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Preparing CCA Students for Real-life Challenges

*Visiting behind the scenes with our
School Counselor and College Advisor*

Hundreds of students have walked through the doors of Christian Central Academy as kindergartners and walked out as seniors into the big world of opportunities. Many come back to their roots, attesting to their success in life because of the grounding they received at CCA.

Christian principles are instilled in the young ones and reinforced as they enter elementary grades and continue in high school not only in daily Bible classes and Tuesday chapels, but also integrated throughout all subjects. Just walking in the hallways, one witnesses evidence of this emphasis. It is heard in student recitations or teacher instruction outside an open classroom. It is seen in student works exhibited on walls. Whether it's a dedicated teacher, office or nursing staff, counselor or college advisor, all are ready and eager to help each and every student.

Behind the scenes, students aren't always aware of the extensive effort by so many to make their years at school profitable. Eighth grader **Emma Taylor** already understands why she is at CCA. She remarked, *I am discovering my true potential in life while at CCA and seeing God's plan for my life being fulfilled.* As one quickly passes the school counselor's office, there is no indication of either the multitude or volume of work required to help students get through a typical school year. Peeking into the counselor's office, **Mrs. Suzanne Murphy** can be seen at her desk planning or coordinating, ordering or reading, writing or typing, testing or scheduling, listening or mentoring, encouraging or guiding. *There are at least 59 different tasks and duties*



Mrs. Suzanne Murphy

associated with the counselor's office, said Mrs. Murphy. *Developing the school's master schedule is just the beginning of what fills a year's worth of service.* As students prepare college applications, she prays that each one will reflect a godly upbringing and make wise choices in life. With regard to their spiritual life, Mrs. Murphy can be heard saying to every student she encounters: *If you will honor God, He will honor you.*

This year marks Mrs. Murphy's tenth year at CCA. The Lord copilots her one-hour drives from her home near the Kissing Bridge ski area. She has a BA in Special Education and has almost completed her master's. Mrs. Murphy has taught every grade level and worked with teens for 30 years. She enjoys gardening and making jewelry. She stands on her life Bible verse found in 2 Timothy 2:15, "Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth."

Coordinating with the school counselor's office, CCA's College Advisor **Dr. Alan Graffam** provides formal assistance to juniors and seniors in researching colleges, filing admissions applications and in understanding the financial aid process. His goal is to give as much assistance as possible to CCA students and parents on this last leg of their journey.



Dr. Alan Graffam

Dr. Graffam introduces himself to juniors mid-year to discuss their thoughts about what college they may be planning to attend. He makes sure students are aware of the SAT testing schedule and continues to meet with each student informally for more serious follow-ups during the remainder of the school year, as the need arises. Junior **Dan Carter** says, *CCA offers me more than just an education, it causes me to grow in my relationship with Christ and better understand Him.* Dr. Graffam continues to guide students to solidify their post-high school plans. Many seniors are proactive with their parents' help, but Dr. Graffam is always available to help those who need

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NYSAIS Membership is Granted to CCA

CCA is excited to become a member of the New York State Association of Independent Schools (NYSAIS). **Dr. Greg Reeds**, Board President, and board members, together with **Mrs. Lawrence** successfully achieved membership in NYSAIS. The timing to apply was right, as Middle States has similar requirements for membership. Membership was granted on November 15, 2010. CCA will avail themselves of the many benefits available, especially in the sports arena. CCA is pleased to be associated with NYSAIS and looks forward to working with this organization. CCA excitedly anticipates accreditation by Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools this spring.



Mrs. Nurline Lawrence, Head of School

Alumni Welcomed Back to Campus



"Being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it to completion until the day of Jesus Christ."

Philippians 1:6

CCA is still a unique place among schools today, a K-12 school, located on one site and in many ways in one central building. We admit our students in kindergarten, graduate them in twelfth grade (often after thirteen years), and joyfully welcome them back as alumni. We even welcome back our alumni as faculty or staff, as in the case of high school English teacher and Senior Class Advisor **Christina Zima** (class of '01), **Dana Everett** ('91) Admissions Office Assistant, and **Brandy Marshall** ('91) sixth grade teacher aide. No matter in what capacity, we are always delighted to welcome our alumni back to campus.

