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

# The Academy Advantage



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**Congrats Seniors!**



**Andrew Robinson**  
 Valedictorian

**Megan McCluskey**  
 Salutatorian

## CCA Marking 60 Years of Graduation Ceremonies

**Rev. Tommy Reid, Mr. Gregory Petsch Address Graduating Seniors at Baccalaureate, Commencement Ceremonies**



Mrs. Lawrence, Rev. Tommy Reid



Mr. Gregory Petsch

## More than Twenty-Two Years of Dedicated Service to CCA's Kids

Special recognition was made on Thursday, June 17 to honor **Mrs. Dottie Volkert** who served as CCA's school nurse for 22 years, and even more years before that as a volunteer. Students, family and guests assembled in the auditorium to honor her with kind words, a bouquet of flowers and a gift. At the conclusion of the event, all enjoyed delicious cake and punch in the celebration of her time at CCA. Miss Dottie was overwhelmed from the outpouring of love. She stated, "While at CCA, I learned a lot and experienced many wonderful years—they were happy times." Mrs. Volkert has treated CCA as if it were her own home. She was loved by all children and parents, teachers and staff. She retired at the end of this post school year; we will certainly miss her.



Mrs. Dottie Volkert is flanked by her husband, **Richard**, and daughter, **Carol Dubin** (class of '86), who flew in from Florida to attend her mom's retirement gathering at the school.

Special ceremonies and events celebrating the culmination of the CCA experience for our 26 seniors began on Sunday, June 13 with the annual Baccalaureate worship service in the auditorium with **Rev. Tommy Reid**, pastor of Full Gospel Tabernacle in Orchard Park. Rev. Reid encouraged the graduates to remember that the destiny God has designed for each of them will be reached by knowing they were created in His image with a unique purpose, and then committing to the hard work of obedience to God as He leads to that destiny. He reminded the graduates that "Who you are is God's gift to the world. Who you become is your gift to God."

On Saturday, June 26, **Mr. Gregory Petsch**, from Houston, Texas, retired senior vice president of Worldwide Manufacturing and Quality for Compaq Computer Corp., author and speaker on Biblical financial stewardship, shared his testimony of the amazing journey the Lord had led him on in the corporate world after he surrendered his life to Christ at age 30. From the exuberant, Scripture-laced overflow of his experience in seeing God's blessing as he obeyed His direction, Mr. Petsch wanted to leave the seniors with 8 principles that changed his own life:

1. **Excellence** – in everything you do, do it with excellence as working for the Lord, and man will see your promise and potential.
2. **Stewardship** – never forget that everything belongs to God. Therefore, care for the blessings with which He entrusts you and make sure things don't become priorities.

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*From  
the heart of  
the head...*



Second and third from left are Mr. Richard Bryan and Mr. Mark Lauria representing Middle States Association. They visited campus June 2 for a preliminary review of CCA's accreditation application. They are flanked by Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Lawrence, and Board members, Mr. Tom Ranallo and Dr. Gregory Reeds.

## *At the Close of Six Decades — a New Milestone!*

*“Because of the 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*

As this issue of the *Academy Advantage* goes to press, we anticipate the completion of a new science lab this summer in an 1,800 square foot space on the second floor of the Center for Science and Art at 5830 Main Street. We press hard to reach the finish line of the accreditation process scheduled for October 25-28. Both of these milestones come amidst a challenging economy, and we owe a great deal of thanks to the entire CCA community.

While CCA has been a not-for-profit, independent, interdenominational Christian school, chartered by the State of New York with full authority to award Regents Diplomas since 1979, a further step in her maturation is about to take place. A new finish line has been set as CCA hopes to achieve the goal of accreditation by the Middle States Association of Schools and Colleges (MSA) in late October. In addition, CCA also anticipates being presented for provisional accreditation by the New York State Association of Independent Schools (NYSAIS) in November.

