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# The Academy Advantage



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## First CCA Blood Drive Held Feb. 12



Mitchell Narbe

Senior and Head Prefect **Mitchell Narbe** organized the school's first ever blood drive this past February. As part of his involvement with the Buffalo Bills Time Warner Cable Student Leadership Program, Mitch and his fellow program colleagues were required to design and organize community service projects. Mitch took on two endeavors: his first was aid relief for Haiti for Samaritan's Purse which raised over \$1,000. The second was to organize the first ever blood drive at Christian Central Academy.

Mitch worked with CCA teacher and student activities coordinator, **Mrs. Gail Conschafter**, and **Mary Beth Hall** from the Red Cross to organize the event. Even though 33 had pre-registered, 38 actually came to donate, yielding 22 productive units of blood by the end of the day. The majority of students donated blood for the first time. Narbe said that, "Giving blood is something that I have done and enjoy doing because it is something that is of no cost to myself, but can be the only thing to save lives; and I wanted to avail others the opportunity to give. Hopefully this experience will begin life-long donors." Narbe goes on to tell about a phone call he received from a war veteran with the American Red Cross, who thanked him for donating. This showed him that a simple thing such as giving blood is important. Senior donors **Camille Chapman** and **Ashley Barbosa** commented that they wanted to donate "because of the fact that we can help people and save lives."

Donating students were primarily from the junior and senior classes, although a few sophomores were able to participate, as the age limit is 16. Each student was required to have their parents' written permission and meet the proper height and weight limitations. There was evidence of feelings of pride throughout the school body, knowing that they were a part of something good.

Mitch and Mrs. Conschafter both have high hopes that this event will not just simply be "one and done" but that this experience begins a tradition at CCA—just another way that students and faculty can show their Christianity with unselfish giving to the community.



Front row, left: Cameron Tom, Jedidiah Moser, Seth Wittlinger, Zack Stone, Mitch Narbe. Back row: Coach Brian Ellsworth, Jack Ranallo, Ben Boron, Tim Coulter, James Scott, and Jonathan Whited.

## Congratulations! Boys' Varsity Basketball

### *Eighth year to be added to the IAC Champ Banner*

The high school Boys' Varsity team, led by a trio of seniors: **James Scott**, **Ben Boron**, **Mitch Narbe** and "super sophs" **Jack Ranallo** and **Zack Stone**, showed what **Coach Brian Ellsworth** has instilled in them from day one—defensive intensity, toughness and intelligent play. With contributions from **Tim Coulter**, **Cameron Tom**, **Seth Wittlinger**, and **Jon Whited**, the boys posted a 17-12 record that included a second consecutive IAC Championship. With an invitation to the NYS Independent League Tourney in hand, they headed to Olean, March 11-13 to defend their 2009 State Title. The boys were dealt a blow when senior co-captain, Ben Boron, was ruled out with mono. The team banded together and posted an impressive first round win; however, they lost a heartbreaker in the final seconds of the semifinals to the eventual champion. Coach Ellsworth was proud of his team's growth, commitment and "never-say-die" attitude. With a group of five sophomores led by Jack Ranallo and other upcoming players, CCA's varsity boys' team will be fun to watch!

CCA's basketball season was filled with excitement, last-second drama, and a hope for the future! From the middle school teams to the high school varsity teams, there was a renewed enthusiasm and what many feel is the instilling of commitment, courage and excellence. This past season CCA fielded 10 teams; four high school teams, three middle school teams and three elementary teams. Their records were as follows:

Fifth grade boys led by **Coach Tony Pappagallo** finished with a dominating 15-0 record and won the Championship, while the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade girls led by **Coach Roland Cerone** posted 10-6. Grade 6 boys finished with an impressive 15-2 record and were led by the trio of **Stafford Truehart**, **Rick Rose** and **Dennis Mayer**. Grade 7 girls struggled at times facing stronger competition and finished with a 3-10 record led by **Coach Tim Stone**, while the 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls finished with a respectable 13-8 record led by **Coach Tom Ranallo**. Things

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Mrs. Lawrence looks on as Mitch readies to give blood



