



# The Academy ADVANTAGE

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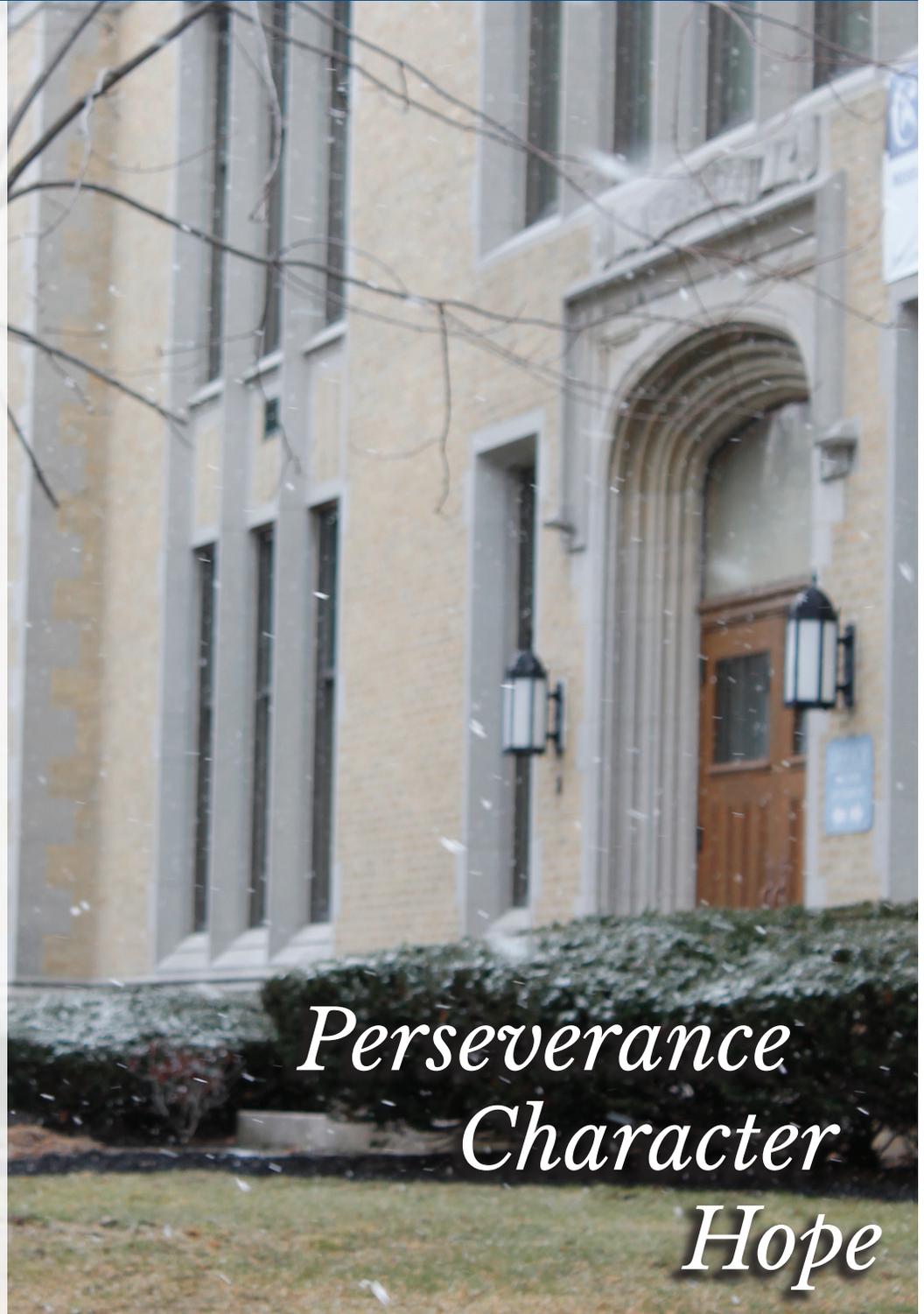
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The Academy Advantage is the newsletter of Christian Central Academy, an independent, Christian, college preparatory school for students in grades K-12. CCA exists to challenge young men and women to know Jesus Christ as Lord; to love others as themselves; 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), the National Association of Independent Schools (NAIS), and is accredited by the Middle States Association (MSA). CCA admits students without regard to race, color, national or ethnic origin, and is non-discriminatory in the administration of all its programs and policies.