How fitting that the idea of accreditation was birthed in 2003 when **Mr. George Weydman**, the longest serving member of the Board was president!! But the birthing was only the beginning of a long and demanding process to achieve excellence at CCA. Over time, the curriculum was revamped to include six Advanced Placement classes. The physical campus grew in size to include a gymnasium and the Center for Science and Art which houses the library and art and Journalism suites. The new lab, occupying another suite will be a greatly welcomed improvement to the science program. A business/auction office building, new and improved sports fields including a tennis court and electronic score board, have all enlarged the campus. This fall CCA will have its first varsity baseball team! Above all, there is a growing excitement about the future of the school. Since 2007, the enrollment has remained over 400 and 100% of all graduates get accepted to a college of choice. All this has brought us to the accreditation milestone.

The accreditation process entailed a detailed self-study of all aspects of CCA by Board, faculty, staff, parents and students which revealed areas of strength and identified weaknesses. Adopting a protocol of the Middle States called “Excellence by Design,” the Accreditation Planning Team decided on four specific areas of curriculum for improvement over a seven-year period.

CCA chose **Mrs. Barbara Brown**, wife of Board member **Mr. Jon Brown**, and mother of three CCA alumnae **Sarah** and **Katie** (2003) and **Melissa** (2006) to be the internal coordinator of the accreditation process. What a blessing Barbara’s insightful and whole-hearted assistance has been! Her dedication (added to the commitment of the Board, faculty and staff) have resulted in an Action Plan for excellence that takes us to the year 2017.

The accreditation process is the culmination of ten years of hard labor, planning, self-scrutiny and sober reflection. There have been times of angst (juxtaposed with periods of exhilaration, anticipation, and a sense of accomplishment) as we caught glimpses of the finish line on the horizon.

The final stage is appropriately scheduled for late October at the end of an outstanding four-year leadership by out-going President of the Board, **Mr. Robert Zima**. We could not have done this accreditation without the passion, encouragement, and practical help of the entire Board and the generosity of godly benefactors.

We have welcomed this kind of scrutiny of our school that reminds us that an authentic Christian education must live up to the commitment embedded in CCA’s mission to provide both a Christian experience and academic excellence.

We look forward to the visit of the Middle States Team – another milestone in a great journey spanning six decades.



## The Triumph, Yearbook Dedication

Mrs. Lynnette Wrigglesworth, right, presenting a yearbook to Mrs. Kathy Burr.

Each June the yearbook is distributed to all students by the Journalism class in a special assembly. This year's theme for the *Triumph* is "Living Water" and was dedicated to a special honoree, **Mrs. Kathy Burr**, chosen for her 30 years at CCA. Her three sons, Steven ('90), Brian ('94) and Kevin ('99) [are alumni of the school] Mrs. Burr began her career at CCA in 1977 as a third grade teacher. Over the years she has taught 5<sup>th</sup> grade, and presently 7-8<sup>th</sup> grade math and Bible 8. She now contributes as Division Head for grades 7 and 8; Dean of Discipline for grades 6-8; and serves as faculty mentor. Most importantly, she is known for her Christ-centered life.

## Thank you, Mr. Zima, for Your Leadership



During graduation, Mrs. Lawrence thanked Mr. Robert Zima for his years of service to CCA as board member, including four years as Board president. He was accompanied by his wife, Karen, and their children, Rob ('04) and Christina (CCA English teacher, class of 2001). Mr. Zima was instrumental in accomplishing many huge and necessary projects for improving CCA, too numerous to list. The school cannot thank him enough for his dedication and faithfulness.

Dr. Lucy Holmes, mom of four CCA students, also ended her six-year service as Board secretary. We appreciate her humility, strength and faith in God.

## Introduction of Finance Course Found Valuable by CCA Students

This past year, CCA introduced a new elective course for seniors entitled, ***Biblical Financial Planning***. It was taught by **Mr. John Cammarano**, Vice President of Alliance Advisory Group. Mr. Cammarano has been serving the WNY community in the area of financial services for the past two decades and he authored the book, *Sowing Seeds of Wealth*. The students who attended his class were introduced to the concepts of: debt avoidance and elimination, proper cash flow and Monthly Allocation Programs, efficient savings systems, and the basics of long-term investing. Also taught were slightly more sophisticated issues such as: how to recapture "Lost Opportunity Costs" in their daily living, appropriate security planning,

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Students are taking their final exams in the air-conditioned gymnasium.

