



HAMMER TIME BY SHARON HAMMERSCHMIDT



As you already know, our Campus Minister, Mrs. Marisa LaRocca died unexpectedly on October 12, 2009. Three years previous she was the Campus Minister at Bishop Foley High School. In her short time here at Guardian Angels, she made an impact on everyone who crossed her path. On behalf of her family, I would like to thank you for your cards, prayers and supportive words. Mrs. LaRocca was a strong believer in Catholic Education and it was the family's wish for donations to be made to the Tuition Assistance fund. Between the faculty/staff and students over \$1000.00 was collected. Your generosity and love knows no bounds. Please keep the LaRocca family in your prayers.

The Guardian Angels Children's Choir, comprised of Children grades 1-5, has created a CD entitled "O Hear the Angels' Voices." This CD is a compilation of our most cherished traditional Christmas carols, along with lesser known music and lyrics "May My Light Shine" and "Song of Peace". Fr Gerry LeBoeuf has also done a couple of songs on the CD as well as our Academy students who have done solo parts and narrations. Ms Debi Szeliga, Guardian Angels Director of Music and Liturgy, has spent hundreds of hours creating, editing and balancing voices to create this composition of songs to provide us with a high quality CD. Because Guardian Angels Parish

and School has a mission to promote Catholic education, a portion of the CD proceeds will benefit a school in Jesus' homeland. Our goal is to help lay a foundation for the path of peace in the Holy Land, all starting here at Guardian Angels Parish. The CD will be made available by Thanksgiving weekend. Thanks to all who helped make this project a success.

There are wonderful things that are happening here at Guardian Angels Catholic School and I want to say "Thank YOU!" to the parents and guardians of every child. I am thankful for you, for the sacrifices that you make to send your child to our school, for the support of our parish community and all the programs that go on here. We would not be enjoying these blessings if it was not for your commitment and belief in Catholic Education.

REMINDER:

- Parent Teacher Conferences will be held Thursday, November 12th. There will be no classes on Friday, November 13th.
- Parents when you drop off your child in the morning, please make sure that you drop them off on the east side of the cones. The west side of the parking lot is for parents to park and walk with their child.

Have a "Happy Harvest!" Wonderful you...thankful me!

EDDY'S EDGE BY ANNE EDDY



"Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever." Psalm 107:1

There are so many things to be thankful for; our family, our friends, our pets, our jobs, our homes and so many more blessings that God has granted us. I am so thankful that I am here, at Guardian Angels Catholic School this year. As we approach the Thanksgiving

season, take a moment to spend time together as a family and enjoy each other. I know that our schedules fill up so quickly and we tend to forget what life is really about. As you are rushing around from house to house for different Thanksgiving meals and rushing off to the mall to begin Christmas shopping for loved ones try to keep this in mind. Time slips by so quickly, so take a moment to stop and give thanks.

STUDENT OF THE MONTH AWARDS

6th Grade



Aaron Augustyn

Neal McCaffrey



7th Grade



Allison Curran

Mickey Davey



8th Grade



Justin Bui

Sydney Sell



COOKING UP NEWS IN SEVENTH GRADE



The Academy students at Guardian Angels Catholic School have immersed themselves in a variety of activities for the fall. The annual Declamation Contest is fast approaching in



November and all the students have selected their poems, speeches,

or stories that they will declaim for their class. Ms. Dunham is in charge of the contest this year and, along with Ms. Harlan, will select the students that will be in the school-wide contest.

In Ms. Dunham's 7th grade classes, the students will be preparing for their annual Seasonal Cookbook which they

publish every year at the holiday season. The cookbook includes samples of each student's favorite family recipe, as well as samples of their poetry and illustrations. The 8th graders have just begun a 3-month project of writing their autobiography. This project is seven chapters long and they are beginning with the first chapter exploring their heritage and ancestors.



Friday night, October 16th, our 6th graders attended a Seder Meal in the FBAC. Seminarian Richard led the service, assisted by their teachers. The service included a part where the students were searching for a hidden cracker.

The crisp autumn air seems to infuse us all with renewed enthusiasm for the wonders of God's beauty all around us. It's contagious! We can feel it in everything do. God is good!



During the month of November, student members who visit the Angel Savers Club at GA will have the opportunity to guess how much change an MCCU piggy bank can hold! After the club on November 19, we'll see whose guess was the closest and that student will win \$10 CASH!

See you at the Club on the following Thursdays: November 5th & 19th

If you'd like to become a member of the Angel Savers Club or have any questions, please stop by the main office to pick up an application or contact Business Development at MCCU at 1.866.669.6228.



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NEWS FROM THE ART ROOM



Good Deeds by Young Artists

The 5th graders have made their clay bowls for the **Michigan Art Education Association** annual conference, in Kalamazoo. Mrs. Coyne will take these bowls to the conference on Nov. 5th. These bowls are made with love by our 5th graders for the **Empty Bowls Charity Lunch**. The money from this event will go to a local food bank to feed the homeless this Thanksgiving. *Thank you 5th graders for the giving of your creative talents!*



We will also have five of our 7th grade students representing our school at the MAEA art teacher's conference. These students have their clay fish in the digital **Kids and Clay Show** which will be seen by hundreds of art teachers across the state.

Congratulations to Sarah McLampy, Adriana Tatuch, Natalie Jeffries, Brendan McGowan and Ryan May!



On Oct 23rd, the 3rd grade class got the auction item, A DAY IN THE ART ROOM!

Fun and creativity was enjoyed by all. They made a life size boy and girl to have on display at our annual **Children in Bloom Auction!** Alison Moore and Michael Galbenski were our models.