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*Perseverance*  
*Character*  
*Hope*

## "It's a Crock Pot, Not a Microwave"

*"Not only so, but we also rejoice in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope." Romans 5:3-4*



**M**y previous article, "The Right Stuff," stressed why character development is so critical in the education process and our lives in general. This article will address specifically how CCA implements character development rooted in scripture, specifically Romans 5:3-4. This scripture also serves as our school motto, "Perseverance, Character, Hope," displayed on our school seal.

That character is important is really not news to any thoughtful person, whether of faith or secular. Since the 1990s, character development has been all the rage in education. Go to any academic conference or educators' professional development seminars and you will soon discover that character as a topic always seems to float to the top of discussion. Most top tier universities have even added ethics departments and courses to their curriculums. Numerous books and studies have been published on the subject. Former Secretary of Education, William Bennett, even published an 838 page tome, "The Book of Virtues," about character.

In short, character is a topic that everybody talks about, but ironically, precious few actually do something about it in a meaningful way, especially in schools. How to turn all the platitudes regarding character into action and actual programs within a school's already crowded curriculum is the challenge. Therein lies the "rub."

If we like to think of our children as "diamonds in the rough," that diamond will get polished to a high sheen in college and professional schools. But, before a diamond even arrives to be "polished" and succeed in college or law school, it, like one's character, must first be forged. And that happens at the secondary school level. More so, forging something is decidedly more difficult than polishing. Forging requires the constant application of robust forces over longer periods of time. In character development, accountability, participation, and modeling are the fundamental elements of the forging process for character development. But this is not easy.

For example, teenagers, beginning with the three my wife and I raised, though loaded with all kinds of potential, can be notoriously self-centered, shortsighted, vulnerable to peer pressure, and subject to "humming hormones." Teenagers can also be "less than truthful" and maddeningly frustrating. One moment they can be so seemingly mature and capable, then, in the next, exercise spectacularly poor judgment. They want independence yet, their inexperience and suspect decision-making leave parents befuddled. So often it is two steps forward, one step back.

Even more, with today's technological wizardry, teenagers can easily be seduced into their own self-absorbed electronic worlds adding to a sense of isolation. The irony here is that despite technology's incredible ability to connect us, an equal and opposite phenomenon of being disconnected from real human interaction exists for this new generation.

The first two guiding principles of character development, accountability and modeling, go hand in hand. Whatever rules, core values, and procedures a school has, they must be enforced consistently and fairly. This provides stability, predictability, and structure which are vital to child and adolescent development. This accountability also ingrains responsibility for one's actions. CCA has more "rules" than most schools. We have higher standards of behavior, dress, performance, and decorum. These are designed to ingrain a

higher level of civility and respect for others and the enterprise of education in general. Whenever I am in a public school, I am continually saddened at the low vision of decorum and respect that exists. At CCA, we reach higher.

When it comes to a school's values (with CCA, a Christian world view), they are most effectively communicated to students through the personal example of the faculty and staff. This is modeling. Quite simply, there is no replacing leadership by example in the transmission of norms and values. At CCA all our faculty and staff, beyond their professional competencies, are dedicated Christians who model Christ-like behavior and virtues. This is the beating heart of the integration of faith and learning and a central tenant of character development.

Beyond the classroom, meaningful participation in school extra-curricular activities is vital. Students, especially teenagers, must not merely be told things. They must do things. Hanging banners and posters displaying scripture and core values or discussing them in Bible class is noble but not enough. You must live them! And the only way to do that is through active participation. Participation in worthy activities must be prodded and even required at times. Those who work with teenagers know that many young people are often reluctant, self-conscious, or just plain lazy. Left to their own devices, scores of teenagers would prefer to hang out at the mall with friends than sweat on a sports team or practice scales on an instrument. It is in athletics, the performing arts, community service, mission trips, and daily chores that students can learn the character-building lessons of life that cannot be experienced in a classroom.

