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 "IN WISDOM AND STATURE  
 AND IN FAVOR  
 WITH GOD AND MEN."

# The Academy Advantage



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Congratulations Seniors!



## CCA's 29th Commencement Ceremonies Graduate 29 Seniors

*Seniors participate in the traditional cap toss immediately after the Commencement Ceremony on June 27, 2009.*

Saturday, June 27 marked the long-awaited graduation celebration for all of CCA's 29 college-bound seniors. Gathered in the school auditorium amidst family and friends, the students were challenged by Commencement speaker, **Dr. D. Bruce Lockerbie**, head of Paideia, Inc.

As Dr. Lockerbie quoted Erasmus, "All studies are for one purpose – that we may know Christ and honor Him," he reminded his listeners that Commencement marked the joining of the past and the future, that it marked a series of new beginnings, both external and internal – in student leadership at what is now the graduates' alma mater, in status of parents now as parents of graduates, of new relationships on new campuses. He noted that graduates may now recover from "senioritis," but cautioned them to beware of spiritual complacency and inevitable enemy attacks.

He encouraged them that as they assume the new obligations of reaching adulthood, they remember two key elements for success:

- **self-discipline—the willingness to run alone and to hold oneself to an even higher standard of performance.**
- **service to others—to be aware of others' needs and one's obligation to serve them, remembering life is**



*Dr. D. Bruce Lockerbie*

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## Buffalo Business First Ranks CCA Among Top Public and Private Schools

For the 8<sup>th</sup> consecutive year, **Christian Central Academy** has been named among the top public and private schools in the eight-county region by Buffalo Business First's "Guide to Western New York Schools." CCA received the following rankings among the three divisions:

- Elementary – **11<sup>th</sup> out of 292** elementary schools (6<sup>th</sup> out of 64 private elementary schools)
- Middle School – **14<sup>th</sup> out of 211** middle schools (8<sup>th</sup> out of 63 private middle schools)
- High Schools – **9<sup>th</sup> out of 131** high schools (4<sup>th</sup> out of 15 private high schools)

Additionally, all schools were evaluated on students' performance in specific subject areas. Subject awards are presented to schools that scored in the top 10% of all schools in a subject area over a 4-year period. CCA received the following awards:

- Elementary – English
- Middle School – mathematics
- High School – English/foreign language, mathematics

Since 1992 Business First has been publishing rankings of area public schools, based upon the schools' performance on New York State standardized tests at various grade levels. Private schools were first included in the rankings in 2002 and are now evaluated simultaneously with public schools. Christian Central Academy remains the only distinctly Christian school to be numbered among these top-performing WNY schools.

We thank our Lord for His faithfulness in empowering everyone at CCA to do all things excellently, recommitting ourselves to provide an environment where all may "grow in wisdom and stature and in favor with God and man." Praise the Lord! D White



Mrs. Nurline Lawrence, Head of School



*“Behold, I am coming soon! My reward is with me, and I will give to everyone according to what he has done.”*

Rev. 22:12

## *The Convergence of Past and Future*

*This has been an exciting graduation. The students in the largest graduation class in a decade are preparing to enter the next phase of their lives and commencement speaker, D. Bruce Lockerbie, instinctively understood how important this commencement was to CCA! All twenty-nine graduates have been accepted at competitive colleges and universities. We are confident that the graduates are prepared for the academic challenges ahead. These graduates have together won almost five hundred thousand dollars in scholarship money including scholarships to distinguished, fine arts schools. Dr. D. Bruce Lockerbie understood that through all thoughts of success, every faculty and parent had a concern about the spiritual development of these graduates. He said this to the graduates: “Some of you may have entered into relationships and habits that need to be not merely mended, but abandoned, so that leaving home and this school gives you an opportunity for a fresh start as a remedy for past folly.” These words undoubtedly struck a chord in the heart of every excited, but equally anxious parent sending their child off to college. This wonderfully inspiring and memorable address entitled, “In My End is My Beginning,” clearly captured the spirit of CCA as this fall, the present, past and future converge in the celebration of sixty years since 1949 when the Mennonites founded the Christian school that has grown into Christian Central Academy.*

