

# The Academy Advantage

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## Twenty Three Graduates Begin a New Journey



*Mrs. Nurline Lawrence, Dr. Martha E. MacCallough*

CCA students may have questioned: Why Christian education? Why CCA? Noted educator and special guest, **Dr. Martha E. MacCallough**, stated that *Christian Education* or any private education is a unique journey in today's America. It is a path less traveled. Only a small percentage of children have the privilege of attending a private school.

Since the quality of education in this country has been falling behind other nations, many studies have examined the reason and are seeking to improve the educational system in America. Social science research noted that secular schools promote an open and tolerant philosophy to accept anything and everything. This kind of teaching has led many to believe in "nothing," ending up with no

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## Dr. JOHN ROSEMOND, Child Psychologist, Visits CCA

CCA was privileged to meet and hear child psychologist, speaker, author and syndicated columnist who drew a large gathering on Tuesday, May 20, 2014. **Dr. John Rosemond** held a *Meet & Greet* book signing in the school library before the presentation.

Dr. Rosemond's lecture theme was "Parenting with love and leadership." He stated that today's parents are more focused on building friendships with their children and seeking their approval rather than exercising their role as parents. He stated that leadership has to precede relationships.

Mr. Rosemond gave this advice: Parents find many ways to enable their children: for example, assisting their children with their homework. They want their kids to get good grades, so they step in to help. As parents, we should be letting them do their own work to help prepare for citizenship. This will teach them to be willing to help others instead of just themselves. Another downfall to parenting is using awards and punishments to manipulate behavior. He feels there is no evidence that this works with human beings, but with pets. He suggests using creative approaches to get the job done. Motivate child compliance. It's not about psychology, it's simply about loving your children and providing leadership to them."

Mr. Rosemond will return for another meeting with parents on March 3, 2015.



*Dr. John Rosemond*

## Mrs. Lawrence Announces Retirement!

**Mrs. Nurline Lawrence** has informed the board of her intention to retire her position as Head of School after a 16-year tenure. A meeting was held at CCA by **Mr. Eric Alcott** and the Board of Directors on Tuesday, June 24 regarding plans for this leadership change.

Mr. Alcott began by praising the outstanding work that Mrs. Lawrence has done in improving the overall stature of Christian Central Academy. He stressed the importance of a seamless transition; therefore, the Board of Directors has decided to engage a reputable national agency to help find a qualified replacement

after the coming 2014-15 school year. Representatives from Christian School Executive Search (CSES), **Mr. Larry Kooi** and **Mr. Barry Koops**, have been selected to lead the search in finding candidates for the new leadership. Mr. Koops was not able to attend this meeting. This recruitment procedure will take several months, as a new head is selected from a large pool of available candidates. Much of the recruitment will be via social networking. CCA's committee will be comprised of six to eight people, some of whom will be Board members, involved especially during the interviewing and negotiating period as they work with CSES.

Toward the end of the meeting Mr. Alcott took questions and comments from the attendees.



*Mr. Eric Alcott, Board President*

## Senior Baccalaureate Service Held June 8

"This is a time of 'lasts' for you," **Pastor Jerry Gillis** reminded the class of 2014; their last year of high school, their last musical performances, and their last athletic competitions. He defined graduation as a time of beginning, saying that many more graduations and milestones lay ahead, sometimes taking them to places they would never have imagined. The apostle Peter, a fisherman, put aside his fishing nets to follow Jesus. He must have had great anticipation, as will each graduate with each upcoming milestone.

Peter also dealt with temptation at various times, presenting a choice to glory in his role and good luck (the large catch of fish) or humbly follow Jesus. Students will also have the choice to live for themselves or follow Jesus. Pastor Gillis spoke of a third element—reorientation. Jesus often had to turn Peter around but he had to allow that reorientation and walk by faith, whether on water or on land.

In conclusion, Pastor Gillis urged the graduates, "Don't ever graduate from Jesus. Because a life surrendered to Him can be used, just like Peter's, to turn the world upside down."