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

Christian Central Academy was again recognized by **Business First** in the June 11 issue for academic excellence. This has been the ninth consecutive year that the school has been listed in the "Guide to Western New York Schools" among the top elementary, middle and secondary schools in this eight-county region. CCA received the following overall rankings among the three divisions:

- 10<sup>th</sup> out of 287 public elementary schools (grades K-4)
- 4<sup>th</sup> out of 62 private elementary schools
- 14<sup>th</sup> out of 212 public middle schools (grades 5-8)
- 8<sup>th</sup> out of 62 private middle schools
- 10<sup>th</sup> out of 133 public high schools
- 5<sup>th</sup> out of 15 private high schools

Additionally, all schools were evaluated on students' performance in specific subject areas. Subject awards (on a one-to-five star rating) are presented to schools that scored in the **top 10%** of all schools in a given subject area over a four-year period. CCA received five-star subject awards for the following:

- Elementary English** —1<sup>st</sup> place among ALL public and private schools
- Middle School** English and mathematics
- High School** English, foreign language, and 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 Western New York schools.

## Three CCA Families Recognized

Families of graduating seniors were recognized for their dedication to Christian education. Several students have spent all 13 years at CCA, which translates to 2,000 days! Special recognition was made during graduation to **Mr. and Mrs. Robinson** (parents of Andrew), **Mr. Tim McCluskey** (dad of Megan), and **Mr. and Mrs. Tom** (parents of Cameron).

## Some Final Days of CCA Events



On the morning of June 15, Mrs. Basinski's class lined up for their graduation rehearsal. Facing the camera from left are: **Jeffrey Norcutt, Jaylynn Owens, Kendal Powell and Truett Young**. The slide presentation in the background shows their classmate, **Arielle McNitt**.



Each June, CCA's Kindergarten classes present a program to their parents, family and friends during their formal graduation. This year twenty-four kindergartners moved up to first grade. Each student received their diploma presented to them by their teachers, Mrs. Basinski and Mrs. Ashley Scibilia.



Mrs. Lawrence is congratulating **Peter Puskas** as a new member of the National Honor Society. This is an honor given to students who stand highest in scholarship, character, leadership and service.



From left are Juniors **Peter Puskas, Andrew Lauto, Austin Tom and James McLaughlin**, mingling during their NHS reception on June 18. Families were invited to celebrate with the new inductees.

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along with college and retirement programming. As important as it is for a person to understand and utilize these subjects throughout their lifetime, the students found most important and enjoyable are the biblical foundation and scripture references that Mr. Cammarano used to confirm why and how all the aforementioned subjects should be implemented. This course will be offered again in the upcoming school year.



Mr. John Cammarano

that will impact everyone in his class at some point in their life is invaluable, especially from someone as knowledgeable as Mr. Cammarano and because he incorporated a Christian view. Mitchell added, "the class was beneficial and so much fun; I literally loved every minute of it and recommend it for all students."

**Faye-Lyne Noel** stated, "This course was very rewarding to me and my classmates. Mr. Cammarano was such a blessing by taking time out of his busy schedule to educate us on real-life issues. Throughout the course he never let us forget who our ultimate provider is — God. There's one quote he told us that I will never forget: 'The pain of sacrifice is short term, but the pain of regret is long term.' That saying can also be applied to any aspect of a person's life," stated senior. ■



Senior Faye-Lyne Noel is making friends with one of the village girls in the Dominican Republic.

## Seniors Take Fourth Trip to the Dominican Republic

As **Mrs. Deborah Wade** reflected on the May trip that she experienced with the Senior Class, it brought so many positive and satisfying feelings, realizing the impact their group had on the island people. Not only do the seniors share physical supplies, they also feed them spiritually. The village people are always eager to receive the Word of God and are so grateful when they receive a Bible of their own. If they don't have a church building, they just meet under a tree. Several responded to salvation messages (including one of the students) and several were baptized.