Athletics and the performing arts are superb vehicles to ingrain perseverance, teamwork, grit, sportsmanship, and a work ethic. More importantly, community service, mission trips, and daily chores teach the Christ-like virtues of humility, a servant's heart, and stewardship. These also reflect the sacrifice and suffering necessary for character development articulated in Romans 5:3-4. At CCA, a large amount of community service is required of our students. All Seniors go on a mission trip. Additionally, every middle school and high school student is assigned a daily chore to help the school. Service should be an ingrained habit, not something merely convenient or episodic. That is why chores are done daily. In addition to Christ-like virtues, these daily chores ingrain into the students that they are members and citizens of a community and that they have an obligation to that community (school) just as you would make them do chores at home. This forces a normally self-absorbed adolescent to think beyond him or herself.

At CCA, our character development goes far beyond slogans on posters or singing and listening in daily chapel. We live them by modeling, encouraging, and even requiring action through the integration of character building activities, such as school service, into our curriculum and school schedule. This makes CCA unique in the educational landscape of Western New York.

More than anything, this forging process of character development requires sheer effort, time, and patience. Lots of patience. Realize our children and school are not perfect. Mistakes and yes, even suffering, will happen along the way. But from the setbacks and struggle, students often learn the most. This is counter intuitive to our consumer culture's increasing demand for instant gratification. This is often one of the hardest lessons for parents to learn. Parents often are too easily seduced into rescuing their children from the consequences of their poor performance and decisions. Stick with it, but know that to "train a child in the way they should go" is going to be a messy process of suffering to perseverance to character to hope. It is not quick. It is not easy. That's okay. The best analogy I can think of in this character forging process is always to remember, "It's a crockpot, not a microwave."

### NOTES

<sup>1</sup> Shakespeare, William. "Hamlet": Act 2, Scene 1.

<sup>2</sup> Proverbs 22: 6



## Advancement and Admissions Office



Mrs. Lisa Woodard  
Director of  
Advancement



Mrs. Susan Fagan  
Admissions Office  
Manager



Mrs. Susan Whited  
International Student  
Program Coordinator

The second grade classroom in the main hallway was renovated in the Summer of 2015 to house the new Advancement and Admissions Office.

## ADVANCEMENT AND ADMISSIONS OFFICE HAS A NEW LOOK

by Lisa Woodard, *Director of Advancement*

With the start of a new year, it is a great time to look back and reflect on all the Lord has done. It is also a time to anticipate the new changes and opportunities that are in store for the coming year.

At Christian Central Academy, we have experienced many wonderful changes in the Admissions Office. Beginning with Mr. Thad Gaebelein's tenure, the Advancement and Admissions Office was moved to the front of the school which allows it to be more centrally located for prospective and current families. "Advancement" encompasses development, the gift income soliciting arm of the school. Also, within the confines of this office, alumni affairs, student recruitment and retention take place.

Currently there are about 340 K-12 students enrolled at CCA. Our international student program is in its third year with 14 high school students from China. We now have a "rolling admissions" policy that gives prospective students the opportunity to apply to CCA at any point during the school year. This new initiative has increased our enrollment and has been a blessing to prospective families who desire a Christian education for their children.

Many alumni have come back to Christian Central Academy over the past few months! Our most recent "Alumni Mingle" drew well over 200 attendees to our school campus. Alumni who graduated close to 30 years ago were thrilled to return to their "Alma

Mater" and were amazed to see the vast amount of school improvements, from painting to buildings that have been constructed since they had attended CCA.