Volunteer, Junior Shawn Hawke



*From the heart of the head...*

*"And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose."*

*Romans 8:28*

## *Creating a Culture of Continuous Improvement*

*CCA is approaching the end of the celebrations marking its sixtieth year of existence. These six decades of practicing Christian education have witnessed many name changes and locations; have seen many students come and gone; have experienced different leadership and have seen the expansion of the campus. There have been ups and downs, high points and low points, but looking back, there is no doubt that God has kept His hand firmly on CCA. Another important principle has been a Board of Directors that has over the years spoken with one unified, public voice guiding the organization through stated Board policies while maintaining a firm eye on the leadership of the school. CCA has always remembered that keeping promises made to students is of primary importance.*

*An organization is its people. This last decade, I have been blessed to be part of this wonderful vision, to witness one hundred percent of our graduates finding a place in competitive colleges and universities; to have served under a fine cadre of Board presidents; to continue to serve with some fine, godly, selfless faculty and staff, several of whose children have graduated and are leading successful lives. Today, quite a few children of alumni and even grandchildren of Board members and faculty attend CCA!! We owe a debt of gratitude to the many who have seen our school through so many challenges over the last six decades. To God be all the glory.*

*The present reveals a more complex and demanding educational landscape. The content standards, unrelenting accountability pressures, increased diversity of learners, and expanded societal demands all conspire to raise the level of performance of our school while exacerbating the difficulty of making the needed improvements. CCA is meeting the challenges of the school's future by seeking accreditation with the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools. We are more than two-thirds of the way through the process and anticipate an on-sight visit in October. CCA has chosen a protocol for accreditation called "Excellence by Design." This protocol transcends the status quo and forces the school to move to a competent system that requires a continuous improvement plan composed of specific action steps spanning a seven-year period, essential for purposeful and systemic development of the school. All stakeholders of the school community—Board, parents, faculty, staff, and students are participating in the accreditation process. It is the hope and prayer that accreditation will help our school continue to measure success by the performance of our school as a whole. Success will come through effective planning guided by our faith in Jesus Christ.*

*As we come to the end of sixty years, it is time to look back with praise and thanksgiving to our God and to all those who have gone before. In looking ahead, we cannot forget the unavoidable complexity of building collective autonomy and implementing innovation but also must provide the key tools to develop and revise the plans we make. A key tool will always be the ability to afford the best teachers for our students.*

*May God grant the wisdom and courage we need to face the future. We know that we can depend on the words of scripture recorded in Romans 8:28, "And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose."*



*Mrs. Nurline Lawrence, Head of School*

### • SPECIAL RECOGNITION •

Junior **Emelie Gidley** was recently named as a candidate in the National Merit Scholarship Program. Students who score high on the PSAT/NMSQT qualifying test make up a list of the top 50,000 out of 1.5 million applicants in the country. Of these, 16,000 semi-finalists will be eligible to compete for 8,200 National Merit scholarships.

**Congratulations Emelie!**

CCA high school history teacher, **Mr. David Stehlin**, has been selected to grade AP U.S. History essay exams in Louisville, KY June 1-9. Mr. Stehlin also teaches AP European History at CCA.

**Nurline Lawrence**

Head of School

**Lori Williams**

Executive Assistant to Head of School

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Director of Business & Operations

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The Academy Advantage is the newsletter of Christian Central Academy, an independent, college preparatory Christian school for students in grades K-12. CCA exists to challenge young men and women to know Jesus Christ as Lord; to love others as themselves; to grow in knowledge and in skill in order to serve the world through their character and leadership. Founded in 1949, CCA is chartered by and registered with the NYS Regents with full authority to award regents diplomas. CCA is a member of the Association of Christian Schools International (ASCI), and admits students without regard to race, color, national or ethnic origin, and is non-discriminatory in the administration of all its programs and policies.

## Lauren Murphy Wins Second Place in Ad Design

*Four other CCA Students are also Honored in the Contest*

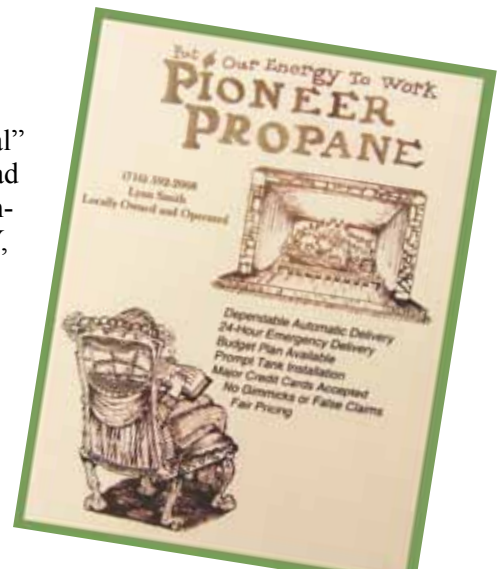
Students in CCA's Advertising and Design class took a new step into the "real" world of client advertising by entering for the first time the annual Ad Craft art/ad design competition. The contest was sponsored by Metro Group, Inc. and cosponsored by Dry Creek Products in Arcade, NY, Pioneer Propane of Springville, NY, and Villa Maria College in Buffalo.