**Miss Christina Zima** accompanied Mrs. Wade, who traveled as teacher chaperones, together with **Mr. Jeff Hackett** of SCORE, International, who has been coordinating trips for six years, traveling with construction crews, medical teams, athletes, church and youth groups. For Mr. Hackett, the CCA trip is the highlight of the year because he witnesses what God does with students who come out of their comfort zone, away from their cell phones and electronic gadgets and exposes them to the mission field in a third world country—and, something happens to their hearts. "I have seen students who were hard-hearted and fought to not go on the trip melt when playing with a child at one of the orphanages. I have also seen a student who was playing the "perfect Christian" role come clean and surrender a life to the Lord and start living a *real* life. I have also seen students hear from God for the very first time and have the direction of their life completely changed," shared Mr. Hackett.

When meeting the children and adults in the Dominican Republic, the group spends time ministering to them, playing and praying with them, and even crying with them when they view their lives transformed to be a little more like Christ. One of the seniors, **Amy Albert**, shares her experience: "I had visited the Dominican Republic on a previous trip with Millgrove Bible Church about a year and a half ago. On that trip, I helped erect a church building for the new converts who previously practiced witchcraft. When we re-visited the same site this year with my senior class, I was amazed at how people's hearts and lives were changed in such a short time. It's an incredible feeling to know that God was able to use me as a tool to glorify Him."



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3. **Integrity** – you can separate yourself from the world by putting into practice what you've learned in school and will learn in other schools and life. Do your job no matter if anyone is there to see what you're doing.
4. **Debt** – it is your enemy. Put God first in your finances and don't allow a plastic card to separate you from the blessings of the Lord.
5. **Vision** – many people never progress in life because they have no vision. Habakkuk 2:2 exhorts us to "write the vision and make it plain." Write down what you perceive is the vision God has given you.
6. **Maintain Balance** – keep in mind the equilateral triangle with God at the top. Then all else will flow properly.
7. **Create Change** – because change will happen whether or not one wants it, it's much better to respond to change if you're the creator of the change. Be a change-agent.
8. **Servant-Leadership** – Jesus gave us the best example as throughout His life He lifted up others and was willing to wash the feet of His disciples.

Mr. Petsch concluded with a few words of wisdom: "Practice obedience, create change, and the Lord will take you to higher levels. Realize that you are the beginning of the next generation; invest in education and be Legacy Thinkers." ■

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# Graduating Class of 2010



**Andrew Robinson\***  
*Valedictorian  
Rochester Institute  
of Technology  
Academic Prefect*



**Amy Albert**  
*University of Rochester*



**Ashley Barbosa**  
*Suffolk University*



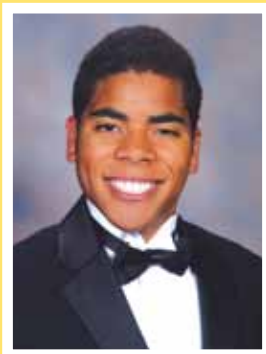
**Benjamin Boron**  
*Erie Community College*



**Cassandra Calhoun**  
*Houghton College*



**Catharine Grainge\***  
*University at Buffalo  
Mentor Prefect*



**Blair Loeffler**  
*Oral Roberts University*



**Andrea Martinic**  
*Medaille College*



**Andrew Mojica**  
*Pennsylvania State  
University - Altoona*



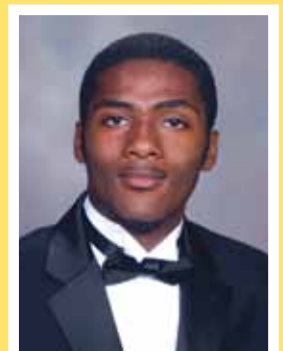
**Stephen Puskas**  
*University at Buffalo  
Mentor Prefect*



