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Upcoming Events

- 3/19/08-Seder Meal, 8th grade Holy Week Presentation
- 3/20/08-Holy Thursday, Early Release
- 3/21/08-Good Friday, No School
- 3/24-3/28/08-Easter Break, No School
- 4/3/08-St. Jude Math-A-Thon
- 4/4/08-3rd Qtr. Ends, SPC Fish Fry

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Fifth Grade Photography

by: Dr. Robert P. Darling

During December and January, the Fifth Graders of Christ Child Academy participated in a Digital Photography mini course. The course was taught by Dr.

Robert Darling, father of Fifth Grader Claire Darling. In the course, the students learned:

- basic principles of light and optics
- the development of cameras and photography (the students even got to handle some antique cameras)
- controls and settings of the digital cameras each student brought from home

- "Rules of Composition" such as subject arrangement, focusing, lighting and perspective



- how to transfer their images to a computer and use

software to edit and store those images

to CCA's Winter Extravaganza Silent Auction. These donated photographs demonstrate not only what they learned, but their creative talents and appreciation for the unique oppor-



The students developed their own portfolio of images to demonstrate what they had learned. With the help of their classmates, and a laptop computer

tunities for learning at Christ Child Academy.



linked to their classroom Smartboard, each student selected a favorite photo and edited it for donation



Winter Extravaganza 2008 Reaches New Milestone

by: *Maria Splittgerber*

Winter Extravaganza 2008 proved once again to be a wonderful fundraiser allowing for an evening of fun and fellowship. We were blessed and honored to have welcomed Archbishop Timothy Dolan as a guest and continued supporter of Catholic schools.

Each year the Winter Extravaganza committee is challenged to top the prior year's proceeds. It is not an easy task and many hours go into the planning and preparation of the annual event. We are therefore *thrilled* to announce that we

have topped last year's earnings by \$10,000 making the event grand total approximately \$62,000! This is a phenomenal achievement that could not have happened without each and every one of you! The Big Ticket raffle was a huge success and was instrumental in helping us to reach our fundraising goal. The Grand Prize of \$12,870 went to Raymond Rodriguez, Derrick Walker, Christine Preder, and Jon Cvetan. Subsequent prizes of \$3000 and \$1000 were awarded to Tim and

Kim Werla, Tracie Govek and Roberta Filicky-Peneski, respectively. Congratulations!

We would like to thank all of the families of Christ Child Academy, Immaculate Conception, Ss. Cyril and Methodius and St. Peter Claver for their support. We could not have done this without you. We are proud to advise that the funds earned are used to benefit the students and teachers of Christ Child Academy. God Bless each and every one of you.

Six in Five!

by: *Laura Kittelson*

Christ Child Academy graduate Jared Widder, son of Kevin and Carleen Widder, has been named as one of South High's valedictorians of the class of 2008. Jared, who played tennis and soccer for four years and who also serves as the senior class president, will be attending either the University of Wisconsin-Madison or the University of Notre Dame in the fall.

The Christ Child Academy Recruitment Committee has launched its second billboard campaign celebrating the academic achievements of our alumni. During the month of March, a billboard featuring Jared Widder and five other CCA alumni will be located on the north side of the Lamar Advertising building on 14th Street, just south of Erie Avenue. Pictured along with Widder are Christa Pittner, Evan Miller, Cheryl Zabrowski, Jenny Adams and Frank Raff. These alumni were also valedictorians of area high schools within the past five years.

So often, parents take for granted what great opportunities Christ Child Academy offers to our students. Recently, these alumni were asked how their educational experience at CCA impacted their lives. Here's what a few of them had to say:

"The example set by CCA's staff and the education they provided instilled in me the words, morals, values and confidence that I continue to rely on today." ~ **Christa Pittner, South High Class of 2004**

"My experiences at CCA have given me a solid foundation in morality that allows me to integrate faith and reason." ~ **Cheryl Zabrowski, Christian High Class of 2006**

"Christ Child Academy allowed me to develop socially and especially academically while continuing to maintain a Catholic attitude." ~ **Frank Raff, South High Class 2006**

We congratulate our alumni on their academic achievements and are grateful to them for publicly sharing their thoughts on their experiences at CCA.

Our families are our best advertising vehicle. Spread the word about the great things that are happening at CCA. Most of our families would list the importance of teaching respect and compassion for others, faith in God and the doctrine of the Catholic Church as very important aspects of Christ Child Academy. Add to that outstanding performance on standardized tests, an excellent athletic program, a K-8 technology program and Smart Boards, 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!

Student Service Council

by *Lindsay Bushberger*

Student council has sold almost all of the candy for the Valentine's Day sale, all of the suckers were sold; they are now selling the rest of the gummy worms at lunch for 50 cents. They have also done two pep-rallies this year. One was before the volley-

ball tournaments and the other was before the basketball tournaments. The students enjoyed being part of the pep-rallies by participating in games. There was a middle school dance in November that helped to raise money. There will be another dance in the upcoming months.

