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 AND IN FAVOR  
 WITH GOD AND MEN."

# The Academy Advantage

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## ACCREDITATION UPDATE: CLOSE TO THE FINISH LINE!



Accreditation Team from Middle States: from left, Chair, **Mrs. Vilma Goetting**, Our Lady of Mercy High School, Rochester, NY; **Mrs. Yvonne Gormley**, Schenectady Christian School, Schenectady, NY; **Mr. David Iriani**, Trinity Christian School, Forest Hills, PA.; **Fr. Rick Tomasone**, President, DuBois Area Catholic School, DuBois, PA; and **Mr. Michael Burchill**, Aquinas Academy, Gibsonia, PA.

### From the Heart of the Head . . .

**"It is the opinion of the validation team that CCA does, in fact, meet all the 12 standards set by the Middle States for accreditation and are pleased to recommend Middle States accreditation to CCA."**

These words spoken by **Vilma Goetting**, chairperson of the five-man visiting evaluation team of the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools brought tears to my eyes—tears of joy. Eight years of planning, working, hoping and dreaming had paid off. There was obvious, contagious jubilation as the assembly of present and past board members, faculty, parents, well-wishers and students burst into joyous applause at the announcement!

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CCA's Accreditation Team: **Mrs. Nurline Lawrence**, Head of School; **Mrs. Barbara Brown**, parent of three former students; and lab assistant **Mrs. Monica Fronczak**.

## Dedication Service Commenced in the Center for Science and Art

Excitement filled the air on September 3, 2010 when the doors were opened to the newly renovated second floor of the Center for Science and Art. Visitors crammed into the halls to view the transformation across School Street. All began as **Dr. Gregory Reeds**, CCA's new Board President, cut the ribbon to the new science lab and classroom, while **Mrs. Lynnette Wigglesworth** did the same for the entrance to the spacious Journalism Suite (photos on page 3). Head of School, **Mrs. Nurline Lawrence** opened the ceremony with a reading of scripture from Lamentations 3:22-23 and CCA's theme for this school year, *"Great is Your Faithfulness."* **Rev. Patrick Jones**, guest speaker for this event, invoked a prayer for the school year to dedicate the facility.

Everyone proceeded to the main building for the annual dedication service to begin the school year. Pastor Jones addressed the students by highlighting Old Testament personalities whose lives were redirected for greater purposes. Though each faced obstacles, God used men and women to fulfill his purposes and they still remain examples for us today. We are not to be consumed by pressures, but know that God's mercies are new every morning and that "His Faithfulness is Great!"



Rev. Patrick Jones

Pastor Pat said, "As we look back at the vision, dedication and commitment of the founders of our school, today's students and teachers can gain strength to fulfill God's plan in their lives." He encouraged each student to soak up all the wisdom they could . . . to reach beyond . . . and charged the students to be prepared to: **"change your generation for Jesus Christ!"**

*Rev. Jones serves as the lead pastor of Eastern Hills Wesleyan Church located in Clarence, NY. Prior to joining Eastern Hills in October 2009, he served as Director of Healthy Church Ministries of the United Brethren in Christ denomination. He also pastored three different churches and served in various leadership roles in his home conference and on denominational boards.*

As the 423 students began their first day of school on September 7, they were pleasantly surprised to find many new improvements accomplished during the summer vacation. The old science classroom/lab were transformed into new high school history and math rooms. The library completed acquisition of the awarded Caldecott and Newbery books and installed a computer projector/screen used to teach computerized card cataloging. About 100 newer computers with flat monitors were donated for the computer lab and other classrooms for teacher/student use.

The Spanish instruction curriculum has been expanded with the addition of a third teacher, **Mrs. Jessica Manns**, to teach kindergarten through seventh grade. **Mrs. Ziegler** and **Mrs. Allen** will be making use of Rosetta Stone resources to assist students in speech fluency to help prepare students for their senior mission trip to the Dominican Republic.