**Angela Roan**  
*University at Buffalo*



**Jonathan Roberson**  
*University of Maryland  
Activities Prefect*



**James Scott**  
*Rutgers University*

2010 Theme: "Lord, to whom shall we go?  
You have the Words to eternal life."

John 6:68



**Megan McCluskey\***  
Salutatorian  
Ohio State University  
Athletics Prefect



**Camille Chapman\***  
Gordon College  
Chaplain Prefect



**Grace Craigie\***  
Canisius College



**Emily Faracca\***  
University at Buffalo  
Admissions Prefect



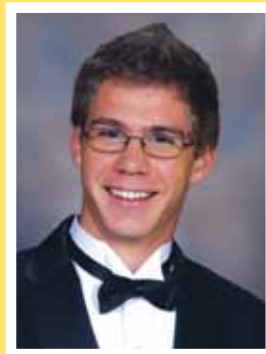
**Kimberly Glaeser\***  
Buffalo State College



**Rebekah Moser\***  
University at Buffalo -  
School of Architecture



**Lauren Murphy**  
University at Buffalo



**Mitchell Narbe\***  
Grove City College  
Head Prefect



**Faye-Lyne Noel\***  
Messiah College



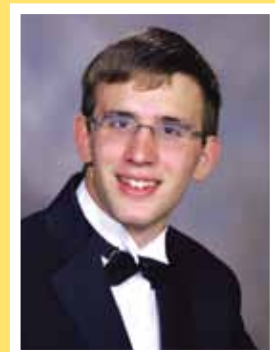
**Cameron Tom**  
Niagara County  
Community College



**Christian Wandowski**  
Medaille College



**Sarah Williamson**  
Erie Community College



**Jason Wolanyk\***  
Rochester Institute  
of Technology

\* Members of CCA's Alpha and Omega  
Chapter of the National Honor Society

## *Seniors and Faculty Prepping Before Graduation Ceremony*



*Kimberly Glaeser, Camille Chapman, and Jonathan Roberson pose for the camera while waiting to line up for the ceremony.*



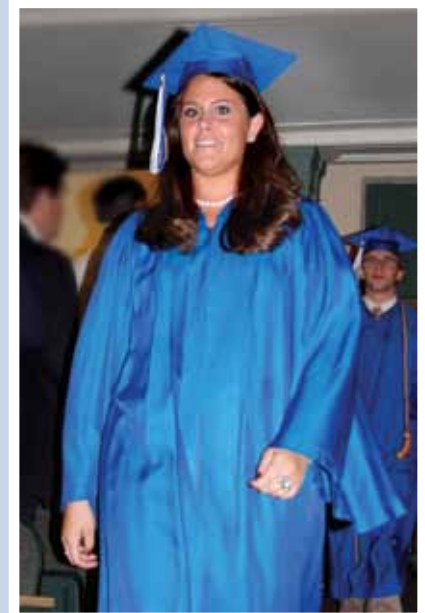
*Andy Robinson, Ben Boron, Christian Wandowski, Andrew Mojica and Blair Loeffler gathered in the nurses' office where they put on their gowns.*



*Faye-Lyne Noel and James Scott are laughing after she finally succeeded in claspng her gown.*



*Emily Faracca and Catharine Grainge give the "thumbs up," realizing they finally made it!*



*Sarah Williamson and Jason Wolanyk, following, move down the isle to take their place on stage.*



*Mr. Richard Phillips and Dr. Alan Graffam go over the program schedule while they wait to enter the auditorium.*



*Third grade teachers Mrs. Kathie Stuijje and Mrs. Mary Mittner visit with fourth grade teacher Mrs. Kelly Lux while waiting for their cue.*



