



GAZETTE

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

HAMMER TIME BY SHARON HAMMERSCHMIDT



It's hard to believe that spring really is here as I sit and write this article. There is snow on the cars and the air is crisp. As I was doing some outside spring cleaning this past weekend, I did notice that the tulips are coming up and the birds are back chirping at 5:00 a.m. Spring really is here. The anticipation of new and renewed life! Jesus died upon the cross so that we may live. Have we taken the time to stop and reflect about all the things that He has done for us during, as Mother Teresa said, "The cross will teach you great things. Don't be afraid to stand at the foot of that cross....It is only at the foot of the cross that we begin to understand that suffering, is a kiss from the cross of Jesus." (Walk Humbly With Your God: Simple Steps to a Virtuous Life)

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you who helped make our Open House such a success. First I would like to once again, thank our teachers for sharing their "many gifts" that help form the mind, body and spirit of your children. For all the parents whose openness and willingness to share the good news to those who walked through our doors for the first time was outstanding. Our student ambassadors were up to the task for the many questions that they were asked as they toured around the building. Overall, the comments were very favorable. The parents who visited us for the first time were very impressed and truly love the family like atmosphere.

There are many exciting events over the last few

months of school. Our 2nd graders will be making their First Holy Communion the weekend of **April 24th** and **25th** at the 4:30 p.m. and Noon Mass. Please pray for them as they will be receiving Jesus for the first time. May 3rd at the Noon Mass, our 8th graders will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation. Msgr. Zenz will be confirming our students.

The "Children in Bloom" auction is right around the corner. Please consider joining us, Saturday, May 2nd for this event. Included with the auction is the sale of raffle tickets which went home on Monday, March 30th. Please consider selling these tickets as this helps with our biggest fundraiser of the year. Invitations for the auction

went home on Thursday, March 26th, if you did not receive yours please let the school office know and we will make sure that you get one.

Congratulations to Derek Trumbo who will be representing Guardian Angels Catholic School later this year in Midland for the "You Be the Chemist" state competition. Derek along with Joseph Pham, Daniela Munoz and Sara Gomez-Perez put in extra hours to sharpen their knowledge of chemistry and competed against 6 other schools.

Also at the end of the month, we will have many students from 6, 7, and 8 competing in Muskegon for the Annual Rocket Club competition. Good luck to everyone.

BRZEZINSKI'S BOUQUET



Reading made all of our students and staff stars this past month. We had many exciting events through out the month. On the 3rd of March, authors, David Anthony and Charles David, spoke to our students about the joys of reading. They told the story of how they became readers and writers. Their books, Knightscares and Heroes A-Z are available in our library.

On March 20 our teachers swapped classrooms 7 times during the last hour of the



day. During this time teachers read their favorite children's story to the classes. Not only did the students enjoy listening to the stories, the teachers were grinning from ear to ear. They heard stories such as Fine, Fine

School Tacky, Dooby Dooby Moo, Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs, D is for Democracy, Duck for President, The Very Quiet Cricket, Dogzilla, and God's Paintbrush (That was only 1/2 the list). The teachers had 7 minutes to read their story and move to the next room. We certainly got our exercise in that day.

The last event that students and teachers all looked forward to was the reading campout. Students brought their sleeping bag, pillow and their favorite books for a 1/2 day of reading for enjoyment.

Thank you Staff and Students for a wonderful reading month.



SECOND GRADE NEWS

MARCH STUDENT OF THE MONTH AWARDS

- 6th Grade— Cole Maten
Allison Curran
- 7th Grade— Andrew Maten
Megan Shaya
- 8th Grade— Daniela Munoz
Samantha Bennett

What a busy year it has been for the second graders! We are now getting ready for the last quarter of second grade and we can't believe everything we have done this year! We have read many fun stories and have written some pretty interesting stories ourselves. Some of these stories will be featured in the school Anthology.

In math, we have studied everything from addition and subtraction to fractions and patterns. We have studied money and even started multiplication. We love math!