They helped plan the first incentive day, which was watching "The Game Plan" on a smart board in Mrs. Scharenbroch's room. They are now taking ideas from the middle school students for the next incentive day. They are going to be selling pizza at lunch on March 14.

Academic All-Stars

by: *Shelley Tuzinkewich*



As you enter the hallway to the SAC you can't help but notice all of the athletic trophies that stand proud in the CCA trophy case. It is very telling of the high level of athleticism our students display. Each and every one of the trophies proves that the hard work and dedication in our athletic

program is very successful. Something which students, parents, coaches and staff are very proud of.

However, there is something new in the gym that has nothing to do with athletics. It is the new "CCA Academic All Star Board". CCA has proven time and again to be a superior school both on and off the court. The new display in the gym allows all who enter a chance to see the academic abilities our school continues to have. The board proudly displays the names of CCA graduates who have graduated as either valedicto-

rian or salutatorian of their respective high schools. We at CCA are very proud of their accomplishments and wanted to share their success with all who enter our gym.

The CCA graduates recognized on the board thus far are: Lynne Mafongelli, Karen Zabrowski, Christ Pittner, Jennifer Adams, Cheryl Zabrowski, Frank Raff, and Evan Miller.

Congratulations students and thank you for your wonderful achievements, you have made CCA proud!

Student Worth Knowing

by: *Peggy Rothe*

Emily is an eighth grade student at Christ Child Academy. She will graduate this year and move onto new and exciting things in her high school career. Emily appreciates the small class sizes CCA has to offer. She feels her class sizes aid her in making friends and keeping her friendships. Emily's favorite subjects are Math and Science and she aspires to become a teacher.

Emily enjoys telling jokes. She feels her friends look to her to cheer them up and make them laugh. Emily's favorite sports are Basketball and Softball; but she enjoys almost any sport. Emily's favorite thing to do is to simply "hang with her friends". Emily is a good friend who makes others smile. She is one of Christ

Child Academy's many Students Worth Knowing.



What I Like About Kindergarten

by: *The Kindergarteners*

The children in Mrs. Murray's class were asked to name their favorite thing about Kindergarten. Here's what they said:

Michael—going on field trips

Melany—going to the Apple Orchard

Sam—art with Mrs. Weinhold

Elizabeth—Spanish Class

Jonathan—free time- playing with my friends

Ben—Mrs. Murray

Austin—making words with the “huggables”

Ethan—sitting in the igloo and looking at books

Brandon—making designs on the giant geoboard

Jade—morning helpers, helping out with the calendar

Josh G.—centers

Kayla—Computer Class with Mrs. Schmall

Elliot—Spanish Class

Angel—Gym Class

Camila—quiet time-we look at books

Lucas—building with the “Big Blocks”

Alex—guesstimation bottle

Josh H.—playing games on the Smart Board



CCA is the Right School

by: *Emily Paltzer*

"Tale". In reading, we wrote our own version of the Three Little Pigs. It took a long time and we worked very hard on it and now we will read our stories to the Kindergarten, First and Second grades. We learned many other things also. In Religion, we are writing our own version of the Apostles' Creed.

The teachers are so nice, they help me and my friends when we need help and we really appreciate them. They do so much for our school. CCA helps me to do things I didn't know I could do, but learn that I CAN!

CCA is the right school!



In fifth grade we do a service project every month. It's supposed to help someone and that's just part of the fun.

An area funeral home was sending boxes filled with foods and magazines to Iraq for the soldiers for Christmas. The CCA fifth grade chose to participate and this became our “little piece of home.”

Fifth grade had ten boxes to use and many of the kids had to partner. We had a long list of items to choose from and everyone decided what they were going to put into the box. The boxes were small so we had to be careful about what we chose. The problem was that we couldn't send pork, fruits, or sugar. Some of those foods are not allowed in Iraq.

The soldiers' top things they wanted were baby hand wipes or little packets of tissues.

Here's a little story about our boxes. Mr. Edson ordered 10 beef sticks. He was sure to ask for beef and not pork. That afternoon while the fifth grade was at Roncalli High School, Mr. Edson and Mrs. DeLorme came into our classroom and checked every box. Half of the sticks were made of pork and had to be taken out. Some of the boxes were packed so tightly, it's amazing they got them closed again!

Mr. Edson also put a bag of mints in every box. I sent the Sunday comics, some granola bars, a notebook with two pens, and a card.

It was a lot of fun and we enjoyed doing it. We hope the soldiers enjoyed their Christmas gifts.

A Little Piece of Home

by: *Matthew Matysik*