*Rev. Jerry Gillis, Mrs. Lawrence*



***"I MAKE KNOWN THE END FROM THE BEGINNING...  
MY PURPOSE WILL STAND."*** *Isaiah 46:10*



**Mrs. Nurline Lawrence**  
Head of School

*This July, I began my seventeenth and final year as Christian Central Academy's Head of School. I plan to retire in June of 2015. It has been an extraordinary journey of faith and hope in God. As I come to the end of my tenure, I am filled with anticipation about the future both personally and for the school that I deeply love. CCA and I have both grown in innumerable ways. As the school moves forward, we have the assurance of God's hand on CCA through the words of the prophet, Isaiah—"I am he, I am he who will sustain you. I have made you and I will carry you; I will sustain you and I will rescue you." Isaiah 46:4*

*Next summer, your new Head of School will be writing in this space of the "Advantage." I am confident that God has already chosen my successor and I rejoice in the faithfulness of our Heavenly Father. For such a time as this, CCA is in the capable hands of President of the Board, **Mr. Eric Alcott**. He is leading the initiative to find CCA's next leader and I am very blessed to witness the careful, prayerful work that the Board of Directors has embarked upon to make sure the school's future is well served. Please pray fervently for Mr. Alcott and the Board as they continue the search. It has been my honor and privilege to serve at CCA, and I will be always thankful for the opportunity afforded me.*

*The year under review ended well with the graduation of another twenty three gifted, successful seniors who claimed their diplomas and have moved on to their own future. The words of the Baccalaureate speaker, **Pastor Jerry Gillis** of the Chapel at CrossPoint, will be remembered for a long time as he charged the students not to graduate from God! The Commencement speaker, **Dr. Martha E. MacCallough**, encouraged the graduates to follow the written guide, "God's Word." We proudly listened also to the inspiring words of the Salutatorian, **Cassandra Taber**, and Valedictorian, **Kaleb Colosimo**.*

*CCA is at the midway point of our seven-year accreditation protocol, "Excellence by Design." The school remains in the Top Ten of all 135 public and private high schools in the eight counties of Western New York by the "Business First" rankings, and had outstanding Advanced Placement results in all seven disciplines. Sixteen of the forty students who sat the A.P. tests have been named A.P. Scholars, four with Distinction and three with Honor. This Senior Class also made the eighth journey to the Dominican Republic, and this trip continues to be a transforming spiritual experience for the students.*

*We are thankful for the successes and growth of our school but are ever mindful that Christian schooling is about the hearts and minds of students, faculty, staff, parents, Board and all who make up our community. As we move forward, we must do all we can to **Maintain the Mission**, that we may all grow "in wisdom, in stature and in favor with God and Man."*

*It is an on-going challenge to maintain the financial integrity of CCA. I will be doing all I can to help leave CCA in a good financial position. Please help me raise the necessary funds to do so, as I end my time here. The goal is to raise five hundred thousand dollars by next June. Your gifts are tax deductible and will bless our school in innumerable ways. (visit [www.christianca.com](http://www.christianca.com) and click on "Giving".)*

*The goal of CCA must be to continue to develop a Christian worldview in the hearts and minds of students. To do this, we must prayerfully commit to maintaining the mission. Mission integrity is the key to the health of any school. Our world desperately needs godly servants to carry out the cause of Christ.*