In science, we have studied plants, animals, and matter. We have also learned about space and weather. We will end the year learning about the human body and we will be taking a field trip to Bishop Foley to explore more about human anatomy.

In social studies, we have been learning about our communities around town and in the United States. We most recently spent time learning about factories and production, goods and services. To help us understand this more fully, we took a field trip to the Rouge Factory in Dearborn. We got the opportunity to see the Ford F-150 trucks being put together on the assembly line. We would like to thank the 7th graders for accompanying us on this trip and being our buddies!

Most importantly, in religion, we have been preparing ourselves to receive our First Holy Communion. We were able to attend a small retreat here at school to gain a better understanding of this most holy sacrament. While at our retreat, we got a "behind the scenes" look into our church! It was really neat! On the weekend of April 24 and April 25, we will be receiving the body and blood of Jesus Christ for the *first* time! We would like to thank you for all of your prayers as we prepare to receive Him!



NJHS News

By Marisa Kujawa



The National Junior Honor Society sponsored what we called "Build A blizzard". This was a canned good drive. For every canned good each grade brought in, they got a snowflake on their classroom window. Everyone had a great time.

The first place winner won a jeans day and that

winner was the eighth grade with an average of 14.5 cans per student. In second place, the fifth graders won with an average of thirteen cans per student. In third place were the third graders with an average of eight cans per student. Congratulations to all those who participated!

NJHS Induction and Mass

On March 24th the National Junior Honor Society held their Induction ceremony and Mass. Mrs. Salgat, Miss Harlan, Mrs. Ficorelli and the students did a wonderful job organizing the event. The outgoing president, Cyndi Claucherty made an inspirational speech to the new NJHS members. Cake and punch was enjoyed by everyone after the ceremony. We thank the outgoing NJHS for a job well done this year!



A Letter from the Pastor ~ To Our Parents and Guardians:

On behalf of The Children in Bloom Auction Committee, the administration, faculty and staff, I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you for your generous donations which helped to make up many of the baskets for this year's auction.

The remarkable success of the auction is due to the overwhelming generosity of our donors and for this we are truly grateful.

The funds raised each year through the auction are used to directly benefit our students through a variety of capital improvements, extra educational programs and continuous technology updates. We are able,

through your continued support, to provide an excellent faith based education for your children.

Once again, I thank you wholeheartedly for your support. May God continue to bless you and your family always.

Sincerely Yours in Christ,

Fr. Gerry LeBoeuf



April:

Augustyn, Aaron	1
Hanna, Mariam	2
Tatuch, Gabrielle	2
Gillette, Joseph	3
Jodway, Jamason	3
Meinecke, Kate	4
Jacques, Steven	5
Haw, Meagan	7
Tedford, Connor	7
Lee, Matthew	10
Busch, Christine	11
Decker, Jack	12
Carey, Steven	14
Hana, Ethan	15
Connert, Griffin	20
Klimushyn, Jessica	21
Krygier, Kaitlyn	21
Haught, Tiffani	22
Skrzypek, Dylan	22
Walker, Daniel	23
Bittner, Amelia	25
Sharpe, Lauren	25
Wisneski, Brian	28
Calu, Taylor	29
Coyne, Robert	29

MINISTRY MINUTE



We enter into the most holy days of our church year with the Triduum Season, the three days beginning with Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday. These culminate with the celebration of Easter, which brings forth the new light and water of our baptism in Jesus Christ. At the vigil, the Catholic Church welcomes its newest members into full initiation of Baptism,

Confirmation and Holy Communion. Among these Elect will be Dale Brown, an eighth grade student in Mrs. Wagner's homeroom, and his sister Erica, who attends fourth grade at Clawson Public School. Dale, Erica, and Mrs. Brown have been meeting with me since the fall preparing for Dale and Erica to be baptized, and for all three to receive Confirmation and

Eucharist. Please celebrate the wonderful ritual of the Easter Vigil Liturgy April 11, at 8:30 p.m. The Church continues the Easter celebration for fifty days until the Feast of Pentecost when we rejoice in the full coming of the Holy Spirit and the birthday of the Church. Blessings for a Joyous Easter!