**Major Academic Subject Awards**

*Academic Excellence Awards*

**Andrew Robinson**, *Valedictorian*

**Megan McCluskey**, *Salutatorian*

*Timothy Award (Bible)* **Grace Craigie**

*C.S. Lewis Award (English)* **Lauren Murphy**

*American Liberty Award (History)* **Catharine Grainge**

*Sir Isaac Newton Award (Math)* **Grace Craigie**

*Genesis Award (Science)* **Mitchell Narbe**

*John Wycliffe (Foreign Language)* **Catharine Grainge**

*Athletes of the Year Award (Physical Education)*

**Faye-Lyne Noel, Benjamin Boron**

*Fine Arts Sketchbook Award* **Cassandra Calhoun**

*Fine Arts Music Award* **Lauren Murphy**

*Journalism Award* **Megan McCluskey**

**Greg Johnson Memorial Award**

*Demonstrated most positive Christian witness in athletics*

**Faye-Lyne Noel**

**Marsden T. Sellers Memorial Award**

*Demonstrated a desire to live for the Lord*

**Megan McCluskey**

**Kurt A. De Witt Memorial Award**

*Displayed the gift of encouragement*

**Cassandra Calhoun**

**Ray Schultz Memorial Award**

*Exemplified commitment for a relationship with Christ*

**Andrew Robinson**

**Faculty Award**

*Demonstrated improvement in overall performance*

**Andrea Martinic**

**Head of School Award**

*Exemplified the spirit and character of a servant-leader*

**Andrew Robinson**

**Mentors Leadership Awards**

*Presented to mentors who have also served as school leaders*

**Catharine Grainge, Stephen Puskas**



# SPRING SPORTS FINALS



Abby Stone (gr. 7)



Alec Tamburri (gr. 4) and Patrick Gattuso (gr. 6)



Pitcher Daila Miller (gr. 8) Hannah Lattimer (gr. 7)



Hannah Green (gr. 6) and Anthony Emmi (gr. 5)

Appreciation goes to all the students and sponsors participating in the annual Grace Race on June 4, raising a total of **\$18,594** to support the ongoing work of CCA. Thank You to all!



## Go Crusaders !!

### CROSS COUNTRY

Mr. Robert Kiekbusch, CCA Athletic Director and Cross Country coach, reported that thirteen runners represented CCA in the NFCAA spring league. Junior high boys won every meet and finished in the final championships with **Michael Szymkowski** finishing first in several meets. The junior high girls finished second in the finals for their division. **Hailey Rose Gattuso** was first in every race she ran and finished first in the NFCAA final.

### GIRLS' SOFTBALL

Fifth and sixth grade girls' softball was made up of ten players with a difficult schedule. **Coach Matt Gold** is proud of the team's determination and "never-quit" attitude; each gave their "ALL" which helped them make the playoffs. Coach Matt often received praise from other coaches for the team's positive attitude.

Lady Crusaders made up a team of twelve 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders with varied experience playing softball. The offense was led by hard-hitting **Lauren Torrissi** with two home runs and four triples. Helping Lauren out on offense were **Amanda Grant, Abbie Stone, Hannah Lattimer** and **Arianna Lasting**—all batted over 400 for the season. The defense was able to turn a double play in nine out of eleven games during the season. **Coach Tim Stone** was pleased with the girls' great attitude and work ethic; they all look forward to improving their skills next season.

CCA high school girls competed for the first time in WNY's JV Monsignor Martin League. They showed their grit with a respectful 4-7 record. Team **Captain Lauren Koch** was chosen as most valuable player, who pitched in every game. High points of the season were a 19-8 win over Mt. Mercy, close games against St. Mary's of Lancaster, as well as Nardin Academy. **Coach Paul Kazmierczak** congratulates the team for exceeding their goal of "all-in" on the diamond, academic standing, and for their God-honoring attitude.

### CO-ED SOCCER

The short season began in April with rigorous two-hour conditioning sessions for the youngsters who met twice weekly. For some, it was their first such experience but joined enthusiastically to meet and play their opponents. Both teams played with dedication and commitment to each other for the good of the team.



Fifth grader Marissa Kruck is stretching before a game.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> graders totaled 27 eager participants. They faced a tough playing schedule, which included travel as far as Niagara Falls. The home season ended with an exciting win against cross-town rival, Sts. Peter and Paul. The young team posted a record of two wins, four losses and one tie. They demonstrated dedication by working hard at each practice, agreed **Coaches Greg Reeds** and **Keith Tyson**.