The following are events sponsored by the Advancement and Admissions Office throughout the year at Christian Central Academy:

- Admissions Open Houses
- Gala (formerly known as the CornuCopiA Auction)
- Grandparents' Day
- Headmaster's Forums
- Homecoming
- Past and Present Board Member/Spouse Breakfasts
- Pastors' Appreciation Breakfast
- Preschool Reception
- Realtors' Breakfast
- Grace Race
- Youth Pastors' Forums

I am very thankful for the continual support of our donors who have sacrificially given to Christian Central Academy over the years. Your "heart" of giving helps our operational budget which is necessary to continue the work at CCA. Our Annual Fund is our most important initiative throughout the year.

If you are ever in the area, please stop by and see what the Lord is doing at Christian Central Academy. You will be pleasantly surprised!

## REDA ROZENDAL RETIRES



Mrs. Reda Rozendal retired as the Gift Development Manager at Christian Central Academy on December 4, 2015, following 6.5 years of service. She staffed and coordinated the efforts of the Head of School and the Board Development Committee as they raised the first \$1 million in endowment for CCA. She gathered relationship and giving histories into a useful database, which is an important legacy for any school. In addition, she served on the Leadership Succession Committee, coordinating the candidate visits leading to the appointment of Mr. Thad Gaebelein as well as the celebrations honoring the previous Head of School, Mrs. Nurline Lawrence.

Mrs. Rozendal stated, "It has been a great pleasure to work with CCA's staff, students, parents, grandparents, and friends. I particularly enjoy helping match people with a need they can fulfill to further God's kingdom. My heart and financial support will continue with Christian Central Academy."

## GIVING OPPORTUNITIES



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# Welcome

## NEW FACULTY & STAFF



**Mrs. DeLet Abdul**  
**AP Government, Government, Economics, Global Studies II, and US History**  
 Buffalo State College: BS Social Studies Ed and Political Science - Magna Cum Laude  
 Completing MS in Ed

Mrs. Abdul has taught for 15 years in public education in a wide variety of settings in both Arizona and New York. She is a Buffalo native and has been married for 12 years with a 4 year old daughter Alia, who will be attending CCA next year. She is a committed broken servant at Faith Fellowship Church, and her life verse is Phil 3:12. "But I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me."



**Mrs. Wendy Baldwin**  
**General Music K-5, Choral Music 3-12**  
 Houghton College: Bachelor of Music in Music Education and Oboe  
 Pensacola Christian College: MS in Elementary Education

Mrs. Baldwin has been teaching in Christian schools for over 35 years. She agrees with the apostle John in his 3rd book, verse 4, "I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth." She has worked in France with Greater Europe Mission in both music ministry and children's ministry. For over twenty years she has been a Precept Bible Study leader in the WNY area. She is a past member of the Buffalo Philharmonic Chorus. Presently she is active in her church playing piano and organ at services and rehearsals.



**Mr. Sil Dan, Jr.**  
**Athletic Director/Boys' Varsity Basketball Coach**  
 Millard Fillmore College: Paralegal Certification  
 Michigan State University: CWCP

Prior to coming to CCA, Mr. Dan retired from Rich Products Corp. as Manager of Worker's Compensation. He is married with four children and two grandchildren. His favorite quote is, "Say what you think, but live what you believe." - Mark Hall, Casting Crowns. His favorite scripture passage is Jeremiah 29:10-11.



**Mrs. Cheri Dugan**  
**Business Office Assistant**  
 University at Buffalo: Bachelor in Business Administration

Mrs. Dugan spent 30 years working in business offices before joining the CCA team late in the 2014-15 school year. She and her husband, Thomas, have three children: Katie, who resides in Myrtle Beach with her husband; Brian and Elise who are current CCA students. They are hosting an international student, Rose, who also attends CCA. Mrs. Dugan teaches Jr. Church Bible and Craft and sings in the choir at Faith Fellowship Church. She also enjoys spending time with her family playing games, "funning" and cooking. Her favorite scripture verse is Philippians 4:4-8.



**Mrs. Susan Fagan**  
**Admissions Office Manager**

Mrs. Fagan is married to Andy. They have three children who attend CCA: Reese (grade 6), Sydney (grade 5), and Dominic (grade 4). Their Siberian Husky, Jasmine, is also part of the family. Mrs. Fagan enjoys cooking and going to the movies with her family. She has chosen Philippians 4:13 as her favorite scripture: "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."