READING CAMPOUT



On March 26, GA held a reading campout in our gym. Students brought a sleeping bag or blanket, pillow, stuffed friend and enough reading material to last 1/2 day. During our four reading segments of 20-30 minutes, you could hear a pin drop, it was so quiet. Students opened their books to their own adventure. In between the reading segments we had

3 different types of breaks We walked a mile during one of the breaks, ate a snack during another and enjoyed a great sing along with Mr. Webster's Pizza song in the last one. The students look forward to our reading campout every year and it is a great way to end reading month. Thank you Mrs. Provost, Ms. Karol and Mrs. Wagner for planning our activities.



Reading Segment



Break





Angel Savers Club at Guardian Angels

April 8 & 22

11:30 am outside the library

April: Guess how much shredded money is in a big bag.

Closest guess wins CASH!

Attention Angel Savers: visit our office on Youth Day— Friday, April 24.

Get CASH from our Grab Bag and

make a deposit for a chance to win a VISA gift card.

Also: Enter our Design-a-Dollar contest to decorate our lobbies!

Go to www.michcathcu.org for an entry form and Youth Week Details!

Bishop Foley News



Join us for an evening of Music, Dance and Art Tuesday, May 5th Café & Media Center

Art show begins Wednesday, April 29th Call for info.

BFC Summer Arts and Athletics

A variety of summer athletic and enrichment classes are being offered at

Boys and Girls Athletic Camps

Co-Ed Soccer: 10-14 yrs.

Boys & Girls Basketball: grades 5-9

Volleyball: grades 5-10

Football: grades 5-9

Lacrosse: grades 5-9

Cheerleading Camp: grades 5-9

Academic and Art Enrichment sessions

offered for boys and girls entering

grades 7-12: Pottery, Digital Graphics,

Robotics & Computers

Call 248-585-1210 for dates,

Information and brochures after April.

Kriza's Korner



Here is part 2 from the article: "Make Yourself Dispensable" from Chick Moorman and Thomas Haller. Point #3 Refrain from answering for your child. We recently overheard a conversation where a friend approached a parent and child and spoke to the child, asking her a direct question: How are you doing today, Maria?" The mother immediately responded for the child, replying, "She's not in a very good mood today." The silent message the parent delivered to the child was: "You don't have to speak up for yourself. I will take care of you. When the doctor asks, "Why are you here today?" When the neighbor inquires, "What was your favorite birthday present?" When Grandma wants to know, "How do you like school this year?", stay out of it. Allow your child to answer for him or herself. Point #4 Teach your child to ask for help. One way

to do that is to not help them until they ask. Parents often rush in with help even before the child has asked for help. Why would a child ever need to ask for help if help always arrives without asking? Point #5 Teach children to solve their own problems. Do not say, "Don't say anything to your mother, I will handle it for you. I know your mother pretty good, and I can catch her in a good mood." Say instead, "You're going to have to handle this with your mother. Let me teach you what I know. I would try to catch her in the afternoon because she gets real busy in the morning. Also she responds better if you make it sound like a suggestion, rather than a demand. Hopefully these tips will help. I know you can handle it." This style of speaking announces to your child that you believe in him and that you see him as



capable. Point #6 Refrain from rescuing your children from experiencing the legitimate consequences of their actions. Do not rescue, save, bail them out, let them slide, accept excuses, or fail to hold them accountable for the choices THEY make. When you refuse to protect children from the choices they make, you allow them to take responsibility for their lives. Raising responsible children is not an easy task. It takes effort, energy, and persistence. You can do that best when you take steps like the ones like the ones listed above to make yourself dispensable. I hope you enjoyed this article. Wishing you all a Holy and Happy Easter.

GAP NEWS

I think it may finally be time to think spring - at least until next time it snows. However, it is definitely time to think about the Eighth Annual "Children in Bloom" Silent and Live Auction. Please consider attending for a wonderful evening of fun, food, dancing, and friends on Saturday, May 2, at the Club Venetian.

