



HAMMER TIME BY SHARON HAMMERSCHMIDT

We celebrate this year's **CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK** (January 31 – February 4) with the theme, “**A+ for Catholic Schools.**” Archbishop Vigneron has incorporated an additional facet, “The goal of a virtuous life is to become like God.” (*St. Gregory of Nyssa*) Everyday we awake to a new beginning. Each and every one of us is asked to live out our life in a way that God would like us to. “Go out into the deep” is our school theme - your children have been challenged academically, physically, and most importantly, spiritually, to do just that. How blessed we are to be part of a community that allows us to learn, play and pray together!

OPEN HOUSE is this **Sunday, January 30th** from 1:30-3:30 p.m. We need your help as we “cast out our nets out into the deep.” Please invite your family and friends to our Open House and share with them all the exciting things that are going on! Tell them **YOUR** reason for sending your children to Guardian Angels Catholic School.

If you are interested in becoming a tour guide, please send me an email or call the school office. The only requirement for this job? A friendly smile!

We give **YOU** an **A+**, **Guardian Angels!** The level of commitment within our community is unequalled. Parents are actively involved. Faculty and

staff are truly top-notch, sharing their gifts and talents with your children everyday. We have two wonderful priests, Fr. Gerry and Fr. Craig, who are visible and who interact daily with our young people. Mrs. Szeliga gets an A+ for teaching us liturgical music weekly, working with the cantors and choirs and Mrs. Moore warmly welcomes students each morning. While Mrs. Kriza and Mrs. Eddy greet with a smile. Everyone brings their best! So, let's celebrate **OUR** Catholic School this week, Guardian Angels. We really are an **A+** school!

LOOKING AHEAD...

Inside the Gazette you will find the **REGISTRATION** forms and the tuition fees schedule for next year. The forms are also on our website. Please complete your registration forms and turn them into the school office as soon as possible.

- We are once again offering the BFC Sibling Grant. This grant is worth \$800.00. If you are currently registered at GA and have or will have a student in Bishop Foley for the 2011-2012 school year, you are eligible for this grant.

The Financial Aid applications are available in the school office. **DEADLINE IS APRIL 11, 2011.**

SEE YOU at the OPEN HOUSE!

EDDY'S EDGE BY ANNE EDDY

Once again, the Student Council and the Academy Improvisation elective class came together to present an assembly on bullying for the entire student body in the gym on Tuesday, January, 25th. The school gathered in the gym to watch the academy students perform skits and recite poems about bullying situations.

The anti-bullying assemblies have been added throughout the year to keep the theme that bullying is

not allowed at Guardian Angels fresh in their minds everyday. The teachers also focus some of their lessons on bullying themes. For example in Ms. Harlan's class, they wrote scripts that focused on bullying. Two of the scripts were selected by the Improvisation elective to be presented for the entire school. Thank you to 7th graders, Abby Laurencelle and Micheala Lewalski for writing the wonderful script that the students acted out on January 25th.

DECEMBER STUDENT OF THE MONTH AWARDS

6th Grade



Angela Gosselin

Erin Whitman



7th Grade



Abby Laurencelle

Callaghan Tyson Meyer



8th Grade



Griffin Kacy

Cole Maten



Euchre Parties

Field House \$10
3rd Saturday
of every month



SPRING OPEN HOUSE

Sunday, March 6, 2011
2 - 4pm

Come see what Foley can offer **YOU!**

Kindergarten

Well, it is that wonderful time of the year when the snow is on the ground and the air is crisp and the Kindergarteners are all settled in for all the learning that lies ahead! If you were to stop by on any given snowy winter day, you would see the children in room 113 working on sounding out new words, writing in their new writing journals and solving math problems.



Not only have these little children started to really blossom, they have grown in their spiritual life here at Guardian Angels Catholic School. We



were given the opportunity to have the traveling chalice in our room for almost two weeks and during that time we learned a lot about prayer and praying for others. As I always say "there is never a dull moment in Kindergarten".

Here is a little quote for you to take and share with someone today.

"Don't let what you can't do stop you from doing what you can do."-John Wooden



GAP NEWS

By: Doug Fontair - GAP President

GA Teachers

It is not about time, a place, a job... It's about being people and seeing their smiling faces. Can you associate what talent your child's teacher has out of their work-place? Many would astound you- some are low-key, and others are family orientated. All have a talent, by the grace of God, to educate your child- "What an enormous job"!

Did you know most if not all have multi-educational degrees? Most of the educators here at GA love cooking, music, and what they do for a living. All of them depend on each other from pre-school to the academy. Their lives outside of these walls are amazing.

