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HAMMER TIME BY SHARON HAMMERSCHMIDT

WILL YOU BE READY? That is the question that Fr. Gerry posed to us as we celebrated the First Sunday of Advent. Already there is the hustle and bustle of Christmas that is surrounding us at this time of the year. There are trees to decorate, gifts to buy, cookies to bake, relatives to visit and the list goes on and on. But is this what it should be all about? We teach our children to “**Stop, Look and Listen**” before they cross a street. Perhaps we should use these words for ourselves as we enter the season of Advent. We should **stop** worrying about the fact that the baking is not done and every decoration is in place. Perhaps we should stop complaining and turn our attention to those that go without. Help me to slow the world down so that I may be able to keep you in focus. We should **look** around us and see all the wonderful things that we have in our lives and remember those who have no place to lay their heads at night. I

look for your guidance to do the things that will bring me closer to you. As we ready ourselves, we should **listen** more intently to you. Help me to say “NO” whenever my Yes would take me away from your peace. We should listen to how we should prepare a peaceful place in our hearts where our Savior may come to dwell. Are you stopping, looking and listening for the coming of Jesus Christ?

WILL YOU BE READY?

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Bishop Foley Cookie Walk, Saturday, December 4th, 9:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
- December 8th, All School Mass, Immaculate Conception, 9:00 a.m.
- Friday, December 10th, Fruit Sale Pick-up in the gym
- Christmas program Wednesday, December 15 at 7:00 p.m. in the church
- December 17th, ½ day of school, **dismissal at 11:30 a.m.**

EDDY'S EDGE BY ANNE EDDY

event is celebrated across the country and allows the students to meet and

November provided several opportunities for the students to interact with other students from different grade levels. We began the month of November focusing on having the students step out of their comfort zones and getting to know other students in the school that they may not have the opportunity to talk to during a regular school day.

Student Council led the school in the Mix-It-Up Day assembly, where the students learned about how to be a good friend. The following week, Student Council mixed up all the students in each lunch for Mix-It-Up Day. This

play with other students who are close in age to them.

We ended the month with the pizza lunch provided by GAP. Although the students ate their pizza with their class, all of the students ate together at the same time in the gym. When they were finished eating, the entire school went out for an extended recess together. Students from all different grade levels talked and played together on the playground. Thank you to all the students who spent this month focusing on meeting new friends and including everyone in the school.

STUDENT OF THE MONTH AWARDS

6th Grade



Inna Espinoza

John Powers



7th Grade



Not Pictured

Julia Sinagoga

Trevor Tyle



8th Grade



Marianne Krause

Emily Theisen



Euchre Parties



Field House \$10
3rd Saturday
of every month

Attention 8th Graders

BFC is offering the High School Placement Tests:

Saturday, Dec. 4th
7:30 a.m.

Cost: \$27 Bring 2 #2 Pencils
No Calculators
Registration required

Scholarships awarded from this test date

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The *Fabulous* Life of The Fifth

The fifth graders are hard at work in all subject areas. In Religion, we have learned about the virtues of faith, hope, and love. We are currently learning about the Cardinal virtues of prudence, temperance, fortitude, and justice. We are also discussing the first, second, and third commandments.

In reading, we are currently reading *Sign of the Beaver* by Elizabeth George Speare, a story about a boy and his experiences of living on his own in the woods of Maine. The fifth graders also write a weekly letter to Mr. McClain or Ms. Beebe discussing some aspect of a book that they are currently reading. The fifth graders write in their journal every morning.

We use the Saxon math program at Guardian Angels Catholic School. This means we review old concepts while adding new concepts on a daily basis. Currently, we are learning about using a missing number to solve equations, analyzing story problems,

while going over the many uses of multiplication, division, addition, and subtraction in a variety of ways.

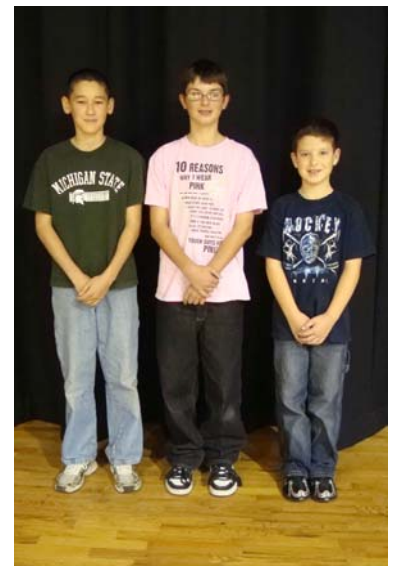
In science, we are currently working on Physical Science. We are dealing with matter, compounds, combining atoms, the Periodic Table, mixtures, and solutions.