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*Mrs. Nurline Lawrence, reading from the Bible during the Dedication Service, credited God's faithfulness in providing the new facilities.*

*“Because of our Lord’s great love we are not consumed for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; Great is Your Faithfulness.” Lamentations 3:22-23*

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### **... Close to the Finish Line**

Our mustard seed of faith had grown into large trees, producing rich fruit and branches in which birds could make their nests (Matthew 13:31-32). At that moment, we experienced that it takes mustard seed faith to move “mountains.” We move into the future, confident that we can build a more excellent school over the seven-year period. We know that it will take prayer, determination, and courage in the face of seemingly insurmountable odds and limited resources to achieve the goals we have set ourselves. CCA celebrated this important milestone by extending the Veteran’s Day holiday into a four day weekend. We expect to have final word that we are fully accredited (Kindergarten–grade 12) by the spring of 2011.

A crucial part of the mission at CCA is to integrate a biblical world view into all academic pursuits and every area of life. As part of professional growth, all faculty are encouraged to express what integration means to them. Over time, we have all developed a greater understanding of how to practice biblical integration as we continue to learn. See a sample of what the journey has meant for veteran second grade teacher, **Mrs. Cheryl Smyth**, in her own words:

### ***What Biblical Integration Means to Me*** *A Reflection from Mrs. Cheryl Smyth*

*My experience with biblical integration has been a process involving the evolution of a shallow idea into a deep and multi-faceted understanding that now has become part and parcel of who I am as an educator. I was teaching in a public school, when I became saved, and my idea of the Christian teacher in the classroom was just that—the believer standing before her students demonstrating the fruits of the spirit*

*throughout each day. After my own children were born my husband, **George**, and I wanted to put them in Christian Central Academy, even though we were not exactly sure about what a Christian education really was. I had no idea that the following year I would be a member of the faculty of CCA.*



*Mrs. Cheryl Smyth*

*During my first years of teaching at Christian Central Academy, I thought that biblical integration was simply praying several times a day with the children, presenting a Bible lesson each day, and being able to freely talk about our love for Jesus and the truth of the Bible. I thought that it involved using materials from a Christian publisher and was dependent on finding a Bible verse printed on every page. I believed that such a curriculum in the hands of a skilled and godly teacher was the formula for biblical integration in a Christian school.*

*Over time and with the purposeful direction and guidance of godly and committed administrators, most especially **Mrs. Lawrence**, I learned what true biblical integration really is. Now I know that the simple yet powerful statement by Frank Gaebelin from his book, “The Pattern of God’s Truth,” must be central to every lesson, activity, conversation, and discipline. It states that “All truth is God’s truth.” Everything that is true is only true because God has ordained it, and if He hasn’t, then it’s not truth. Leaving such concepts to chance is not acceptable. Teachers must be taught what integration is, as well as why and how to do it, for it must be the very foundation of the Christian school. How can the student fully appreciate the artwork without recognizing the artist? How can the listener enjoy the symphony without contemplating the composer? How can the student of science understand the universe without acknowledging its Creator? ■*

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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.



Journalism teacher, **Mrs. Lynnette Wrigglesworth** cuts the ribbon to the entrance of the new Journalism/Photography Suite.



CCA's Board President **Dr. Gregory Reeds** opens the entrance to the remodeled room for the science lab/classrooms.



High School science teacher **Mr. Richard Phillips** teaching in one of the new classrooms. His comment about his new home and sign over the door: **Genesis 1:1** (God created), "Praise the Lord for the provision of our new science facilities—Fabulous!!" **Genesis 22:14** (The Lord will provide).

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A newly added high school course, Digital Photography, is offered to junior and seniors this year. **Mrs. Toni Lenuzza**, editor of *The Academy Advantage* who taught high school art and journalism at CCA in 2000, teaches Digital Photography. This course enrolled 19 enthusiastic students this fall. The course covers a brief history of photography and an overview of traditional film photography, but focuses mainly on the new digital technology. Mrs. Lenuzza is using a textbook, *Focus on Photography*, which covers proper use of cameras, principles of good design and composition to help produce well-thought-out solutions to assignments. Learning Photoshop (the most powerful computer program) will help students generate

professional quality photos. The class will be exhibiting their work and will have opportunities to participate in competitions. This course is ideal for students interested in a career in photography, journalism or photojournalism.