The next level Crusaders had a 20-player squad, consisting of twelve 5<sup>th</sup> graders and eight 6<sup>th</sup> graders. **Coach Derrick Kruk** reminded his players that academics always came first and that the team's goals were simple: glorify God, have fun, and work to grow as a team. The season ended with an undefeated **7-0 record**. In the seven games played, the team scored 31 goals. Coach Kruk attributes this to a solid defense, assisted by excellent goal-tending. **The team recorded 5 shutouts and only allowed 3 goals all season!**



Sixth grade teacher **Mrs. Diane Wisto** is purchasing bake goods sold by first grade students. A parent volunteer, **Mrs. Nancy Mayer**, is stationed behind the table together with students **Veronica Visone** and **Macuen Harper**. Teachers **Mrs. Jennifer Ward** and **Mrs. Sharon Backus** help their students organize this annual event to help them learn about producing goods and services as part of their first grade Social Studies curriculum.

**Junior Alexandra Ellsworth** is in the process of dissecting a fetal pig in **Miss Desiree VanAlstine's** class. After a challenging eight months prepping for the AP exam in May, students were given the opportunity to dissect several specimens, including frogs, fetal pigs, and cats. Each student shared one specimen, taking time to gain deeper respect for the intricacies of God's creation.



Students enjoy the annual Junior/Senior Banquet held on Thursday, June 24, at the Holiday Inn on Grand Island. The vote for queen and king went to **Amy Albert** and **Andy Robinson**; best couple chosen was **Andrew Lauto** and date, **Skylar Malcolm**. The Purpose Driven DJ played background music, and a good time was had by all. Juniors went to **Jordan Hobba's** home for an "after prom" party and the seniors met at **Megan McCluskey's**.



Food Service Manager **Mr. David Ross** makes final touches on elegantly designed spreads which he plans and prepares for several end-of-year events at CCA.



**Ruth Rissinger**, in foreground, is enjoying her drink at La Tolteca with her Spanish III classmates. Spanish teacher **Mrs. Suzanne Allen** plans a much-anticipated field trip to La Tolteca, a Mexican restaurant as a course final each year. The students got to practice what they learned by placing their order in Spanish. "It's fun for them and gives them a great cultural experience, as well as a little break before their Regents Spanish exam," stated Mrs. Allen.



Two pictured views are part of the much larger chorus participating in the Elementary Spring Concert May 14, called "Cross Country." Each 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade class sported a different color T-shirt, lending dynamic visual appeal to the event.



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**Carol (Volkert, '86) Dubin** and her husband **Robert** were quoted in the April 7, 2010 edition of the "Health Essentials" section of the Venice Gondolier Sun newspaper. The Dubins reside in Venice, FL with their two sons, **Benjamin** and **William**. Robert serves as an internist with the Gulf Coast Medical Group. He and Carol work with the Groups' Weight Loss Wellness Program, Carol as a weight-loss coach. Their comments were shared in an article concerning childhood obesity.

**Lt. Col. Thomas P. Lombardo ('87)** was installed as Commander of the 701<sup>st</sup> Military Police Battalion at Ft. Leonard Wood, Missouri, in a special "Change of Command" ceremony on March 12, 2010. Lt. Col. Lombardo earned a Bachelor of Science degree in political science in 1990 from Liberty University and then a Master's degree in business and organizational security from Webster University. Over the years of his career in the United States Army he has pursued extensive further education in the military police, serving in a vast variety of positions, both stateside and overseas. He and his wife **Melissa** are the parents of **Anthony** (18), **Tommy** (17) and **Jenna** (13).

**Steven Burr ('90)** and his wife **Sheila** are the proud parents of their third child, **Tyler Francis**, born February 6, 2010. Tyler joins older sister, **Grace Ilene** (4) and brother, **Brandon Michael** (2). Steve is a web-architect at Synacor, Inc. located in downtown Buffalo, NY.

**Louis Irmisch ('98)** and his wife **Tara** are the parents of an infant son, **Samuel**, born Jan. 27, 2010, weighing 7 lbs., 4oz., and 20 inches. The Irmisches are living in Williamsville, NY.

**Katie Cline ('06)** graduated from Bethel College (IN) May 2, 2010 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in psychology.

**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!**

**Nurline Lawrence**  
 Head of School  
**Lori Williams**  
 Executive Assistant to Head of School  
**Deborah White**  
 Director of Admissions & Public Relations  
**Lynn Husvar**  
 Director of Business & Operations  
**Toni Lenuzza**  
 Editor, Newsletter Contact

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