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Upcoming Events

- March 5-16 Iowa Test of Basic Skills, Grades 1, 3, 5, & 7
- March 9th & 10th "Goin' Buggy" 2nd—5th grade Musical, Dinner 6pm, Performance 7pm at SPC Van Treeck Hall
- March 9th—Deadline for CCA Athletic Scholarship application.
- March 14th— CCA Learning Fair, Open House & Art Show 6pm to 7:30 pm
- March 22nd, 1pm - Reconciliation Services, grades 2-8
- March 26-30th—Spring Break
- April 19th—Band Concert 6:30 pm

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- Volunteer Librarian needed.
- Governance Board opening

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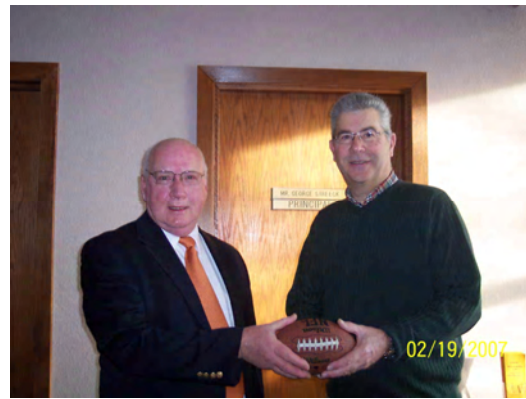
Christ Child Academy Introduces Tom Edson As New Principal

by Shelley Tuzinkewich

As an era comes to an end, we will experience a new beginning with Tom Edson at the helm.

Mr. Edson began his career in education teaching 7th grade Social Studies, English and Reading in Port Washington in 1968. He continued teaching in Port Washington at the high school level until 1986 when he came to Sheboygan as Athletic Director at South High School. In 1991 he assumed the role of Principal and remained in that position until 1998. He transferred to Longfellow Ele-

mentary School and held the position of Principal for four years until



he retired in 2002. While enjoying his "retirement", Tom has been teaching at Lakeland College as

well as substituting for the Sheboygan Area School District.

As a member of Immaculate Conception Parish, Tom witnessed first hand the dedicated staff and the wonderful things that were happening at CCA and decided he wanted to be a part of it. He is excited to help CCA continue to grow and build on the strengths already displayed by both staff and students.

Don't worry students, when asked about his football skills, his answer was summed up on one word..."Terrific!" Welcome to the team, Mr. Edson!!

SCHOOL PLANNING and ACCREDITATION

by George Streck, Principal

Christ Child Academy was visited by the Archdiocese of Milwaukee Accreditation Team on October 25, 2006. The team consisted of six Catholic School Educators and the Associate Director of the Archdiocese Schools Office. The school planning process consists of a 7 year cycle. The visit occurs in year 3 of the cycle. The purpose of the visit is to examine documentation and curriculum to determine if the school will be accredited by the Archdiocese of Milwaukee and the Wisconsin Religious and Independent Schools Association (WRISA).

Christ Child Academy was evaluated using ten standards during the visit. We were determined to be in compliance in every standard. Our Home and School Committee was commended for

its work with the Student Council in Standard 2-School and Community. We were commended for our Carrier Newsletter for being both "positive and comprehensive" in Standard 3-School Climate. We were commended for our well maintained Professional Files in Standard 5-Professional Staff. The team commended us for our use of "Smart Boards" in curricular areas in Standard 6-Curriculum and Instruction. We were also commended for our Catholic Identity in Standard 9-Physical Facilities.

Much time and energy by the faculty, staff, and administration went in to preparation for the audit. Each standard required proof of compliance with various types of documentation.

The teachers worked very diligently acquiring and preparing the documentation. Curriculum documents are updated frequently and are required to be aligned with the state standards as well as those of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee.

The team concluded their report with the following accolades. "Congratulations to all of you! Our day at Christ Child Academy was enjoyable. It is always a pleasure to visit a well run Catholic school. Your students were enthusiastic and obviously happy. You have much of which to be proud. We wish you continued success as you spread the Good News."