Beginning with the lower elementary teachers, Ms. Burns is the youngest of her 4 siblings and loves to spend time with family. Mrs. Lampman loves to be with her 2 children whenever they come home from college to visit and she loves to take pictures of them. Mrs. VanFleteren scrapbooks, and cooks, when she is not watching Megan play basketball for Foley. Mrs. Swanson loves vacationing in Florida and her grandkids. She is also totally into MSU.

Moving upstairs to the middle grade levels, Ms. Karol loves to use her creativity to scrapbook and says

family is everything! Mrs. Ottenhoff loves to camp and kayak. Watch out wilderness-here she comes! Mrs. Wagner likes travels to Germany a lot to visit her husband's family. Ms. Beebe scrapbooks and does crafts. Mr. McClain is into all kinds of music.

In the Academy, Mrs. Salgat likes to travel to New York and Florida to see her children. Ms. Harlan is a theatre person and loves a good book. Mrs. Burke has volunteered for 30 years at the Civil Air Patrol. Mrs. Dunham found her birth family 2 years ago! Ms. Eisenhart sits on the State Board for Science. Mr. Wienclaw loves to play chess and watch movies.

Next, we have the specials teachers, Mrs. Coyne raises money for cancer-by beading and making jewelry. Ms. Gregg likes to travel the world. Ms. McCulloch loves to run and loves music. Mrs. Raine is into her family, especially her grandchildren and in her spare time loves the slots. Mr. Perry is all about sports, especially the Lions! Mr. Gassen assists with children's organized sports. He also referees different games and helps them understand sports the correct way.

If you have seen them only in one light-turn and look again. "What a team". Family, music, sports, travel, the arts, and the military. These are your GA Teachers!

UPCOMING EVENTS

- GAP Bingo - February 4th
- GAP Meeting - February 8th



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

FEBRUARY

- 1 - Gabriel Hijalda
- 2 - Christopher Grantling
- 2 - Devin Kenney
- 5 - Jacob Kujawa
- 7 - Michael Schowalter
- 9 - Mark Lee
- 10 - Lilyana Kotulak
- 11 - Aaron Sexton
- 12 - Kim Lam
- 12 - Collin Skorupski
- 12 - Kyle Skorupski
- 13 - Erika Banet
- 14 - Michaela Dorflinger
- 14 - Owen Groth
- 16 - Geena Sinagoga
- 16 - Pierre Yousif
- 18 - Michelle Padrick
- 19 - Joseph Raona
- 22 - Marissa Bui
- 22 - Katherine Dooley
- 22 - Ethan Groth
- 26 - David Clipfell
- 26 - Lauren Sachs
- 27 - Michaela Lewalski

Congratulations to our Spelling Bee Winners!

1st Place—Sean Vailliencourt

2nd Place—Keara Skoglund

3rd Place—Bella dela Cruz



Giving Back to Those in Need

On Wednesday, January 12, forty excited 8th graders piled into a bus for a trip to Gleaners food bank in Detroit. The trip there was slow through traffic, but their excitement was not to be diminished. Upon arriving at Gleaners, the students found seats and watched a few informative videos on the history of Gleaners and some very moving testimonials from both volunteers and those who receive assistance from the food program. “I was surprised at how many there were” said one student about the numbers of those receiving assistance.



After the videos, the students got to work. In true Detroit fashion, they formed an assembly line to make, pack, and stack 400 boxes of food to be picked up or delivered to those in need in the city. The students then returned to school for a pizza lunch and an opportunity to reflect on how their experience served both Christ and those in need. I think Izzy Marcelletti spoke for everyone when she said that “the experience was very moving and I can’t wait to go back again.”





Athletics

www.angelsathletics.com

38th Annual Christmas Tournament a Success

The 38th Annual Christmas Tournament was held the week between Christmas and New Year. Once again it was a rousing success with boys and girls from as far as White Lake and as near as Birmingham participating. For the 4th year in a row, the Varsity Boys won their division championship. The JVBI took second in their division and the JVG1 took third. Congratulations to all the teams that participated.

This tournament requires a great deal of support from our families and the administration to make it a success. This year was no exception. Thank you all for bringing your children, volunteering to help, and general support of the tournament. We can't do it without you.

Spring Sport Registration now Open

Registration for Lacrosse, Softball, Baseball and Track is now available on the GA Athletics website. Specific information is available under the "register online" link on the vertical task bar. Teams will be formed March 1st, practices will start March 14 and the season will run through May 15. Just a reminder that all registrations and payments must be done through the website.