**Mrs. Krysia Jones**  
**Cafeteria Staff**  
 Point Park College (now University; Pittsburgh, PA):  
 BA in journalism and communications; minor in Spanish

Mrs. Jones lives in Hamburg, NY, with her husband, Jeff Jones, and their three CCA children: Natalya (grade 6), Elena (grade 4), and Rhys (kindergarten). Before having children and working at CCA, Krysia worked in publications at the University at Buffalo and as an account executive at a Buffalo ad agency. She still provides freelance copy editing for UB. In her spare time, Mrs. Jones loves to create Houzz ideabooks and peruse the Chicago Manual of Style. A favorite scripture is Philippians 4:8: "Fix your thoughts on what is true, and honorable, and right, and pure, and lovely, and admirable. Think about things that are excellent and worthy of praise."



**Mrs. Rebekah Lattimer**  
**Grade 2**  
 College at Brockport (SUNY): MS in Literacy Education

Mrs. Lattimer was born and raised in Lyndonville, NY. She was married on August 15 to CCA graduate Joel Lattimer. She enjoys being outdoors, gardening, and skiing. Mrs. Lattimer chose 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 as her favorite scripture: "Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you."



**Mrs. Monica Lyszewski**  
**Earth Science, Physics**  
 SUNY BUFFALO: BS in Industrial Engineering

Mrs. Lyszewski was born in Peru and came to Buffalo at a young age. Before marrying her husband Ben (CCA graduate) she worked at Delphi Automotive Systems and after marrying, she owned a construction company in Peru. She has two kids who attend CCA: Samantha (grade 5) and Sophia (grade 2). She likes to spend time with her family and take care of her kids. She is also very interested in science, physics, and math. She attends Eastern Hills Wesleyan Church. Her favorite Bible verse is Joshua 1:9; "Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go."



**Mr. Scott Mariglia**  
**Middle School Math**  
 Buffalo State College: Bachelors Degree in  
 Mathematics Education 7-12

Mr. Mariglia was born in Dallas, Texas, but moved to Buffalo at a very young age. He grew up attending the Tabernacle in Orchard Park, helping the youth group during his high school and college years. Mr. Mariglia loves basketball and is currently coaching the 7/8th grade boys' basketball team here at CCA. He tries to live his life in accordance with Matthew 5:8 which states: "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God." Mr. Mariglia's mission is to steer young men and women towards Christ in any way that he can. He currently attends Northgate Church in Clarence.



**Mrs. Katie McFadden**  
**Elementary & Middle School Art**  
 Canisius College: Masters of Science in Literacy (5-12)  
 Buffalo State College: Bachelors of Science in Art  
 Education (Birth-12)

Mrs. McFadden has been teaching in the public schools for 7 years, both in Buffalo and Niagara Falls City School Districts. During that time she worked for the Niagara Falls Housing Authority tutoring children after school in both reading and social studies. Mrs. McFadden has taught art to students with developmental disabilities as well. She resides in Niagara Falls NY with her husband, Tim. She loves to draw, paint, and go hiking in the woods. In addition, she attends her father's church, Forestview Church of God, and helps in the nursery. Her favorite verse of scripture is Jeremiah 29:11.



**Mrs. Sarah Moore**  
 Middle School Science & Health  
 Houghton College: BS in Inclusive Education  
 Buffalo State College: Pursuing MS in Education

Mrs. Moore is a CCA graduate (class of 2008). She worked as a toddler teacher for over a year at the University at Buffalo Childcare Center and moved on to educating and working with students with developmental disabilities at the Catalician Center for Learning. Mrs. Moore resides in North Tonawanda with her husband, Kyle. She loves playing most sports, especially soccer. She also loves fellowship with family and friends and attends iHope Community Church in North Tonawanda. Her favorite scripture verse is Romans 8:28.