2006-2007 Girls 7-8th Grade Basketball Team

by Coaches – Mark Klauck, Mike Kovac, John Sharp

Our team is on the young side this year with four eighth graders and eight seventh graders. The four eighth graders are Jessica Hammarlund, Emily Schmidt, Grace Garni, and Lauren Mersberger. The eight seventh graders are Terra Armstrong, Katlyn Ploeckelman, Emily Schaefer, Allison Wagner, Kathleen Roush, Linsey Buchberger, Christine Newman, and Selena Brusse. The girls have been working very hard during the twice a week practices, and currently hold second place position in the Sheboygan County Parochial League with a 6-3 record,



with three games remaining to play.

During the recent CCA Girls Tournament they won their first game against First Immanuel of Grafton and were challenged in their second game against the team that went

on to win the tournament, Holy Angels of West Bend, which placed them in the 5-6th place bracket to play against Kohler. The game

against Kohler was a very closely played game finding us just short of the win with a final score of 36-33.

A few of the girls represented CCA in the three-point contest and the free throw contest. Linsey Buchberger and Emily Schmidt in the three-point contest with Katlyn Ploeckelman and Lauren Mersberger in the free throw contest. Congratulations goes out to Lauren Mersberger for winning the individual free throw title in a shoot off. Another congratulation is extended to Grace Garni for her selection to the all tournament team. Congratulations girls!!

Every year the selection is made for the All Star Game to be played in March. We are please to send Eighth grader Grace Garni, Seventh graders Katlyn Ploeckelman and Emily Schaefer to this event.

Great Season Girls!!

Student Service Council

by Jack Burkart

There have been a lot of things going on in CCA Student Council at the start of this new semester of the school year.

Our annual Student Council elections were held on January 19th. For a week prior to the election, all the students running for the various offices campaigned very hard, but fairly. Thank you to everyone that ran for student council.

I would like to congratulate the new student council officers. 6th grader John Raff is the new Treasurer, 6th grader Eric Feudner is the new secretary, 7th grader Sarah Kesner is the new Vice President, and the new Student Council President is 7th grader Lindsey Buchberger. I will be serving as the Executive President. My job is to help the President get acquainted with her duties.

Also in January, Student Council started a hat and mitten tree as a service project. Students brought in new or lightly used winter gear like hats, scarves, mittens and gloves for the needy and hung it on a holiday tree in the school entryway. We then gave what we collected to the Salvation Army, who distributed them for us. It was very successful and the Student Council thanks you for all your generous donations.

For Valentine's Day, Student Council had another successful fundraiser. Most of the parents and even some of the students bought suckers and gummy worms for students in the school. They were distributed on Valentine's Day and included a handwrit-

ten Valentine message from the sender. The Student Council is grateful for everyone's participation.

Currently Student Council is planning a Middle School dance, an incentive day, a food day, and

the popular "walking taco" lunch for later this Spring. Student Council is looking forward to these events and details will be available in the School Newsletter.

2006-2007 Boys 7-8th Grade Basketball Team

Coaches – Tom Pitsch, Mike Ladwig, and Dan Murray.

The 7/8 Boys basketball team is enjoying a FANtastic season !

They received 4th Place in the Lutheran Tournament and Cal Bluske was named All Tournament Player.

The team also place 4th in the St. John's Tournament as well as placing 6th in the Christ Child Academy Tournament with Cal Bluske named as All Tournament Player again.

The team is putting up some amazing statistics too! Brandon Geydoshek is shooting 83% from the free throw line. Mike Males has tallied 7 three point shots. James Lanser is averaging 9 rebounds per game, 15.4 points per game and 53 steals on the season. Cal Bluske is averaging 7 rebounds per game, 17.1 points per game and 60 steals on the season.

The teams overall records stands at

10 wins and 11 losses.

Team Members are:

Cal Bluske, Jack Burkart, John Paul Darling, Brandon Geydoshek, James Lanser, Luke Lorfeld, Mike Males, Trevor Souik, Jacob Schultz, and Nate Zalewski.



Winter Extravaganza is a Success!

by *Maria Splittgerber*

We are pleased to announce that the 2007 Winter Extravaganza was a *huge* success! Over \$52,000 was raised for the children of Christ Child Academy. It was a great night of food and fellowship that was enjoyed by all that attended. The Italian pasta dinner was absolutely delicious and included a sample of Father Mike's Lobster Thermidore. The rooms were filled with great items and baskets and many people won some truly one-of-a-kind packages! The gaming was lots of fun too and it had some terrific prizes for the raffle winners.

