



# CCA Challenger

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## Upcoming Events

- **June 7**—6/7 Grade Retreat, Terry Andre
- **June 7-8**—8th Grade Class Trip
- **June 11**—8th Grade No School
- **June 12**—8th Grade Graduation 6:00pm
- **June 13**—Last Day of School, School Picnic, Early Dismissal
- **July 4**—Parade includes the CCA Float
- **August 15**—Volleyball practice begins.
- **September 14-16**—CCA Family Camping Trip

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- **Librarian needed**
- **July 4th Float help needed**

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## CCA Places Third in Class II Division Rockets for Schools

by *Dave Pethan*

The Rockets for Schools program has been in existence since 1995. Each year, more than 300 students from Wisconsin, Illinois, Iowa and Michigan have participated in successful launches at "Spaceport Sheboygan."

Our Rockets for Schools teams represented CCA in an outstanding fashion the first weekend of May at Blue Harbor. This year, 46 teams were entered in the competition. Teams were judged on the rockets appearance, payload experiment, verbal presentation and aerospace technology worksheet.

CCA Class II (8 foot rocket) team earned a third place in the competition. They brought home a beautiful trophy, which is on display outside our office. Team members include 7-8th grade stu-

dents Kathleen Roush, Jack Burkart, John Paul Darling, Colton Angermeir, Nathan



TEAM POOL CREW



TEAM PENCIL



4TH GRADE TEAM

dentation. They had an excellent launch, and were able to recover the rocket intact. Team members included 6th grade students Eric Feudner, Matthew Lombardo, Nicholas Males, Bradley Pfeifer, John Raff, and Andrew Rothe.

As part of the elementary program CCA was represented by Kyle Banie, Conner Harrison, Evan Pfeifer. The front row left to right Shantell

Brusse, Amy Gruenke, Claire Darling.

We were most fortunate to have some outstanding volunteer coaches for this program: Dave Pethan, Jim

Raff, and John Zalewski. These men put in numerous hours assisting our students in this challenging endeavor. Thank you so much for your loyal dedication to Christ Child Academy.

Zalewski, Jacob Schultz, Amanda Van de Kamp, Cal Bluske, and James Lanser.

Our Class I (6 foot rocket) team also had an excellent pres-

## CCA is Jumpin'!

by *Brenda Binversie*

On March 19, 2007 the students of Christ Child Academy participated in the annual Jump Rope for Heart Event, organized by Physical Education teacher Karen Magar. Students collected pledges and rose over \$3,500 for the American Heart Association. Students were split into teams and spent the afternoon jump roping. Some of the Middle School Students put in extra time learning

jump roping skills and putting them into routines to entertain the students, faculty, and parent helpers. Mrs. Magar has extra incentives for the students by having several door prizes for the students to win. Healthy snacks are brought in by parent volunteers and are available for the students to keep energy levels up through the event. When students were asked why they jumped

the overwhelming answer was, "For our hearts!" Many students jumped in memory of or in honor of special loved ones who have had heart related diseases.

Great job to all those students who participated and thank you for helping to raise money for this important event.

## The Best Teachers on Earth are at Christ Child Academy! *by Brenda Binversie*

All the students wish to send out hugs and a huge “thank you” to the best teachers and staff in the world!

Each year creates new memories and exceptional knowledge for the students of Christ Child Academy. Students overwhelmingly named the SMARTboards as the greatest part of this year. “They helped us play new games and learn new things” said Mrs. Murray’s Kindergarteners.

Mrs. Raff’s fourth graders loved doing projects on regions of the United States and having the SMART boards to “make our reports look cool!”

The students had the following statements about the special people we have in the building to help the school run smoothly;

“Mrs. DeLorme and Mrs. Gavin always help us with band aids and ice packs.”

“Mr. Parra is always making sure the bathrooms are clean and nothing is broken.”

“I like it when Fr. Mike comes to teach us about God and stuff.”

“Mr. Streeck is a great quarterback!”

“Mrs. Schlegel helps me pick out books that I like to read.”

“Mrs. Banie always makes sure I have lunch to eat.”

Best summed up by members of the Eighth grade class, “Even though we complain about going to school, we are glad we came to CCA. We will be the smartest in the freshman class.”

Blessings, thanks, and appreciation go to our dedicated teachers, faculty, and staff at Christ Child Academy. It is all of you who make CCA a special and rewarding place to be.

## Student Service Council

*by Jack Burkart, Grade 8*

Our CCA Student Council has been working hard as this school year goes by.

The new representatives and officers have been doing a great job filling their roles. I am confident that they will do well next year when I leave the student council.

Our school dance went over very well. The students had a great time even though there was smaller attendance than the fall dance. Thank you for your support.