CCA Senior **Lauren Murphy's** design for Pioneer Propane was selected second overall from over 600 entries from art students in 33 Western New York high schools. Fellow seniors **Cassie Calhoun** and **Rebekah Moser** and juniors **Sarah Martinic** and **Andrew Lauto** were also honored for their ad entries. All honors carried with them a cash or savings bond award. Lauren won a \$200 award for her entry.

For the past 32 years, Metro Group, Inc., publishers of several weekly community newspapers in western New York, has sponsored this contest, inviting talented high school artists to submit hand-drawn ads for select Metro clients. Last fall, **Mrs. Julie Fallin**, CCA high school art teacher, encouraged her students to participate. Ten students took the challenge. Each student was responsible to contact the assigned Metro client to discuss the business and the client's advertising objectives and then fashion an original hand-drawn ad based upon that dialogue. All contest entries were submitted to the Metro Group in November for judging, and in early February, the Metro Group announced contest winners via letters to the participating high school art teachers. Five "overall" winners were selected from the total entries.

Each individual Metro community newspaper was also able to choose up to ten "local" winners from the entries from high schools in its coverage area. The Williamsville edition selected Lauren's as first place, Rebekah-5<sup>th</sup>, Sarah-6<sup>th</sup>, Cassandra-8<sup>th</sup>, and Andrew-9<sup>th</sup>. A special award reception and ceremony was hosted by contest co-sponsor Villa Maria College on February 12.

*Debby White*



*Senior Lauren Murphy (center) displays her second place award received at the February 12 ceremony. Left to right: Mrs. Joan Taylor, director of promotions at Metro, Mr. Ron Claydon, Metro sales executive, Lauren, her art teacher, Mrs. Julie Fallin, and Mrs. Nurline Lawrence, CCA Head of School.*

## Eighth Grade Girls Placed Top in the Northtown Suburbs League Silver Division

*Coached by Mr. Thomas Ranallo*



*Front left to right: Sydney Malcolm, Carlee Cockrell, Sydney Young, Caroline Ranallo, Hailey Rose Gattuso*

*Back row: Jordan Raine, Abby Narbe, Annie Grainge, Shawn Marie Cammarano  
Missing from photo: Roslyn Davis, Daila Miller*

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really came together for this bunch in the post season and they won their league Championship in dramatic fashion. While the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade boys' teams suffered through a transfer of two key players to a relocation to California, and still finished strong at 14-6 led by **Coach Zack Boron**.

The high school Girls JV led by **Coach Matt Gold** were a scrappy bunch that never gave up and held their own, posting a 10-11 record. This solid group has the girls' program in great shape for years to come. **Megan Fisher** and **Lian Bunny** in particular, showed great potential being called up to the Varsity mid season. The high school JV boys struggled at times but held it together and had some impressive wins posting a 9-13 record led by **Coach Nate Hill**.

The high school Girls' Varsity team led by **Coach Samantha Hutchins** played hard and seemed to really pull things together despite adversity and injuries to post an 11-15 record. Led by guards **Rebekah Moser**, **Ruth Rissinger** and **Lauren Stuitje**, and upstart post players **Erin Kelly** and **Savannah Young**, the Lady Crusaders were never out of a game. They also received solid contributions from **Victoria Raine**, **Cassie Calhoun**, **Maddie Walawender**, and **Danielle Miller**. Coach Sam praised her team for their growth, and willingness to put aside their own agenda for that of the team. With a well stocked "shelf" of players waiting in the wings, the future is certainly bright. ■

*Brian Ellsworth*



The expanded Grainge family above when they arrived at the airport with Elsa.  
 Left to right: David, Abigail, Mrs. Lisa Grainge, Elsa, Rachel, Eyob, Pastor David, Rosele, Julianna, and Catharine.