*Although this past school year did not escape the turbulence of economic stress, CCA has managed to balance its budget for eight consecutive years. The school is blessed with an excellent Board of Directors under the continued leadership of President Bob Zima. The faculty/staff is stable and CCA has been numbered for the eighth consecutive year among the best public and private schools in the eight counties of Western New York by Business First. We had excellent AP results and in the fall, the academic program will be further enhanced by the addition of two more AP courses—Biology and European History, making a total of six. Several new faculty and staff members have been added to accommodate the growth. This summer the beautiful, old auditorium is receiving a new look as all seats, carpets, etc. are being replaced. While we are not unhappy about getting rid of the squeaky seats that have served the school well for so many years, as the old order must yield to the new, we will always remember the mercies of our God.*

*The future is promising. We are trusting God for a good number of students for the fall. During the 2009-2010 school year, plans will be laid to build a modern physics and chemistry lab next summer in the Science and Art Center. This improvement has been made possible by the generous gifts of friends of CCA. Also, CCA hopes to be accredited this coming school year. The application for accreditation by the Middle States Association of Schools and Colleges has been accepted and their first visit is scheduled for early October.*

*A great strength of our school is the excellent, devoted faculty and staff, many of whom have served at CCA for a decade or more years. The effectiveness of Christian schools is not measured only by facilities, SAT scores, AP results, success at sports and college admissions. It is more important to measure effectiveness by the spiritual transformation that takes place in the lives of students. Christian faculty is crucial to the accomplishment of this objective. As the convergence of the present, past and future continues, we want to be known as a place where Jesus Christ is glorified. For sixty years we have known that God is revealed in His Word and through time. The poet, T. S. Eliot reminds us that time present and time past are both converged in time future. The hope is that CCA will grow “in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men.” We covet your prayers. Come visit us.*



**The last week of September during Homecoming weekend, CCA will mark the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the school. Visit [Christianca.com](http://Christianca.com) on the school web site for more details and mark your calendars so you won't miss this significant event!**



Rebecca DeRose (above) is bonding with her two new friends, while Aaron Mansfield and Sarah Caputi (below) are posing with a joyful little girl.



Seniors are standing behind Mr. Hackett, Director of SCORE (front, left), Ms. Zima and Mrs. Wade, senior advisors.

## Seniors Return from the Dominican Republic with Life-changing Experiences

This year's seniors boarded the plane on May 19 to head for Santo Domingo, capitol of the Dominican Republic. Prior to this, much preparation was done in planning the programs, skits, learning a different culture, brushing up on Spanish, raising funds, and purchasing toys and food for distribution. Accompanying the group again were senior class advisors and teachers, **Mrs. Deborah Wade** (math) and **Ms. Christina Zima** (English), together with **Mr. Jeff Hackett** of SCORE International. The week's stay was packed full of plans for ministry, hard work (even building a wall), as well as recreation (swimming on the beach).

Everyone back at CCA was kept abreast of the daily accomplishments via e-mails sent by a different senior each day. This made all back home feel part of the rewarding experience. Each ministry opportunity included testimonies by the students, after which, Mr. Hackett presented a gospel message, seeing both adults and children readily respond.

"Our work in the Dominican is just a little drop compared to the amount of help the people need. One small bag of food that may last us a meal or two is enough for a family for a week," said Mrs. Wade. "I am so blessed to have been able to go with the seniors. I observed them go from selfish to selfless; their hearts broke for the handicapped orphans. As they held each one, it helped make the children forget for a little while that they were orphaned—God worked on these seniors. I pray they will make an impact for Him wherever they go."

The reports on the impression of the trip were consistent with each student interviewed. Though they observed physical and spiritual poverty, they saw much joy and gratitude in the people. **Chelsea Allen** shared that her experience was humbling: "I knew that I was blessed, but after spending quality time with the children and seeing their poverty, I knew, for sure, how much I am blessed. It has made me feel obligated to do even more for the less fortunate." **Joshua Keller** agreed, "The children, in spite of having nothing were happy; I'm spoiled and take so much for granted. I would go back if I had a chance."