Look for Mrs. Coyne's table at the parent/teacher conferences in November. The art angels will be selling clay fish, rosaries and turkey spoons! Prices will range from \$2.00 to \$5.00 and all proceeds will go to the **Detroit Rescue Mission, to feed as many people as we can for Thanksgiving.**



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO: November

- 2 - Allison Goodsell
- 4 - Gregory Altman
- 5 - Nikolas Cascianelli
- 12 - Cameron Cope
- 13 - Daniel Dorflinger
- 16 - Michael Maten
- 17 - Gabrielle Clipfell
- 20 - Julia Stark
- 21 - John Chanteloup
- 21 - Nicholas Petty
- 24 - Sydney Sell
- 25 - Ella Kolf
- 25 - Abigale Laurencelle
- 28 - Callaghan TysonMayer
- 29 - McKenna Dooley
- 29 - Keara Skoglund
- 30 - Emma Clemons
- 30 - Mariah Losey

GAP NEWS

Where did the summer go? We had our first meeting of the year on Sept 30th. This school year the GAP meetings will be every other month. Thanks to everyone who helped on the Welcome Back Picnic and making it a fun night for all. We had a terrific turn out and everyone seemed to have a wonderful time, especially the kids. Get them by a playground and all is good.

We are already into the fundraising mode. Entertainment books were sold at the beginning of the school year. Market Day is in the full swing of things also and the money raised goes to the general GAP fund. Thanks to Charlene Sharpe for heading up Market Day and all of those who volunteer to help them sort and box up the orders. Moms to Moms had their first sale of the school year on Saturday, Sept 26. GAP raises money through admission, the selling of donated baked goods and the rental of table to vendors. Thank you to all who helped in planning the Fall Moms to Moms Sale. Also, a big thanks to those who donated baked goods, they were delicious. This year we tried our hand with a Charity Tournament. We held our first Texas Hold'Em Charity Tournament at the Big Beaver Tavern on Sept 10-13th and Oct 8-11th. We hope to do this again early next year. Last Friday, Oct 23rd, was GAP Family Bingo Night. There was a good turnout with all the kids going home with a prize. We had pizza for dinner, cookies for dessert, along with pop and juice to drink. Everyone had a great time. Thanks to Cathy Rowe for another great bingo night. And thanks to the student helpers. We look forward to Family Bingo Night again in the Spring.

At our next meeting we will be discussing whether to again sell Achatz pies as we did last year. GAP receives 40% of the pie sales. Last year, GAP's profit was \$1122.80. This year's Auction will be on Saturday April 24, 2010. The Auction committee will be having an organizational meeting on November 19 at 6:30 pm. GAP will have its next meeting on Tues, Nov 3rd, at 7pm. If you are looking for a way to become involved with GA, please join us.

Bishop Foley Catholic
High School's Drama
Ensemble Presents



Tiny Tim's Christmas

Friday, November 20,
2009 at 7:30 pm

Saturday, November
21, 2009 at 7:30pm

Dinner on Saturday is
at 6pm

Reservations for Saturday'
dinner theater are
REQUIRED.

TICKETS

\$8.00—Adults

\$5.00—Foley students/
children under 12

\$20.00 Dinner and a show
on Saturday night

For more information call
248-585-1210.



Happy Belated Birthday To:

August 6 - Rylie Hana
October 30 - Ellen Petty

*We apologize for the
oversight of these names.*

Kriza's Korner

By Sharon Kriza



Homework

*Parenting Letter #7 from Chick
Moorman and Thomas Haller*

Homework can be a battle or a breeze. It can create conflict or cooperation. It can produce tension or focused attention. Which of these outcomes occurs in your home depends in great measure on how you talk to your children during this important time period. To help this time be stress free and productive you might try these suggestions.

1- Don't even mention the word "homework." Have a study time. Study time should occur whether or not there is homework. This eliminates the common response, "But I don't have any homework." Some parents like to refer to this time as feed the brain time. We all feed our brains at this time. If you are not willing to make this commitment as a parent during this important family time, don't ask your child to.

2- "Let me know if you want my help." Give your child the space to ask for help if he needs it. Learning to ask is an important skill that every child needs to learn. So is struggling on your own for a while.

3- Act as if you know. Children will often tell you "I don't know how to do it". Resist showing them right away. Say to them "Pretend like you know how". Asking children to act as if- does not mean they will do it correctly! It gets them started. Later, you can correct any incorrect doings. Not doing anything is impossible to correct.

4- Set a time limit and stick to it.

5- Use descriptive praise. Refrain

from saying "Good Job". These global remarks do little to teach why the effort was good. Simply say "I can read every word" or "This sentence really got my attention and I wanted to keep reading" or "You stayed right on it and finished that section in 10 min." These factual statements give valuable information to your child. This kind of praise allows the child to make the evaluation. His evaluation is coming from the inside out.

6- "Let me show you an example," This is teaching not doing it for them. Show them a sample, example or possibility. Allow them to decide how to apply your idea. Let them do the problems that they were assigned, do not do it for them.

7- "Would you be willing to put your name on it?" This is a statement about the relationship between pride and effort. It really means "Are you proud enough of it to sign it?" Help your children learn to develop an internal standard of excellence so they know how this piece of work stacks up against their personal standard. Your Parent Talk about study time and school assignments is critical! It can help, or hinder, motivate, or discourage, wound or inspire. Use the statements above to help you create a helpful study time for all. I hope you enjoyed this article.

As this season of Thanksgiving approaches, please join me in Being Thankful, Being Reflective on all we have, and Being Responsive to each other and especially those less fortunate. Wishing you a very Happy Thanksgiving!