## Local Pastor Adopts Three from Ethiopia

*Rev. and Mrs. David Grainge are parents of four CCA students: senior Catharine, freshman David, Julianna in eighth, Roselie (previously adopted foster child) in fourth, and Abigail, a 2007 CCA graduate. Sounds like a large family—and then it increased to ten by way of recent adoptions. Here is their amazing story:*

It began several years ago, with a burden for the African people affected by the AIDS crisis. In Ethiopia alone, there are more than four million orphans. In 2005, Rev. Grainge and his wife, Lisa started praying about becoming adoptive parents. God provided the means and they were matched with two siblings: Eyob, age eight and Rachel, three, whose parents had died.

“We chose an adoption agency located in Washington state that is dedicated to humanitarian functions in Ethiopia, such as fully funding and running a school for children in the country where there is little opportunity for children to receive schooling. Their organization has 100% placement even though many of the children have special needs,” said Rev. Grainge.

In December of 2008, when the Grainges traveled to Ethiopia to bring home their two new children, they met Eyob and Rachel’s older sister, Elsa. They had been told that because she was older, she would be living with someone else. The beautiful 14-year-old was devastated that her only family was being taken away from her. She was living behind the orphanage with a couple of women in a shipping container that had been converted into a room. David and Lisa Grainge began their third international adoption process because they couldn’t leave Elsa behind.

This past December, Mrs. Grainge, accompanied by her daughter Julianna, traveled back to Addis Ababa to finalize Elsa’s adoption. “We enjoyed spending a week sightseeing and just getting to know Elsa. We spent part of every day with the children at the orphanage and we met many aid workers and volunteers from Malta, Ghana, Australia, Germany, Italy, Ireland and the USA. Our lives and worldview changed forever,” shared Mrs. Grainge. “In some ways our family has struggled to embrace three new family members, but the blessing of having them with us has been tremendous! Rachel, who is now four, is loved and adored by all! Eyob is graduating from his English as Second Language (ESL) class and will be attending CCA next fall. Elsa also began ESL classes at Clarence High School, working hard to learn English and understand American culture. She is fitting into our family nicely. Elsa likes for us to watch an Ethiopian program on the computer such as ‘Ethiopian Idol’ with her. Eyob is always up for a game of soccer or basketball.”

“While we certainly know that our salvation is not earned, we seek to obey God’s Word. God put our family together and we are absolutely relying on Him to help us all make it work,” said Rev. Grainge, and cites this verse: what “God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world.” James 1:27 Rev. Grainge is pastor of Millgrove Bible Church in Alden, whose spiritual family gives help and support. Mrs. Grainge is Guidance Office Assistant to **Mrs. Suzanne Murphy** at CCA. ■

## New Auction Coordinator Attributes Success to Donors and Volunteers



Mrs. Maria Pieroni

**This past March, the Auction raised over \$163,000!** Generous donors contributed hundreds of exciting items such as: overnight get-away packages, signed sports items, a guitar signed by all of the Goo Goo Dolls, great children’s items, fine jewelry, and so much more. Two amazing emcees gave their evening to speak to donors’ hearts. We thank **Mr. Neil Boron** and **Mr. Nev Larson** from local radio station WDCX, Life FM 99.5. Thanks also

goes to our wonderful auctioneer, **Mr. Randy Moyer**, CCA alumnus, for his many years of faithful volunteer support.

**Mrs. Maria Pieroni** served last year as understudy to the previous auction coordinator, **Mrs. Tina Warnock**. “It was a perfect fit for me to get fully involved then, as my three boys were finally all in school,” said Maria. “I love the Auction because the job is different each day. I also enjoy working with people and the CCA faculty. Parents are also very supportive in promoting the Auction.”

Our heart-felt appreciation goes to the hundreds of volunteers, donors, attendees and bidders. Our thanks is due to our God.



Art teacher **Mrs. Jennifer Schuh**, left, and English teacher **Ms. Christina Zima** are adding finishing touches before the banquet and live auction, held at the Marriott.

## Mrs. Szucs Introduces Varied Experiences to her Fourth Graders



Mrs. Katrina Szucs is explaining to Patrick Ranallo and Vincent Goldsmith the procedure of putting together a completed circuit for their electricity study unit in science.

