

The Academy Advantage

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REFLECTION AT THE DEDICATION SERVICE



Dr. Deone Drake

Dr. Deone Drake opened the Dedication Service on September 2 with his personal reflection of God's faithfulness in his life. He recounted the awesome responsibility he felt when his son, **Jonathan** (CCA grad of 2006), was born over 25 years ago. He envisioned what he needed to do to shape a man who would walk with God and follow Him with his whole heart. At that time he wasn't exactly sure what that would entail—and, if he was even up to the task!

As he imagined walking into his classroom the coming week, facing 24 seniors whom he loves, he experienced similar feelings. With the prospect of facing his high school Bible Class, he again questioned his teaching competence by facing the same challenge—how to shape students into the likeness of Christ. The answer was that he couldn't; not on his own, but rather relying on the One who enables all to be ministers of His covenant. "Our trust is in God and not ourselves," said Dr. Drake and made reference to this year's theme verse found in Deuteronomy 7:9, "Know therefore that the LORD your God is God; he is the faithful God, keeping his covenant of love to a thousand generations of those who love him and keep his commandments."

Teachers are motivated by God to love each child because they know that He loves them independent of themselves. When we truly accept the fact that God loves us unconditionally, we want to return that which we freely received ourselves. God is always faithful to His children, and Dr. Drake assured parents that their children are in good

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Head of School Succession Update



*Board President **Mr. Eric Alcott** welcomed the new teachers and prayed for God's blessings at the start of a new school year during Teachers' Work Week in August.*

The Head of School Succession Committee (13 members), headed by **Mr. Eric Alcott**, President of the Board of Directors, has been working diligently throughout October and November reviewing credentials of several applicants who have expressed interest in becoming the next Head of School. The committee has been encouraged by the number of applicants, as well as by the depth of their backgrounds.

The committee selected seven candidates and conducted Skype interviews with them. These interviews lasted between 1 and 1.5 hours and covered many topics including their vision for Christian

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INTERNATIONAL UPDATE



*Front row, l-r: **Yuntong** (Rose) **Liu**, **Jinjing** (Ann) **Yang**, **Chen** (Cheryl) **Yuan**, **Hua** (Estelle) **Yang**, **Yu** (Melody) **Lu**, and **Qianwen** (Sabrina) **Liao**.
Back row: **Guanzong** (Eric) **Zi**, **Xiaotian** (Jack) **Zhou**, **Yiming** (Adam) **Song**, **Xinyuan** (Hanson) **Wang**, **Ranbo** **Ma**, and **Tianyi** (Ty) **Fu**.*

Mrs. Sue Whited (International Student Program Coordinator) helped introduce 12 new students from China this school year to make a total of 17 in this second year of the program! She and **Mrs. Elaine Ying** (International Student Tutor in ESL and CFL or Chinese as Foreign Language) together conducted a two-week orientation period with the new students during August 18-29. Typically, they spent mornings discussing the cultural differences between America and China in order to prepare the students for what they would experience in the weeks ahead. They discussed some of the differences in education, as well as home life.

In the afternoons several field trips were planned to familiarize the new students with the Buffalo area. Some of the highlights were visiting City Hall, the Zoo, Heritage Village, the Naval and Military Park, the University at Buffalo, City Mission, and taking a cruise through the Lockport Locks on the Erie Canal. The culmination was a fun-filled day visiting Niagara Falls. One evening, **Mr. Mark** and **Mrs. Lynnette Wrigglesworth** held a cookout for the new students and their host families.

The orientation time was a wonderful opportunity for the students to begin to acclimate to their new environment and to get to know one another. Just like American teenagers, each has his/her own special personality. Recent CCA graduate, **Daniel Wrigglesworth**, asked his *hosted-brother*, **Hanson**, "What did you expect American teenagers to be like, and once you arrived, what were they like?" After some contemplation, Hanson responded with a smile, "We are all the same!"

Mrs. Whited commented after observing last year's students, "It's amazing to witness their understanding and command of the English language increase throughout the year! On the flip side, there are many wonderful and interesting facts we can learn from them!"