In Social Studies, we learned about the Native of Americans of the United States. We are learning about Native of Americans from the West (the TLingit), Southwest (the Hopi), Plains (Lakota Sioux), and the Eastern Woodland (the Iroquois). In the next chapter we will discuss early European explorers.



Congratulations to our Geography Bee Winners!

- 1st Place—Mickey Davey
- 2nd Place—Aaron Palmeri
- 3rd Place—Shaun Davis



GAP NEWS

By: Doug Fontair - GAP President

Feel Their Efforts: This article is not about you! It is what you have done for your children here at Guardian Angels School. It is about faith, hope, love and understanding. Our faith is in so many people in our children lives. From the time they understand the word “NO-Don’t touch! It’s hot” they understand what faith, hope, love and understanding are or at least we hope so!

As parents of a GA student we put faith in our GA front office, the teachers, Deacon Steve, Fr. Craig and Fr. Gerry. Our faith has hope, love and understanding in it every day as we bring up our children in a Catholic environment. We see, feel and express our love to our children in our daily lives. Has anyone seen John David Kuhar, Cindy Burlager, Barb Alcini or Rick Waligora? I bet not! They are tucked away in the back of the GA office. They take up more than half of the front office. They are what your children come here for...Faith Formation!

The director of this task is Mr. Kuhar. He is a teacher and prepares our children in having a strong foundation and a relationship with our Lord. He strives to help our children grow and nurtures them for a strong foundation through liturgical celebrations. Don’t catch him on a basketball court you might see otherwise that he is one

beast of a coach!

The section head for 1st-6th grade is Cindy Burlager. She coordinates with the catechists in those grade levels to provide resources and materials for their levels of education. Cindy also is involved in the planning and preparation for the reception of sacraments. In the summer she also assists with Vacation Bible School.

Rick Waligora, as most of you know, was an academy teacher and now works at GA and Bishop Foley as the Youth Minister. He is all about the “young adults” from confirmation to the liturgy (pre-teens and teens are not the easiest to teach!) He takes the liturgy and brings it to their level, explaining and teaching how today’s life is our liturgy and that they have choices to make.

Barb Alcini is the record task master. She is the secretary for Faith Formation. Barb does all of the registration and record keeping for the department. She also tries to keep everyone in Faith Formation organized behind the scenes that you don’t see. If anyone knows what it is like to try and keep a house organized try doing her job times 400 and then some!

Faith Formation is a lot of love, hope, understanding and devotion. Faith Formation starts at home- and these partners help it work for all of us here at GA. Have a Merry Christmas and a most joyous New Year!

HAPPENINGS

- Jan. 4th - GAP/SAC Meeting



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

DECEMBER

- 1 - Nicholas Banet
- 1 - Caleb Eisenbacher
- 2 - Salvatore Savino III
- 3 - Bryce Tenant
- 4 - Raymond Hickner
- 5 - Aaron Palmeri
- 6 - Samantha Casadonte
- 6 - Sarah Kubik
- 6 - Alecia Slowinski
- 7 - Jennifer Isbell
- 7 - Kaitlyn Stinson
- 14 - Ava Caron
- 14 - Dominic Childs
- 15 - Elena Gahan
- 15 - Olivia Pinili
- 16 - Joshua Ascano
- 16 - Elizabeth Banet
- 17 - Jeremy Dolphin
- 17 - Alyssa McMurtry
- 17 - Tessa Tyra
- 19 - Samantha Hohmann
- 19 - Lauren Kowal
- 20 - Maya Pelshaw
- 22 - Anna Dorflinger
- 24 - Alexander Micu
- 27 - Peter Mick
- 27 - Christina Naoum
- 28 - Andrew Kolf
- 29 - Lena Campanelli
- 29 - Nicole McIntosh
- 30 - Matthew Brady
- 31 - David Anstett
- 31 - Katherine Bromm

Guardian Angels students meet STAR-BOT

What a great way to start out a Monday morning here at Guardian Angels Catholic School gathering in the Father Brett's Activity Center to learn about being safe. The Star-Bot, along with the Rochester Police officers taught the students about safety when you are driving in a car, while you are shopping with your parents, while you are playing outside in your neighborhood or even while you are on the school playground.

Thanks to one of a very own parents here at Guardian Angels Catholic School, Mr. Hernandez, who is a Police Officer for the City of Rochester this assembly was enjoyed by all the Kindergarteners, First Graders and Second Graders.

So remember if you need to ask a safety question be sure to ask one our new Junior Police Officers and I'm sure they will be able to give you some "GOOD" safety advice. Remember to always be safe and be aware of whom and what is around you at all times!