On May 11, student council had another one of our famous Walking Taco Lunches. The meal consists of a small Frito bag with taco meat and the students can add cheese, lettuce, tomatoes, and sour cream. they made about \$115 on the taco lunch and the money will be used for the incentive day trip to Blue harbor.

On May 22, the student council will walk over to the Progressive Health Center for our monthly service project. We are all going to play

BINGO with the residents of the center. Some students will be callers and other will help the residents with hearing and other things. Last time we did this both the residents and the students had a great time!

On May 31, the middle school students will get to go to either Triple Play Fun Zone or Blue Harbor Resort for incentive day. This worked out well last year and almost all the students wanted to go again. It is bound to be a fun time and a great way to help wrap up the year.

The school year is coming to an end and so is Student Council. I would like to thank all the members of student council for their hard work and commitment. I would also like to thank Mrs. Swoverland for being our advisor and Mr. Streeck for all of his help. It could not exist without both of you. Have a great summer everyone!!



## SSC Plays BINGO!

*by Selena Brusse, Grade 7*

On May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2007 the student council members from Christ Child Academy played BINGO with the elders at Progressive Nursing Home in Sheboygan, WI. Every year the members on Student Council go to Progressive to play bingo. They walked with Mr. Streeck (the principal at Christ Child Academy) to Progressive. Mr. Streeck is also in charge of student council with Mrs. Swoverland. They helped planned going there for Student Council’s service project for the month of May.

We think the people at Progressive really enjoy us being there. I know that I like going there and seeing the smiles and their faces, and also the others on Student Council enjoy it too. “Its fun being there and seeing the smiles on their face” said Sarah (Student Councils Vice President). Also Linsey (Student Councils President) said, “It’s fun and I enjoy giving my time up to play BINGO”. When we got there you got assigned a person to play with, then you start to play. Every time you win and get a bingo your partner gets a dime. We started walking back around 2:30. Last year because we were good and helped them out Mr. Streeck treated us to ice-cream at McDonalds. So, if you know someone who needs a good time then go, be creative and have a good time.

## Living Last Supper

by Trevor Souik, Grade 8

On Holy Thursday, Mrs. Scharenbroch's 8<sup>th</sup> grade students performed a rendition of Jesus' Last Supper with his disciples. All the students assumed the role of one of the historical characters from the Bible and acted out that person's thoughts and feelings about the night in which Jesus would be betrayed by one of



his followers. The narration, spoken by Grace Garni, began with enlightening the audience with Leonardo DaVinci's famous painting of the Last Supper.

## Catholic Schools Band Concert

by Christine Newman, Grade 7

On April 19, 2007 the Catholic Schools Band played a stupendous concert at the Christ Child Academy gym. The band is made up of students from different schools such as St. Dominic's, Holy Family, and our own Christ Child Academy! The concert was produced and conducted by Mrs. Bonnie Feld, who did an excellent job getting the students ready for their big debut. The concert was at 6:30pm and many family and friends attended. It is held annually, and they always serve cookies and punch after the show.

There are 3 sections in the band; the Beginner Band, which contains 4th- 5th graders from all schools. The next section is the Advanced Band; this part is made up of 6th-8th grade students from all schools, too. The last piece of the band is the illustrious Jazz Band. This is a very special; it has three parts to it. Each school forms a single band, which they get up early in the morning to practice for. They have excellent pieces of music every year and some of the students even do a little extra, they play solos. Saying of which, I am proud to name the soloists from the CCA Jazz Band....

Emily Schafer, Christine Newman, Jack Burkart, and Allison Wagner. Great job students!

A lot of great things were said after the concert....

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## God Bless Our Teachers

by Tessa Timler, Grade 8

On behalf of all the students at CCA, we would like to thank all of the teachers for the outstanding job that they have done this year. We appreciate all of the time and care that they put into teaching each and every one of us. Each teacher works so hard to help the students and their effort really does pay off.

The eighth grade class would also like to give a special thanks to all of the teachers. We will not for-

get them as we start our high school careers. We will remember all of the things that they have taught us in these past eleven years of our lives. On behalf of myself, and the eighth grade class, I would just like to say thank you all SO much! You are all very much appreciated.

You have truly made this 2006-2007 school year a wonderful faith-filled year here at CCA!

## Regional Poetry Contest Results

by Allie Wagner, Grade 7

This spring the sixth and seventh grade students worked on poems for a poetry contest. The contest was for students from Minnesota, Wisconsin, and other states in the Midwest region. The students are being published by Creative Communications. This is a company made for young authors. Twenty-one out of thirty students had their poems published in their annual poetry book for students.