Note: **Mrs. Whited** is also the Admissions Office Manager. **Mrs. Elaine Ying** is taking maternity leave and **Mrs. Laura Lewis** will substitute (see pg. 3).



***Mrs. Susan Whited**, left, presents new students to the staff. **Estelle** is introducing herself to the staff during a faculty/staff meeting in August. Standing in the background are (l-r) **Jack** and **Hanson**.*

Prayer Power: Guidance and Victory

"I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go. I will counsel you and watch over you."

Psalm 32:8



Mrs. Nurline Lawrence
Head of School

GOD never changes! *He is the same yesterday, today, and forever. We, on the other hand, experience a myriad of changes throughout our lives. The last more than a decade and a half have been for me a season of many changes, some wonderful, others painful, but all in all, great times of blessing. The most important lesson that I have learned from so many events is that prayer is the expression of human dependence. This idea is fully illustrated in God's word. God not only guides; He gives us victory. He will walk into the future with us if we put our trust in Him.*

As we face changes at CCA, we must seek God's direction through prayer. God's promises to his children include guidance as stated in Psalm 25:9, "He guides the humble in what is right and teaches them his way." We tend to fear the unknown but, Isaiah 58:11 assures us that The Lord will guide you always. God's word is the focus of what we do here at CCA. Our mission statement commands us to grow in wisdom, in stature, and in favor with God and men. Constantly, we are encouraged to look to God for wisdom and direction. In Psalm 73:24, we have the assurance that "You guide me with your counsel and afterward you will take me into glory." The Psalmist David models for us how to make use of God's gracious offers. In so many Psalms, we see him asking God for guidance and direction whenever he was under stress. We can take comfort from David's conversations with God.

The Board of Directors at CCA is leading the school right now through impending changes. They know that prayer for guidance is our great privilege as children of God. Faith is the victory that overcomes everything that comes at us. Through prayer, we will have victory. As a community of Christ followers, we are called to pray

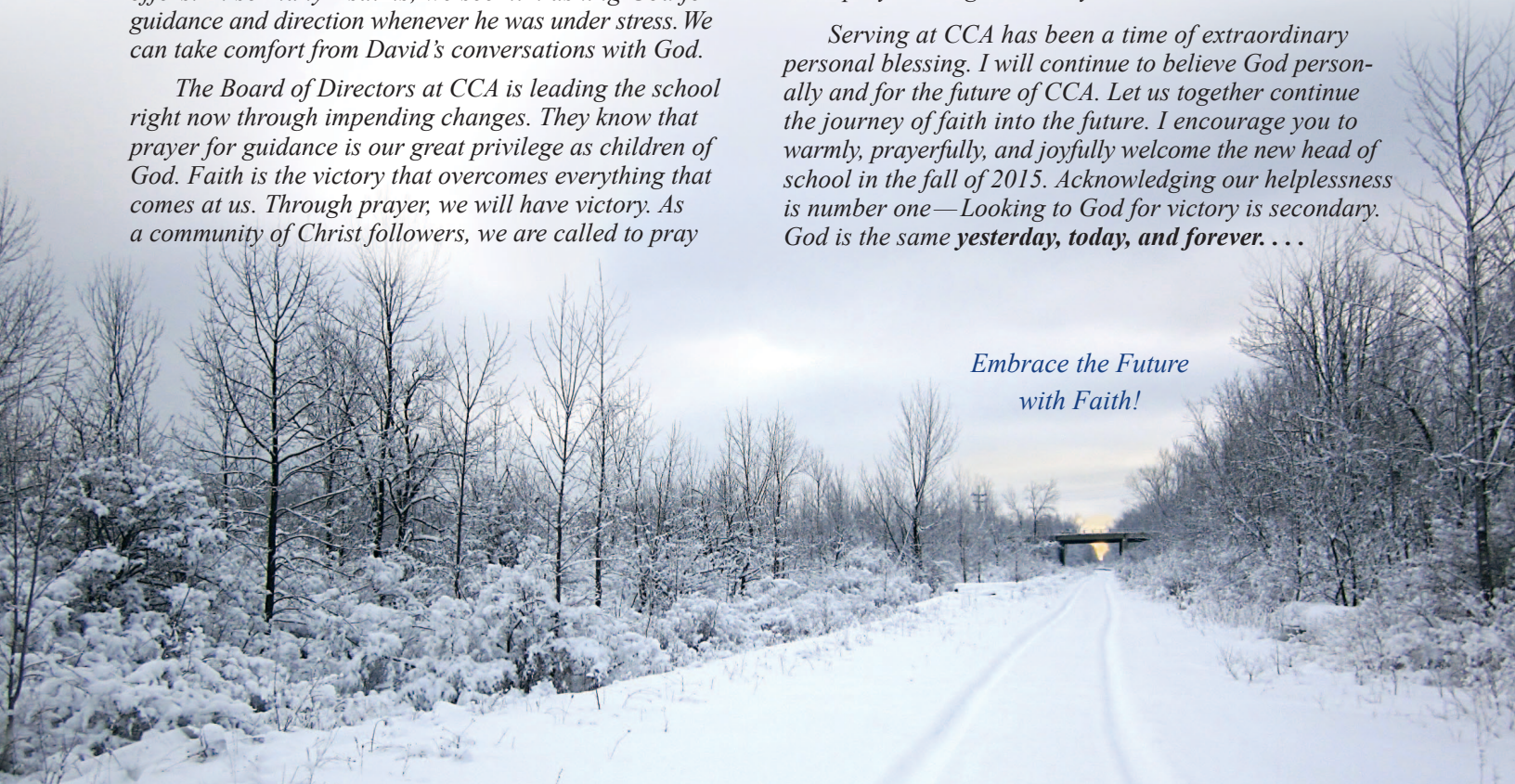
to God for direction and guidance. We are not called to anxiety, fear, or worry. As a community, we must join the Board in praying with thanksgiving and faith for the future of CCA. We have all experienced God's hand on our school. He will continue to be faithful.