After distributing food in the first village that the senior group visited, **Leanne Hoppe** was impressed with how appreciative the people were. She was also pleasantly surprised that there wasn't much of



a language barrier, as she expected. "The skits were understood, as indicated how well everyone responded. After serving in the country, we realized that this wasn't about us, but that we were there to serve God. Life is not just about having fun or being rich and successful—the whole experience put things into perspective for me," said Leanne.

"I had the opportunity to meet and interact with a handicapped three-year-old, named Rubi," said **Laura White**. "When I saw her in the crib, suffering from hydroencephalitis (unable to support one's head), I wasn't sure how to respond. But, after playing with her, I learned that she was loving, intelligent and endearingly funny; she made everyone laugh and enjoyed being the center of attention. In every worldly sense of the word, little Rubi was ugly. But after getting to know and love her—she became beautiful," shared Laura.

The Dominican trip will be a life-long, memorable experience for **Eric Raine**. He is glad to have served in such a small way. "Since coming back, I appreciate God's goodness to me so much more. I was blessed more by the people I met than I was able to bless them. God did an amazing work in the lives of each one of us that went. I would go again in a heartbeat if I was able to!" said Eric. ■

# SPORTS SUMMARY

## Boys' Junior Varsity

Coach Neal Turvey

The Boys' JV Baseball team finished with a 7 win–6 loss record, highlighted by impressive wins over powerhouse St. Joseph Collegiate Institute and Canisius High schools. The team was led by pitchers **Mark Goszewski** and **Jack Ranallo** with key hits and fielding by many players. A solid core of 12 boys played on the team. The spring JV Team continued their success as they faced some of Western New York's best high school teams.

## Modified Baseball

Coaches Neal Turvey and Tom Rettinger

Nine players were on the team and overall record was 1 win–5 losses. The boys had a great season, despite a small squad and several rainouts, but that did not stop the team from playing hard and learning baseball fundamentals.

## Girls' Seventh and Eighth Grade Softball

Coaches Matt Gold and Paul Kazmierczak

CCA's 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade Girls' Softball team, in their second season were crowned **Northtown Tournament Champions** in a thrilling 10–9 win over St. Christopher's. In the finals, pitcher **Daila Miller** had a 10-strikeout star performance. The Crusader bats were red-hot, lead by **Erin Kelly's** (2) singles and a triple, complimented by timely hits from **Kayla Burt**, **Claire Kazmierczak**, **Abby Whited**, **Lian Bunny**, **Amanda Grant** and **Lindsey Redfern**. CCA's **Megan Fisher**, **Kelsey Gold**, **Kathryn Ryan**, **Abby Narbie**, **Lydia Stockslader** and **Joy Wandowski** were rock solid performers throughout the season. In the preceding semi-final game, **Lian Bunny**, facing two strikes and two outs in the game's last inning, hit a historic double in dramatic style to advance CCA into the championship. After the championship win, the entire team and spectators erupted with excitement followed by a moving team prayer, giving God all the Glory!

## Girls' Fifth and Sixth Grade Softball

Coach Tim Stone

The scrappy "Junior Lady Crusaders" won five games in a row, defeating heavily favored teams to advance to their championship finals. CCA's new 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade softball team finished in second place. The majority of the 13 girls didn't have any softball experience at the season start. The team was lead by **Abby Stone** who pitched in all the games for the upstart Crusaders. The girls' hard work and much practice paid off when it counted most! Great first year, ladies—honoring CCA, each other and advancing the Kingdom through your exemplary play on the diamond!

## Fifth and Sixth Grade Co-ed Soccer

Coach Leslie Cook

This was the first year CCA entered a 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade co-ed team into the Parochial Kickers Soccer League. Twenty-two eager Crusader kickers participated. The team began practices twice a week on April 15<sup>th</sup> in preparation for the first league game. Players learned basic fundamentals of the game, team formations and tactics of attack and defense. They were also taught that school-work came first; no excuses for not doing homework. The team played six games and had a great victory against Nativity school and played hard against St. Christopher's teams. The team of 14 players ended with 1 win, 3 losses and 1 tie.