Facilities Manager **Mr. Mark Cook** and his crew have accomplished much to streamline efficiency, keep the facilities neat and attractive; he does it with a positive attitude, is willing to help—always with a smile. Mark has degrees in Business Administration and Physical Education, and enjoys all sports and several physical activities. He and his wife, **Cathy**, have three children. Their son, **Alexander**, began 6<sup>th</sup> grade at CCA this school year. **Mr. Randy Kivett**, whose mom is

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Computer Lab



Digital Photography Class

## Emelie Gidley Named National Merit Commended Student!

Congratulations to **Emelie Gidley** who has been named a "Commended Student in the 2011 National Merit Scholarship Program." Emelie is one of 34,000 students nationwide who are being recognized for their exceptional academic promise. These students placed among the top five percent of more than 1.5 million students who entered the 2011 competition by taking the 2009 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Qualifying Test. Emelie serves as Senior Class Secretary, plays on the varsity girls' soccer team and is an accomplished violinist.



Senior *Emelie Gidley*

exceptional achievement on Advanced Placement exams taken during their high school career. Grace just began her first year at Canisius College and Andrew is a freshman at Rochester Institute of Technology. The College Board's Advanced Placement Program provides willing and academically prepared students with the opportunity to take rigorous college-level courses while still in high school, and to earn college credit, advanced placement or both for successful performance on the AP exams. Only 18 percent of the more than 1.8 million students worldwide who took AP exams performed at a sufficiently high level to earn an AP

Scholar Award. Grace and Andrew qualified for the AP Scholar Award by completing three or more AP exams with scores of 3 or higher on a five-point scale on all AP exams taken. CCA offers six Advanced Placement courses and regularly has graduates named as AP Scholars.

# Welcome to Our New Teachers and Staff



**Mrs. Tina Burgett, High School Art**  
*Graduated from Buffalo State College with a B.S. in Art Education; currently pursuing a master's degree in same.*

Mrs. Burgett recently had long-term substitute positions in Attica, Lockport, and Elba. As a new teacher, she feels appreciated as a member of the school, which she finds as Christ-centered, structured, and comforting. She gave her life to Christ at the age of 15 and presently attends High Point Community Church in Corfu with her husband, **Micah**, where they are active in children's ministries. Her desire is to positively impact the lives of children for Christ. "My goal for this year is that my students learn to effectively use the visual arts as a way to communicate, and then use this knowledge to glorify the Lord," stated Tina Burgett.



**Miss Corrie Ingraham, K-8 Art, Bible 7**  
*Graduated from Roberts Wesleyan College with a Bachelor's Degree in Art Education.*

Miss Ingraham participated in intercollegiate athletics at Roberts Wesleyan and played four years of soccer and track and field. She enjoyed teaching art classes to home-schooled students. At CCA, the closeness of the staff and students makes her feel right at home, having attended a small school in Holley, outside of Rochester, NY. "The Christian bond is by far the best part, and I feel truly blessed. My parents have been a wonderful support and spiritual encouragement to me as I grew up," shared Corrie Ingraham. She also has a sister and brother, and is engaged to be married next August.



**Mrs. Tracy Callari, 4<sup>th</sup> Grade (long-term substitute)**  
*Received a Master of Science degree in Curriculum and Instruction from Buffalo State College.*

Mrs. Callari taught over seven years professionally and also volunteered as Sunday school teacher and served as administrator. She has teaching experience at all grade levels, but mostly fourth grade. Tracy Callari is mother of three grown children. Presently, she serves as youth leader as well as prayer leader at St. Bartholomews, and is a member of a mission outreach team. She enjoys writing, science, cooking, reading, gardening, photography and exercising. Her favorite scripture verse is found in Romans 12:2, "Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind."



**Mrs. Jessica Manns, K-7 Spanish**  
*Received Bachelor's degree in Bilingual Elementary Ed from D'Youville College; Master's in Bilingual Early Childhood Ed from UB.*

Mrs. Manns taught Pre-K through first grade in the Buffalo Public Schools for seven years, after which she and her husband, **Dan**, began their family, which now includes four children: **Matthew** (13), **Andrea** (12), **Amelia** (10), and **Nicholas** (6). Jessica Manns currently teaches Spanish to 3 and 4-year-olds. After discovering an opening at CCA, Mrs. Manns and her husband prayed and both felt it was the right time for her to go back to work on a part-time basis. Mrs. Manns is enthusiastic about her faith and shared, "I love Jesus with all my heart! He is my everything! I love everything about Him and love to serve Him however, wherever and whenever He calls!"