Victory through prayer is a sure thing. *There is abundant evidence in God's word of victory through the prayer of faith. As we recognize our weakness and helplessness; as we realize that we have no strength and cast ourselves at the feet of Jesus who has already won the victory for us, we will walk in the joy and celebration of victory.*

Since 1949, God has walked beside CCA through numerous changes and leadership, through times of stress and times of celebration. So many have prayed for CCA, so many have supported the school, making priceless contributions to the education of our children. God will not fail CCA now. Listen to the words of this prayer of Asa recorded in II Chronicles 14:11, "Lord, there is no one like you to help the powerless against the mighty. Help us, O Lord our God, for we rely on you, and in your name we have come against this vast army. O Lord, you are our God, do not let man prevail against you." God answered Asa's prayer and gave victory.

*Serving at CCA has been a time of extraordinary personal blessing. I will continue to believe God personally and for the future of CCA. Let us together continue the journey of faith into the future. I encourage you to warmly, prayerfully, and joyfully welcome the new head of school in the fall of 2015. Acknowledging our helplessness is number one—Looking to God for victory is secondary. God is the same **yesterday, today, and forever.** . . .*

*Embrace the Future
with Faith!*



Welcome New Teachers!



Miss Lauren Asbach
Grades 7–8 History, Grade 8 Bible
 SUNY at Buffalo: MA in History

Miss Asbach has spent the previous two years teaching in the Cheektowaga-Sloan School District. She enjoys spending time with her friends and family and attends Whitehaven Road Baptist Church on Grand Island. The Bible verses she chose are found in 1 Corinthians 26-31. Last portion: "Let the one who boasts boast in the Lord."



Mr. Thomas Ashby
English 10–11, AP Language & Composition, Bible 9
 Niagara University: Secondary Teacher Education, MS

Mr. Ashby was born and raised in the Niagara Falls area. He attends and is a ruling elder at Niagara Presbyterian Church. Mr. Ashby also works with the church youth group. He taught English 11, among a variety of other courses at a boarding school in Connecticut. He enjoys movies as well as good fellowship with friends. Philippians 2:13, "For it is God who works in you to will and to act according to his good purpose."