## Third and Fourth Grade Co-ed Soccer

Coach Leslie Cook

Spring was the first year for the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade co-ed team as well. The team began their practice schedule on May 13. Several team goals were established for the season. They prayed each day and asked God to help them play in a way that would glorify Him and be "kingdom players for Christ." The children learned basic fundamentals of the game, team formations and tactics of attack and defense. One of the routines was running relays to introduce the fitness components related to soccer.

The team held its intra-squad scrimmage on April 29<sup>th</sup>. The Blue-White game ended in a 3–3 tie. The team played a full league schedule of seven games and produced a record of 3 wins–4 defeats. Victories came against St. Peter & Paul's (4-2); St. Mary's (2-0) and St. Peter's (4-0). Close games were played against St. Greg's (0-3); Park (0-3); St. Peter & Paul's II (1-4) and Nativity (0-1). The children showed amazing heart, effort and resiliency, and they learned to meet the demands of playing this challenging game.

## Cross Country

Coaches Robert Kiekbusch and Bethany Malcolm

The team was comprised of three divisions: Middle School girls, 6<sup>th</sup>–9<sup>th</sup> grades; Middle School boys, 6<sup>th</sup>–9<sup>th</sup> grades; High School girls. The two middle school teams won both of their first two meets. The Middle School girls finished second in their division in the NFCAA Championship, led by **Hailey Rose Gattuso**, **Caroline Ranallo** and **Sydney Malcolm**. The boys won the Middle School Division, led by **Michael Szymkowski**, **Tanner Jourdain** and **Nathan Holmes**.



**New Auditorium Chairs** were installed in July and made possible with a substantial gift. Contributions toward the final cost are welcome. At right, Mrs. Lawrence excitedly shows off a sample of the chair that will replace the original ones.



## May 5 is Set Aside for Cultural Day at CCA

Each May, Mrs. Suzanne Allen and Mrs. Elizabeth Ziegler's Spanish I students prepare a travel fair for the elementary students from Kindergarten through sixth grades. In teams of two, the high school students researched Spanish-speaking countries and then generated a travel brochure, a passport stamp and at least two activities or ethnic foods from those countries.

The younger students were required to bring their "passports" for admittance to the fair. Some of the games they participated in included tennis and limbo. Several students were surprised that baseball and even basketball are played in Latin America and South America. Everyone enjoyed the delicious foods from many countries which included corn muffins from Panama, tacos from Nicaragua, and guacamole, salsa and tortillas from just about anywhere in the southern hemisphere.



*Sophomore Andrew Lauto is dancing in his sombrero while Freshman Tanner Jourdan is serenading. Daniel Carter, also a Freshman, is enjoying the festivities.*

The fair was staged on May 5 because Cinco de Mayo is primarily a Mexican holiday commemorating a famous Mexican victory in a battle against the French. It is not Mexico's primary independence day, but has grown into a larger holiday among Hispanic populations in the United States than it is in Mexico—a day to celebrate all things Spanish! During the fair, younger students discovered that people in other countries are alike in more ways than they had imagined. The Spanish I students discovered that serving others while learning can really be a lot of fun.

### God's Hand on CCA—An Inspiration to All!

On May 11, CCA's PTO sponsored an annual event that began in 1996 to provide an opportunity for staff, students and their families to come together and share testimonies of how God has used CCA to impact their lives.

This year was unique as the school administration decided to combine *God's Hand on CCA* with a commissioning service for the senior class in preparation for their missionary trip to the Dominican Republic. This was a wonderful opportunity for their class, as well as their families to receive inspiration from testimonies by several people. A meaningful worship session was lead by **Mr. Paul Deppe** and friends from his church. Testimonies were given by **Mr. Robert Zima**, Board President, **Mrs. Donna Visone**, teachers **Mrs. Jennifer Ward**, **Mrs. Katrina Szucs**, and seniors **Sarah Caputi** and **Megan Salzman**.