Go Angels!

KINDERGARTEN ROUND-UP

Date: February 11, 2011

Time: 9:30 am to 10:30am

**Place: Guardian Angels Catholic
School FBAC (Gym)**

We will hold kindergarten testing on this day from 10:45-3:30pm. Parents need to sign up for a 15 minute testing period.



JANUARY STUDENT OF THE MONTH AWARDS

6th Grade



Chase Caribardi



Ethan Groth

7th Grade



Aaron Augustyn



Jason Whithorn

8th Grade



Brendan Gracey



Sean Vaillencourt



Bishop Foley Catholic School
32000 Campbell
Madison Heights, MI 48071

Touring Tuesdays

Come and tour
Bishop Foley Catholic High
School on any Tuesday
from 10 am - 2pm.

For more information.,
call 248-586-1210 or go to
www.bishopfoley.org



Bishop Foley Catholic
Drama Ensemble
Presents

One Upon A Mattress

March 4 & 5, 2011
7:30 pm at the
Lamphere Auditorium

ART BEAT



Bishop Foley Catholic
High School
invites you to join us for

An Evening of
Music, Dance,
& Art

May 11, 2011 @ 7pm
In the Café & Media Center

NEWS From the God Squad

By Mr. Kuhar and Mr. Waligora

It is time once again for the monthly (well with the exception of January) article from the God Squad. The thoughts of warm days filled with cold glasses of lemonade and summer barbecues are hard to imagine in the midst of the cold, but never fear because those days are on the way. Before we know it, we will be feeling the warmth of the sun on our faces and hearing the birds chirping as the cold days of winter give way to the new life of spring.

This hope of warmth and sunshine on the way helps to carry us through the cold and dreary days of February. The challenges of the winter for some can seem to be too much. They wonder how they will make it through another Michigan winter. Sometimes life can also seem to provide too many gloomy days. It can seem impossible to carry on in the midst of the challenges faced on a daily basis. The important thing for us to remember is that there is hope of better days. Jesus Christ has opened the doors of heaven

for us. He has promised us that there is something greater than this life here on earth. Our life, therefore, should be one in which we strive to grow in holiness so that one day we may have the joy that lasts forever in heaven. The challenges we face can help us to grow in virtue and holiness. Christ suffered much before he was raised to new life. We, too, have to suffer before we are joined with Christ in heaven. It is the virtue of hope that helps us to persevere through the crosses of life.

Hope is one of the three theological virtues and a gift from God. We should pray for an increase of the virtue of hope and ask the Lord to help us to always keep in mind the prize of heaven. The “Act of Hope” which follows is great to pray on a daily basis. *“O my God, relying on your infinite goodness and promises, I hope to obtain pardon of my sins, the help of your grace, and life everlasting, through the merits of Jesus Christ, my Lord and Redeemer.”*

In Christ’s peace,

Mr. Waligora and Mr. Kuhar

GA Angel Savers Club

Angel Savers: Make a deposit at GA on:

Feb. 3 & Feb. 17

All Angel Savers who make a deposit on
February 17th will receive a money pen!

For an application or questions call 1.866.669.6228
and ask for Business Development.



Boy Scouts Troop 1094 Christmas Service and Be-

The Guardian Angels Boy Scout Troop enjoyed their Christmas service project. This year they went to the American House in Royal Oak to visit the seniors who live there. They shared Christmas refreshments and stories with the seniors. It was a very rewarding visit for both the scouts and the seniors.

For our annual Christmas party, we went to Laser Tag for a night of fun, pizza and Christmas sweets. In the upcoming months we are looking forward to rock climbing, our wild game cookout, our Rank-O-Ree and orienteering campout and a possible trip to the Davis-Besse Atomic Energy Plant for a camp-o-ree to earn the Atomic Energy merit badge.



NEWS FROM THE ART ROOM

We Celebrate and Give Thanks for Creative Talents!

In December, the 5th graders performed as the Talking Artist Museum in the school hallways. **Some of these artist pairs will perform again for us on Jan. 30th during our Open House from 1:30 -3:30.** Students performing for us are; Seth Richard and Marisa Jacques, as Vincent Van Gogh/ Emma Clemons and Hannah Pattinson, as Grant Wood/ Finley Thorp and Katie Newcomb, as Mary Cassette/ Lauren Kowal and McKenna Dooley, as Vincent Van Gogh/ Julia Boswell and Laurel Krause as Frida Kahlo/ Kim Lam and Maggie Kacy, as Edvard Munch/ Donte' Childs and Nathan Jeffries, as Andy Warhol/ and playing the part of Leonardo da Vinci is, Elizabeth McConkie. These performers will be in the gym by the display stands, in the art room and in Miss Beebe's room. To hear their speeches, you re-



move the paint brush from the artist's hand. Enjoy the performance.