In more recent times, some alumni have come back to share with us special experiences. **Sarah** and **Rachel Caputi** ('09) spoke in our weekly chapel in January about a trip to the Dominican Republic that a group of alumni had arranged and carried out on their own. *We didn't really have a set plan for what we would do. Instead, we prayed that the Lord would direct us and use us where He wanted us—and He certainly did,* reported Sarah and Rachel.

Their passion for missions was sparked on their own senior class trip to the Dominican Republic. In a very moving account of how God blessed their trip, Sarah and Rachel held the attention of students as they said this: *It's not about how much good we can do or how many "brownie points" we can rack up with God or in the eyes of other people. It is all about Him; about trusting Him; about letting go and saying "your will, Oh God, not mine," and trusting that He will provide and accomplish much through the little we can do on our own. Ladies and gentlemen, that is exactly what He did on this trip.*

In another chapel, earlier this school year, **Rev. Dan Trippie** ('90) and **Rev. Darrick Castranova** ('91) also shared from their hearts. Both of these alumni are now in full-time ministry as pastors in the Buffalo area. **Vanessa Boyd** ('13) Journalism student said this about their visit: *Dan Trippie and Darrick Castranova related well to us as students, because they struggled with their own faith in high school, and I think a lot of kids struggle with their faith. They went through struggles to get where they are today.* **Lydia Stocklader** ('13) said, *I learned from them that God has a plan, and it might not be the most comfortable thing, but it will work out.*

Another alumnus, **Jonathan Drake** ('06) (Director of Spiritual Formation at The Chapel at CrossPoint), along with his dad, **Dr. Deone Drake** (Singles and Teaching Pastor at The Chapel at



Rachel and Sarah Caputi



Rev. Dan Trippie and wife, Gina with their twin sons, Dominic and Samuel, sixth graders at CCA.

CrossPoint and former CCA Bible teacher) were the speakers at the Annual Spiritual Emphasis Week in early February. An urgent plea was made to students to consider the choices they will make for life. Jonathan's wife and former classmate, **Gabriella**, accompanied him at the Spiritual Emphasis chapel.

In addition, alumni who attend college locally stop in from time to time to visit favorite teachers and friends, or attend sports events in the gymnasium. Each one, in some way, inspires our students to appreciate their time at CCA and value the opportunities their school provides them.

These are only a few of the many alumni who have come back to campus, whether for homecoming or just out of nostalgia for their old school family. Whatever the reason, we always warmly welcome them back. It is always a special time when we can reconnect with the different alumni who return to campus.

Always, welcome home, Alumni!!



Rev. Darrick Castranova



Mr. Jonathan Drake and dad, Dr. Deone Drake



Left, junior **Peter Moran** and sophomore **Jonathan Gidley** chat with the US Marines recruiter, along with other college representatives—one of several events organized throughout the fall by Dr. Graffam during the lunch period.

a nudge, whether with details of completing the application, navigating their online submissions or in writing a reference letter. Dr. Graffam commented that his role since he began at CCA has dramatically changed. Very few colleges still accept handwritten applications but process almost everything online in this computer-technology age. Even transcripts are placed on line and may be retrieved by any college with the click of a button. CCA students have been accepted to more than 137 colleges over the years. A complete list of those colleges can be found on the school website. Many of our students have either enrolled in or been accepted by very prestigious schools. CCA is proud to report the following students included on this list over the last decade:

- **Steven Burr** ('90) received an appointment to the United States Military Academy at West Point.
- **Ted Holmquist** ('00) graduated from Cornell University.
- **Amanda Otto** ('03) received an appointment to the United States Military Academy at West Point and became captain of her swim team.
- **Andrew Moser** ('08) a National Merit Finalist; received a large scholarship to attend Notre Dame University.
- **Joe LoCicero** ('09) accepted to 6 major music conservatories; now attending Cleveland Institute of Music.
- **Emelie Gidley** ('11) accepted to the Naval Academy at Annapolis and other major universities.
- Students have enrolled in other major secular and Christian colleges and universities, including Boston University, Cedarville University, Gordon College, Grove City College, Houghton College, Messiah College, Michigan State, Ohio State, Penn State, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, RIT, Roberts Wesleyan College, Rutgers University, Syracuse University, Texas A&M, University of Maryland, University of Rochester, University of Southern California, and Wheaton College.