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### not all-about-me and self-gratification.

Life holds joy and sorrow, pleasure and pain. Recall that Jesus came not to be served, but to serve. As the students considered their new phase of life, Dr. Lockerbie shared with them the final quote from Mary, Queen of Scots, "In my end is my beginning."



*Tayler Hobba*

Valedictorian **Tayler Hobba** addressed her fellow graduates. Tayler attended CCA for 11 years and shared reflections on each of her classmates. Referring to Jeremiah 29:11, she encouraged them to use their gifts as they moved into a new life phase. This fall she will attend Cedarville University in Ohio to study engineering. Salutatorian **Laura White**, who attended CCA for all 13 years, challenged her classmates with the famous quote from St. Francis of Assisi, "Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace ...," concluding with the exhortation to "Live with no regrets. Laura will attend Houghton College in the fall to study communications and media arts.

Earlier in the month, seniors and their families and friends gathered June 14 for the annual Baccalaureate service. **Dr. De-one Drake**, on the pastoral staff at The Chapel at Crosspoint and father of CCA '06 alumnus, Jonathan Drake, presented the message which was followed by a formal tea reception in the cafeteria. All other grades celebrated the end of the year with special closing ceremonies and moving-up exercises earlier in the month. CCA's amazing Parent-Teacher Organization sponsored a fun-filled end-of-year picnic for K-6<sup>th</sup> graders on June 12. Class Awards/Moving-Up Night for grade 9-12 on June 19 saw the induction of 16 new members into the Alpha and Omega chapter of the National Honor Society (see pages 6-7 for senior members).

The Lifetime Service Award was presented to **Mr. Steven Woodard** for his service as member and treasurer of the CCA Board of Directors. He is father of CCA 7<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders, Parker and Casey Woodard. ■  
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### Fifth Graders Receive a Letter of Commendation from the National Park Service

Mrs. Lawrence was pleased to receive a letter of commendation from the National Park Service (U.S. Department of Interior) for the exemplary behavior and outstanding participation by CCA's fifth grade during their May trip to the Gettysburg (PA) National Military Park. This annual trip marks a culmination of the students' study of American history, combined with a Bible curricula. A note of thanks also went to fifth grade teachers, **Mrs. Sande Paul** and **Ms. Gretchen Ertell** and their parent chaperones for their help in preparing the students for the "Teamwork/Pickett's Charge" Educational Program.

*A special thanks goes to **Captain Robert Franz** and members of the Eden (NY) Legion Post 880 Color Guard, who met with students for training in military drill procedure.*



*“... He is Lord of lords and King of kings—  
and with him will be his called, chosen and  
faithful followers.”*

*Rev. 17:14*

## VALEDICTORIAN

**Taylor Hobba**  
Cedarville University  
NHS



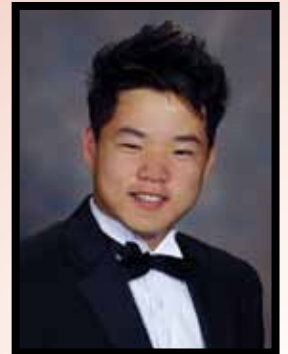
**Kyle Albrecht**  
Houghton College  
Class Treasurer



**Laura Albrecht**  
Buffalo State College



**Chelsea Allen**  
Rochester Institute of  
Technology  
NHS



**Matthew Brown**  
Hilbert College



**Rebecca DeRose**  
Cedarville University  
NHS



**Nicole Faracca**  
University at Buffalo  
NHS



**Matthew Goszewski**  
Grove City College  
NHS



**Rueben Hand**  
Houghton College



**Joseph LoCicero**  
Cleveland Institute  
of Music  
NHS



**Bryanna Lokey**  
University at Buffalo  
NHS



**Aaron Mansfield**  
Ohio University  
NHS



**Elizabeth McCluskey**  
Michigan State University

# GRADUATING CLASS

**SALUTATORIAN**

# Class of 2009



**Laura White**  
Houghton College  
NHS



**Rachel Caputi**  
Buffalo State College  
Class President  
NHS



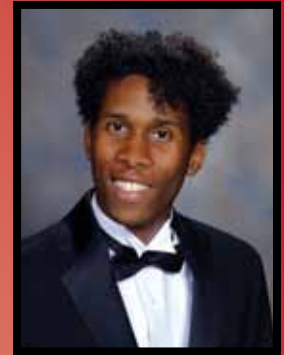
**Sarah Caputi**  
Buffalo State College  
Spiritual Advisor  
NHS