Below, Mrs. Bonnie Ranallo, Patrick's mom and his Aunt Ms. Molly Collignon came in spreading some Irish cheer for St. Patrick's Day, as our "Mystery Readers" dressed from head to toe as leprechauns and passed out candy. They read a fabulous story



about St. Patrick and all he did to help others. Students learned that the holiday is a traditional day for spiritual renewal, when Christians reflect on their spiritual walk and relationship with God.

St. Patrick had considered himself a pagan before he became a slave but discovered his relationship with God through prayer and found renewal. The class looks forward each month to new mystery readers who come to promote the love of reading.



Above, Mr. Jeff Musial, from Nickel City Reptiles and Exotics, with the help of Noah Green did a presentation with several exotic and wild animals to conclude the fourth grade science unit on animal adaptations and behaviors. From aardvarks to snakes, seeing the many amazing and unusual examples of God's creatures up close, learning what they eat and how they survive in their natural habitats helped the students fully understand how amazing God made every living creature and how each has a very specific purpose. Mr. Jeff has appeared with his animals on television including The Tonight Show and Late Night with Conan O'Brien. This is his sixth visit to CCA.

## "The Lion" The Witch and the Wardrobe"



The Drama Club presented C.S. Lewis' allegorical story of Jesus' love for people, to full houses on March 26 and 27.

Left: Senior Lauren Murphy as Fenris Ulf  
Right: Mrs. Donaday Chapman, Drama Director



Senior Ashley Barbosa as The White Witch



Freshman Joshua Ward as Edmund, Seniors Andrew Robinson as Peter, Camille Chapman as Susan and Emily Faracca as Lucy



Andrew Robinson, Freshman Albert Lewis III as Aslan



Nathan Mroz

## A View of Buffalo through Nathan's Camera Eyes

CCA sophomore **Nathan Mroz** has been an avid photographer since the age of six when he received a camera for his kindergarten graduation. "On his first trip with his new camera, he used up all the film before we even arrived at the destination," said his mom, **Mrs. Elaine Mroz**. Since then, he has shown continued interest and growth in capturing the beauty in the world around us. His favorite subject matter is urban photography, and he has combined this with a love for the city of Buffalo and all that it embodies.

An outgrowth of this has been Nathan's involvement in a growing online magazine featuring the positive aspects of city life known as BuffaloRising.com. Nathan regularly contributes, with upbeat postings that include his incredible photos of Buffalo. At the same time, several other avenues to showcase his photography have emerged. Nathan's photos are on display locally at Village Artisans, which features many talented local artists. In addition, he has created his own website at Buffalo-ScenicPrints.com, showing the best of Buffalo photography.

In November of 2008, he used his entire savings on a new Canon SLR camera, which is among the top five cameras on the market today. Nathan uses any opportunity he can to promote and showcase Buffalo and the unique potential it has to once again be a vibrant, growing jewel of the Great Lakes. When the opportunity warrants, he integrates his talent in the classroom, either verbally or in written form. Nathan also uses other formats to help promote Buffalo and the region, like CityData.com, an interactive on-line forum where people exchange ideas on city life.

In his spare time, Nathan juggles school, sports, church, and family, enjoying involvement from urban life blogs, to photographing city and community events. He tries to get new perspectives, ideas, and angles of the Queen City. He boasts about his hometown by blogging, which has received a significant amount of attention, reaching over one million viewers.

Recently, one of Nathan's photos on Buffalo Rising was viewed by a representative of a Japanese publishing company. He was enthralled with Nathan's beautiful photo of the Buffalo metro rail subway system, showcasing the city of Buffalo and two simultaneous trains entering the tunnel and downtown

Peace Bridge



Buffalo, in a very unique angle not often seen. This company is in the process of publishing a book called, "Metros of the World" and were anxious to include this photo on their Buffalo page. To be published by April 2010, a copy of the photo can be seen in the showcase near the school office.

Today, nearly a decade after he received his first camera, Nathan's goals are to continue pursuing new accomplishments and build his resume as he approaches the collegiate atmosphere.

Nathan and his twin brother **Jesse** are sophomores and have attended CCA since kindergarten. Mrs. Mroz serves as a nurse at CCA on a substitute basis. Nathan is grateful for his God-given talent and hopes to build off of this as he completes his vocation at CCA.