Also, the raffle tickets were sent home on Monday, March 30. This day marks the official kick-off of our largest fundraising event of the year. Please take some time to sell to everyone you know, or even people you don't. You can do this by selling tickets at Michigan Catholic Credit Union. There are also dates available to sell

tickets in the Church Narthex. If you are interested in these selling opportunities, please contact Kristen Pelshaw at synswm@aol.com or Marylee Petty at tazpetty@wowway.com.

The Moms to Moms sale was held on Saturday, March 28. It was a full house with lots of happy shoppers. Thank you Janet Walmsley, Joann Mason, all the bakers who donated their talents to the bake sale, and everyone who volunteered to help with this event.

So far we have collected \$1274.90 in box tops!!!!!!! Isn't it crazy how those little things add up? Please keep clipping! Thank you Sue Brady for taking the time to trim, count, sort through, bag, and mail the box tops in. When

you see Sue, please take a moment to ask about her fingers.

I believe Cathy Rowe burned out her own private path to and from Oakland Mall. Thank you Cathy, for all your work on the "Will Your School Rule" contest, and thank you to everyone who took their receipts to be tallied. I cannot wait for the final results of this great opportunity provided by Oakland Mall.

Also, thank you to everyone that was able to donate their time and/or money towards the classroom auction baskets, and thank you to all of you who volunteer in the countless ways you do. I hope you know how much you are all appreciated.

Happy Spring,
Sherry Carter

PRINCIPAL'S LIST 3rd QUARTER

Mr. Webster—4th Grade

Erika Banet
Inna Espinoza
Ethan Groth
Alanna Lewalski
Alex Maskill
Ryan Michael
Annie O'Neil
A.J. Rowe
Michael Walker
Erin Whitman

Mrs Hammell—4th Grade

Jack Beddow
Claire Craig
Michaela Dorflinger
Christina Gillette
Angela Gosselin
Alyssa McMurtry
Katie Sanocki
Justin Stark

Mr. McClain—5th Grade

Elizabeth Banet
Rita Benjamin
Gavin Boswell
Krista Bui
Elizabeth Dierker
Hannah Kimmel
Michaela Lewalski
Aaron Palmeri
Hailei Ruhlmann
Lauren Sharpe
Gabrielle Tatuch

Miss Harlan 6th Grade

Mickey Davey
Alyssa Gosselin
Brendan Gracey
Steven Jacques
Marianne Krause
Isabel Marcelletti
Alexandria Provencher

Mrs. Salgat 6th Grade

Katherine Bromm
Joe Coyne
Karli Crespi
Gina DeLaRosa
Derek Hackert
Mariam Hanna
Ryan May-Dismuke
Marissa Medici
Sarah MeLampy
Joeena Pennington
Adriana Tatuch

Ms. Dunham—7th Grade

Justin Bui
Christine Busch
Daniel Dorflinger
Sara Gomez-Perez
Piotr Lewalski
Clayton Schubring
Megan Shaya

Mr. Waligora 7th Grade

Nicholas Gracey
Noah Groth
Alison Kimmel
Nathaniel Mei
Joseph Pham
Derek Trumbo

Mrs. Wagner 8th Grade

Kayla Brady
Denise Carter
Anna Cwiek
Andrew Larkin
Gregory McMurtry
Mark Roman
Frank Shaya

Ms. Eisenhart 8th Grade

Cyndi Claucherty
Joseph Fontana
Marisa Kujawa

HONOR ROLL 3rd QUARTER

Mrs. Hammell—4th Grade

Brendan Baber
Brent Buttrey
James Diamond
John Gonek
Michelle Lee
Raymond Pippin
Matthew Rynne
Kate Taylor

Mr. Webster-4th Grade

Felna Caparoso
Jenna Landrith
John Melampy
Christopher Motowski
Nicholas Peper
Jessica Taylor

Mr. McClain—5th Grade

Aaron Augustyn
Patrick Carey
Isabelle Daoud
David Isbell
McKayla Krygier
Connor Moore
Jake Simmers
Keara Skoglund
Callaghan TysonMayer

