels Catholic School. As the parents who entrust their children to us, let us call to mind the words of St. Paul, words that will guide us in our efforts this year, "*We hold a treasure in earthen vessels*"

(2 Corinthians 4:7).

EDDY'S EDGE BY ANNE EDDY

I am so happy to be joining the Guardian Angels Catholic School staff. I am a product of the Catholic schools and believe in a strong Catholic based education.

I attended Siena Heights University where I received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Art Education and Theater and Speech Communications and a minor in Language Arts. Then, I went on to Michigan State University

where I received Master of Arts in Educational Leadership. I have worked in both the Catho-

lic schools and the Charter schools as an art and theater educator and a Director of Fine Arts. I know that it is my calling to work in the Catholic Schools and I am so happy to be here. Thank you all for being so welcoming to me in my first month at Guardian Angels Catholic School. I look forward to working with you and your child(ren) this year.

STUDENT OF THE MONTH AWARDS

6th Grade



Abigale Laurencelle



Keara Skoglaund

7th Grade

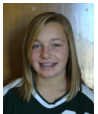


Brendan McGowan

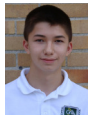


Adriana Tatuch

8th Grade



Allison Kimmel



Joseph Pham

FIRST GRADE NEWS FLASH

Welcome to another great year of learning! The first graders are very excited and happy to be back in the classroom. All of us look forward to a year of hard work and a lot of fun! We are thrilled to have real desks that are full of text books, marker bags and rulers! We have made new friends quickly, and are enjoying our time together, especially at free time!

In September, our religion studies have focused on God's love for us and His gift of creation. Thank you, God, for all of the good gifts that you give us! In social studies, we are learning about neighborhoods,

communities, cities and states. Our math lessons have us counting a lot and we have learned about sides and angles of three different shapes! We are sharpening our skills in handwriting, remembering how to make all of those letters the correct way.

In Kindergarten, we learned about the letters and the sounds they make, and now we are putting those sounds together to make words. Journal writing is just around the corner, and many are excited about writing stories each day!

We have a lot of fun planned for our year

together, including a trip to the farm, the theater, caroling at the nursing home, and the historical museum. As we begin another school year, we ask God's blessings on all of our students, teachers, families, and friends at Guardian Angels Catholic School. Mrs. V. and the First Graders of room 101.



First graders on the first day of school.



Bishop Foley Catholic School

Your Passport to Success

OPEN HOUSE

Sunday, November 15th
2-5 p.m.

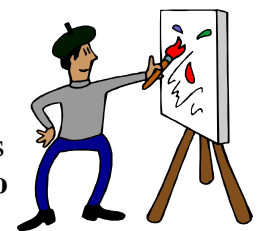
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NEWS FROM THE ART ROOM

The Artists at Guardian Angels Catholic School are working hard, so why haven't we seen any new artwork in the hallways? That's because grades K-5th are working on their **Square 1 Art**, which we will be sending to the company on Oct. 1st. Each student will get free stickers of their artwork, along with a brochure and order form. This is the annual fundraiser for the art room. The Academy students are working on the Fundred dollar bill charity project. **Go to Fundred.org to find out more!** The third graders will be having their **Day in the Art Room (an item from the school auction) on Friday Oct 23rd.**

The *Art Angels* have two groups again this year. One group is having a **contest to design the CD cover for the children's choir**. The other group is making **clay for the school auction**. Five of these clay pieces will be chosen for the **Michigan Art Education Association's Kids and Clay Show** during the annual conference in Nov. Mrs. Coyne will be taking clay bowls to this conference too, **made by our fifth graders for the Empty Bowls** charity event.



God Bless all our creative students!

MOVING UP TO THIRD GRADE

Third Grade Is Wonderful!

Welcome back to school. This is an exciting year for both the students and myself. We have moved upstairs and we are loving it! In Science, we are studying the human body. We just finished tracing our bodies and have them hanging in the hall waiting for us to add to them.



In math, we are re-viewing our math facts. In Religion, we are learning about "Jesus Gives Us the Church" and learning new songs to praise God.

The students are now taking Accelerated Reading tests on their own and are doing a great job. As a class, we are reading *The Mouse and The Motorcycle* which the students will be able to take an Accelerated Reading test once we have finished the book.

In social studies, we have been working on writing letters to other third grade classes across

the United States. We are hoping that they will write us back. In Grammar, we are working on sentence structure and proofreading stories. The students are excited about continuing their cursive writing. They are really doing a great job. We look forward to a wonderful year!

God Bless,
Mrs. Ottenhoff's
Third Grade Class

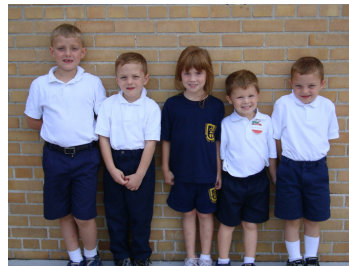


HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO: September

- 1 - John Gonek
- 2 - Renae Matibag
- 10 - Brendan McGowan
- 11 - Drew Meinecke
- 12 - Erin Craig
- 12 - Roland Hernandez
- 12 - Kristin Kaczmar
- 12 - Sophia McCarthy
- 13 - Mackenzie Kernen
- 13 - Hannah Kimmel
- 14 - Thomas Kennedy
- 19 - Neal McCaffrey
- 19 - Chloe Shaman
- 20 - Jay Rissman
- 23 - John Melampy
- 25 - Isabel Marcelletti
- 25 - Andrew McGee
- 26 - Brent Buttrey
- 26 - Shaun Davis
- 27 - Justin Stark

This summer, several Guardian Angels Catholic School students participated in the 2009 Summer Reading Program, *Be Creative at Your Library*. This program took place at the Royal Oak Public Library.