Dr. Graffam grew up in West Seneca, NY. While attending college, he met his wife, Joanne, and moved back to the Buffalo area. His experience varies from religious education to student affairs. He completed his doctorate at the University of Buffalo in 1986. In the late '90s, he temporarily filled in as guidance counselor at CCA and has now been here for 12 years. He has three married children and two grandchildren. His hobbies include studying family genealogy, walking, reading and cooking. ■

Children's Lives are Greatly Impacted by their Teachers

It all begins in Kindergarten . . .



Mrs. Nancy Basinski

Mrs. Nancy Basinski knew she wanted to be a kindergarten teacher since she was in sixth grade. God met her heart's desire by placing her at CCA in 1985—where she has experienced joy for 25 years. Listening to her speak lovingly about her students, it is obvious that she has a passion for what she does. When walking by her open classroom, one can tell that she is in total control, capturing undivided attention from each child. Every child is precious to her and she remembers to pray for them even as they graduate thirteen years later. Her photo albums reflect the many lives that she touched throughout the quarter century. She prays for them all, continually.

Within Mrs. Basinski's room, one of her objectives is to have the children become God-seekers and to be well-acquainted with truth. She instills in each student the importance of consistently referring to scripture for guidance, reference and wisdom because God's Word is our standard of excellence and truth (John 6:68). She wants to help her students think biblically and critically about every subject and about every aspect of their lives.

Mrs. Basinski attended Trocaire and Medaille Colleges and earned her master's from Canisius. She is married to Jerry, a familiar face around our school. She speaks highly of the leadership of **Mrs. Nurline Lawrence**, as well as those who preceded her, **Dr. Ruth Adams** and **Mr. and Mrs. Fred and Ellie Weir**. *I thank the Lord every day for giving me the privilege of being on mission with Him within these walls at CCA*, shared Mrs. Basinski.



Mrs. Weisser, left, docent at the Albright-Knox Art Gallery in Buffalo, explains details of Alberto Giacometti's "Man Walking" sculpture to Mrs. Basinski's kindergartners during their February 3rd field trip. Parent chaperones include Mrs. Chase, Mrs. Fox and Mrs. Everett.



Mrs. Susan Koch's second graders observe lab assistant Mrs. Monica Fronczak demonstrate how heat affects particles in solids, liquids, and gases.

Accreditation Action Plans Underway with New Elementary Science Labs

With formal Middle States accreditation expected this spring, CCA is already implementing improvements in one of the four curricular areas (Spanish, language arts, science and math) targeted for the accreditation's seven-year *Excellence by Design* plan for improvement. The elementary Science program now incorporates hands-on experience in the new Center for Science and Art college-grade science lab twice a month. Elementary teachers partner with lab assistant Mrs. Monica Fronczak to coordinate grade-appropriate labs, making textbook learning come alive. Kindergarten classes will tour the lab as an exciting introduction for what lies ahead. The constant prayers and planning, sacrificial giving, and hard work on the part of the entire CCA family continues to result in much progress. The vision for continued improvement for CCA, academically, physically and spiritually, continues to be realized. Working together, Mrs. Lawrence and the Board of Directors are achieving the dream that students have an excellent place to *grow in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men.* ■

2011 Declamation Winners Announced

Shakespeare, Dr. John Rosemond, Vince Lombardi and patriotic sentiments were front and center February 3rd as the final round in CCA's annual Declamation Competition saw junior **Tim Coulter** capture first place in the high school division with senior **Edwin Perez** named second. Eighth grader, **Hannah Kim** placed first in the middle school level, followed by 6th grader, **Seth Glanowski**. Winners are eligible to compete in the ACSI WNY Academic Day at Houghton College on May 12.