*As always, CCA welcomes a visit from  
our Alumni—We miss you!*

*Where we may grow "in wisdom and  
stature, and in favor with God and men."*



## SPECIAL HONORS FOR SPECIAL PEOPLE



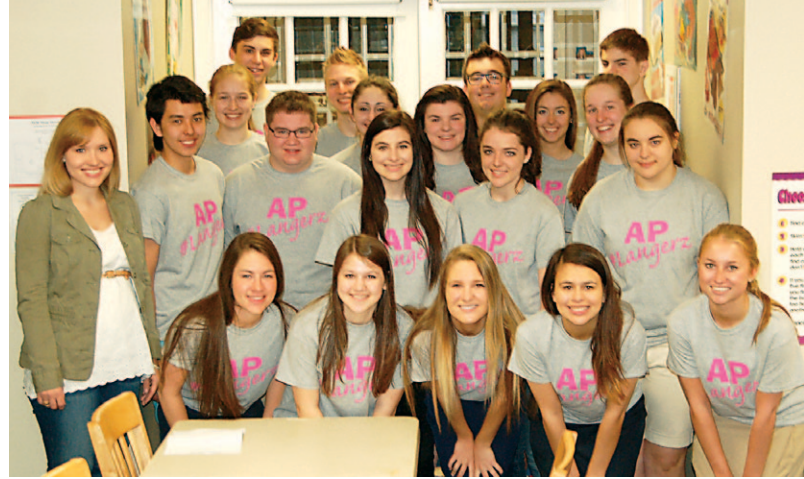
During the graduation ceremony on June 28, **Mrs. Debbie Wade** (left) presented the *Lifetime Service Award* to **Mrs. Barbara Brown** in grateful recognition of her many years of selfless service to Christian education at Christian Central Academy. She was the Accreditation Coordinator for the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools accreditation process. Her dynamic, tireless leadership and faithful commitment to our Lord and to our school has set a high standard that continues as the hallmark of Christian service. Mrs. Brown is the wife of former CCA Board member **Mr. Jonathan Brown** and parent of CCA alumni, **Sara** and **Katherine** (2003) and **Melissa** (2006).



High school students are recognized for their candidacy to the National Honor Society. Science teacher **Mr. Richard Phillips** is congratulating junior **Luke Wittlinger** during Monday Chapel on May 12. The group included 2 seniors and 18 juniors. In the background from left to right, are junior **Abigail Stone**, seniors **Lauren Torrisi** and **Brandon Gonzalez**, and junior **Tyson Lindstrom**.



Senior **Jonathan Kasmore** (left) was recognized by his cousin, junior **Evan Rarick**, at the Middle School Chapel on June 2, wishing him the best as Jonathan graduates from CCA. Jonathan would like to convey this message: *"I would like to thank Head of School, Mrs. Lawrence, Mr. Mark Cook, and everyone for the support, love and prayers given on my behalf. All the encouragements have truly helped me recover during the first few weeks after my illness at school. It has been difficult, but I am getting better by the grace of God. I am so grateful for God's love and mercy, and for the ability of my body to go through a healing process."*



Each year **Mrs. Sarah Galda's** AP students come up with a design for the T-shirts they will wear during exam day. She met with them just before taking their exam to give a pep talk and to pray with her class.

### AP SCHOLARS for 2014

#### AP Scholar with Distinction

- Kelli Bores, senior
- Emily Parlato, senior
- Cassandra Taber, senior
- Parker Woodard, senior

#### AP Scholar

- Lindsay Bratek, junior
- Kaleb Colosimo, senior
- Peter Debernry, junior
- Skyler Hein, junior
- Joshua Holmes, junior
- Tyson Lindstrom, junior
- Faith LoHouse, senior
- James Martinic, senior
- Jordan Raine, senior

#### AP Scholar with Honor

- Lucas Fry, junior
- John Puskas, junior
- Abigail Stone, junior

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core set of beliefs. People are unable to respect those with whom they disagree. Tolerance is lost.

Political scientists have also tried to come up with a system that would be best for human development and flourish in preparing students for life. And, Brookings Institute (the D.C. "think tank") did independent research on advancing education in our American democracy; one of their findings showed that private schools were outperforming public schools.

Many books have also been written on the subject, suggesting that what's needed is a coherent curriculum that encompasses a sense of purpose and connectedness to life issues, one which would require a strategic design with goals. Educators agree that there is a need to broaden students' understanding of themselves and the world. Schools need to teach concepts, ideas and goals that will express values. They need a distinctive, well-defined mission. Christian education does that.

CCA graduates can celebrate the different path their parents chose and sacrificed for them. They will be open-minded because they know what they stand for—*Biblical truths!* They will go into the world knowing what they believe (possess critical thinking). They will understand and accept those with whom they disagree.

As CCA seniors look back to their foundation, and now begin their new forward journey, Dr. MacCallough gave them advice: Follow the written guide—*God's Word!* God prepared a plan for each life in advance, just as He did for Joshua who trusted God marching into the "promised land." Dr. MacCallough admonished all to be strong and courageous—to focus on the course—not turn to the left or the right—not depart from what they know—just stay on the path for Christ!