Mrs. Jennifer Heftka
Academic Support
 Niagara University: MS in Literacy

Before coming to CCA, Mrs. Heftka was a preschool teacher for two years and then became a long-term, first grade substitute at West Street Elementary School in Niagara/Wheatfield area. She was married on December 5. Mrs. Heftka enjoys horseback riding in the warmer weather and skis in the winter. On rainy days, she loves to curl up with a good book. She attends Ransomville Free Methodist church where she plays the violin with the worship band.



Mrs. Kristen Guerin
High School Art Instructor
 Daemen College: BS in Art Ed., Minor in Art History
 SUNY at Buffalo State: Continuing graduate studies

Mrs. Guerin spent two years teaching in Florida at McLaughlin Middle School and Fine Arts Academy where she began a new arts program for the Academy. Her students won awards in art shows throughout the city, county, and state. Mrs. Guerin and her husband, Allen, have a 7-month-old, Vera, and Alexander, a first grader at CCA. Mrs. Guerin loves spending time with her family, likes riding bikes, hiking, and playing games. Her favorite Bible verses are Psalms 139:13-14.



Ms. Elizabeth Johnson
Spanish II, III and IV
 SUNY at Buffalo: BA in Spanish and Economics, minor in Cultural Anthropology

Ms. Johnson was born in Pittsburgh, PA and has spent the majority of her life in Buffalo. She graduated from CCA in 2009. Ms. Johnson has been to five Spanish-speaking countries and studied at La Universidad de Sevilla in Seville, Spain. Before coming to CCA, she worked as the Development Coordinator for the non-profit, Latin American Cultural Association, in Buffalo historic district's community of Allentown. In her spare time, she likes to hike, ski and enjoy the outdoors. She attends the Wesleyan Church in Hamburg.



Ms. Lauren Kausner
Grades 9-11 History and Bible 10
 Grove City College: BA in Social Sciences/Secondary Ed.

Ms. Kausner has three children: Lizzie in 2nd grade, Steven and John in 6th and 7th grades, respectively. Ms. Kausner's academic interests are predominantly in history, music, and theology. She enjoys playing games with her family, reading, jogging, and listening to music. She and Lizzy (cheerleader) are football fans of Steven and John. Her family attends Clarence Church of Christ. The Bible verse she chose is Lamentations 3:21-23, "Yet this I call to mind and therefore I have hope: 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."



Mrs. Laura Lewis
ESL High School Bible
 SUNY at Buffalo: Master's in Education

Mrs. Lewis is a CCA graduate, currently residing in East Amherst with her husband, Kemper, and two children, Kamryn and Kaden. She taught English in Akron and has been teaching Bible to women and college students at The Chapel at CrossPoint for thirteen years. In 2013, she and her husband published a book for college students entitled "Message Me: Listening for God in our Relationships." Mrs. Lewis is thrilled to return to the halls of Christian Central Academy where her love for His Word first began in 6th grade. Her life verse has been Isaiah 41:10.



Ms. Ashley Mohr
Assistant to the Athletic Director
 SUNY at Buffalo: BA in Marketing and Operations/
 Supply Chain Management

Before coming to Christian Central Academy, Ms. Mohr worked at D'Youville College as the Assistant Sports Communications Director. She has been involved in the softball program at CCA and assisted the Athletic director. She enjoys spending her free time skiing and playing soccer and softball. The scripture she chose is Philippians 4:13, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me."



Mr. Layne Vanderbeek
Grade 4-12 Orchestra and Strings
 Boise State Univ: MM in Music Pedagogy; currently pursuing MM in Violin Performance and PhD in Music Theory from SUNY at Buffalo

Mr. Vanderbeek is married to Amber and they have two young boys, 3-year-old Mason and eight-month old Desmond. The Vanderbeeks like to camp, rock climb, listen to and play music, and cook. Layne's favorite verse is John 11:25, "Jesus said to her, I am the resurrection and the life, the one who believes in me will live, even though they die."

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K-12 education, building enrollment, faculty recruitment, training, and retention. Of these seven candidates, three were chosen for additional interviews. These interviews further explored their philosophy of K-12 Christian education, management expertise and community relations skills.

