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CCA Has Recently Joined the School Library Systems Association (SLS)

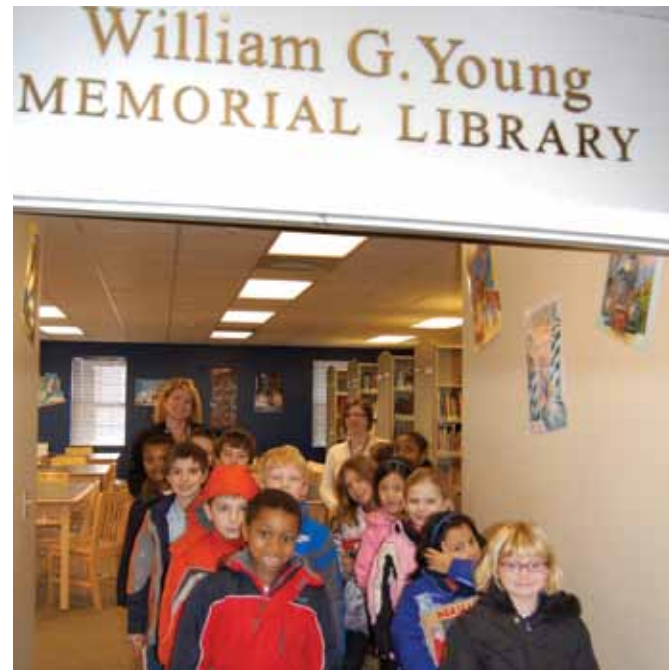


Mrs. Joyce Pontrello

CCA is one of 12 private schools approved to partner with a computer network of local public and private libraries, allowing our students accessibility to a full spectrum of information—to apply their research to school assignments. The SLS program is sponsored by BOCES, under a grant from New York State. CCA was required to meet several criteria in order to qualify for membership. The school was visited for observation with a checklist to meet the state's criteria. The time-consuming process was overseen by **Mrs. Joyce Pontrello**.

On July 1, 2009, CCA was formally approved and added to the network of schools in the Buffalo suburban area. Students are able to access all very specific educational web sites (with passwords) to help them apply the information to their studies and homework. Links to these sites are accessed via: iKeepBookmarks.com/Pontrello. Needed passwords are available to all CCA students from all teachers.

CCA's library is located in the Center for Science and Art, south of the main school building at 5830 Main Street. The spacious, state-of-the-art library was dedicated in 2006 to the memory of **William**



CCA second grade teacher Mrs. Susan Koch escorts her second-graders back to class, led by David Opong and Caroline Cassety.

G. Young, grandfather of four CCA students. The room was then furnished with beautiful carpeting, furniture, computers and enough shelving to store 12,000 books.

Mrs. Pontrello teaches library skills to students from kindergarten through grade six. They are taught the proper use of the computerized card catalog (Dewey Decimal System); familiarity with encyclopedias and dictionaries, periodicals, and newspapers.

Mrs. Pontrello is an individual member of the American Library Association (ALA) and the New York Library Association (NYLA) and recently completed an accelerated course study in library science. Mrs. Pontrello has been CCA's full-time librarian for three years and also teaches the senior elective, Communications. Now in her tenth year at CCA, she has also taught elementary Spanish, high school Bible, Global Studies, Government and Economics. ■

CCA is Touched by Recent Quake in Port-au-Prince, Haiti

It has been estimated that over 200,000 have been killed in the January 12 quake in Haiti. Thousands more have been left homeless, hurt, and hungry; but the whole world has come to their aid. Two CCA families have been directly impacted by this tragedy.

At the time the quake hit, **Rev. Charles Whited** (senior pastor of First Trinity Lutheran Church of Tonawanda, NY), his son, CCA sophomore **Jonathan**, and others from his church were visiting an orphanage in Haiti. Jon's family was in the process of finalizing adoption plans for two children at the Children of Israel Orphanage, located in Les Cayes, about 100 miles from Port-au-Prince. When the horrific force hit, Rev. Whited was on the second floor and ran outside. Knowing that they would run out of food and other supplies, the church group made arrangements to fly home with the help of the U.S. embassy. "Because of the quake, the government granted humanitarian visas that would allow my adopted brother and sister to go home with us," said Jon, grateful that God made arrangements for his new sister **Lovelie** (11 years old) and brother **Whisken** (seven) to join his family, including **Abigail**, who is a freshman at CCA.