*Dr. Martha E. MacCallough is the Distinguished Professor Emeritus for Worldview Integration in the Center for University Studies at Cairn University, located in Langhorne, PA.*



## ANNUAL FIELD TRIPS



*Mrs. Hana Asirwatham (left) took her class to the Ontario Science Center. They traveled on April 7 together with chaperones, Mrs. Cathy Tom and Mr. Kevin McNamara. The students explored various interactive exhibits that included the planetarium, rainforest, games and electricity demo. All enjoyed the exhibits, an IMAX film called the Human Body, as well as lunch at the museum restaurant.*



*Fifth graders are on the battlefield in Gettysburg where they are being trained how to march in formation by veterans from a Legion in Eden. This year, Mrs. Lisa Wright and Mrs. Amy Liszkiewicz traveled with their students to the PA site to experience history. They are told about the Battle of Gettysburg in 1863. The students also get to participate in "Pickett's Charge." This is a real honor as many schools do not have this opportunity. CCA has always been given distinguished reports and invited back each year. They also visited a museum and the Jenny Wade House (only civilian killed in the battle).*



Jordan Raine



## Seniors at the Dominican Republic

**Several seniors shared about experience while in the Dominican Republic trip, April 3-10; here are a few highlights of what they said:**

**Kaleb Colosimo** – The Dominican Republic was incredible for many reasons. First of all, it was an amazing opportunity to spend a week with my friends, not only having fun, but also working together as the body of Christ. It was also memorable for the impact that it had on me spiritually. It was amazing to see the total reliance of the Dominicans on God, and that is something I hope that I can continually implement into my own life.

**Emily Parlato** – The Dominican Trip was a life-changing experience that I will never forget. God revealed to me so much while I was there, and the joy the people had was so inspiring. I learned to always appreciate all what God has blessed me with and to always trust his plan for my life.

**Dan Craigie** – People often discuss how impoverished people in third world nations are; however, it is impossible to fully understand that statement until you have firsthand experience. An older gentleman was almost brought to tears because of the aid we gave him. While it was difficult to see the people struggle, I would go back in a heartbeat.

**Tyler McFadden** – Going on the trip was one of the greatest experiences of my life. Seeing the people so in love with God, and with the little they have, is overwhelming. We created a garden for a nursing home so they can have food grow continuously. It was a life-changing trip for me.

**Faith LoHouse** – The trip was absolutely amazing. The feeling of being able to help those people was something I will never forget. Even though we were the ones helping them, I felt that they were blessing us even more. When we asked them for prayer requests they would always ask us to pray for ourselves so that we can continue what we are doing. I'm hoping to do that while in Costa Rica next year.

**Jonathan Kasmore** – The trip for me personally was an instant life changer. Seeing all the poverty-stricken people filled with absolute and perfect joy of Jesus Christ, just to be alive and have family and friends, was a blessing for me because I have never seen anything like it. I would love to go back and work with the people once again.



Caroline Ranallo



## Third Annual 5K Run, 2K Walk



Mrs. Donna Visone, Mr. Scott Levin, Mrs. Lawrence, Mrs. Beth Walsh



The third annual Grace Race (5k run/2k walk) to benefit Christian Central Academy took place on June 3. The first event is an all-school fundraiser with students, faculty and staff acquiring donations for two worthwhile organizations. The second event is the after race party. The 5k course is USATF certified and sanctioned, traveling through beautiful Williamsville. The 2k walk included over 340 families; grandparents, parents, faculty and students doing the course. With over 125 volunteers, the event ran smoothly and exhibited God's grace to our school and community. Thanks to the nearly 40 sponsors who gave donations to pay for the race. Over \$68,750 was raised; Praise God! Food was donated, as well as many other services. There were 281 runners, an over a 20% increase from last year. A hearty "Thank-You" to all, and especially to **Mrs. Beth Walsh** and her team for organizing the event and for all their hard work!