The winners of the Winter Extravaganza Super-Raffle were also drawn. They were:

Grand Prize: 2-year lease on a car or \$5,000
Stephanie DuBrava
 1st Prize: Viking Pop-Up Camper **Roger Muetzel**

2nd Prize: 2 Honda Scooters **Shirley Larsen**
 3rd Prize: \$1000 Travel Voucher/Luggage
Joyce Babel-Worth
 4th Prize: \$1000 Landscaping Voucher **Charlie Gruenke**
 5th Prize: His & Her Bicycles **Nancy Stephani**
 6th Prize: Toro Lawn Mower **James Simons**
 7th Prize: 2-Stage Snow Blower **Tracie Govek**
 8th Prize: Lake Michigan Fishing Charter **Amy Schulze**
 9th Prize: Leather Recliner **Wayne Novak**
 10th Prize: Patio Set **Tom Timler**
 11th Prize: Garden Statuary **Mona Labudde**
 12th Prize: Gas Grill **Andy Rosenthal**

13th Prize: \$300 **Penny Baulch**
 14th Prize: \$100 **Richard Schreiber**
 15th Prize: \$100 **Michael Thill**

The Winter Extravaganza committee would like to thank the families of Christ Child Academy as well as the families of Immaculate Conception, SS Cyril and Methodius and St Peter Claver for their help and support. We could not have raised this kind of money without each and every one of you! The funds raised will help offset our school's General Operating expenses and will allow us to provide the children of Christ Child Academy with what they need to succeed.

Thank you again for your support. We look forward to seeing you at the 2008 Winter Extravaganza!

Chess Club Commences

by *Nathan Zalewski*

Whether it is to learn how to play or to strengthen their skills, the 5th through 8th graders at Christ Child Academy now have the opportunity to explore the game of Chess. The Chess Club is an after-school activity supervised by Mr. Mike Beitzel. The club meets on Monday's from 3:10 until 3:40. It began on January 8th and will continue until March 19th.

Approximately 16 students are in the Chess Club. The players switch partners each week to play someone different. Mr. Beitzel goes around the room to help beginners by showing them some possible moves. The students are in the club to have fun; each match is a friendly competition.

The idea of the Chess Club was

started in 8th grade Health class. The students were discussing extra-curricular activities. When the possibility of a Chess Club at CCA was first brought up, some of the students did not take it seriously. Jack Burkart and I de-



ecided to find out if we could have one. Both of us enjoy playing chess, but don't have enough opportunity to do so. We asked Mr. Streeck, and he told us we could have a Chess Club if we found a teacher willing to supervise. That is when we approached Mr. Beitzel to see if he would be willing to help. Several days later he told us, "Yes." Between the three of us, we decided to schedule the club on Mondays because it would not interfere with basketball games or practices.

By looking at the number of participants, we can tell the Chess Club is a success. A special thank you goes out to Mr. Beitzel who has volunteered his time to give students this opportunity. We hope this club will return next year to give more students a chance to learn the game of Chess and have fun.

What is the Referral Program?

By *Laura Kittelson*

How would you like to have \$500 knocked off your tuition bill? What about \$1000?

It is possible to have your entire tuition bill paid simply by telling everyone you know about Christ Child Academy. Nearly two years ago Christ Child Academy introduced a referral bonus program but, unfortunately, it has not been utilized by many of our families. Here's how it works:

Any current Christ Child Academy family who recruits or refers a new family to the school is eligible to receive a \$100 tuition credit at the time the new family registers their child for school. If the family renews

their registration for the following school year, an additional \$400 tuition credit will be issued to the family making the referral. The \$400 credit is to be applied to the upcoming school year. The new family must complete a registration form including the question that reads, "If you are a NEW family, please advise who or what influenced your decision to attend CCA." If the family lists you as the reason they selected Christ Child Academy, then you will be eligible to receive the bonus.