Miss Harlan—6th Grade

Samantha Casdonte
Allison Curran
Kristen Derby
Cooper Gammon
Reggie Golfen
Natalie Jeffries
Sydney Sell
Emily Theisen

Mrs. Salgat—6th Grade

Joey Gilbert
Andrew Jamil
Nick Newcomb
Jacob Raona

Ms. Dunham—7th Grade

Amanda Augustyn
Jessica Klimushyn
Kaitlyn Krygier

Mr Waligora 7th Grade

Jacqueline Banet
Andrew Maten
Katelyn McGowan
Christopher Oles
Romina Pinili
Samantha Sell

Ms. Eisenhart 8th Grade

Michael Benoit
Bethany Brown
Robert Coyne
Crystal Deguzman
Tiffani Haught
Adele Jamil
Sarah Maskill
Daniela Munoz
Gabe O'Neil
Lynnette Pippin

Mrs. Wagner 8th Grade

David Banet
Samantha Bennett
Steven Carey
Ellen Mayette
Gary Micu
Alexandria Stark

CITIZENSHIP ROLL FOR 3rd QUARTER

Ms. Beebe- 3rd Grade

Jennifer Banet
Taylor Calu
Donte Childs
Emma Clemons
Cameron Cope
John Cynowa
McKenna Dooley
Amanda Hammond
Nathan Jeffries
Mackenzie Kernan
Lauren Kowal
Kathleen Newcomb
Hannah Pattinson

Mrs. Burke- 3rd Grade

Julia Boswell
Jacob Bromm
David Clipfell
Shaun Davis
Allison Goodsell
Christopher Grantling
Marisa Jacques
Devin Kenney
Laurel Krause
Sarah Kubik
Seth Richard
Drew Schmidt

Mrs. Hammell - 4th Grade

Brendan Baber
Jack Beddow
KaiLee Brown
Brent Buttrey
Claire Craig
James Diamond
Michaela Dorflinger
Christina Gillette
John Gonek
Angela Gosselin
Michelle Lee
Alyssa McMurtry
Zachary Nowak
Raymond Pippin
Matthew Rynne
Katie Sanocki
Justin Stark
Kate Taylor

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Erika Banet
Felna Caparros
Kimberly Cotton
Nicholas DeBussey
Inna Espinoza
Ethan Groth
Jenna Landrith
Alanna Lewalski
Alex Maskill
John MeLampy
Ryan Michael
Christopher Motowski
Annie O'Neil
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A.J. Rowe
Jessica Taylor
Michael Walker
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Rita Benjamin
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Krista Bui
Patrick Carey
Gabrielle Clipfell
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Elizabeth Dierker
Leonardo Gomez
David Isbell
Hannah Kimmel
McKayla Krygier
Michaela Lewalski
Alexander Micu
Connor Moore
Aaron Palmeri
Austin Richard
Scott Roman
Hailei Ruhlmann
Lauren Sharpe
Jake Simmers
Keara Skoglund
Emily Tarchala
Gabrielle Tatuch
Callaghan TysonMayer

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Mariam Hanna
Meagan Haw
Andrew Jamil
Cole Maten
Ryan May-Dismuke
Marissa Medici
Sarah MeLampy
Nick Newcomb
Joeena Pennington
Jacob Raona
Adriana Tatuch
Rachel Walmsley

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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

Star Readers

By Denise Carter

March is Reading Month and we have had many fun things to do. This year's theme is "Reading makes you a star." Each class put their hand-prints on a big sheet of paper and put their favorite author's name under it. This is meant to be like the Hollywood Walk of Fame.

There are also many decorations all over the school about reading in the Hollywood theme. Every classroom also, made a big poster by their door of the cover of a book that the class picked.

Students can read for a certain amount of time, depending on their grade. They then they fill in a slip that looks like a movie marquee. Each light-bulb stands for a certain amount of time that they read. Once they fill in all the light-bulbs they turn in the slip. At the



end of the month, the class with the most slips will win a Hollywood dress-up day, watch a movie, and eat popcorn.