Our sympathies go to the **Noel** family who lost a cousin in the earthquake. **Faye-Lyne**, **Benjamin**, and **Tahelah** are students at CCA. The Noel family has organized donations of supplies to help those in need in Haiti.

(Note: CCA students raised over \$1100. for Haiti with their donations.)



Mrs. Pontrello is reading to Mrs. Koch's second grade class.

"thy Word have I hid in my heart"



Mrs. Nurline Lawrence, Head of School



Thy Word is Life

Recently, over the Christmas vacation, I was in the airport in Chicago waiting to board my flight home. I noticed a family of five, three small children and their parents, among the passengers. Dad with ears plugged was absorbed with his laptop. He abandoned that activity on two or three occasions only to answer his cell phone. Mom struggled to keep track of the two kids under four while holding on to the infant in her arms. The children tried to get dad's attention while mom did her best not to lose them in the crowded airport. That husband and father had no time for the family. He had no words for his young children and no time to help his wife. He was a slave to the machine he worshipped. I looked around and nearly every other person was either on a cell phone or had ears plugged listening to something.

I could not but reflect on how much technology absorbs us all. While so much good has come of it and its value continues to increase, I wonder if in the future the humans will be evermore slaves to this new master. Have you noticed how much less we talk to each other? A couple is out walking together, each one on his or her cell phone? It's almost impossible to complete a twenty minute conference with anyone without the interruption of three or four calls on the cell phone. "Excuse me, but I have to take this call . . ."

Students can barely get through the day without constant texting and getting themselves in trouble in locker rooms, etc. because of slavish adherence to the machine. Every ten year old needs to have a cell phone because everybody else has one.

People have a deep need to connect with one another. The young child craves the affection and attention of dad. Children often need a hug more than a cell phone. The teenager still needs the attention and conversation with his/her parents. I do not believe that people are disconnected by choice. We have stopped talking to each other in favor of the convenience of technology. If there is no relational connection between people, life will become very lonely. Kids who are starved for affection will find it where they can. Couples that don't talk to each other face to face become more and more disconnected. Often, children will tell me that they all eat dinner in front of the television watching their favorite shows.

We need to use our words, looking into the eyes of people, encouraging each other, using affectionate expressions to our children, hugging them — not being best friends with them on Facebook.

Perhaps we need to lift our eyes from the computer to give our children a pat on the back or place an arm around them offering a word of encouragement or demonstration of genuine interest in what they are doing. Words matter.

Technology is here to stay. We need the wonders it has brought to our world, but let us not lose our words, for in doing so we might lose the "Word" of life.

We need to use our Words Words Matter!



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Overhead signs in main halls remind students of their school's heritage—as we celebrate the 60th Anniversary of Christian Education at CCA.

Two New AP Classes for a Total of Six

CCA now offers Biology and European History as Advanced Placement courses in addition to English, Calculus, U.S. History and Physics. AP Biology is being taught by new faculty member, Miss Desiree VanAlstine, and veteran history teacher, David Stehlin, adds AP European History to his class offerings. A growing number of our graduates find they are able to complete college in three and a half years due to the credits they earn from their AP courses.

Nurline Lawrence

Head of School

Lori Williams

Executive Assistant to Head of School

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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, and 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.



From left CCA's EETT leadership team Mrs. Lisa Wright, Mrs. Katrina Szucs and Mrs. Gail Conschafter meet at 7:30 a.m. before classes commence.



Rose Albert and Andy Robinson display their computer-generated poster, demonstrating a new way to submit assignments.

Academic Technology Lab Dedicated for Student Enrichment

It has been one year since we announced our school's participation in "Enhancing Education Through Technology" (EETT), a BOCES grant through which teachers are introduced and encouraged to use new, web-based technology in their approach to teaching.