**Melanie Colson**  
Buffalo State College  
NHS



**Leanna Conti**  
Alfred State College



**Geoffrey Crawford**  
Buffalo State College



**Leanne Hoppe**  
Boston University  
NHS



**Elizabeth Johnson**  
Grove City College  
Class Secretary  
NHS



**Nathan Johnson**  
Buffalo State College



**Joshua Keller**  
Erie Community College  
NHS



**Nathan Kindred**  
Canisius College  
NHS



**Eric Raine**  
University at Buffalo  
NHS



**Joel Rissing**  
Buffalo State College



**Mary Cate Rosenthal**  
Roberts Wesleyan College



**Megan Salzman**  
Houghton College  
NHS



**Abigail Wittlinger**  
Class Vice President  
NHS



Mrs. Nancy Basinski's and Mrs. Ashley Scibilia's Kindergarten classes graduated on June 16 and 18, respectively. Above, seven of Mrs. Scibilia's students perform for parents and friends during the graduation program. From top, left are Ana Bellanti, Macuen Harper; Rachel Roszman, Chukwudi Ilozue. Front row: Joshua Gritzmacher, Kendall Ross, Marc Derkovitz.

At right, Mrs. Lawrence congratulates a smiling Elizabeth Gustas after receiving her diploma.



## **Graduations from Kindergarten through High School Congratulations and a Bright Future to All!**



Matthew Goszewski strolls across the stage as his name is called.



Board President Mr. Robert Zima, congratulates Joshua Keller as he accepts his earned diploma.



Bryanna Lokey proudly displays her diploma and poses for a family snapshot.



Elizabeth McCluskey gives a "thumbs up" as she walks off with her diploma.



Mrs. Lawrence serves the graduation cake after commencement ceremonies.



Eric Raine's aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Cheryl and Lee Sanko came to celebrate with Eric and family.



## 2009 Senior Awards

### Major Academic Subject Awards

*Timothy Award (Bible)*

**Laura White**

*C.S. Lewis Award (English)*

**Laura White**

*American Liberty Award (History)*

**Chelsea Allen**

*Sir Isaac Newton Award (Math)*

**Taylor Hobba**

*Genesis Award (Science)*

**Taylor Hobba**

*John Wycliffe Award (Foreign Language)*

**Laura White**

*Athletes of the Year Award (Physical Education)*

**Eric Raine, Abigail Wittlinger**

*Fine Arts Sketchbook Award*

**Laura White**

*Fine Arts Music Award*

**Joseph LoCicero**

*Journalism Award*

**Sarah Caputi**

### Academic Excellence Awards

*Presented to two seniors who have attained the highest averages:*

**Taylor Hobba, Valedictorian**

**Laura White, Salutatorian**

### Greg Johnson Memorial Award

*Presented to the senior who has demonstrated the most positive Christian witness on the athletic field and plans to continue that witness at a Christian college or university.*

**Megan Salzman**

### Marsden T. Sellers Memorial Award

*Presented to the senior who best demonstrates a desire to live for the Lord and possesses the same burden for ministry as Pastor Sellers.*

**Sarah Caputi**

### Kurt A. De Witt Memorial Award

*Presented to the senior who best displays the gift of encouragement.*

**Rachel Caputi**

### Ray Schultz Memorial Award

*Presented to the senior who best exemplifies hard work, diligence, commitment, sacrifice, humility, encouragement, love and a passion for a relationship with Christ.*

**Nicole Faracca**

### Faculty Award

*Presented to the senior chosen by the faculty who demonstrates improvement in the areas of responsibility, dependability, participation and overall performance.*