**Mr. Brian Rosman**  
 Teacher of International Students  
 SUNY Fredonia: BS Elementary Education

Mr. Rosman spent three years in China, which included time as an international language student. He is currently pursuing his MS in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages. He resides in Lockport, NY with his wife Rachel and daughter Abigail. His favorite scripture verse is Luke 9:23:

*"Then he said to them all: 'Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me.'"*



**Dr. Frank Snyder**  
 Bible 12  
 Summit University: BS in Bible  
 Liberty University: MAR in Discipleship Ministries  
 Trinity Theological Seminary: PhD in Biblical Counseling

Dr. Snyder has been an associate pastor at Faith Fellowship Church for 7 years. He has been married to his wonderful and beautiful wife, Ashley, for 9 years. They have three

daughters, Rilyn, Camryn, and Amelia. Frank enjoys spending time with his family, watching and playing sports, spending time with the church, and studying the Word of God. His favorite verse is Galatians 2:20: "I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me."



**Mrs. Myriam Tjahjadi**  
 Chemistry, AP Physics  
 BA, MA, ABD/EDD

Mrs. Tjahjadi feels blessed to be a part of the CCA community. She has 20+ years of experience teaching science, math, and Spanish. She taught homeschoolers for 13 years and college students for 8 years. She is Spirit-filled and loves our God Almighty. She and her husband, John, have three

wonderful grown children who are now in college. Mrs. and Mr. T are avid cyclists and recently celebrated their 31st anniversary! Her favorite verse is Luke 15:4-32.



**Mrs. Donna Visone**  
 Gala Coordinator

Donna brings a background of event planning, marketing, volunteer coordinating, leadership and client servicing to the Gala Coordinator position at CCA. Outside CCA, she is a licensed real estate agent with Realty USA and she is an assistant to developing a property management company with her husband's business, VisoneCo. Donna is also the

creator of Family Tree Art by Donna. She and her husband, Lucian, have four children attending CCA. Donna has volunteered with Let Them LOL for several years, traveling to the poorest country of the world to help the organization in many ways. Donna was recently awarded the National Association of Professional Women VIP Woman of the Year Award 2016 for commitment to service in community and work environments. She is a mentor mom with Mom2Mom attending the Chapel at Crosspoint. Sometimes you can find her and her family supporting Northgate Church as well. She likes to spend her time knitting, reading and never has a chance to watch TV. She loves animals and exercising, adores cooking, and most of all loves the Lord with all her heart.

## CCA'S GUIDANCE OFFICE OFFERS ASSISTANCE IN ALL GRADES

by Tammy Prosser, School Counselor and College Advisor

The Guidance Office at CCA is shared by our School Counselor and College Advisor, Tammy Prosser, and our Dean of Students, Michelle Capitano. This is a big change this year, as Mrs. Capitano steps into a new role here at CCA. The Guidance Office provides a variety of services to our students. We work together as a team to help students with problem solving and with peer relations. Miss Prosser and Mrs. Capitano also work closely with teachers and Division Heads to help students navigate their day-to-day struggles, both positive and negative. Mrs. Capitano is primarily responsible for disciplinary issues and overseeing the school service program, whereas Miss Prosser is primarily responsible for academics, scheduling and college planning. The Guidance Office is a place of resources for career and future planning. It is also an environment where students can stop in at any time to chat, either individually or in groups. The Guidance Office is a student-focused environment where the main goal is to help students in all grades grow to be successful, healthy young adults.

## LIBRARIES ARE A PRIORITY AT CHRISTIAN CENTRAL ACADEMY

by Mrs. Pontrello, School Librarian

Many changes took place over the summer of 2015 to improve the learning in our libraries at CCA.

In the main building, a K-8 library with a computer lab was designed for student library classes. Teachers may also use the computer lab for additional student lessons in all disciplines throughout the school day.

Across the street in the Center for Science and Art is the high school library/lounge. This library is strictly for high school students to be used during study halls. It is equipped with a computer lab, a café, and working areas for students to bring their own devices to assist with their assignments. For a more relaxed atmosphere, they may also enjoy the seating area by the fireplace. A big screen television is streaming live news during the school day so students are aware of current events as they happen in our world today.