Our leadership team (**Mrs. Gail Conschafter**, **Mrs. Katrina Szucs** and **Mrs. Lisa Wright**) has now expanded to include two students (senior **Andy Robinson** and freshman **Rose Albert**) who not only attend workshops but actively participate in relevant learning experiences that incorporate digital tools and resources to promote student learning and creativity. They recently participated in one of the events (sponsored by Erie 1 BOCES) by making a presentation to a group of educators on the future of education from a student's perspective. As the only private school represented, Andy and Rose designed a web-based poster using an innovative tool called Glogster (see photo on left) and explained how they can incorporate this new technology to complement their homework assignments.

Andy has continued using this technology for a Government project when studying court cases and also for a poetry lesson in English. He explained, "It's an alternative way of doing homework and that it's fun and easy." He and Rose are looking forward to applying what they have learned in other subjects this spring.

Fourth grade teacher, Mrs. Katrina Szucs explained some of the terminology: "The definition of Web 2.0 tools is used to explain online applications that facilitate collaboration on the World Wide Web in web-based communities. One of the examples allows users to interact with people all over the world. Participants can be actively involved by contributing information. This concept is changing the classroom environment in how the teachers teach as well as how students learn." Other examples of these tools are: blogs, wikis, Skype, Survey Gizmo, Voice Threads and podcasting. Also available are social networking sites such as MySpace, Facebook, YouTube, NING, and Twitter. Bookmarking sites suggested for students are iKeepBookmarks or Del.icio.us. To some adults who didn't grow up with computers in their laps, this may sound like a different language—and it is. Your children or grandchildren can help you get on board; ask them about their experiences.

The school had dedicated an Academic Computer Lab that is furnished with computers and a SMARTBoard. Several teachers have been introducing this new technology to their classes. Academic support teacher **Miss Ciara Lang** (photo below), experienced using the SMARTBoard in college and uses it everyday in her room. "The students thrive on this interactive learning, as it holds their attention and provides them with an exciting new approach to learning," said Miss Lang. She explained, that "an image is projected on a white surface and the students can touch it with their fingers to manipulate those images (similar to how TV weather forecasters show movements of maps). The lessons or games that one can create with the software are limitless."

"I am excited and encouraged to be part of this team to turnkey technology integration to the faculty and staff here at CCA," said

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Eleven Declamation Semi-finalists

On December 23, for the third year at this season, sixth through twelfth grade students participated in an annual recitation competition done from memory, sponsored by the English Department, coordinated by **Miss Christina Zima**.

The pieces recited ranged from The Gettysburg Address to a comedy routine of Tim Hawkins. The students' impressive performances made the judges' task very difficult, as it was obvious that all semifinalists had worked very diligently on their pieces.

The following students will move on to the final round of the Declamation to be held on Friday, February 5 at 7:00 p.m. in the school auditorium: **Andrew Mojica, Andrew Lauto, Emelie Gidley, Jennifer Ebert, Tim Coulter, Katherin Mansfield, Hannah Kim, Bethany Cercone, Casey Woodard and Jack Jezioro**. Winners will be able to participate in the speech competition of the ACSI's WNY Academic Day at Houghton College in May.

We Welcome New Faces at CCA

Mr. Mark Cook has joined the CCA staff as facilities manager, assisted by **Mr. Randy Kivett**.

New strings teachers are **Miss Gretchen Fisher** and **Miss Kiersten Fisher**, sisters job-sharing the part-time position in the Music Department. **Welcome to all!**





Members of the Amherst Symphony Orchestra Visit CCA; Nathaniel Jacobs Wins Design Award

It was a special treat to have 12 members of the Amherst Symphony Orchestra (ASO) visit CCA on January 8. Volunteers shared their life experiences and passion for music-making, each member taking a few minutes to demonstrate how their instrument worked and sounded. It was an inspiring experience for the kindergarten through sixth graders.

The ASO has served our community since 1946. Most members are engaged in careers outside of music, but they enjoy visiting WNY schools to encourage students to develop a love of listening to music and playing musical instruments.

Also, each year since 1997, the ASO has sponsored a contest for high school students to design a cover for their Christmas program. **Mrs. Joan Fishburn**, general manager of the ASO (violinist for 51 years), in cooperation with CCA high school art teacher, **Mrs. Julie Fallin**, oversaw the design contest in which over 50 art students participated.