The activities during March were a Book Fair, Teacher Swap, and a reading day in the gym. David Anthony and Charles David, published authors, also visited the school and talked to us about the importance of reading. They write *Knightscares* and *Heroes A2Z*. Over all this was a very fun month and we all look forward to next year's!

Real Heroes Read

By Garrett Schilling

David Anthony and Charles David, two authors who write their books together, came to Guardian Angels on Tuesday March 3, 2009. Their books are called *Heroes A2Z* and *Knightscares*. *Knightscares* are books about monsters, mysteries, and adventure. *Heroes A2Z* are books about three kids from Traverse City, Michigan who fight crime to keep Michigan safe. *Heroes* are for all people and *Knightscares* are probably for older kids and adults. They are both series books. We are so glad they came to visit our school!



March Madness

By Cooper Gammon



March Madness is a college basketball tournament that ranks 65 teams in seeds 1-16. They play each other to get the Sweet Sixteen, then the Elite Eight, then the Final Four. There are two games and the winners from each game play each other for the championship.

The Michigan Wolverines and the Michigan State Spartans are in the tournament. It is Michigan's first time in the tournament in 11 years, and it is MSU's 11th consecutive time in the tournament. Here are some predictions for the Final Four: **Steven Jacques:** Michigan State, Pittsburgh, North Carolina, and Connecticut will win. **Mickey Davey:** Michigan State, UCLA, Connecticut, North Carolina. Hopefully Michigan or Michigan State will win!

Open House

By Justin Kenney

Open House was held on March 8. Many new families came to check out Guardian Angels. Many things were happening in the school that day; such as Bible Jeopardy in Mr. Waligora's room, arts and crafts with Ms. Burns, and a video of students speaking Spanish in Mrs. Raine's room. There were also tons of extra-curricular school groups who had tables in the gym so that people could learn about them. Running throughout the day was a Guardian Angels video that was made by the faculty and students. Open house also provides a time when parents can come and see their student's classrooms and see how they are doing. Open house was a great success this year and the parents loved it.

Mr. Morehead, Right?

By Samantha Bennett and Alli Stark



It seems like we just can't get rid of cool student teachers around here. We just welcomed our new student teacher Mr. Morehead. He is a past student here at Guardian Angels and is now back to do his student teaching. He is helping Mrs. Salgat teach math to the Academy students. He didn't always want to be a teacher. He actually went to MSU and got his degree in engineering and worked in Business.

Before coming to GA he taught over in Korea. We are very happy to have him here and he is a great help

in math. He enjoys teaching here because the students are very nice and it makes it easy for him to teach. He loves coming back to his old school to teach again.

Nunsense

By Sarah Maskill



During Catholic Schools Week a "nun to be," named Ann, came and talked to the Academy girls. She had a very interesting story. When she was in college, she partied a lot. She got involved with drugs and alcohol. Then she turned her life around and began to follow God. She and her mom went on a trip to a Franciscan church. When she was about to leave the nuns came in to do their prayer. That is when she heard God calling her to be a nun, but she didn't want to be a nun. She ignored his call, and continued on with her life.

She found a boyfriend and together they went to a conference in Steubenville. There, people read her a passage that said you will marry your builder. She was happy because her boyfriend was a carpenter, but later she realized that builder meant God. Again, God was calling her to be a nun, and still she did not want to be one. She went to the conference again the following year. While the people were praying over her she received a vision of God telling her to be his bride. This time she accepted it. She will start her training in August. Her speech was very inspirational, and I am sure some of the Academy girls will think about becoming a nun in the future.



The Priestly Life

By Cooper Gammon

I have interviewed four classmates on a speech given by a priest, about how he became a priest and his everyday life. The questions I asked were: Did you learn more about the priest life? Did you get more interested in the priest life, & how did you? One of the people I interviewed was **Brendan Gracey**. He said "Yes I did learn more about the priest life and it takes a lot of time & effort to become a priest". Here's what **Brendan McGowan** said "Yes I learned that you've always got to keep it in the back of your mind." This is what **Steven Jacques** said "Yes because I learned what a priest does day to day."