Mixing It Up!

Student council has been really busy this year. They have decided to make it their mission to help prevent bullying in our school. They set up an assembly to kick off Mix It Up at Lunch Day. This assembly had poems and skits presented by students that taught us about tolerance and building new friendships and how to keep the friendships we already have. It also taught us how to build our own character and integrity within ourselves. The main purpose of the assembly was to get us ready for Mix It Up at Lunch Day recommended to us by an organization called Teaching Tolerance. Everyone had to sit with someone new at lunch and talk to their new friend to get to know something new about someone new. Student council helped "spark up" conversation and then played games in the



gym to help us get to know each other. It was a great day and everyone had fun! We will do something next



quarter to encourage our anti-bullying policies at the school too. We want to maintain this throughout our school year. Student council is dedicated to making Guardian Angels Catholic School a bully-free zone.



Athletics

www.angelsathletics.com

Angelsathletics.com...The new web home for everything you need to know about athletics at Guardian Angels Catholic School. The site has been up and running for about 3 months now, but many have not heard of or seen what it has to offer.

It is the place to go for sports registration, online payment, CYO forms, game and practice schedules, maps to away games, upcoming events and a link to the volunteer schedule. You can even sign up to get email or text reminders of practices and games. The site is user friendly and easy to navigate. Come visit today and see what it has to offer.

The 39th Annual Guardian Angels Christmas Basketball Tournament will be held at GA from December 26-30th. This tournament is a great way to promote our school and the positive environment Guardian Angels provides to our students. Please stop by to see the event and support GA athletes in their quest for the tournament championship.

Go Angels!

Adding **BOOKS** to the Library

The Fall Book Fair was a success! Many students had the opportunity to add some great titles to their libraries. It has been awesome to see so many students get excited about reading. Thank you to those who purchased items at the Guardian Angels Catholic School Book Fair. We raised over \$2,000 in Scholastic Dollars. These dollars are used to purchase more books for our library.

The Birthday Books program is going strong this year. Students may choose to participate in this program around their birthday or half-birthday for those born in summer months. With just a small donation of \$5, students can choose a book to be purchased by

GA. This book will then be dedicated to them in honor of their birthday. Students will have their picture taken with their Birthday Book, and

these will be posted outside of the library as soon as the books arrive at the school. We already have over 30 students participating in this great program!!





HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO: JANUARY

- 5 - Grant Serdoz
- 8 - Jason Whithorn
- 9 - Natalie Jeffries
- 10 - Matthew dela Cruz
- 12 - Alyssa Gosselin
- 13 - Lauren Williams
- 15 - Donte Childs
- 15 - AJ Rowe
- 18 - Ryan Michael
- 19 - Rachel Walmsley
- 20 - Liam Bell
- 21 - Maggie Kacy
- 25 - Donovan Childs
- 28 - Marisa Bee
- 28 - Lexi Farhat
- 28 - Margaret Schowalter
- 28 - Brady Tenant
- 29 - Brendan Collick
- 30 - Gina DeLaRosa
- 30 - Ethan Kubik
- 30 - Evan Kubik

NEWS From the God Squad

By Mr. Kuhar and Mr. Waligora

The timing for this article could not have been more perfect. Everyone is exhausted from all of the Thanksgiving festivities; whether from preparing homes and meals for guests; traveling to a loved ones to share a meal; or looking for the specials in the stores over the weekend. Whatever the reason for your exhaustion, this is your opportunity to sit back, kick off the shoes, and grab a good book...uhh or preferably the article from the God Squad. Christmas is approaching! The sense of anticipation is building! The planning, thought, preparation, baking, card writing, tree trimming, light hanging, and shopping is beginning in earnest for many.

Christmas for many, is a time filled with mystery and excitement, but we have not actually arrived at the Christmas season yet despite the push of the stores and radio stations to bring Christmas cheer into our lives. In fact, in the Church, we have just begun the new liturgical year as of this past weekend. Advent is the beginning of the new year in the Church. We begin with a season

of preparation and anticipation. We need to prepare our hearts and minds for the coming of Jesus. We look forward to the second coming of Christ while also remembering his birth many years ago.

We recall the birth of Jesus in a manger because there was no room at the inn as Mary and Joseph were traveling. As we prepare for Christmas and Christ's second coming, we want to make sure our hearts are open and prepared for his arrival. We do not want Jesus to come and find our hearts filled with the things of the world especially sin. We have the great gift of the sacraments which provide grace, a gift from God, which helps us to open our hearts to the Lord. Take advantage of the sacraments; come to confession and unburden your soul of the heaviness of sin. Experience the healing peace of God flood your spirit as he showers you with love and mercy as you confess your sins. God loves you and wants to repair the broken relationship caused by sin. Give him the opportunity. He waits with arms wide open to welcome you into his loving embrace. Have a blessed Advent and Christmas!