**Chelsea Allen**

### Head of School Award

*Presented to the senior who best exemplifies the spirit and character of the servant-leader.*

**Rebecca DeRose**

### 2008-2009 School Year Prefects

**Matthew Goszewski, Head Prefect**

**Laura White, Academic Prefect**

**Eric Raine, Activities Prefect**

**Geoffrey Crawford, Athletics Prefect**

**Nicole Faracca, Chaplain Prefect**

**Rebecca DeRose, Admissions Prefect**

Mentors: **Chelsea Allen, Taylor Hobba**

**Rachel Caputi, Sarah Caputi**

**Aaron Mansfield and Abigail Wittlinger**

*Selected and given to those students who exemplify Christian character, Christian service, concern for younger students, and the ability to maintain good academic standing. Prefects meet regularly with the Head of School.*



Senior Joseph LoCicero and Sophomore Emelie Gidley



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Senior Rachel Caputi stands next to her colorful oil painting, titled, "Do you feel the Reign?" She was awarded "Best of Show" ribbon at the WNY Academic Day held at Houghton College in May.



Seventh grader Olivia Largis, right, observes as "Blessing Buddy," first grader Lauren Zwolenkiewicz experiments with paint.



What a way to do science! Seventh graders Shawnmarie Cammarano, Sydney Malcolm and Emily Parlato experience gravity and other forces on the Sky Coaster. Science teacher Mrs. Emser and parent chaperones took 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders to Science Day at Darien Lake June 1.

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Left, sixth graders Joshua Holmes and Trace Gillis compete in an after-school track-and-field meet May 8 organized by CCA parents, Mrs. Holly Cercone (center left) and Mrs. Bonnie Ranallo. CCA dad Mr. Tom Ranallo (center right) keeps time as third grade runners Patrick Ranallo and Tanner Gillis (right) proudly display their medals.



Participating in the Elementary Concert on recorders are third graders (l-r) Joshua Ryce, Charly Hearon and Joshua Tyson.

## middle school concerts • student act



Sixth grader Jeiel Williams is checking out his new yearbook with excitement.

## fun things to



Seated next to kindergartner Chelsea Everett is 'George,' adopted friend often found with the children even in assemblies.



Performing on the 'Boomwhackers' during the Spring Musical May 1 are fourth graders (l-r) Noah Haney, Luke Pappagallo and Samuel Trippie.

## after-school activities



Journalism students Matt Brown, Elizabeth Johnson, Emily Faracca and Rachel Caputi are reviewing ideas for the yearbook layout pages they are designing.



In the foreground, first grader Michael Murphy watches "Blessing Buddy" 7<sup>th</sup> grader Rolando Cercone in the watermelon seed-spitting contest. Monthly meetings between the first and seventh graders for prayer, encouragement and fun are part of the "Blessing Project" (component of the 7<sup>th</sup> graders' Bible class).



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**Mrs. Judith Kazmierczak,  
 CCA Parent is Honored as  
 Nurse of Distinction**

*Pictured are Mrs. Kazmierczak, proudly holding her plaque award, accompanied by her husband, Paul, and children Claire and Thomas.*



In May, Mrs. Kazmierczak, was honored by her employer, VNA (Visiting Nursing Association) as one of the “Nurses of Distinction” for her excellent clinical practice, for exhibiting qualities as a leader, and exemplifying a positive image of nursing. On May 5, she also received an award from Kaleida Health at a reception held at Buffalo General Hospital.

Mrs. Kazmierczak became interested in nursing when she was a child, admiring her mother, who served as an emergency room nurse for 40 years. Mrs. Kazmierczak worked on staff at several Kaleida hospitals. In 1987, she joined VNA as a home infusion nurse and later as manager of the team. Her current role is pediatric/maternal nurse.

The Kazmierczaks are parents of three CCA students, Thomas (gr. 4), Claire (gr. 8) and Peter (gr. 9). Mr. and Mrs. Kazmeirczak have been active CCA volunteers.

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