Emelie Gidley is Awarded Medal for Service

CCA senior **Emelie Gidley** was awarded the Silver Medal for her accomplishments in the Congressional Award program. Established by Congress in 1979 to recognize initiative, service and achievement in young people, students must reach goals in four areas: voluntary public service, personal development, physical fitness and expedition/exploration activity. Emelie has also received an appointment to the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland, where she will attend after graduation.

Awardees undergo a rigorous application process while working to meet certain requirements. Her brother, **Jonathan**, sophomore at CCA, is also pursuing the Congressional Award, setting his sights on earning the Gold Medal.

In School . . . Contributing Leadership



Photo by junior Ashley Farrow

School Prefects with Mrs. Lawrence are (from left) **Danielle Fisher**, chaplain; **Skylar Malcolm**, mentor; **Shawn Hawke**, athletics; **Mandy Kerkeslager**, academics; **Andrew Lauto**, admissions; **Ashley Wanamaker**, activities; **Lauren Ryan** and **Jesse Kaufman**, mentors; and **Edwin Perez**, head prefect. They meet each month to discuss upcoming school events and make suggestions on how to make these more meaningful and successful, among many other responsibilities, as well as being exemplary students.

Out of School . . . Practical Experience



On January 22, seven seniors put into practice skills learned in their Communications Class for the 12th annual live one-hour radio broadcast. This year's program called "God-Sense," aired over WDCX Life FM-99.5. Above are participants **Edwin Perez**, **Jordan Hobba**, **Alex Ellsworth**, **Madelyn Walawender**, **Ashley Wanamaker**, their teacher **Mrs. Joyce Pontrello**, **Jesse Kaufman** and **Andrew Lauto**.

After School . . . Student Volunteering

Seniors **Skylar Malcolm** and **Shawn Hawke** ask for feedback from middle school students regarding a new, after-school activity called "Unight." In an effort to be more involved with the younger students, mentors **Skylar Malcolm**, **Lauren Ryan** and **Jesse Kaufman** launched *Unight* as a monthly gathering with middle schoolers in the cafeteria for music, guest speakers, small-group discussions and pizza. The objective is to help the students make new friendships as they transition to high school. They discuss issues and learn how to reach godly solutions. *Unight* is a comfortable place for them to be open with one another as they seek God and grow as a group and individually.





Senior Andrew Lauto

Introducing Bowling to CCA!

CCA's winter sports are in full swing and there is much to be grateful for. There is a new excitement in bowling this year; it's CCA's first year participating and although hard work and effort have not translated into many wins, the members are improving and the foundation has been laid for years to come. Coaches **Joe Lauto** and **Joe Karnath** praised the team for exceeding their goals and setting a Godly example.

BASKETBALL update

The 5th Grade Boys Team made up of **Alec Tamburri, Alex Fink, Dante Lasting, Noah Green, Joshua Ryce, Joshua Tyson, Andrew Congdon** and **Patrick Ranallo** are off to a roaring start, posting an impressive 8-3 record. The team relies on a strong offense and tough defense. Coach Tom Ranallo is very pleased with the boys this year.

The 6th Grade Boys Team got off to a slow start dropping two of their first three games but have bounced back nicely taking victories in their next five games. Overall the team is 6-2 with four games remaining. **Mike Motley** is the leading scorer averaging 16 pts/gm. They are coached by **Mr. Tony Pappagallo**.

The 7th and 8th Grade Boys "White" Team is working hard to maintain their undefeated status in their division (8-0 division, 9-1 overall). They have nine players and truly believe in the words found in Psalms 133, *Behold how good and pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity*. Coach **Stafford Trueheart** stated, "Those words remind them daily that in order to be successful they must always play smart, play hard and play together."

The 7th and 8th Grade Boys "Blue" Team have struggled at times but are getting better every day. This is a great opportunity for the boys to work on their game and improve fundamentals. They are coached by **Mr. Nate Hill**.

The 7th Grade Girls Team is coached by **Mr. Roland Ceronc** and assisted by **Mr. Matt Gold**, post a record of 6-1 and are growing and becoming a very competitive team.