**WOW!!!** Congratulations to all the students!

The following had their poem published: Linsey Buchberger, Luke Lorfeld, Brandon Geydoshek, Sarah Kesner, Kathleen Roush, Emily Onsager, Emily Schaefer, Julianna Sutkiewicz, Saige Ramos, Allie Wagner, Christine Newman, Sydnee Brusse, Max Hilbert, McKena Ramos, Liz Lorfeld, John Paul Darling, Eric Feudner, Paul Garni,

Aaron Jacobchick, Matthew Lombardo, and John Raff.

We look forward to receiving the free book with all of our poems included. If you would like a copy for your home, the cost is twenty-six dollars.

The outstanding results can be attributed to what we have learned in our English and Literature classes. A special thank you goes to our teachers for helping us to succeed.

## Under the Ocean

by Katie Banie, Grade 1

The 1<sup>st</sup> graders at CCA have been learning about the ocean. We also learned about the animals that live there. We had an ocean party with crafts, learning games and ocean food. We even got to play in water and get wet. It was so much fun!



1ST GRADE RAINFOREST

there. We had an ocean party with crafts, learning games and ocean food. We even got

Equals, Multiplication, Division, Addition, Subtraction (this is one of Mr. Beitzel's mnemonic devices) At the moment, in social studies we are learning about the countries in Europe, and that's a lot of countries, I might add. In literature we have just finished the book, My Side of the Mountain and we are watching the movie. In English we are learning the basics: verbs, nouns, punctuation and all that good stuff. In religion we are learning about the Judges. (Not the ones that yell "Order in the Court!") Spanish, we are obviously learning Spanish! One activity some of the 6<sup>th</sup> graders are doing is Rockets for Schools. In Rockets the 6<sup>th</sup> graders rocket ship had the shape and design of a pencil. Some of school activities that most 6<sup>th</sup> graders do are sports and stuff like that. And what does this all add up to..... HOMEWORK!

many other compliments were given to the instrumentalists at the end of the performance.

The piece of music that really stood out the most in the whole concert was the "Pirates of the Caribbean, Curse of the Black Pearl". The Advanced Band worked very hard at the high school level composition and did a splendid job at the opening night. This and many other fine works were played throughout the whole band.

After each performance, awards are handed out to the Advanced Band students for points they make that year. They earn these points by coming to lessons and extra credit they get from outside of their schools. Many of the children received awards, and the 8<sup>th</sup> graders get a special gift from the conductor as a going away present into high school.

We hope that everyone who reads this comes to the next concert! And you don't have to worry about paying anything because it's a free concert! Your payment is coming and encouraging our fellow band members into doing their best. We hope to see you soon!!!

## 6th Grade

by Eric Feudner, Grade 6

In 6<sup>th</sup> grade many exciting things are happening. In gym we are finishing our unit on pickle-ball. (Why they named it pickle-ball I don't know.) In science we are learning about earth and earthquakes. In math right now we are reviewing the order of operations or PEDMAS. (Parenthesis,

## Band Concert, Cont'd

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"I think the concert went very well!" says Emily Schafer, "I also think the audience liked it, too." This and

## Farewell for Now, Mr. Streeck

by Luke Lorfeld, Grade 7

He first came here in 2002. During his time at CCA, he created a truly positive atmosphere by playing with kids at recess, and he combined the St. Peter Claver and Immaculate Conception schools together into one school. He was a positive role model for all students. He arranged for computer classes for all grades, so that we may learn of new technology.

And now his era as a magnificent principal has ended. Mr. George Streeck has done many wondrous things during his four years at Christ Child Academy. And some of us think that CCA will never be the same, and in a way that is very true. Without him, all of the grades wouldn't be able to interact with other grades daily.

Among all of the wonderful choices made, possibly his best one is the hiring of Father Mike Dineen as De-

velopment Director. Fr. Mike has contributed so much for our school, like bringing the useful Smartboards into every classroom so we can have fun while learning, and he comes in every week to talk to the students about different things relating to religion, and even though Mr. Streeck will miss CCA, he plans to do more than just taking it easy during retirement. He has said many times how he'd love to visit all 50 states, and he only has a few more to go. One of those states is California, not just to go sightseeing and soak in the sun, but also to visit his 87 year-old mother who is still very healthy.

And he is going to spend a lot of time with his wife, too. He would like to help her write a book about her uncle who escaped Russia and fled to China, only to leave China for France-- all during the overpowering of the Ger-

mans.

But he also needs to find time for religious activities. For a while he has wanted to be active with the Knights of Columbus and other Religious Organizations. With that he can receive the community's praise for giving good will to the poor and other organizations.

Even though we feel that he has done his part and is finished, that is not necessarily true. Yes, he may be done as a principal, but he plans to substitute teach here at CCA when other teachers are not present. We will always appreciate his presence after his retirement.

And when all is said and done, we the staff and students at Christ Child Academy wish him a happy and healthy retirement in the days to come.