**Miss Briana Ciffa, HS English 9 & 12, AP, & Bible 9**  
*Earned a B.A. at SUNY, Buffalo; Masters from UB.*

Miss Ciffa was adopted at age 3 from S. Korea; my family is Italian-American. I was raised in Tonawanda and attended Bethesda Full Gospel Tabernacle with my family. "I have been blessed to have my uncle as my pastor. I know God has a purpose for my life and I gave my heart to Him at a young age. Over the years I have grown stronger in His Word and have a deeper understanding of His love for us and I am still learning more about His grace and mercy each and every day. I am very thankful to be at CCA and pray I can be a blessing to others and serve our Lord," shared Briana. Her favorite scripture comes from Psalm 28:7.



**Miss Rebecca Smith, First Grade**  
*Graduated from the University of S.C. with a Masters of Arts in Elementary Ed; also a B.S. in Criminal Justice.*

Miss Smith taught in a rural school in South Carolina and an International Christian school in Kiev, Ukraine for four years. Her dad is a pastor, giving her an opportunity to travel as a missionary kid to many states and countries. She enjoys working with children, playing sports, hiking, biking and appreciates God's awesome creation. She is an aunt to nine awesome nieces and nephews from 2-16 years of age. Ms. Smith has fond memories spending time with her family on the lake and beach during summer months. She loves to hear and share the Good News of Jesus Christ that is for every man, woman and child. Rebecca attends the Chapel in Lockport and her favorite scripture verse is found in Philippians 4:4-9.



**Mrs. Dana Everett, Admissions Office Assistant**  
*Received an Associates degree in nursing from Trocaire.*

Mrs. Everett and her husband, **Bill**, reside in Alden, NY along with three daughters who attend CCA: **Chloe** (gr. 6), **Chelsea** (7) and **Brooke**, a kindergartner. Mrs. Everett is a 1991 graduate of CCA and is joyful to be back as an employee. "My heart smiles each day walking through the doors with my three daughters, knowing the blessings that come from a Christian education," shared Mrs. Everett. She enjoys cooking, traveling, four-wheeling vacations, and having coffee conversations. A verse that is dear to her heart is found in Philippians 1:6, "Being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus."



**Mrs. Wendy Lee, School Nurse**  
*Received a BSN degree at SUNY School of Nursing.*

After getting married, Mrs. Lee moved to North Virginia where she spent ten years working at MFSH and Prince William Hospital on the telemetry floor. Later she also worked at Fairfax Hospital on the surgical trauma floor. Mrs. Lee ran a family business for 8 years and home-schooled her children for 13 years: **Jessica** (17), **Ben** (15), **Dan** (8), and **Matt** (3). The family moved back to this area, where she grew up. Mrs. Lee accepted Christ in third grade after viewing a Billy Graham movie. For years, the scripture verse that has been her inspiration is found in Philippians 4:6-7. She loves reading and singing, as well as scrap-booking, designing cards, photography and photo decorating.



**Mrs. Jeanne Conklin, Business Office Assistant**  
*Earned a B.S. in Biology and minored in Chemistry and Criminal Justice at Niagara University.*

Mrs. Conklin has worked in various fields from being a domestic violence victims' advocate for the Niagara County Sheriff Department, computer systems consultant for the Learning Disabilities Association of Kenmore and office manager of a small church in North Carolina. Through her life and experience she has developed a great love of working with people and pursuing excellence in her service to each and every situation. "I am so very excited that God has brought us back to WNY and especially to CCA," said Mrs. Conklin. She loves to spend time experiencing the world through the eyes of her two young boys that attend CCA. She enjoys being with friends and family, bike riding, golf and discovering God through the study of science.



**Mrs. Brandy Marshall, 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher's Aide**  
*Earned a B.S. and master's in Elementary Education from State University College at Buffalo.*

Mrs. Marshall taught middle school math in a public school for ten years. She is a 1991 CCA graduate and married to **Kevin** for 15 years. Their daughter, **Ariana** is a Kindergartner at CCA. The family attends the Chapel at Crosspoint, and cites Psalm 62:5-8, "The Lord is so faithful to those who follow Him." Mrs. Marshall is grateful to be back at CCA, "Who knew that I would be back at CCA with my daughter by my side; what an honor and a blessing!" said Mrs. Marshall. In her spare time, she enjoys scrap booking, cooking and baking, drama, decorating, hosting, and most importantly, playing with Ariana.



Maintenance team from left: staffer **Mr. Bryan Tamburri**, **Mr. Mark Cook**, facilities manager, and **Randy Kivett**.