We also have a new library software program which enables the CCA community to use our card catalog from any device with internet capabilities. Another feature of the card catalog is the ability to access educational websites to assist students with their homework.

Feel free to stop by our libraries or visit the Library page on our website.



The K-8 library is relocated to the main building on the second floor.



The High School Library was redecorated to accommodate a lounge and coffee station.

# FALL ATHLETICS UPDATE

## BOYS' VARSITY SOCCER EARNS THE MONSIGNOR MARTIN ASSOCIATION SMALL SCHOOLS TITLE!



Photo credit: J. Kazmierczak

The Crusaders finished 15-1, won the Independent Athletic Conference title with a 10-0 league record, and earned the Monsignor Martin Association Small Schools title.

### Boys' Varsity Soccer

Coach: James Vandenberg

Cardinal O'Hara	W 6-1	GOW	W 2-1
West Seneca Christian	W 6-1	Global Concepts	W 7-0
West Seneca Christian	W 9-1	GOW	W 3-2
Nichols	L 0-6	Park School	W 2-1
Park School	W 9-2	West Seneca Christian	W 5-0
Cardinal O'Hara	W 6-0	Park School	W 2-0
St. Mary's	W 3-0	Niagara Catholic	W 3-2
Archbishop Walsh	W 6-0		



### Girls' Varsity Soccer

Coach: Joe Karnath

Asst. Coach: Greg Reeds

Cheektowaga	T 3-3
St. Mary's	W 2-1
Niagara Catholic	L 0-3
Immaculata	L 1-4
Maryvale	L 4-5
Barker	W 6-1
Mt. St. Mary's	W 3-1
Mt. Mercy	L 1-2
St. Mary's	W 8-0
Nichols	L 1-5
Buffalo Seminary	W 2-1
Nardin	L 2-7
Niagara Catholic	W 6-2
Sacred Heart	L 1-5
Park School	W 8-0
Cardinal O'Hara	W 3-2
Nichols	L 0-3



### Middle School Soccer

Coach: Corrie Barrett

City Honors	W 10-0
Nardin	W 6-0
Aurora Waldorf	W 11-0
GOW	L 3-4
Tapestry	W 9-0
Nichols	W 2-0
GOW	W 5-2
City Honors	W 8-0
Elmwood-Franklin	L 0-3
Nichols	W 2-0
Elmwood-Franklin	T 3-0



### Girls' Volleyball

Coach: Cathy Tom

West Seneca Christian	W 3-0
CAWNY	L 2-3
Old Time Baptist	L 2-3
Amherst Christian	W 3-1
Academe of Aurora	L 0-3
Central Baptist	W 3-0
CAWNY	W 3-0
Lighthouse Baptist	L 1-3
New Life Christian	W 3-2
Amherst Christian	W 3-0
Academe of Aurora	L 2-3
Old Time Baptist	W 3-2



### Boys' Golf

Coaches: Jeff Fancher  
Don Crosby

Nichols	L
Canisius	L
Bishop Timon/Cardinal O'Hara	W
Park	W
GOW	L
Park	W
St. Mary's	L
St. Francis	L
St. Mary's	L
GOW	L
Cardinal O'Hara	W

## Character

"There are certain lessons of life that are learned on the field that can't be learned in the classroom."

- Coach Ron Jentz  
at the Fall 2015 Awards Banquet



### Boys' 5th/6th Grade Baseball

Coach: Ron Jentz

St. Gregory's	W 12-1	St. Amelia's	L 2-5
St. Stephen's	W 12-8	St. Christopher's	W 3-0
St. Amelia's	W 6-4	St. Stephen's	W 7-4
St. Christopher's	L 3-5	St. Gregory's	W 1-0
St. Gregory's	W 12-0	St. Amelia's	L 0-2
St. Stephen's	W 11-3	St. Christopher's	L 0-4

# COMING THIS SUMMER!



- **DAY CAMP: Grades K-5**
- **ADVENTURE CAMP: Middle School**
- **SPECIALTY CAMP: Ages 14-18**
- **SPORTS CAMP: Grades 5-12**

## July 11 - August 12

Register now at:  
<https://christianca.redpodium.com/summerprogram>  
or visit [www.christianca.com](http://www.christianca.com)

## IN CASE YOU MISSED IT!



Fourth grader, Zach Borton, adds his own artistic touch to the Buffalo City Mission's "Color to Love" event. Thanksgiving meals were delivered by the City Mission in colored paper bags to impoverished and homebound families in Buffalo. CCA's 3rd-5th graders colored nearly 100 bags during this event.