Pre-race, **Ms. Maria Angelova** and CCA mom, **Mrs. Kim Fried** sang a beautiful rendition of the National Anthem. Post-race, **Mr. Scott Levin** of WGRZ-TV (evening anchor) was the MC. **Mr. Allen James**, CCA dad and two-time Olympian, also helped with MC duties. The *Jessie Ray Miller Band* entertained everyone with their eclectic style of music, better known as "feel good music." Throughout the evening, everyone enjoyed a variety of grilled food, drinks, kettle corn and Ice Cream from Route 20.

Each year CCA gives a portion of the proceeds to a charity and this year the students, faculty and staff were excited to raise money for CCA and Let them Laugh out Loud (LOL), an organization whose primary focus is to provide clean water to the people of Sierra Leone, Africa.



## SCHOOL HAPPENINGS

*Clockwise from left:*

1. **Mr. Mark Cook**, facilities manager, reported that the flagpole sustained damage to its pulley and rope system after a severe windstorm in March. A 50' bucket truck was required for the repair. Now both flags are flying high again!
2. **Mr. Pedro Ferrer** is mopping up (and washing) the hallways after one of the water pipes broke unexpectedly in spring.
3. CCA practiced a "lock down" drill on May 13 with the aid of the local police who are being introduced to **Mrs. Lori Williams** and **Mrs. Lawrence**.
4. Crosswalk signs and painted stripes on the School Street pavement were added for safe crossing from the main building to the Center for Science and Arts building.





## Valdictorian



**Kaleb Colosimo**  
Roberts Wesleyan College  
Honors Program, Head Prefect

## Salutatorian



**Cassandra Taber**  
University at Buffalo  
Honors Program, CCA Mentor



**Allison Balk**  
Mercyhurst University



**Mitchell Hawke**  
Buffalo State College



**Jonathan Kasmore**  
Hilbert College  
Class Spiritual Advisor



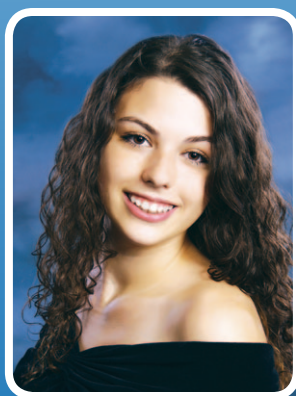
**Zackary Kerkeslager**  
Buffalo State College



**Nichole Locke**  
Northern Virginia  
Community College



**Mary Pappagallo**  
University at Buffalo  
Class Secretary, Athletic Prefect



**Emily Parlato**  
University at Buffalo  
Admissions Prefect



**Jordan Raine**  
University at Buffalo  
Class Treasurer  
Activities Prefect



**Caroline Ranallo**  
Roberts Wesleyan College

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# Class of 2014



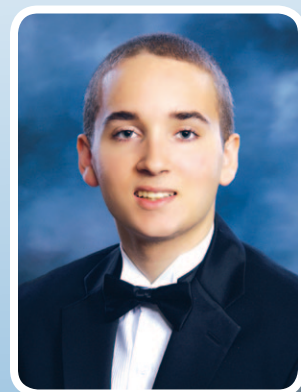
**Kelli Bores**  
Buffalo State College  
Honors Program  
Academic Prefect



**Daniel Craigie**  
Canisius College



**Colleen Doyle**  
Roberts Wesleyan College



**Brandon Gonzalez**  
Buffalo State College  
Class Vice President



**Faith LoHouse**  
Score International,  
GAP Program, CCA Mentor



**Jimmy Martinic**  
Buffalo State College



**Tyler McFadden**  
Erie Community College



**Caleb Moser**  
Erie Community College



**Nathan Rarick**  
Roberts Wesleyan College



**Lauren Torrasi**  
Canisius College  
Class President



**Lucas Wanamaker**  
Erie Community College  
CCA Mentor



**Parker Woodard**  
University at Buffalo  
Honors Program, Chaplain Prefect

ulations!





## 2014 SENIOR AWARDS

CCA students have the opportunity to avail themselves of scholarships that are offered from various sources. This year the total amount graduates have been offered in college aid is \$2,000,000 (not all used, dependent on students' school choice).