Above, left, is president of the ASO Association Board, Mr. Tony Latona, student Nathaniel Jacobs, teacher Mrs. Julie Fallin holds the program and Mrs. Nurline Lawrence, head of school, proudly accompanies the group.

From left to right are Mr. Andrew Banish who demonstrated his bassoon, Mr. Richard Sowinski played the clarinet and saxophone, and Ms. Dorea Holmes is playing the flute.

The winning entry was submitted by sophomore **Nathaniel Jacobs** who was recognized publicly and awarded a \$50 US savings bond from the ASO during intermission of the annual Christmas Program held on December 6, 2009 at the Amherst Middle School.

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Mrs. Lisa Wright. "I want to prepare my sixth grade students by coming alongside them using a biblical reference as a focal point in this upcoming and fast-paced digital age." Fourth grade teacher, Mrs. Szucs stated: "As the moderator, I make sure all social networking is private between our students in the classroom and safe to protect each identity within the settings. They also must use proper Web 2.0 etiquette including the use of proper grammar and respect in their responses for the classroom environment." Computer teacher Mrs. Gail Conschaffer added, "I am excited about these Web 2.0 tools and look forward to teaching the students all we have learned. This will be a new way for students to presents projects. These tools can be added to the options along with PowerPoint. We will be offering classes after school to show students the possibilities that are available.

Mr. James Ornella (history teacher) and **Miss Christina Zima** (English teacher) use NINGS extensively. NING is a social networking site where they post topics and questions as a discussion forum to use with their students. Miss Zima notes, "In class, we recently read *The Scarlet Letter*; students read several chapters in the book and then responded in the voice of one of the characters. After they posted their responses to the discussion forum, they had the rest of the week to read and respond to other posts done by their classmates. I began using this tool so that each student could read what others wrote and respond to that person. This new medium has been a great classroom tool for me."

Availing this new technology and resources to our students will provide them opportunities for the future, enabling them to help reach their educational goals. We are excited to springboard with this innovation and look forward to positive benefits for all at CCA. ■

CCA Students Participate in Music Festivals

Throughout each school year CCA's music students have opportunities to participate in a variety of weekend festivals and competitions including Erie County Music Educators Association (ECMEA). Exceptional students are invited to then participate in *All County* and/or *All State* choruses, bands and orchestras for their particular grade level in concerts later in the year. Results of student's performance in the most recent county level festivals are as follows:

Jan. 9 - Elementary Solo Festival

Andrew Congdon (snare drum)
Mikayla Crofford (alto saxophone)
Asia Daniels (voice)⁴
Olivia Faracca (voice)⁴ (flute)²
Kyra Fogg (flute)
Seth Glanowski (alto saxophone)
Naomi Holmes (flute)
Mabinty Kennedy (alto saxophone)
Isabel Murphy (violin)³
Kevin Nie (snare drum & mallets)¹
Alicia Perez (voice)⁴
Joshua Ryce (alto saxophone)
Katelyn Szymkowski (clarinet)
Amanda Teepell (voice)⁴
Joshua Tyson (trumpet)
Tenia Wesley (flute), (voice)⁴

Jan. 16 - Middle School Solo Festival

Lindsay Bratek (clarinet)
Brianna Burton (voice)
Shawn Marie Cammarano (flute)
Roslyn Davis (voice)⁴
Shaye-Lynn Davis (voice)⁴
Joshua Fox (voice)⁴
Lucas Fry (trumpet)
Hailey Rose Gattuso (flute)
Jonathan Gidley (violin)³
Kari Lewis (voice)⁴
Ben Noel (voice)⁴
Emily Parlato (voice)⁴
Krysteena Shropshire (voice)⁴
Emma Taylor (violin)(voice)⁴
Lauren Torrisi (flute)
Joy Wandowski (violin)
Mikayla Watson-Wales (clarinet)

Jan. 23 - High School Solo Festival

Michael Albert (tuba)
Tim Coulter (trumpet)²
Jennifer Ebert (flute)
Joshua Fry (snare drum)
Emelie Gidley (violin)³

1 Selected All-County Band participant
2 Selected All-County Band alternate
3 Selected All-County Orchestra
4 Selected All-County Chorus



Freshman Erin Kelly practicing free throws

CCA's Basketball Season UPDATE



Senior James Scott highest scorer

The Winter Basketball Season launched last November with 10 teams fielded from fifth grade through varsity.