- Andrew McGee
- Evan McGee
- Nicole McIntosh
- Alex McIntosh
- Aaron McGee



Attention 8th Graders:

A class to help you prepare for the **High School Placement Test** will be held at

Bishop Foley Catholic High School

Saturday, October 10, 2009
9 - 11 a.m. **OR** 12 - 2 p.m.

Learn various test strategies and how to deal with anxiety.

Space is limited.

Register by calling Mrs. Green at 248 - 585 - 1210 ext. 131.

Cost: \$25 (includes materials)



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

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|--------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| 2 - Emily Davis | 10 - Inna Espinoza | 20 - Jeffery Davis |
| 3 - Samantha Mason | 10 - Joey Gilbert | 20 - Serjan Lumani |
| 4 - Ryan Maten | 11 - Nicholas Binno | 23 - Emily Tarchala |
| 4 - Joseph Pahm | 11 - Brittany Zora | 24 - Emily Theisen |
| 6 - Claire Dedenbach | 12 - Karli Crespi | 25 - Krista Bui |
| 7 - Ryan May-Dismuke | 12 - Matthew DiFonzo | 25 - Clayton Schubring |
| 8 - Connor Moore | 12 - Sean Vaileincourt | 26 - Jack Theisen |
| 9 - Marianne Krause | 15 - Kyle Kaczmar | 26 - Sarah Melampy |
| 9 - Christopher Motowski | 18 - Alex Maskill | 27 - Marisa Jacques |
| 9 - Megan Shaya | 19 - Anthony Banet | 29 - Joseph Medici |
| | | 30 - Anna Galbenski |
| | | 31 - Joseph Coyne |
| | | 31 - Joseph Harden |



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

October

- 1 - Sara Gomez-Perez
- 1 - Mallory Johnson
- 1 - Molly Socha
- 2 - Annie O'Neil
- 3 - Ava Sadowski
- 5 - Jessica Taylor
- 7 - James Kennedy
- 11 - Lizzie Ankrapp
- 13 - Justin Bui
- 14 - Hannah Pattinson
- 15 - Jack Beddow
- 16 - Anthony Ortisi
- 19 - KaiLee Brown
- 20 - Brendan Gracey
- 20 - Grant VandeKerkhoff
- 21 - Michelle Lee
- 22 - Claire Craig
- 22 - John Powers
- 24 - Kathleen Newcomb
- 25 - Felna Capparoso
- 25 - Hannah Murphy
- 25 - Garrett Schilling
- 26 - Sebastian Almacci
- 28 - Elizabeth Motowski
- 30 - Bryce Doss
- 31 - Erin Whitman

Kriza's Korner By Sharon Kriza



It is hard to believe it is already the beginning of October! We are back in school and it is almost like we never left. As children are getting back into the routine of things I look around and again feel so blessed to be able to share in your child's life if only in a small way.

I have attended a seminar through Oakland County regarding the H1N1 flu and I will do my best to keep everyone up to date with the latest information. At this point, it really seems as if the plain old standby methods to prevent any illness are the best strategy. Consistent and thorough hand washing is still the most effective way to ward off illness along with coughing into your sleeve or tissue and staying away from

others when you do become ill (easier said than done).

In the next issue of the Gazette I will continue on with the parenting series by Thomas Haller and Chick Moorman. Many of you stopped by the office to tell me how much you have enjoyed them and expressed an interest in hearing more.

I hope you all take the time to enjoy this beautiful fall weather with your families. The colors will soon be changing and the temperatures will be dropping and to me that just screams falling leaves, pumpkins, and of course cider mill visits with donuts hot right out of the oven! God's peace be with you!

A WING AND A PRAYER

By Marisa LaRocca



I hope everyone had a good summer. I know that it went really fast for me. I am happy to be here at Guardian Angels Catholic School and I am settling in real well.

We began our year with an overnight retreat, an in-service day, and a few weeks of preparation. Then finally, the students arrived.

It is great to see all the smiling faces every morning as the students arrive.

In our short time together we have celebrated two All School Masses and Adoration has begun for the Academy.

On September 9th at our All School Mass, we were reminded that everything we have comes from God and God is always with us. God is the potter and we are the clay. He continues to shape and mold us to be vessels of service to one another. May we continue to thank him through all we say and do.

Our All School Mass on September 14th was celebrated on the feast day of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. Jesus took on the suffering of the cross in order to obtain our salvation. By his death on the cross, Jesus

has made it a symbol of eternal life and glory. The cross has become the most sacred Christian symbol.

It has been a busy month and even though it seems like school just started we are officially into the season of Autumn. Autumn brings with it changes as we will see the leaves turning colors, the temperatures starting to cool off and through all of this hopefully we are continuing to change as we grow in our faith journey.