The next step will be to invite the candidates to Christian Central Academy in December to meet with faculty, staff, students, parents and the Board of Directors. The schedule for each visit and the resumes for each candidate will be made available in advance. Evaluation forms will also be available for anyone who would like to provide feedback. Everyone is reminded that you may contact **Mr. Eric Alcott**, President of the Board of Directors, at any time if you have a question, comment or concern about the process. His phone number is 225-9302.

Note: Two candidates were interviewed in December. The committee requests that everyone continue to pray for the process, future candidate visits and ultimately, that the decision reflects the calling of the Lord for our next Head of School.

DID YOU KNOW?

- We are *Celebrating CCA's 65th Anniversary Year!*
- *Christian Central Academy in Williamsville, NY was founded in 1949.*
- *CCA is a Kindergarten through 12th grade Christian, college preparatory school.*
- *CCA seniors have a 100% college acceptance rate.*
- *CCA began an International Student Program in the fall of 2013.*
- *CCA's High School is ranked #10 out of 135 public and private schools by **Business First** for 2014.*
- *CCA scored in the top 10 percent of all Western New York elementary schools and high schools during the past four years, winning a 5 star Subject Award from Business First for Elementary English, High School Math, High School Science, and H. S. Social Studies.*
- *CCA has small class sizes with individual attention.*
- *CCA teachers are certified.*
- *CCA aims to provide a secure, safe environment for all.*
- *Hot lunches and breakfasts are served daily.*

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Drum-off Competition



CCA junior **Jonathan Ziegler**, son of Spanish teacher, **Mrs. Elizabeth Ziegler**, won the Guitar Center Drum-off competition last October. The competition was open to all area amateur drummers. He also competed in Ohio for the regional Drum-off competition.

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hands at CCA. He and his fellow teachers will help prepare their sons and daughters not only for college and success in the world, but more importantly, for eternity! The God who loves them, through capable teachers, will fight for them (even as he did for Moses). We serve a God who has faithfully communicated what He wants us to know and that we (teachers) will teach the Bible with humility because we want to represent Him well and with confidence," said Dr. Drake.

*Dr. Drake is a graduate of Trinity College/Seminary. He is married to his wife **Pat**, who recently celebrated their 25th anniversary in Paris. His favorite scripture is found in Romans 8:32, "He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things?"*

Testimonies from 13-Year Students



*Left to right are: **Hailey Borrasca**, **Joshua Holmes**, **Hannah Lattimer**, **Skyler Hein**, and **Sarah D'Amico**.*

Joshua Holmes: "Some people might say thirteen years in the same place is a long time. I say that my years at CCA have been anything but. I have grown up and learned both my ABC's and logarithmic functions in its halls. On its soccer field, I spent seven successful soccer seasons. Successful not only because of our records, but because of the strengthened bonds that were made through the summer heat and autumn chill. The people that I am graduating with are more than just peers—they are family! The ties that I made among them, both in and out of school, I will never forget. I am thankful for all the years that I spent at CCA and would not be the person I am today without the teachers, coaches and leadership who helped and guided me along the way. I am proud to call myself a Crusader, and thankful that I can call Christian Central Academy my school, and my home."

Skyler Hein: "CCA has become my family and a place that I can call home. Leaving this school next year will be very hard for me because the school has played a major role in making me who I am. Going to the same school almost every single day since Kindergarten has definitely made me realize how much I am going to miss it. I thank CCA for giving me an amazing education and a way to grow in my faith. I want to thank all the teachers and staff for loving and caring about me. I will never regret going to CCA for all 13 years because I know that I wouldn't have succeeded anywhere else like the way I succeeded in Christian Central Academy."

Sarah D'Amico: "Spending thirteen years at CCA can sound daunting, but at the end of this period in my life, I can look back on it with thankfulness. As a small kindergartener, I had no idea what was to come. Over the years I have become very close with my teachers and I continue to see even my elementary teachers on a regular basis. I am reminded each time I see them that they still care about me and continue to pray for me even though it has been years since I've been in their class. Being in this school for so many years has also brought me extremely close to my classmates, and my relationships I would not trade for anything."