Ash Wednesday

By Justin Kenney

Ash Wednesday was February 25, 2009, and the children loved receiving the ashes on their foreheads during all school Mass. The ashes came from burned palm branches that were in all of the classrooms and from the parishioners of the parish. They were burned in a prayer service attended by the Academy. Ash Wednesday also marked the beginning of Lent a time when we prepare for the resurrection of Jesus Christ through fasting, alms giving, and prayer.

The Valentine's Dance

By Samantha Bennett

On February 13, 2009, during the afternoon, the Guardian Angels Academy had a Valentine's Day dance! Earlier in the day right before lunch, during study hall in Mrs. Wagner's class, the 8th graders learned *The Hustle* by fellow class mates and **Mrs. Wagner**. Honestly, that was the best study hall ever! A nice surprise to all the students, is for the first time this whole school year, we had a D.J. The D.J. was **Mrs. Ficorelli's** husband, and he did a great job. During the dance for about a half hour, the students and a lot of teachers did a mile walk or workout. I think so far this was the best dance this year! I hope everyone else had just as much fun as I did.



Spring! To Be or Not To Be?

By Andrew Larkin

According to the Merriam Webster Dictionary, "Spring is the season between winter and summer comprising in the northern hemisphere usually the months of March, April, and May or as reckoned astronomically extending from the March equinox to the June solstice." So basically, spring is the time when it gets warm outside, when baseball, softball, lacrosse, and track start, and when school starts to come to a close, but is spring really here?

Samantha Bennett: Yes Spring is here because it is getting warmer.

Sarah Maskill: Yes because the sun is coming out more, it is raining, and Google has spring flowers as their background.

Cooper Gammon: Yeah, because it is starting to get warmer and baseball season has started.

Spring Into Vacation

By Ellen Mayette

There are many different ways for people to spend their Spring Break. Some people visit with family, some people go out of town, and some people decide to stay home and hang out. When I asked 10 Guardian Angels Academy students what their plans were for Spring Break, I got very different answers:



Katelyn McGowan: I'm not doing anything over Spring Break except getting my bottom braces.

Mariam Hanna: I'm probably going to my grandma's house with my family to eat, talk, and see a movie, and I'll go shopping and watch TV.

Ryan May: Over Spring Break, I'm going to Disney World and visiting my grandma.

Mrs. Coyne: I'm not sure yet, but there has been discussion with the family that we might go on vacation. No where too far, maybe to the cottage or Frankenmuth. I'm going to sleep a lot and read. I'm hosting Easter for the Coynes.

Gary Micu: I'm going to visit my family, play video games, and hang out with friends. I'm also going to work for my grandma.

Anthony Ortisi: I am actually sitting at home and watching TV. I'll go to church. That's it.

Gabe O'Neil: I'm going to Myrtle Beach in South Carolina. I'm also going to church.

Romina Pinili: I'm going to the mall. I'm going to California and I'm going to the beach. I'm going to surf the waves!

Derek Trumbo: I think I'm going to my cousin's cottage; I'll spend all of Spring Break there.

Chris Oles: I will hang out with friends and play video games and go to church.

Overall, it sounds like everyone is going to have an awesome Spring Break!

NJHS Induction

By Gary Micu and Serjan Lumani

The current NJHS members perform many types of community service projects. Recently we did a can drive called "Build a Blizzard." (This was featured in our last issue of Angels Articles). We also did a can drive for Thanksgiving. Even though these were contests, the real winners were the needy.

We are preparing to induct new members to NJHS on March 24th. They will be the members of next year's NJHS and continue the tradition of setting a good example.

To become a member of NJHS you must have 3.0 GPA or higher. Then you will get an invitation to join. When you are done filling out the invitation you have to turn it in to Mrs. Salgat. A few weeks later you will get interviewed by a teacher. After everyone is interviewed the teachers will select who will be inducted. If you don't get in this year you can get in next year.