### Major Academic Subject Awards

#### *Academic Excellence Awards*

Valedictorian **Kaleb Colosimo**

Salutatorian **Cassandra Taber**

*Timothy Award (Bible)* **Kaleb Colosimo**

*C.S. Lewis Award (English)* **Cassandra Taber**

*American Liberty Award (History)* **Emily Parlato**

*Sir Isaac Newton Award (Math)* **James Martinic**

*Genesis Award (Science)* **Kaleb Colosimo**

*Athletes of the Year Award (Physical Educ.)*

**Colleen Doyle and Nathan Rarick**

*Fine Arts Music Award (Music)* **Kaleb Colosimo**

*Fine Arts Sketchbook Award (Art)* **Lucas Wanamaker**

*Journalist Award (Journalism)* **Mary Pappagallo**

**Nevin W. Larson Communication Award**  
**Parker Woodard**

**James Andrews Memorial Scholarship**  
**Olivia Farraca**

**Greg Johnson Memorial Award**  
**Caroline Ranallo**

**Marsden T. Sellers Memorial Award**  
**Faith LoHouse**

**Kurt A. De Witt Memorial Award**  
**Daniel Craigie**

**Ray Schultz Memorial Award**  
**Lindsay Bratek**

**Harry J. Beu Memorial Award**  
**Asia Daniels**

**Head of School Award**  
**Jonathan Kasmore**

**Faculty Award**  
**Parker Woodard**







# Sports Update



## Girls' Varsity Softball: Coaches Paul Kazmierczak & Tim Stone

This year's team had the largest team, fielding 15 players. Despite being one of the smallest schools in the highly competitive Monsignor Martin League, CCA's 4-6 record propelled them to another playoff. Senior softball legends **Colleen Doyle** and **Lauren Torrisi** received CCA's Founding Member awards for their significant contribution. Junior leaders/starters **Noelle Moran**, **Abbie Stone**, and **Hannah Lattimer** set the foundation for excellence. Great development by **Faith Deberny**, **Olivia Faracca**, **Christina Johnson** and **Klaire Gold**, who also made significant contributions. For the second year in a row, opposing coaches voted **Noelle Moran** (SS), one of the top ten players in the league, receiving the 1<sup>st</sup> Team All-Catholic designation. This team was competitive in every game, achieving their goal by *fighting* through the game of softball, and to advance God's kingdom.

## Girls' Softball: Coach Ashley Mohr

The 8<sup>th</sup> grade Softball Team finished their season with five wins, three losses. With a majority of newcomers on the team, coaches were pleased with improvements made during the season. **Hannah Ball** and **Jillian Kasmore** were co-recipients of the Most Valuable Player award for their dedication and willingness to step up as pitchers. Newcomer **Carolyn Wanamaker** received the Most Improved award for her hard work and improvement. Catcher **Cameron Visone** stepped up and caught every game, winning the Coach's Award for her leadership display. **Lauren Fleming** was the recipient of the Christian Character/Leadership award because of her Christ-like attitude and sportsmanship. Lauren's attitude showed opponents how a team can exemplify Christ while having competition and fun. **Mia Polechetti** displayed her athleticism in the field and at the plate, while **Madeline Emmi**, **Alexis Horvath** and **Chyna Tallchief** improved in every game as first-time players.



▲ **Mr. Dan Kelly**, **Mr. Jim Kelly's** brother, prayed with the Boys' Varsity Baseball Team vs Cardinal O'Hara on May 7 at Lou Gehrig Field. **Coach Ellsworth** and team are showing their support by dedicating their season to Jim Kelly who's battling cancer.

◀ **Mr. Dan Kelly** also prayed with **Coach Matt Gold** and the Girls' Varsity Softball Team vs Sacred Heart. Caps with the #12 were unveiled & will be worn by players during the season.

## Boys' Varsity Baseball:

**Coaches Brian Ellsworth, Todd Moser and Todd Kasmore**

CCA Varsity Baseball team led by seniors **Nathan Rarick**, **James Martinic**, **Jonathan Kasmore** and **Caleb Moser** competed in the very highest level competition in WNY. Although they had a challenging season, **Coach Ellsworth** was pleased with the improvement and growth and how their senior leadership stepped up. **Nathan Rarick** in particular was overwhelmingly selected to 1<sup>st</sup> Team All-Catholic designation in The Monsignor Martin League, posting a 0.550 batting average against top pitching, and due to injuries being thrust into the No. 1 pitching spot in the rotation. We have a good nucleus of young talent that will help meet the challenges that come next year.