Hailey Borrasca: "I've seen a lot of people come and go after being here for 13 years. And I've seen a lot of things that a lot of people haven't—like the library being in Mrs. Stehlin's room and things like the "mint gym," now the wooden gym. Although I've never really had to move myself to different settings, the settings moved around me, which I think is equally as hard. If I've learned anything from this experience, it's that eventually, change is good. It's one of the best lessons I've learned. There are times where I get laughed at for going to a private school my whole life, but honestly I wouldn't change that if I could. I've met the most extraordinary people and have made the best memories. It'll be sad to leave in a few months; CCA is definitely my home away from home."

Hannah Lattimer: "It's amazing to think that I've been walking these halls for 13 years! I'm very thankful for the time I have had here—especially for the relationships I've made. I've been able to play on all the sports teams possible, and am thankful for all my teammates and coaches helping me become a better athlete. I am also blessed for the many friendships I've made. The small class sizes create a family-like atmosphere. We are close, and I appreciate that. Similarly, the same kind of relationships can be made with teachers. They truly care about us, and they, in particular, have had a large influence on my life academically as well as personally. I am thankful for the time spent here and all I've learned—academically, athletically, and spiritually."

School Activities



September 24, 7 to 8:00 am

Each September students and teachers have the opportunity to meet before the start of school at the flag pole to pray for God's direction during the coming school year. This "See You at the Pole" nationwide event began in Texas in 1990.



Just before Thanksgiving **Mrs. Kelly Martin's** kindergarten class participated in Harvest Cooking. The children are watching **Mrs. Sheeba Eappen** demonstrate decorating the cookies they baked. From left to right are **Katelyn Jones, Myra Nelson, Mark Galimov, Aidan Dietz, Carter Erzkus,** and **Addison Christ.**

GRANDPARENTS DAY was a happy, enjoyable, and successful event, with almost 200 guests in attendance and much excitement among the K-5 students. **Mrs. Reda Rozendal**, coordinator of the event that was held November 7, received comments of gratitude after the program from many students and grandparents.

The program began in the auditorium with an opening prayer by fifth grader **Jeffrey Norcutt**. All of the K-5 students recited the CCA theme verse for this year, Deuteronomy 7:9, followed by the songs *Ever Faithful* and *God Bless America* (photo on right).

Mrs. Beth Kivett led the students in a powerful choral presentation of *Just Believe It*, featuring a solo by fifth grader **Felicia Hurd**. **Mr. Eric Alcott**, Board of Directors president, reminded grandparents of the positive ripple effects from their relationships with their grandchildren. **Mrs. Nurline Lawrence**, shared the importance of maintaining CCA's mission.

After the program, guests had the opportunity to visit the children's classrooms where they participated in varied activities such as games, art work, math competitions, snacks, and readings prepared by their teachers. Grandparents were also able to shop at the *Clothes Connection* and the *Book Fair*, both organized by the PTO (see page 8 for photo). The morning ended with lunch in the cafeteria prepared by **Mr. Peter Szurgyi** and the cafeteria staff.

Mrs. Rozendal expressed much appreciation to those who made this event go smoothly.



Seventh graders are holding a sign they used to promote and sell caramel apples to raise funds for **Avi** who has cancer. **Avi** is a cousin to fourth grader, **Josiah Neumann**. During Spirit Week, the class wanted to cheer her and show how much they cared by presenting her with a big stuffed animal and gift cards.



Third grader **Natalie Cook** came to school as *grandma* during Spirit Week at the end of September. The theme for her class division was "Senior Citizen Day."



Seniors dressed in the decade of the 50's for "Decades Day," Spirit Week celebration. Left to right are **Axel James, Christiana Johnson, Hailey Borrasca,** and **Sarah D'Amico.**



Grandparents Day – Nov. 7



Fourth graders (l-r) **Winston Martey, Paul Emmi** and **Aaron Jentz**, next to **Grandma Jentz**, are all playing a game in **Mrs. Katrina Szucs' class.**



Mrs. Lawrence stops to visit with grandparents during lunch.



Seniors (l-r) **Emma Taylor, Elyse Serrano, Emma Albrecht, Hannah Lattimer and Meghan Curtin**, displaying the Monsignor Martin league runner-up plaque from the championship game.