Buffalo City Hall



*Mrs. Cheryl Smyth's second grade class performs an Irish Jig in celebration of St Patrick's Day. Mrs. Smyth joins them in the back, right.*



*One of Mrs. Nancy Basinski's kindergartners, Truett Young, coloring a picture related to a story about St. Patrick that Mrs. Joyce Pontrello read to his library class.*



*Sophomore Nathan Holmes takes notes after interviewing his classmate Alaina Shannon about JV basketball. As a Journalism student, he will provide this information to complete his yearbook assignment.*



*Mrs. Sharon Backus' first graders Sarah Long and Jaivon Barner are painting a landscape with a sunset in Mrs. Jennifer Schuh's art class.*



*Ms. Tanya Lowe of Hawk Creek Wildlife Center (East Aurora, NY) regales CCA K-5th grade students on January 26. Students were introduced to several species of owls with their "Silent Hunters of the Night" program.*



*CCA welcomed the Symphonic Wind Ensemble from Houghton College for a mini-concert on February 26. Under the direction of Mr. Gary Stith (husband of former CCA teacher, Mrs. Joyce Stith), the students presented inspiring musical fare for our middle and high school students. Their stop at CCA was part of their annual tour in the Buffalo area.*



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**Renee Bunnell** (x '93) enjoys mothering her two children, a daughter, Elliott Marilyn, five years old, and son, Cash Vaughn, born August 19, 2009. Renee and her family reside in Depew, NY and she works as a recreational therapist at Gateway-Longview in Williamsville. She may be reached via email at [rmillich@gateway-longview.org](mailto:rmillich@gateway-longview.org).

**Derek Cadwallader** ('93) sent in his alumni survey (from the CCA website) to relate that he and his wife Julie are the parents of one son, Ethan who is one year old. Derek served in the United States Marine Corps from 1993 -1997, after which he attended University at Buffalo and earned a bachelors degree in business and computer science. He is now employed as a software developer. The Cadwalladers reside in Getzville, NY. Friends may contact Derek at [dacadwallader@verizon.net](mailto:dacadwallader@verizon.net).

**Steve Smyth** (x '95) and his wife Sherry are the proud parents of a third daughter, Meredith Evelyn, born March 4, 2010, 9 lbs, 20 inches. Meredith joins older sisters, Lily, 5 and Caroline, 3. The Smyths reside in Amherst, NY. Proud grandma is Mrs. Cheryl Smyth, CCA 2nd grade teacher and primary division head.

**Jeremy Henry** ('97) and his wife Tara welcomed their first child, Mason Brien, into their family on Valentine's Day, 2010, weighing 8 lbs, 6 oz and 21 inches.

**Jina Militello** ('99) writes that she is currently working as a fourth grade teacher at Buffalo United Charter School. She earned her bachelors degree, summa cum laude from Daemen College and her masters from Canisius College, specializing in early childhood education and literacy. She lives in Amherst, NY, and attends The Chapel at Crosspoint. Jina invites friends to reach her at [48.jmilitello@heritageacademies.com](mailto:48.jmilitello@heritageacademies.com).

**Melody** (Murchie, '01) **Arcadipane** and husband Jessie became parents of a daughter, Alexa Joy, on February 21, 2010. Alexa weighed 7 lbs. and was 20 inches.

**Courtney House** ('04) and **Dominick Davis** of Houston, Texas, will be married on August 14, 2010. Courtney graduated from Fisk University in 2008 with a bachelors degree in psychology. Courtney invites friends to contact her at [chouse513@yahoo.com](mailto:chouse513@yahoo.com). She is currently working as a Teacher's Assistant at the Alome D. Johnson Fruitbelt Community Charter School in Buffalo.

**Joseph Richardson** ('08) relays that he has been studying at Genesee Community College for the past two years and will transfer to University at Buffalo in the fall of 2010 to finish a degree in chemistry. Joe is engaged to Alisha Boyce of Batavia. Friends may email Joe at [abschmenkee@gmail.com](mailto:abschmenkee@gmail.com).

**Please keep in touch.** Call or e-mail us with news of what has happened in your life since you left school. Remember that our Alumni are defined as anyone who attended Alden Mennonite School (AMS), Faith Christian School (FCS) (predecessors of CCA) for at least one year, even if he or she did not graduate from the respective school. Non-graduate alumni are identified with an "x" before what would have been their high school graduation year. **Let us hear from you!**