There are a few rules:

1. The bonus is payable for full time tuition (K-8) referrals only.

2. Bonus is paid out in the form of tuition credit only and cannot be redeemed for cash.
3. Families who refer multiple prospective families will qualify for one bonus per new family registered with the school. In other words, there is no limit to the number of bonuses any one CCA family can collect.
4. Families qualifying for the bonus may elect to have the tuition credit applied to the CCA tuition account of their choice. (Meaning it does not have to be applied to their family's tuition.)

Did you Know?

By *Laura Kittelson*

Too few people know about Christ Child Academy. I can tell many stories of people asking me where my children attend school and when I tell them that our kids go to Christ Child Academy, I get responses such as "I've never heard of it!" or "Where is that?" Our families are our best advertising, so get the word out. Here are a few impressive facts that you can cite when bragging about our outstanding school:

In the past three years, four Christ Child Academy alumni have been named Valedictorians at area high schools. It won't be confirmed until sometime in February, but it appears that a fifth will be named Valedictorian of the South High Class of 2007. That makes **FIVE** Christ Child Academy Valedictorians in **FOUR** years. WOW!! Of those five alumni, two of them were also named National Merit Scholar finalists.

On standardized tests, our students consistently achieve scores far above the state and local averages.

We are the only school in the Sheboygan area offering SMART boards in every class room. We also have a teacher devoted solely to a technology curriculum for all grade levels K-8. Other schools are scrambling to emulate us in this area.

Our Science program is well known at area high schools as one of the best in the city. Mike Beitzel has established quite a name for us and we are grateful for his great teaching style that lends itself so well to knowledge retention by our students.

Our English program is also highly regarded by local high school teachers and business leaders. A local businessman and parent of C.C.A. graduates recently spoke of how well his children learned to write while at CCA and how that gave his children an advantage in high school, college and now in the business world.

Based on the Iowa Basic Skills Test results, our seventh graders are consistently achieving scores that convert to a Grade Equivalent Compos-

ite score ranging between 11.8 and 13.0....roughly five or more grade levels higher than the grade they are currently in!!

Those are just a few facts based on the academic achievements of our students. Most of our families would also list the importance of teaching respect and compassion for others and faith in God and the doctrine of the Catholic Church as very important aspects of Christ Child Academy. Add to that an outstanding athletic program and other extracurricular activities, along with the lifelong friendships that are formed at Christ Child Academy, and you have just given someone every reason they ever needed to choose Christ Child Academy for their child.

We will host our annual Open House on Wednesday, March 14th at 6:00 p.m. The Learning Fair will follow from 6:30-7:30. This will be a great opportunity for prospective families to experience the excitement of the school and to see the fine work our students do on a regular basis. Spread the word!

Catholic Schools Week

By *Ann Feudner*

Christ Child Academy celebrated Catholic Schools Week January 28th through February 3. Fr. Mike Di-
neen kicked off the week. He promoted Catholic education and Christ Child Academy at weekend masses of our tri-parish community.

Monday was school spirit day. Students showed their school spirit by wearing CCA colors, red & black. The students started the day with a prayer service coordinated by the third grade teacher Ms. Zahn. The service focused on saints who started the movement for Catholic education in the United States – St. Thomas Aquinas, St. John Baptist de La Salle, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, St. John Bosco and St. Katharine Drexel.

Tuesday through Thursday the children had a P.J. Day, Crazy Hair Day

and Occupation Day.

The week ended on a high note with the celebration of mass and the Home and School Committee annual pancake breakfast for the children. When the students were finished with breakfast, they participated in a spelling bee. The first place winner was Max Hilbert (grade 6), 2nd place winner was Kirk Schuchardt (grade 7) and the 3rd place winner was John Raff (grade 6).

Volunteer Librarian Needed for CCA

We are in need of a volunteer to serve as a librarian for our school. This would be an ideal opportunity for a retired librarian or someone who is looking for a way to help our school. One of the most important attributes is someone who loves books and is an avid reader. Please contact George Streeck at 459-2664 if you are able to help us.

"Goin' Buggy" - Home and School

The 2nd - 5th grade musical titled "Goin' Buggy" is coming soon! This production will be taking place on the evenings of March 9th and 10th in Van Treeck Hall at St. Peter Claver. Home & School will be organizing a

"Bug Buffet" for each performance. Spaghetti with Fly Sauce and Garlic Walking Sticks will be the main course. Spread the "buzz" to your family and friends. Contact CCA for ticket information.