## The Varsity Blue Team Softball: Coaches Tom and Mary Beth Drozda

The team consisted of three sixth graders and eight seventh graders. Competition in the Diocesan top division was tough and although they had only three wins, the coach stated that the team grew in so many ways. She is proud of the team for facing challenges with *No Fear* and for having the faith in Jesus Christ that they continue to put first!

## Third and fourth grade Co-ed Soccer: Coach Tracy McNitt

The team finished with three wins in a row for an overall record of three wins, one loss and two ties. The team was composed of six, fourth graders and 15, third graders. The coach states that the team has much promise for the future.

## Fifth and sixth grade Soccer: Coaches Derrick and Marissa Kruk

The season was a fun and successful one for the Crusaders. **The team was Undefeated!** in their six games, scoring 44 goals while only giving up seven on the defensive side. Teamwork and sportsmanship of the team helped achieve the team goals which are having fun working together and giving God all the glory!



The 2014 fifth through eighth grade Track Team coached by 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade English teacher, **Mrs. Camille Wade**.



Sixth grader **Dinah Hampton** (third from left) is running the 75 Meter Race at the Diocese Track Meet at St. Francis School.



# SCRAP BOOK



**Mrs. Nancy Basinski's** (left) class won first place in the K-5 division of the "Inspired" Contest sponsored by the Albright-Knox Art Gallery. **Mrs. Lawrence** stands proudly with the Kindergartners who display their mural titled, "Silence in the Woods" (background, above). Their inspiration came from Alselm Kiefer's works. The mural explores relationships between pattern and rhythm in English language arts, mathematics and art. The class was awarded \$1,500 for the Art Department. Great Job!



Journalism teacher, **Mrs. Lynette Wigglesworth**, and her students revealed the 2014 Triumph Yearbook by throwing paper airplanes (above) toward the hidden books on the tables. As soon as the planes made contact, the covers were removed and the yearbook, "Take Flight," was released for distribution.



**Mrs. Kelly Martin's** class is wearing hats as part of their outfit for their kindergarten graduation ceremony. They are practicing a song titled, "Start Spreading the News" which includes verses about joy, their theme for this year's graduation held on June 19.



On the "last days of school," students grades 3-5 are taking turns spraying a fire hose on June 19. Fifth grader **Julia Loschiavo** is aiming at a set-up target placed by the Williamsville Hutchinson Fire Dept. who came to interact with the students and celebrate with a picnic coordinated by 4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher **Mrs. Katrina Szucs** and **Mr. Mark Cook**, facilities manager.



**Mr. Peter Szurgyi**, food service manager, making sure that the fruit tray is complete for the Baccalaureate Service for seniors.



Music teacher **Mrs. Michelle Thomas** is directing the Middle School chorus singing, "I Can Only Imagine" at the Spring Concert. She enjoys her students and praised them for the remarkable progress they made this year.



On left is one of the international students, sophomore **Zeng Zixian** (Viola) and freshman **Stuart Harper** performing on their cellos.





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Left to right, Juniors **Olivia Hannah** and **Noelle Moran** are experimenting with different chemicals while tie-dying T-shirts; **Mrs. Krsti Galimov's** treat on the last days of chemistry lab.

Junior **Hannah Lattimer** received "Best of Show" honor at Houghton's Academic Day in May. Her art teacher, **Mrs. Tina Burgett** congratulates her with all of us at CCA. The little girl's pencil drawing likeness is someone for whom Hannah babysits.



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### • • • Alumni News • • •

**The Class of 1994 is planning a class reunion and will be taking a tour of the school as part of their 20<sup>th</sup> celebration on August 15, 2014**

**Keep in Touch.** Call or e-mail us with news of what has happened in your life since you left school. Alumni are defined as anyone who attended Alden Mennonite School (AMS), Faith Christian School (FCS) (predecessors of CCA) even if he or she did not graduate from the respective school. Non-graduate alumni are identified with an "x" before what would have been their high school graduation year. *Let us hear from you!*