Sports Update



Junior **Tahelah Noel** broke the school record (for boys and girls) for most goals scored in one season and combined three seasons! Tahelah, as soccer forward, had a great year by breaking **Rachel Cook's** record of 41, and by scoring 56 goals this season, tallying 128 in her three years at CCA. Tahelah achieved these records despite missing at least four of the season's games due to injury. She was one of the four captains (the only non-senior) and was awarded both the Monsignor Martin Small School Division MVP and the team MVP. Tahelah also received an honorable mention by the All WNY Girls' Soccer All-Star Committee. And, Miss Noel was highlighted on Channel 7 the second year in a row as one of the "ten top athletes of the week." Congratulations Tahelah!

GIRLS VARSITY SOCCER

Coaches **Joe Karnath, Katie Smith**

Girls varsity soccer finishes second in championship game!

Most Valuable Player & Lead Scorer (56 goals) – **Tahelah Noel**
 Most Improved Player – **Emma Albrecht**
 Christian Character Award – **Elyse Serrano**
 Coaches' Award – **Faith Deberny, Madeline Emmi, Klaire Gold, and Joy LoHouse**

The Lady Crusaders started the season slow, but finished with solid efforts putting themselves in the **Monsignor Martin Small School playoffs for the third time in four seasons**. The league overall record was 10–8–2. The team played against undefeated Immaculata in the Championship match. CCA went ahead early in the second half, but Immaculata proved their talented season by scoring two goals to win 3–1. CCA's close-knit group progressed in the season by working together with Christ-like spirit. Four players were named to the Monsignor Martin Small School All-star team. **Tahelah Noel** was voted MVP and **Emma Albrecht** was awarded the first team goalie. Sweeper **Hannah Lattimer** and stopper **Faith Deberny** were named second team all-stars.

BOYS VARSITY GOLF

Coach **Jeff Fancher, Don Crosby**

Most Valuable Player – **Casey Woodard**
 Most Improved Player & Lead Scorer – **Griffin Lindstrom**
 Christian Character Award – **Nick Trippie**
 Coaches' Award – **Casey Woodard**

This was the first year for the CCA Boys' Varsity Golf. Praise the Lord for a great season with tons of fun. **Casey Woodard** finished the year with a **39.1 scoring average which was the best in the MSM Small School Division**, and he qualified for state tournament in the spring by shooting a 78 in a downpour at River Oaks at the MSM Championship. A huge blessing was that the team was funded completely with private donations which meant no cost to student families or CCA. Many thanks go to the donors and parents for a great year. We welcome high school guys to join the team next season.

BOYS VARSITY SOCCER

Coach **James Vandenberg**

Most Valuable Player – **Noah Stockslader**
 Most Improved Player – **Alex Cook**
 Coaches' Award – **Peter Deberny**
 Christian Character Award – **Axel James and Evan Rarick**
 Lead Scorer – **Thomas Kazmierczak (10 goals)**

The boys showed success this season and finished **runner-up** in the joint league tournament of the Independent Athletic Conference and the Monsignor Martin Small School Division!

CCA defeated GOW School 3–1 in the semi-final, but lost to a strong Bishop Timon 4–1 in the Championship match. The Crusaders had an overall record of a respectable 12–6–1 and an IAC record of 6–4. The team had ten players score through the season.

Coach Vandenberg (left)
Athletic Dir. Bob Kiekbusch (right)



Fourth grader
Aaron Jentz

FALL 4–6th GRADE BASEBALL

Coach **Tim Fancher**

Most Valuable Player – **Jeffrey Norcutt**
 Most Improved Player – **Zander Borton**
 Christian Character Award – **Wicken Whited**
 Coaches' Award – **Tommy Sauer**

The team had a solid year by showing great potential for a young team! Even though the record was 4–6–1, they **continued to improve all season which included many awesome highlights** including several who got their first hit and others faced live batters for the first time on the pitching mound. The team was led by MVP **Jeffrey Norcutt** who contributed leadership as a catcher. **Zander Borton** ended up batting with a 0.588 average. Thanks to all the boys for representing Christ so well on the baseball diamond!