The 8th Grade Girls Team sits in third place and continues to improve with a balanced offense led by **Emma Albrecht** and an improved offensive cast in **Abbie Stone, Hannah Lattimer** and **Sarah D'Amico**. Defensively they are led by shot blocking **Abbie Stone** and an aggressive play by **Emma Albrecht, Skylar Hein, Arianna Lasting, Sarah D'Amico** and **Lindsay Bratek**. The team is peaking—going into the playoffs. They are coached by **Mr. Tim Stone**.

The Girls JV Team is experiencing great success this year. As the Word of God instructs us, *Having done all—to stand!*



Mrs. Lawrence enjoys the basketball championship game in the inaugural Leslie A. Lawrence Basketball Tip Off Tournament last November with her family from Houston, Texas: daughter, **Nicole Ezer** and husband **Jonathan** are with their three children—**Hanna** in the front row and sons, **Zachariah** and **Noah** behind their parents, next to **Mrs. Lawrence**.

The girls have taken this to heart and honored Him this season. **Coach Marcus Hutchins** is extremely proud of the girls. He stated, *We have lost only one league game thus far and remain undefeated in our resolve to honor God through the game of basketball. The Girls JV team of Annie Grainge, Mary Pappagallo, Sydney Young, Sydney Malcolm, Roslyn Davis, Caroline Ranallo, Colleen Doyle and Jordan Raine have been a true blessing to CCA and me as they work extremely hard to find Godly success this season.*



The Girls Varsity Team began the season with the first Annual **Leslie Lawrence Tip Off Tournament**. Although not winning the tourney, the ladder was set for climbing. Early in the season the Lady Crusaders battled many injuries and sickness but are now well on their way to a team of full health. Coach **Samantha Hutchins** stated, *Through the obstacles, the team has grown and understands what it means to be a complete athlete or team. We are poised to finish strong.* Led by co-captains, seniors **Lauren Stuitje** and **Ruth Rissinger** the Lady Crusaders are looking for big things down the stretch. Special congratulations go out to Lauren for tipping the *1,000 point mark*. Way to go Lauren! As the team continues to work hard and come together, the future is certainly bright.

The Boys Varsity Team got off to a rocky start, but **Coach Brian Ellsworth** (photo below) was pleased with the team's performance and felt that the tough early schedule would pay dividends once the team turned the corner and headed into league play and defense of its IAC title. The Crusaders found themselves positioned atop the IAC with a 5-0 record and in control of their own destiny. This gritty, inexperienced, yet growing bunch, led by **Jack Ranallo** (26 pts/10 rebs per gm) and welcomed new-comer **Peter Moran** (11 pts/10 rebs per gm), has grown up fast. Solid contributions by **Peter Kazmierczak, Seth Wittlinger** and **Jack Doyle** along with **Shawn Hawke** and **Edwin Perez** have really helped the team be in a solid position to head to States again this year. Coach Ellsworth stated, *I am very proud of this team; they scratch and claw in every game. Our leaders have performed well and our role players have come through. This is a team that is fun to watch and a pleasure to coach. Our goals are to honor God, win the IAC, get back to States, and enjoy the ride. I believe we will do just that!*

Brian Ellsworth



Boys Varsity Basketball

SCHOOL SCRAPBOOK



Fifth graders **Andrew Congdon** and **Charly Hearon** browse through hundreds of books displayed at the Book Fair held each fall. The PTO coordinates the event with Parent-Teacher Conferences. Students are given time to make selections and give their “wish list” to their parents.



Seniors **Shawn Hawke** and **Ashley Wanamaker** are sharing a light moment while painting a mural in the Center for Science and Art (see below).



Left, fifth grader **Charly Hearon** poses with her grandmother, **Mrs. Alicia Jones**. Right, **Rev. Rick Rouse** reads to his granddaughter, first grader **Camryn Moley**. Grandparents’ Day is an annual fall highlight at CCA—a special day for students to honor grandparents with many fun activities planned for guests.



Mrs. Tina Burgett’s Advertising and Design class recently completed painting a mural in the stairwell of the Center for Science and Art building. Seniors **Shawn Hawke**, **Mandy Kerkeslager**, **Skylar Malcolm**, **Kristen McLaughlin**, **Madelyn Walawender**, **Ashley Wanamaker**, and **Joshua Tedesco**, as well as juniors **Tanner Jourdian** and **Joshua Ward** collaborated through brainstorming and sketching ideas related to art and science. The art students have created a lasting visual for current and future students to enjoy.