Coach Brian Ellsworth Reports on the Boys' Varsity Success

(as of the end of January):

"The Crusaders started off with incredible tests early in their schedule and this proved to 'battle test' them. Led by seniors **James Scott's** scoring and ball distribution and **Ben Boron's** defensive intensity and toughness, the team has mounted an 8-0 IAC record and an overall 9-8 ratio. Strong defensive performance by senior **Mitch Narbe**, often asked to guard a much bigger and stronger post player, has risen to the task on many nights. Senior guard **Cameron Tom** provides the toughness and grit the team needs. Sophomores **Jack Ranallo** and **Zack Stone** are major contributors, and continued improvement from a young bench in sophomores **Tim Coulter**, **Seth Wittlinger** and **Jon**

Whited have poised CCA Crusaders to make another strong run at the NY State Independent School (NYSIL) title. The team covets everyone's support."

B Ellsworth

Athletic Director Mr. Robert Kiebusch invites all interested to follow all the teams' schedules on the CCA website at www.christianca.com/athletics/interscholastic_sports_calendar/. Also, select photos of games are posted on the Photo Gallery under the website's "Athletics" tab. A special thank you to Mr. Don Santucci for his generous contribution of time and effort in taking these sports photos.



Seniors Grace Craigie and Stephen Puskas co-host the radio broadcast.

Communication Students Host a Live Program on Christian Radio



The Communications Class began in the fall of 2000 with Mrs. Joyce Pontrello as teacher. Shortly thereafter, WDCX radio station donated their used equipment to CCA and Mr. Neil Boron offered to introduce students to radio broadcasting. They were privileged to participate in a live broadcast that stimulated interest for the class. Mrs. Pontrello has developed the class over the last ten years and directed her seventh broadcast on Saturday, January 23 at 3:00 p.m. called the "Power Hour." All of the Communications students participated in the live program.

The first half hour concentrated on the book of Proverbs; scripture reading reminded the listeners of God's never-ending love. Throughout the hour-long program, there were songs, music, and advertising, ending with sports and weather reports. At the conclusion, there was a time for listeners to call in with comments on how prayer impacted their lives. All the participants did a fine job and we look forward to many more broadcasts in the future.



As part of CCA's seventh annual food drive for Buffalo's City Mission, teachers (Mrs. Lynnette Wrigglesworth and Mrs. Elizabeth Ziegler) and students help deliver food to the Extreme Food Drive Challenge drop-off site in Buffalo.

CCA JOINS WITH THE CITY OF GOOD NEIGHBORS IN EXTREME MAKEOVER

The nationwide phenomenon, Extreme Makeover, Home Edition, television program helped a West Side family that originally came from Jamaica by rebuilding their home which needed extensive work. All furnishings were donated by many local businesses and organizations. Many neighborhood homes were also spruced up on Massachusetts Street by hundreds of city's volunteers. The program was aired nationwide on Sunday, January 24, 2010.



Rev. Roderick Hennings, senior pastor of Zion Dominion Global Ministries in Amherst, was special speaker at the weekly chapel on January 12. He gave a powerful presentation on purity to an enrapt teen audience. Pastor Hennings encouraged students to see themselves as God sees them and to place high value on themselves.

Chloe's Story of God's Amazing Protection and Healing Power



Fifth grader, Chloe Everett

On Saturday, November 14, 2009, CCA fifth grader **Chloe Everett** was involved in an auto accident resulting in a complete break of her left hip. She was traveling in a minivan driven by her grandma when their van was struck from the side. Chloe was sitting at the exact point of impact. Their minivan was pushed over on its side and continued to slide 30 yards, stopping on the front lawn of a church. All the windows were blown out and the tires came off their rims. Although the impact

was powerful, both Chloe and her grandma were alive and conscious. "We praise our Savior for protecting them and giving them time to recoup alongside of friends and family over the past months," said her mother, **Mrs. Dana Everett** ('91).