At the playground: Miss Ciara Lang's kindergartners **Rachel Yager**, **Maia Nowak** and **Zola Perry**



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on staff as music teacher (see page 7), comes with many years of maintenance experience. He has an associate's degree in Telecommunications. In his spare time, Randy enjoys building furniture, mountain biking, photography and drawing geometric designs. **Bryan Tamburri** recently moved from Connecticut and likes the WNY area. Bryan had been in the construction industry for 25 years. His outside interests include golf, baseball and football.

Mark Cook felt that there was a need to improve the playground area, especially to make the surface safer and meet codes. There was a race to get the school playground completed before Homecoming weekend on September 25. Mark, Bryan and parent volunteer **Mr. Illya Lasting** worked tirelessly by first laying landscaping fabric to prevent weeds, layering mulch to increase cushioning, and installed treated timbers as a border, making the whole area more attractive.

Mark also listed several other, not as visible, improvements: 25 kilowatt solar panel system was installed on the gym roof to save on electric consumption. New thermostatic control for the boilers were also installed for easier temperature control. A more efficient air conditioning compressor/condenser for the auction and business office building.

This past summer, the PTO (Parent-Teacher Organization) donated funds to help pay for a face lift of the school store, designed and completed by Mrs. Toni Lenuzza. Randy was willing to build framing for the canopy and Mark did the installation. The PTO is an integral part of CCA. Over the years, parent volunteers have generously contributed to the school through their fund-raising efforts, which helps make a difference in their children's educational experience. The store is open during designated times for students and parents to purchase gently used, school uniform clothing donated by CCA families. Also available are items (some with CCA logos) such as fleece jackets, hoodies, water bottles, blankets, T-shirts, and wallets. ■



PTO members stand in front of the newly decorated store front. At left is president, **Beth Walsh**; **Traci Shoemaker**, secretary; **Sara Burr**, treasurer; **Abigail Powell**, vice president, and **Rachel Ewing**, parent liaison for the Clothes Connection.

Mia is reading her poem to her fifth grade teacher, Miss **Gretchen Ertell**. Mia fulfilled her Language Arts assignment by writing a poem modeled after *Karla Kurskin's* sample. Students were to say good-bye to summer and the objective was to use varied synonyms for the word "good-bye," and to explore the use of sensory adjectives—those that make the reader feel, hear, see, taste and smell. Many were excellent and Mia's was exceptional.



photo by **Peter Kazmierczak**

*Summer's End by Mia Polechetti*

Good-bye noisy flip-flops  
Sunglasses  
Popping wet water balloons  
Difficult high rock walls  
The pitter-patter of rain  
Beautiful shady parks  
The sound of buzzing bees.  
See you later hot crowded beaches  
Fast-pedaling bikes  
Beautiful dancing flowers  
Fresh green leaves still on trees  
Scorching summer's sunshine  
Ice cubes as cold as snow.  
Farewell sweet juicy watermelon  
Intense difficult tennis games  
Merry summer parties  
Juicy corn on-the-cob.  
See you pool  
Bathing suit  
Delicious buttery clams  
Gardening  
Cool wet sprinklers.  
So long fresh zucchini  
My swinging hammock  
Hide-and-go-peek games  
Staying up late  
Sleeping in.  
Sayonara sailing  
Beautiful sunsets  
Soccer  
Canoeing  
Short sleeves  
Shorts  
Grass trickled with dew.  
When we get back next July,  
My hair will be a little longer and so will I.  
T.T.F.N. summer!

# CCA Sports . . .

## SOCCKER

The sports season began with three soccer teams: Girls coached by Mr. Joe Karnath; Boys coached by Mr. James VanDenberg, and Middle School Soccer by Mrs. Leslie Cook and Athletic Director, Mr. Robert Kiekbusch. The following are their final season reports:

### Coach Joe Karnath

Excitement built on October 19, anticipating Rachel Cook's next achievement—to hit her 100<sup>th</sup> goal in her career and she sure did in a game against Niagara Catholic. In fact, she scored three goals that day for a total of 102! As a junior, this is Rachel's third year of play as a forward and occasionally mid-fielder, and is usually double or triple-teamed, making her shooting ability tougher. Despite being a junior, she is a respected leader on the CCA squad and was appointed captain, generally reserved for seniors **We congratulate Rachel.**

### Coach James VanDenberg

Boys' soccer record so far is 18–3–2, with an impressive record against Monsignor Martin of 6–0–1. Recently the team beat Northstar Christian 2–0. The team is ranked number 8 in New York State's small school division. The playoffs are in progress. We wish the team great success.