Third graders **Joanna Nie**, **Bethany Jentz** and **Sarah Moley** enjoy shopping at the Snow Flake Shop just before Christmas—organized by PTO.



Kindergartner **Simeon Fox** runs an errand to the nurse’s office for his teacher, **Mrs. Nancy Basinski**.









CHRISTMAS CONCERT CELEBRATION


Members of the H.S. chorus (left to right) **Troy Wesley, Andrew Lauto, Caleb Fuerst** sport Santa caps; **Jonathan Gidley** skips the headgear.

At right (from left), fifth graders **Alex Fink, Emmaus Nakagawa, and Andrew Congdon** portray Three Wise Men in the concert production.



Sixth graders (from left) **Rebecca Martinic, Christa Polechetti and Hannah Szretter** playing "Silent Night" in the program.





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CCA alumnus **Andy Robinson** ('10) recently visited **Mrs. Lynnette Wrigglesworth** to see the new Journalism Suite.

The **Class of 1991** is having their **20th REUNION** July 22–23, 2011 with an adult dinner Friday evening and family picnic on Saturday. Special thanks to classmate, Rev. Darrick Castronova for hosting the Saturday picnic at his new church, The Well, 781 Maple Road, Williamsville. Detailed information is available on the CCA website under the “Alumni” tab or email Mrs. Dana (Moyer) Everett at everett492@juno.com for additional information.

Susan (Waite, '80) **Rutledge** contacted CCA via the website's “Alumni Survey” form to let us know that she and her husband Jeffrey are the parents of two adult children, Betsy and John. Sue completed her bachelor of science degree in education at Buffalo State College and serves as a middle school teacher at Houghton Academy in Houghton, NY. The Rutledges live in Hunt, NY.

Marilyn (Smith, '88) **Corby** also used the “Alumni Survey” form to let us know that she and her husband **Charles** have been married for 17-plus years and are the parents of four children: Rebecca (12), Christopher (9), Benjamin (7) and David (5). Marilyn attended University of Buffalo and earned a bachelor of arts degree in English. After staying home for a few years with her children, she is now working full time at KeyBank. Marilyn and her family attend Eastern Hills Wesleyan Church where she volunteers in the Upstreet children's ministry. The Corbys reside in Amherst, NY.

Nicole (Carruthers, '91) **Pajack**. Nicole and her husband **Alan** live in Charlotte, NC. Nicole is employed by AVP as a Senior Reporting and Governance Analyst for Bank of America Corp. She and her family attend the Concord First Assembly Church in Concord, NC. They just had a second child, **Sarah**. She was born on October 17, 2010. She weighed 5lbs, 12oz and was 20 inches long. She was welcomed home by her two-year old brother **Micah**.

Rhiannon (Law, '96) **Sproull** and her husband **Robert** are the parents of two children, **Mia Katherine**, almost 4 and **Ethan Robert**, 1½. The Sproulls reside in Getzville, NY.

Trevor Wendt (x'11) was named an Eagle Scout with the Boy Scouts of America at a special Court of Honor held last August. Trevor attended CCA grades 6–8. He completed his secondary studies early and enrolled at Niagara County Community College. Trevor's Eagle project was presented to the board of the Cambria Volunteer Fire Company, describing a 40' X 40' 'Jaws of Life' practice extrication pad, a 10' x 20' pad with aesthetic fencing for dumpster concealment and a basketball stand, backboard and rim. At the end of the project, with leftover concrete, a handicap-accessible sidewalk was poured at the pavilion. The entire project was at no cost to the fire hall; Trevor personally raised \$5,500 to pay for the materials. He appreciates all the help from scouts, friends, family and firemen. Trevor hopes to pursue becoming a medical doctor, stating that *without God being first in my life, none of this would have been possible. "I can do all things through Christ."*

Please keep in touch. Call or e-mail us with news of what has happened in your life since you left school. Our Alumni are defined as one 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.

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