Students in the fourth and fifth grade classes collected hundreds of items to fill shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child, a volunteer opportunity through Samaritan's Purse. Every year, over a million shoe boxes are sent around the world changing children's lives in Jesus' name.



The student leaders from grades 6-8 delivered homemade fleece blankets to SonRays Ministries' Director, Alice Murchie, as part of the middle school's community service project.



Carolyn Wanamaker cleans the tables in the High School Library/Lounge with a smile. A new School Service program was started in September for all middle and high school students.



Senior, Emily Miller, was interviewed by Tom Martin, Sports Reporter for WIVB News 4, after being named Scholar Athlete for the month of December.



Mrs. Lewis congratulates her 7th grade student, Owen Lindstrom, for winning the Middle School Spelling Bee.



Mark and his wife Joy (George) Crouch (1999) and Amy (Wrigglesworth) Kinda (1998) reminisce over class photos as their children look on during CCA's Alumni Mingle which took place on January 9. The event was designed for CCA alumni to reconnect and "Come Back to the Academy."



Luke Wittlinger (2015), Darrick Castronova (1991), James McLaughlin (2011), and James Scott (2010) teamed up with others, including faculty/staff, in a friendly basketball game as part of the fun during the Alumni Mingle.

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# CHRISTIAN CENTRAL ACADEMY

*K-12 College Preparatory School*

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about our upcoming events!**

**OPEN HOUSE: April 12, 2016**

**THE GRACE RACE: June 7, 2016**

## ALUMNI

*Justin Henry (1994)* is serving in Cochamamba, Bolivia as a missionary at the Bolivia Hope Center along with his wife, Janet, and their 3 kids, Kaitlyn, Nathaniel, and Faith. Justin likes to think that some of his foundation that prepared him for this work came from his years at CCA. To learn more about what Justin and his family are doing, check out their website at [www.travelingcoch.com](http://www.travelingcoch.com).

*Laura White (2009)* has received her first book contract from Harper Voyager press. Laura's novel, titled, "Heartstone," will be released in January of 2017 by Harper Voyager press, home of fantasy and science fiction at HarperCollins Publishers under White's pen name, Elle Katharine White. When she is not writing, Laura spends her days working as the marketing manager at McKissock LP, a company that sells continuing education for licensed appraisal professionals.

*Nathan Mroz (2012)* has had such great success with his business, Buffalo Scenic Prints, that he has opened a full store, BFLO Gallery & Gift Shop, in the Eastern Hills Mall, offering a large variety of merchandise and services along with his scenic photographs of WNY. Nathan is also collaborating with the General Manager of the mall on a redevelopment project that has the potential of becoming a lifestyle center which could include new restaurants, hotel spaces, and office space which has become popular in several East Coast cities.

*Lian Bunny (2013)*, a junior at St. Bonaventure University, is one of 22 college students chosen for the summer 2016 News21 fellowship, where she'll have the opportunity to do professional-level investigative journalism in front of national audiences. The fellowship program, Carnegie-Knight News21, is a national reporting initiative headquartered at the Cronkite School of Journalism and Mass Communication at Arizona State University, which brings top journalism students from across the country to report and produce in-depth, multimedia projects for major media outlets. The topic for this summer's fellowship is voter access and participation among growing demographics in a national election year. In addition to her major in journalism, Lian is pursuing minors in Spanish, psychology and history, and is a writing workshop assistant in the university's Teaching and Learning Center.



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*Nathan Mroz (center), surrounded by family and friends, cuts the ribbon at the opening of his new store located in the Eastern Hills Mall this past November.*

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