At first, Chloe was misdiagnosed as having a bruised left foot; but upon her second trip to the hospital, they discovered a broken hip. She underwent a difficult surgery and had her hip stabilized with three permanent screws. Facing an extended recovery time at home, Chloe missed school while getting much required bed rest. She was blown away by the response of cards, bouquets and visits. Even her Alden bus driver came to see her. Chloe is back at CCA now with only a little time left to deal with crutches. "God has been so good; we give all glory to the Great Physician!" said her mom.

Chloe's classmates took an active part in Chloe's healing, having prayed diligently for God to touch her. It has strengthened their own prayer life and their relationship with the Lord. Her teacher, **Mrs. Sande Paul**, shared, "I have watched the children work together as the 'church body' that is described in Scripture; observing them as they anticipate and meet Chloe's needs while she is at school. It is a blessing for me to see them live out the Word of God."

Recent CCA Grad Starts Photography Business

Little did CCA alumna **Sarah Paul** realize that a mission trip to the Dominican Republic with her church in the summer of 2005 would propel her on the journey to her own photography business.

It was during the summer of 2005 that she caught on film a photo of a young, barefoot Dominican child clutching an old dirty ball. When CCA's high school journalism teacher, **Mrs. Lynnette Wrigglesworth**, saw the photo, she immediately recognized Sarah's keen eye and potential for a future in photography. Encouraged by her teacher, Sarah entered that photograph in the annual contest sponsored by Villa Maria College for area high school student photographers. (While the honor carried with it a scholarship to Villa Maria College for the following year, Sarah was unable to take advantage of the opportunity since she was only a junior.) Sarah's photo won first place!

CCA's Journalism courses played prominently in Sarah's junior and senior year class schedules. She served as photo editor of the 2007 yearbook, iConnect, which was awarded a silver award for excellence from the Columbia Scholastic Press Association. Also during her senior year, the Journalism Department was blessed with new MAC computers and the InDesign program. Sarah was the first student to learn the program and so was commissioned to teach the other students.



Sarah Paul

That year also saw Sarah receiving requests from friends to take family portraits. She fell in love with the projects and received more assignments. While still planning to pursue a photography major at Villa Maria College the next two years, Sarah decided to take the plunge into the business of photography in April 2007, just prior to high school graduation.

Her next challenge was naming the business. Wanting the name to carry significance, Sarah reflected on her family's Irish heritage and decided on her grandmother's maiden name, McClenon, to identify her new venture:

McClenon Photo, stating that her grandma has proven to be a consistent inspiration, having almost died four times and coming back each time with a stronger and deeper faith.

To date, Sarah has photographed six weddings, five families and two bands, in addition to studio work at LifeTouch Photography Studios. During this past fall semester, as part of her academic requirements, Sarah interned at CCA with Mrs. Wrigglesworth in the Journalism classes. Sarah's mom, **Mrs. Sande Paul**, by the way, has been teaching fifth grade at CCA for five years. Sarah was a teacher's assistant in her senior year.

Sarah completed her college studies at Villa Maria College in December, 2009, earning an associate's degree in photography. Samples of her work may be viewed on her Facebook page. She can be contacted on line at sarahep@live.com.

D White

CCA Students Show Love to their Neighbor

Teachers and students seek to develop a good relationship with all school neighbors. Students have met many during Leaf-raking Day, an annual community service event.

A seventh grade Bible Class, under the leadership of **Mrs. Lynnette Wrigglesworth**, showed their love and sympathy for **Mrs. Maria Sywenkyj**, who recently lost her husband, Bill, by gifting her with a "card tree." **Mrs. Lawrence** also expressed her sadness at the loss of her friend.





Christmas Concert



Fifth grader Stuart Harper (left) with fourth graders Debbie Jung and Elizabeth Simpson, perform on their cellos December 11.



Left to right, fifth graders Luke Pappagallo, Bradley Rigerman and Stuart Harper participate with hand bells in the program.



Left to right are first grade angelic beings Will Barrett, Ryanna Humphrey and Solomon Schmidt.



"The Cat in the Hat" (character from Dr. Seuss' book) recently visited Mrs. Katrina Szucs' fourth grade class as a mystery reader who frequents the class periodically to surprise the children with a book—a special treat to promote the love and fun of reading. Other classes are also invited to attend.