### Coach Leslie Cook

A mix of 35 students turned out on the first day of tryouts. Coach Cook formed The Blue Team of 20 boys and girls, grades 6–8. Of the 11 games this season, the overall record ended up in 10–0. The team averaged six goals per game and allowed only 13 opponent goals—ending up in the best season record since Mrs. Cook began coaching at CCA seven years ago!

### Coach Robert Kiekbusch

The White Team, eleven of the overflow of 6–8<sup>th</sup> grade students interested in soccer, was organized by Coaches Robert Kiekbusch and Gregory Reeds. The team with some additional players from the Blue Team played tough in every game. Team captains were Lucas



photo by Daniel Carter

Junior Rachel Cook

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Fry and Noah Harbison, both who showed great leadership. The season was capped off with a 6–1 win over Nichols School and a scrimmage with the middle school Blue Team. The overall season record was one win and three losses.

## BASEBALL

### Coaches Zach Boron and Steve Woodard

The seventh and eighth grade fall modified team finished 0–9. With a very young team, we made some great strides towards becoming a stronger team for next year. Standout players were Jack Pieroni, power hitter and star catcher; Casey Woodard, hit well in the number two spot, and did a great job pitching; and Billy Gummo, our power hitter at the clean-up spot and made a fantastic pitcher.

### Coach Tom Ranallo

The fifth and sixth grade baseball team finished in a 3-way tie for divisional first place!! The team finished with eight wins and only two losses. The baseball team roster included the following sixth graders: Seth Glanowski, Luke Pappagallo, and Alex Cook. The fifth graders on the team were Alex Fink, Conner Divita, Alec Tamburri, Patrick Ranallo; and two fourth graders Justin D'Amico and Luke Jourdian were added to complete the team. The future looks bright for the young baseball Crusaders.

## FLAG FOOTBALL

### Coaches Brian Ellsworth and Dave Allen

Boys high school Flag Football team posted an impressive 8–0 record this year that included an exciting throw from Seth Wittlinger to Jack Ranallo in the final seconds to seal the victory and the NFCAA Championship. The Team beat its arch-rival Amherst Christian Academy for the third time this season to take the Championship. The team thanks seniors Josh Tedesco, Brandon Mullen, Andrew Lauto, Edwin Perez, Troy Wesley and Caleb Fuerst. With a large crop of returning players, they are in great position to defend their title next year.



Sophomore Rose Albert shares a laugh with the Gordon College representative during lunch period on October 21. Dr. Alan Graffam makes arrangements each year for CCA students to ask reps questions and pick up literature to aid them in college application decisions. This fall, 26 colleges and the marines military service.



Sophomore Lydia Stockslader (and classmate Lindsey Redfern, hidden behind the leaves) add to the pile they and their classmates raked up on Eagle Street. Even though November 1 was an overcast day, all students and most teachers participated in the annual "Leaf Raking Day," serving neighbors in the immediate area of the school campus.



Seventh graders **Amanda Teepell**, on left, and **Allie Miles** are greeting onlookers from a float on a local street during Homecoming weekend September 25.



Kindergarten teacher **Miss Ciara Lang** and HS English teacher, **Miss Christina Zima** are two of several teachers who served customers at McDonald's restaurant on Transit Road, north of Sheridan. **Mrs. Gail Conschafter** (right) is CCA's senior helper and greeter for the fund-raising event to help with the senior trip to the Dominican Republic.



**Mrs. Nancy Basinski** is reading "The Very Busy Spider" by Eric Carle, about whom the kindergarten class is studying. The class did a scientific study of spiders, learning that all have 8 legs and most have 8 eyes. For Social Studies, students learned about rural life by reading "Down on the Farm." They concluded with an art project by using glitter and paint to decorate spider webs, which are on display in the north wing hall.



Music Teacher **Mrs. Beth Kivett** is practicing a song, "Jesus is Born" from the elementary Christmas musical, "Three Wise Men and a Baby" with **Mrs. Cheryl Smyth's** second grade. Mrs. Kivett teaches music grades one through five, as well as middle school and HS chorus. After school she also teaches Boomwhackers to a fourth grade ensemble.