In December, we also had two of our students featured in the Michigan Catholic. Seventh graders, **Elizabeth Banet and Samantha Hohmann had their entries from the Life is a Gift poster contest published in the Michigan Catholic.** In January, we had our own first grader, **Lauren Williams, recognized at the Archdiocese of Detroit with the honorable mention of receiving a Keep the Dream Alive medallion in the Martin Luther King Jr. poster contest!** We are also happy to announce that two of our academy students won **Scholastic Art Awards on Jan 15th.** **Samantha Hohmann and Derek Hackert will receive their awards in Feb. at the College for Creative Studies, in Detroit. The Ceremony will be Feb. 12th and the exhibit will be on display until March 4th.**



UPCOMING EVENTS AT GA

FEBRUARY

- 4 - GAP Bingo
- 4 - K-12 Mass with BFC
- 8 - GAP Meeting @7pm
- 9 - Talent Show Auditions
- 11 - Kindergarten Round-up
- 11 - World Thinking Day for Academy students
- 15 - Animal Magic Assembly
(k-4 @ 8:30 - 9:15am)
(5-8 @ 9:30 - 10:30am)
- 18 - Talent Show @ 1:30pm
- 19-27 - NO SCHOOL
- 28 - School Resumes

MARCH

- 4 - Parish Appreciation Party
- 5 - Mother/Son Bowling @
12:30pm
- 7 - Declamations @ 9am
- 7 - 8th Grade Burns Ashes
@ 2:30pm
- 8 - GAP Meeting @ 7pm
- 9 - Ash Wednesday
- 11 - Stations of the Cross
- 16 - AR Points Due
- 18 - End of 3rd Quarter
- 18 - NO SCHOOL
Teacher In-Service
- 19 - Moms to Moms Sale
- 23 - NJHS Inductions @
7pm
- 25 - Stations of the Cross
- 26 - Communion Retreat @
12:30pm
- 28 - Reconciliation @ 1pm
- 30 - *Godspell Jr.* @7pm
- 31 - *Godspell Jr.* @ 7pm

Kriza's Korner

By Sharon Kriza



The Super Bowl: Tips for Making it a Family Affair

By: Chick Moorman and Thomas Haller

In just a few days, millions will be watching one of the most watched and anticipated sporting events of the year, the Super Bowl. Where are you going to watch it and with whom? Will you be watching with neighbors, friends? Or will you use the Super Bowl as an important time to be with your immediate family and take the time to help your children learn valuable lessons about our society and your family's place within it?

We are totally serious about making this year's Super Bowl a meaningful family celebration: and we suggest you use it to educate, bond, plan, question, and model healthy living for your children. From the pre-game show to the post-game celebrations, your role is critical. Here are some suggestions to turn this year's game into an experience that the entire family will enjoy and learn from.

Decide ahead of time on the snacks and favorite foods. Working as a team, (just like the football players) prepare the food, making sure to get everyone involved in the process.

Develop a tradition. Some families have a special dip or dish that they make just for this game.

Watch together. Sit with your children as they view the game, commercials, and halftime show. Be there with one another.

Make predictions. Who will win? What will the final score be? Will the next play be a pass or a run?

Evaluate. Is your team doing bet-

ter or worse than you expected? How are some of the other roles (the announcers, fans and referees) being handled? What about the coaches.

Rules. Review the rules of the game and the importance of those rules. Are there rules made for the safety of the players? Are some made to make the game more exciting? How are the rules of the game the same or different than the rules we have in our home?

Commercials. Discuss what the commercials are actually trying to sell. What messages are they using to sell products? Why would a company pay one million dollars for a one minute commercial?

Share family values. If something happens during the halftime show or in a commercial that does not fit in with your family values, point that out. Use this opportunity to reaffirm what your family believes.

Model sportsmanship. If a "bad call" is made or if your team loses, demonstrate how a mature person handles disappointment. Avoid yelling or name calling. Know that your children are paying more attention to how you react during these important moments. Remember that attitudes are more easily caught than taught. This year, why not create a family event around the Super Bowl that is more about connectedness and family values than it is about the game? It is not the final score that will make this year's game an event to remember. It is how you choose to use and view the Super Bowl that will create the strongest and most lasting impression. Enjoy!