The new members for the 2009-2010 school year are: Jacqueline Banet, Justin Bui, Christine Busch, Anna Cwiek, Daniel Dorflinger, Sara Gomez-Perez, Noah Groth, Adele Jamil, Alison Kimmel, Jessica Klimushyn, Piotr Lewalski, Nathaniel Mei, Joseph Pham, Clayton Schubring, and Megan Shaya! Congratulations everyone!

Journey to the Holocaust Museum

By Sarah Maskill and Samantha Bennett

On January 11, 2009, the eighth graders from Guardian Angels went to the Holocaust Memorial. Before attending, we watched a couple of movies on the Holocaust in class. The majority of the students enjoyed the museum. Some thought it was depressing and surprising how bad things were during that time. We got some thoughts on the Holocaust Memorial from some of the students.

Cyndi Claucherty: I thought it was a little upsetting and sad. It changed my thoughts on the Holocaust.

Daniela Munoz: I thought it was amazingly good, and it opens your mind. I think more people should go there, and we should we respect each other more.

Let's Hear it for the Girls!

By Samantha Sell

On March 15, 2009, the CYO hosted a cheerleading competition for Varsity cheerleaders at Ladywood High School. The Guardian Angels Varsity cheerleaders participated in division 1 (stunting and tumbling). They practiced very hard for about 3 months to prepare for this. We are graded on facial expressions, vocal volume, synchronism, pep, difficulty, creativity, and overall floor presence. There were 3 teams, including us, in our division. We were 3rd and 1st to present our cheer and dance. We got 2nd place and did very well according to coaches and fans. We all had a lot of fun.

A Royal Play

By Sarah Maskill

This year, Guardian Angels Academy is putting on a spring musical called the *Princess and the Pea*. They have been working very hard on their singing and acting. I am in the play and I am playing one of the villagers. The other villagers and I made up a dance and it is very fun and up beat. We are very proud of our work. We also made up a dance for the last scene called *Happily Ever After*. I talked to **Andrew Larkin** who is playing Barnaby, the jester. He said "There is a great cast this year." His favorite song in the play is a song sung by the prince called *Where is My Bride?* The cast is very proud of their work and look forward to seeing the audience reaction. The play is being preformed on Monday, March 30.



Spring Sports

By Justin Bui

Many students here at Guardian Angles are very excited for spring sports. This year the sports are baseball, lacrosse, track, and softball. I personally can't wait for baseball. I know that many students also can't wait for their favorite sport.



G.A. sports are awesome! All the coaches are great, and fun to work with. It's a great way for students to learn teamwork and just to hang out and have fun. Even if you haven't played a sport before, you learn the basics and improve everyday. You make new friends and gain new skills. All the training helps everyone get better. Everyone encourages you to try your hardest. G.A sports are great!

Justin Bui: What sport are you playing? Do you like playing sports at G.A? Why?

Anthony Ortisi: I am playing baseball. I like sports here because the coaches are great. During practice we run, hit, catch, steal bases, field, and condition.

Joe Harden: I'm playing lacrosse. I like lacrosse because it keeps me in shape. My favorite position is midfield.

Amanda Augustyn: I'm playing softball. I like G.A sports because everyone gets to play. My favorite position is pitcher.

Andrew Maten: I'm playing baseball. I like sports at G.A. because they are fun to play and help me improve. My favorite position is pitcher.

Ask an Angel

By Alison Kimmel



Dear Angel,

What is the best way to get good grades on tests and on quizzes?

~ Worried About Tests

Dear Worried About Tests,

Don't cram the night right before the test. Start studying as soon as possible. Taking notes in class will make studying a lot easier.

~Angel

Dear Angel,

Why doesn't G.A. have buses?

~ Question Mark

Dear Question Mark,

I wasn't sure how to answer your question so I asked the office. They said that the Clawson buses will not go outside the city limits where some students may live.

Dear Angel,

Why don't we learn French instead of Spanish?

~ Napoleon

Dear Napoleon,

Like the previous question I wasn't sure how to answer your question. Again, I asked the office. They said that the most common language in Detroit, besides English, is Spanish.

~ Angel