At a faculty meeting **Mrs. Lawrence** commented that, "if we make it through the accreditation process successfully, I would do the macarena." School Guidance Counselor **Mrs. Suzanne Murphy** jokingly suggested that teachers should hold her to it and many agreed. On October 28, immediately after Middle States approved CCA to be recommended for accreditation, Mrs. Murphy reminded Mrs. Lawrence about keeping her promise. Senior **Andrew Lauto** joined Mrs. Lawrence in the celebration.



**Miss Ciara Lang's** kindergarten class is participating in a presentation that was planned for "Grammas and Grandpas" at the local Blocher Home near CCA. Due to chicken pox, both kindergarten classes were unable to make their annual fall visit. The class did perform for some faculty, staff and parents. **Ariana Marshall**, the girl dressed in blue as Dorothy in the Wizard of Oz, is the daughter of **Mrs. Brandy Campbell Marshall**, who is serving as a teacher aide for two sixth grade classes.



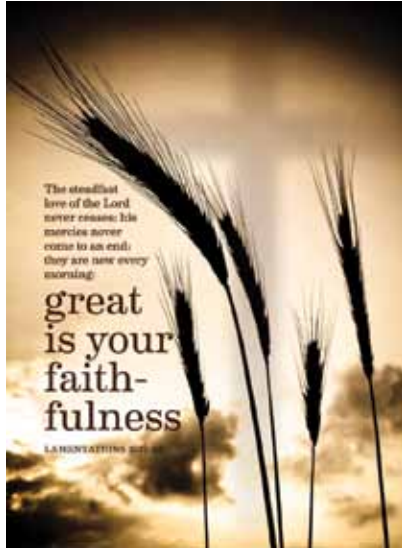
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*Announcements*

Last year's Kindergarten teacher Mr. and Mrs. James and Ashley Scibilia welcomed their first child, Christian Michael born on July 10 weighing 7 lbs-9 oz.

Mr. & Mrs. Jonathan and Katrina Szucs (4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher on temporary leave) also had their first child, Kaylee Abigail on 9/25 at 9:25, weighing in at 8 lbs-13 oz and 22 inches long.

History teacher Mr. Ornella and his wife Beth introduced Kathryn Anne to her brother Alexander on October 13 (weighing 5 lbs-1 oz).

*Congratulations to*

Mrs. Jill Kelly on the publication of her new book:

**"Without a Word"**

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Kelly are CCA parents of Camryn, grade 6, and Erin, grade 10.

**Rochelle (Mast) Abline** ('89) Rochelle and her husband **Dennis** live in Graham, NC where they are parents of three children: **Micah**, 4, **Janaya**, 6 and **Naomi**, 8. Shelley earned a bachelor of science degree from Messiah College where she majored in accounting. She served for 12 years with Eastern Mennonite Missions in Hong Kong and Egypt.

**Mike Richardson** ('97) After an extended period of time at the University at Buffalo, he transferred to Erie Community College to earn AS in Computer Science. He is currently working at George Mason University in Fairfax, VA as a Senior Technical Assistant with the Print Services department. Mike is continuing his education at GMU, pursuing a Bachelor's in Information Technology, concentrating in Networking and Telecommunications and minoring in Business. In 2007, he married the love of his life, who is a Special Education teacher with Manassas City Public Schools, where they currently reside, and just welcomed a baby boy into their lives. **Samuel Michael** was born June 30 at 12 lbs, 3 oz.

**Jina Militello** ('99) Miss Militello was recently engaged to **Kiel Gentry** and plan a June 2011 wedding. Jina graduated from Daemen College in '06 and Canisius in '09 with a degree in early childhood with special education/literacy. She is presently teaching kindergarten at a charter school in buffalo. Kiel graduated from Erie Community College in 2003 with a degree in criminal justice. He is employed at the Buffalo/Niagara International Airport and is second assistant chief at an Eggertsville Fire Department. Friends may contact Jina at [48jmmilitello@heritageacademics.com](mailto:48jmmilitello@heritageacademics.com).



Last year's graduate, **Miss Faye-Lyne Noel** stopped in to visit the new Journalism Suite in mid October and was pleasantly surprised by all the new Mac computers and additional space in contrast to the one room her class shared last year.

**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!**