MIDDLE SCHOOL SOCCER

Coaches **Corrie Barrett, Keith Tyson**

Most Valuable Player – **Perry Martey**
 Most Improved Player – **Kyle Gold**
 Christian Character Award – **Wicken Whited**
 Coaches' Award – **Joshua Harbison**

Coach **Corrie Barrett** reported that this year's team, though young and inexperienced, put in much hard work this season. Though the team of 6th and 7th graders, and a few 8th graders struggled to win games, every one genuinely loved to play. **They listened to instructions and were humble enough to admit when they made mistakes and then, showed constant improvement as the season progressed!** The team displayed what dedication is all about, and they have the potential to be strong leaders in the years to come. Coach Barrett had kind words of encouragement for the award recipients: To 7th grader **Perry Martey**, she stated that he carried out instructions without complaining and showed genuine competitive spirit. An eighth grader and first-timer **Kyle Gold** is one of the toughest players and did all that he needed to do. Coaches appreciate players like 6th grader **Wicken Whited** who displayed passion for the game and encouraged others to do well; he made it contagious to encompass his work ethic and godly character. And to another 6th grader **Joshua Harbison**, who gave 110% no matter what—always played seriously. The whole team has much future potential.

Leaf Raking ... Annual Neighborly Gesture



Three ambitious CCA boys from left to right are fifth graders **Gannon Lux**, **Jeffrey Norcutt** and **Myles Samuel**. All are working hard during "Leaf Raking Day" on Tuesday, November 4.



Mrs. **Susan Koch's** energetic second graders are in a playful mood after helping rake leaves in the school yard, as well as doing a kind gesture for local, appreciative neighbors. On the right is high school science teacher **Mr. Richard Phillips**, joining in on the fun/work?



CCA scrapbook



December 12 Concert Theme

The Christmas Word in 3D: Spoken, Written, and Living

Mrs. **Michelle Thomas** conducted Middle School chorus as students sang "Midnight Sleigh Ride, Take These Wings, Sleigh Ride, and Believe." She also conducted the High School Choral Ensemble. Their selections were: "It's The Most Wonderful Time of the Year, Part of Forever, and More Precious; I Stand in Awe of You." Mrs. **Karen Saxon**, former associate conductor of the Buffalo Philharmonic Chorus conducted both choruses during dress rehearsal.



Third graders (l-r) **Daisy Munir** and **Zola Perry** and second grader **Zachary Orzechowski** are participating in a costume contest, emceed by Mrs. **Gail Conschafter**, during the Friday Pep assembly on September 26.



Winner of the contest is 6th grader **Sean O'Hara** dressed as a movie character, Gandalf, as the Wizard from the Hobbit movie during Spirit Week of September 22nd.



Christiana Johnson is mixing the filling for apple pies which her senior class baked and sold to raise funds for the annual missions trip to the Dominican Republic.



At the annual H.S. retreat during September 18-19, students had an opportunity to share a testimony about their relationship with others and God. Thursday closed with a bonfire; sitting in the foreground are mainly freshmen dressed in their red class color.



Seniors **Joshua Holmes** (left), **Noelle Moran**, **Hailey Borrasca**, **Lindsay Bratek**, **Peter Debernny**, and **Cassandra Szafranski** are getting out of their canoes after a race during the retreat.



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CCA Theme for 2014-15, Deuteronomy 7:9

Columbia Scholastic Press Association

awarded a Gold Certificate for CCA's
 Triumph 2014 Yearbook,
 "Take Flight"

Congratulations to
 Mrs. Lynnette Wrigglesworth
 and the Journalism Class



ANNUAL SCHOOL BOOK FAIR

The Book Fair is sponsored by the PTO for children to choose books they would like to add to their wish list. Grandparents had the opportunity to view the books with their grandchildren on Grandparents Day.

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Ashley (Bleich, 2004) and **Jason Koelle** (2003) are proud parents of **Autumn Elizabeth** who was born on September 16, 2014, weighing 8 lbs, 12 oz and measuring 21" long.

Elizabeth Johnson (2009) and **Laura Lewis** (1988) are CCA grads who joined the staff family this year (see page 3 for their bios).

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