



# CCA Challenger

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## Upcoming Events

January 31

Catholic Schools Week

Begins!

Open House

10:30—12:30

February 5

No School

February 6

Winter Extravaganza

February 19

Six Flags Reading

Minutes Due

February 23

Open House

March 25

Early Release 1pm

March 29-April 2

No School

Spring Break

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## Winter Extravaganza is Right Around the Corner!

by: Sue Gruenke and Tracy Noll

Mark your calendars for Christ Child Academy's Winter Extravaganza on Saturday, February 6<sup>th</sup>. Prepare yourself for an evening of fun and entertainment, beginning at 5:00.

The \$25.00 cost of admission includes appetizers, followed by a fabulous five-course gourmet dinner, exciting silent and live auctions, raffles, and

"The Big Ticket" drawing. Tickets for the event, "The Big Ticket"

[y.com](http://www.christchildacademy.com) or 920-459-2660) or by calling Theresa Landwehr at 920-208-0232.

Because this is our *soul* fundraising event, we are really counting on you to help make it a success!

We thank you for your continued support of Catholic Education, it is with your help CCA will continue its success.

We look forward to seeing you at Winter Extravaganza 2010!



drawing, and champagne raffles are available through Christ Child Academy ([www.christchildacademy.com](http://www.christchildacademy.com))



## A Season for Joy

by: *Judy Banie*

On December 16<sup>th</sup>, Immaculate Conception church was full with the crowd spilling over into the gathering space. Everyone was gathered to catch a glimpse of the CCA student's presentation of "A Season For Joy". Mrs. Nancy Johanning directed the children in a variety of festive and uplifting Christmas songs including a



performance by the sweet little "Angel Band". Following the performance, the Home

and School Committee presented Christmas gifts to the staff of CCA to thank them for their exceptional commitment to Catholic education. All students participating in the concert were given a treat bag.

We would like to express a heartfelt thank you to Mrs. Johanning and the CCA students for a joyful evening.

## CCA Students Giving Back

I'm writing regarding my granddaughter Sara Miesner, she is a first grader.

My husband and I are Sara's grandparents and we thought this year was a good time to introduce Sara to volunteer work. We live in Washington County, (Slinger) so that was where I had chosen to find something for us to volunteer for.

In West Bend there is the Gingerbread House which is the counties gift giving organization; all other organizations go through this place for Christmas for low income families for gifts and clothes for their family. This year we had over 500 families.

Dec. 12 Sara, along with my husband and I sorted donated toys, wrapped presents, unloaded donations. Sara was so excited about the big help she was she wanted to do it again. It was fascinating and exciting to watch her learn and experience that others are not as fortunate as she is. She came home and picked out her early reader books that she won't need anymore to donate to other kids who don't have books to learn to read. We couldn't have been prouder. She learned a great deal that day

about giving, helping and being appreciative for our own blessings.

From very proud grandparents, Brenda & Brad Eddy

P.S. We are so very grateful for the wonderful teachers that Sara has, and how much she is learning at such an early age. She loves her school and teachers. Thank you so much for providing her with such a good education and an environment to grow and learn in.

**Way to go Sara! You have given back to the community and may God Bless You for doing so. We are proud of you!**

## Dividends for Life

by: *Chris Matysik and Rick Conrad*

Catholic Schools Week 2010 is fast approaching and there are some exciting things planned for you. Along with Crazy Hair Day and Pajama Day, we are having a CCA Color Day. We are encouraging everyone to wear a red shirt on Tuesday, February 2nd to show their CCA spirit. An all-school picture will be taken emphasizing this spirit. If you don't have a red shirt, talk to your teacher and we will try to get you one.

The 2010 Catholic Schools Week theme is "Dividends for Life" emphasizing those qualities of Knowledge, Faith, Morals and Discipline that are

nurtured along with a Catholic Education. To partner with this theme, we are conducting a Penny War between classes



with the proceeds being divided up between Father Elijah, a Lakeland College organization that helps orphans from Cambodia, Rainbow Kids,

and Catholic Relief Services. You may be asking what does the winning class get for bringing in the most pennies??

What you get is the satisfaction and the knowledge of helping those less fortunate than us, which are qualities also nurtured along with a Catholic Education. So bring those pennies in!

Catholic Schools Week is an opportunity for all associated with Christ Child Academy to celebrate everything that is great about a Catholic education. From the teachers and staff to the custodian(s), parents, and volunteers, everyone works together to make CCA great place to be!

## CCA Basketball Tournaments

by: *TJ Pitsch, grade 7*

Hi, I'm T.J. Pitsch, a 7th grader at Christ Child Academy. I have been attending the CCA basketball tournaments ever since I was three years old. My father is a basketball coach at CCA, and my older brother was a basketball player at CCA too.

The CCA basketball tournaments are very exciting to attend, whether you are a player or a spectator. You can expect to see

great games between local and out-of-town school teams. You would most certainly be able to witness great sportsman-

ship amongst hard-working players throughout the tournament. A special event in



which all can participate, is the free-throw contest and the 3-point contest.

I recommend that you attend the CCA tournaments to show your support and school spirit while cheering for the CCA teams. Be sure to attend both CCA boys and girls basketball tournaments, and enjoy the excitement of spirited games along with intense moments.

## Coats for Kids

by: Tsue Shee Xiong, grade 4

This year marked the fifth year that the fourth-graders have promoted and managed the “Coats for Kids” Drive at CCA. We began our efforts in September by reading Jesus’s message of feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, and caring for the sick found in Matthew Chapter 25: 35-40.

*‘For I was hungry, and you gave Me something to eat; I was thirsty, and you gave Me something to drink; naked, and you clothed Me; ...‘Truly I say to you, to the extent that you did it to one of these brothers of Mine, even the least of them, you did it to Me.’*

Then it was time to get the word out. Each student created a poster for the drive, and

we taped them up all over the campus. Mr. Parra got us two large barrels that we decorated



and placed in the entries of the school and the church. This year some students even canvassed their own neighborhoods, or had parents e-mail colleagues about collecting coats. Each week as the barrel would fill up, we would change the liner and store the bag in our classroom. It wasn’t long, be-

fore our room was brimming!

On October 28, we began the process of sorting, counting and bagging up the items collected. This year we tied this in with a Math activity, and created a Line Plot, a Cumulative Frequency Chart, and a Bar graph to organize our data. It was a great real-life application of the skills we were studying. This year’s total was 160+ items; which even included several **brand new** coats, hats, gloves, scarves, boots, and snow pants. Our CCA total was just under our collection total for last year.

A heartfelt thank you to all for helping to show our young people that everyone- no matter how small- can make a difference in the lives of those in need, through service.

## Having Fun in Girl Scouting

This year some of our Girl Scout troops went to a “Monster

Mash” costume dance. It was a fun filled night and the girls en-

joyed choosing troop costumes and dancing the night away!