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Angel Savers: Make a deposit at GA on:

Dec. 2 & Dec. 16

To be entered into a drawing to win a \$15 Target Gift Card!
One winner will be drawn on December 16th.

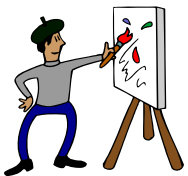


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THANK YOU GAP FOR THE PIZZA LUNCH!



NEWS FROM THE ART ROOM

Rejoice, we have cast out our nets and the catch is bountiful!

The Guardian Angels Art Angels had their annual fall conference sale, during our parent/ teacher conferences. They sold woven baskets, art trading cards, decorated gourds and their version of the artist, Dale Chihuly's glass bowls. Thanks to all the families who donated to our cause. **We raised \$376.00 dollars which was enough to feed 193 people this Thanksgiving!** God Bless our art angels for a job well done.

On Dec. 7th and 9th the 5th grade Talking Artist Museum will be performing in the school hallways at 8:30 am until about 9:00am. **Some of these artist pairs will perform again during our open house in January.** The K-4th grade classes will take the tour on Tuesday, the 7th and the 6th-8th grade will take the tour on Thursday, the 9th. Each 5th grade class will perform for the other class. Students will be in costume as the artist and their artwork, to give thanks for the life and work of several famous artists.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT GA

DECEMBER

- 3 - K-12 Mass with Bishop Foley
- 3 - Market Day
- 6 - Reconciliation @ 1:30pm
- 7 & 9 - Talking Artist Museum @ 8:30am
- 8 - Immaculate Conception - All School Mass
- 15 - Christmas Concert
- 17 - 1/2 day - **11:30 dismissal**
No PM Lacthkey
- 12/18 -1/3 - Christmas Vacation - NO SCHOOL

JANUARY

- 3 - School Resumes
- 4 - SAC/GAP Meeting @ 7pm
- 7 - Spelling Bee
- 12 - AR Points Due
- 14 - End of 2nd Quarter
- 14 - Market Day
- 17 - NO SCHOOL
MLK Jr. Day
- 21-22 - 8th Grade Confirmation Retreat
- 30 - Open House @ 1:30-3:30 pm
- 31 - Catholic Schools Week Begins

Kriza's Korner By Sharon Kriza



A Christmas Gift for You

By Chick Moorman and Thomas Haller

“It’s here. The Christmas holiday season is in full force. The school vacation period has begun, family gatherings have been organized, gifts are wrapped, and New Year’s plans are in place. And, if you are a typical family, the stress level is rising. And you thought the holiday season was supposed to be peaceful and relaxing. Not so if you are worried about finances or whether or not the gifts you bought will be appreciated. Not if you are being nagged about the latest electronic game or snubbed by a family member. Not if your children are bored, restless, or unappreciative.

Well, our wish for you this Christmas is peace and relaxation, even in the midst of chaos.

So here is our holiday gift to you--- we hereby grant you permission to lighten up!

You don’t have to create the perfect

Christmas. You don’t have to be the perfect parent. It is not necessary that you buy your children everything they want. You get to keep it simple.

Standing up to and resisting friends and relatives who engage in guilt-laden manipulation is permitted. You can put your needs and those of your family first. You can maintain your normal routine and resist the hectic pressure around you. You get to remain calm and centered, and you’re allowed to create fun and the degree of excitement your family can handle.

You don’t have to be all things to all people and bend to all the demands that are placed on you. This is your Christmas, your holiday season, and you can create it any way you desire! Relax, lean into it, enjoy and create the peace and rejuvenation you deserve.”

May this Christmas be a gift of love, a blessing of hope, and a promise of peace to you and your family.

A very Merry and relaxing Christmas!

MUSEUM OF SAINTS

On November 2, the seventh graders flooded the hallways to put on a living museum of Saints for the school and parishioners. They spent the past month researching a saint, writing a paper, memorizing the events of their lives, and finding a costume so that in our very own hallways the history of the Church could come to life.

The students honored saints from the early Church, such as Mary (Elizabeth Banet) and St. Ann (Abby Laurencelle), all the way to some recently canonized and beatified by the late Pope John Paul

II, like St. Paula Frassinetti (Julia Sinagoga) and Blessed Keteri Tekakwitha (Emily Tarchala). The students worked for over a month to understand their saints and they did a great job bringing them to life for our spiritual benefit and their own.