Third grader Savannah Drozda shops at the annual December Snowflake Shop event, sponsored by the PTO. Volunteers on right are Mr. John and Mrs. Linda Harbison, grandparents of Noah (grade 5) and Joshua (grade 1).

From left to right, Mr. Jeff Hackett, seniors Jonathan Roberson, Mitchell Narbe and Ben Boron chop apples for pies they will bake and sell as a fund-raiser to defray their May mission trip travel expenses. For the third year, the Senior Class will fly to the Dominican Republic to visit several churches, orphanages and villages to distribute food and toys, but most importantly, to share their love for the people as representatives of Christ. ►





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Scott Lewandowski, ('87), and his wife Jody (Connor, x'94) welcomed their first child, Ava Noel, on 9/9/09. Ava weighed 8#, 3 oz. Scott works in management with Bank of America and Jody serves a growing clientele as a hair stylist. The Lewandowskis reside in North Tonawanda and are active in their church, The Chapel at Crosspoint.

Scott Ziegler ('92) and his wife, Erin welcomed Matthew Cole to their family on 6/24/09. The Zieglers live in North Augusta, SC. Erin enjoys being a full time mom as Scott operates his own landscaping business.

Scott's brother, **Jeff Ziegler** ('x'95) and his wife Nicole reside in Cheektowaga. Jeff works in the computer industry and Nicole is a trainer for laboratory technicians at Sisters Hospital.

Amy (Perrello,'96) **Ramos** and her husband Michael welcomed their first child, Micah Alexander into their family on 7/30/09. The Ramos' live in Orlando, FL and are on staff with Campus Crusade for Christ.

Shelly (Ziegler,'98) **Green** and her husband, Joe welcomed their first child, Carley Rose, into their family on 8/11/09. Shelly is working part time at Perkins Restaurant and Joe runs his own business, Green Knight Landscaping. The Greens reside in Depew, NY, and are active at Restoration Church in Amherst, pastored by CCA alum, Dan Trippie ('90).

Jonathan Drake and **Gabriella** ("Gabe") **Giambra**, (both '06), have announced their engagement and plan to be married August 27, 2010. Jonathan is currently serving as the coordinator of the Ministry Training Institute at The Chapel at Crosspoint in Getzville, NY, teaching courses in Theological Survey, Gospel of John and Hermeneutics. He is also studying in the Master of Divinity program at Liberty University (Lynchburg, VA); where he received his Bachelor of Arts in Biblical Studies in 2008. Gabe has completed her studies at The Salon Professional Academy to become a licensed esthetician. The couple plans to reside in Kenmore, NY.

Dan White ('06) and Aimee Kelly of Edinboro, PA, have announced their engagement. Dan, a senior at Houghton College, will complete his bachelors degree in secondary education and English in May. His fall student teaching experiences saw him at schools on Buffalo's west side and at the American School of Las Palmas, Gran Canaria (Canary Islands). Aimee, a '09 Houghton graduate, is serving with Americorps in Buffalo.

James Williams ('06), has completed his bachelors degree at Gordon College (MA), where he majored in economics. He spent his last semester this past fall studying at the University of Edinburgh, Scotland. He is currently pursuing internship opportunities and plans later to pursue graduate studies.

Laura White ('09) is spending the second semester of her freshman year at Houghton College studying in London, England. She is one of 24 students selected for the competitive Honors Program, "The Meaning of the West" - an interdisciplinary experience studying philosophy, theology, history and art to gain a deeper perspective on the development of western civilization. Students use the city of London as their "campus" with excursions to Bath and Canterbury.

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*Remember
to pray for
a successful
Auction!
March 13*



Thirty CCA alumni and current students met at the Epic Center in Williamsville for the 6th annual alumni soccer get-together on December 26. Mr. Joe Karnath, CCA girls' varsity soccer coach, organized the event and served as referee. Attendees included CCA physical education teacher Mrs. Cathy Tom and her husband Don, boys' varsity coach, Mr. James Vanderberg and middle school soccer coach Mrs. Leslie Cook ('02). "We had a enjoyable time," said senior Andy Robinson.