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MR. THAD GAEBELEIN BEGINS HIS TENURE



Mrs. Lawrence hands Mr. Gaebelein the mic during his visit in January.

Thad Gaebelein, the new Head of School for Christian Central Academy, officially began his tenure on July 1. He has “hit the ground running” organizing many strategy and planning meetings and undertaking several new initiatives. He and his wife Elektra will live next door to Christian Central Academy.

Mr. Eric Alcott, President, Board of Directors stated, “We are thrilled that Mr. Gaebelein is off to a great start. His strong sense of direction and leadership skills are already pointing the school in the right direction in a most positive manner. I encourage all friends of Christian Central Academy to continue praying for him and the school as we move through this period of transition.”

With over twenty years of experience in academic administration and teaching among some of the nation’s elite undergraduate institutions and private, independent high schools, Mr. Gaebelein is putting his experience to work on improving the curriculum, the overall student experience, and building on the excellent legacy of integrating faith and

learning in the context of Christian education. Mr. Gaebelein believes that the best education goes far beyond merely imparting knowledge; it must also embrace character development.

Mr. and Mrs. Gaebelein have three grown children (Erika, Natalie, and Andrew) and one grandchild. Mr. Gaebelein earned his BA from the University of Georgia (History) and his MA from Vanderbilt University (History). He served in the United States Army and taught at the United States Military Academy. Mr. Gaebelein was Headmaster of The Stony Brook School and The Knox School and Commandant at the Valley Forge Military Academy and College. At The United States Merchant Marine Academy he was Director of Ethics and Character Development. Mr. Gaebelein has authored several book and articles on education and character development.

Mr. Gaebelein will be officially welcomed and installed as the new Head of School at Christian Central Academy during Homecoming weekend. Event details will follow.



FROM THE DESK OF THE HEAD OF SCHOOL

THE RIGHT STUFF

"Education without character is a dangerous thing. For character, not intellectual agility, is the source of right living."¹

How many of us know someone whose life took an unfulfilled path towards mediocrity and disappointment? The refrain is always the same, "Pity, he had so much potential." "Pity, she had so much talent." Perhaps the saddest loss for a family is the unrealized potential of some of its members. The cruel irony is that the degree of talent and intellectual acumen, or potential an individual possess is NOT the main determinant to a person's success. Character is.

Our talents and abilities mean nothing without the determination borne of our character to realize our potential. It is character that gets us up in the morning to face the day, drives us to overcome obstacles and persevere. Even more, Character, provides a moral compass. In our hearts we all know this to be true.

Though the commonly perceived mission of school is to impart knowledge in classrooms, schools, like parents, for better or worse, play a major role in character formation. But what is the ultimate source of character? As Christians we know the answer and my grandfather said it best.

"Character itself has a source. It springs not from moral maxims, rules of conduct, proverbs, or thou-shalt-nots. Its derivation is higher. It grows out of religious experience—the effective religious experience that is the result of the Gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ."²

This is the defining difference that sets CCA apart. At CCA we believe that "All truth is God's Truth" as we seek to integrate our Christian faith and learning in the holistic education of young people. This is a point worth elaboration. As stated earlier, all schools are *de facto* partners with parents in the character development of your child. The real question every parent should thoughtfully consider is: Precisely *who* and *how* effective is your partner (school) in the education/character development of your child while you are busy making a living and paying the bills?

For any parent, Christian or not, this is worth closer examination and borne out by some truly jaw dropping statistics. According the *U.S. News and World Report*, nearly forty percent of all entering college and university freshman across America will never see a graduation day. Thirty percent of entering freshmen will drop out their first year, never to return as sophomores.³ Rising costs are often thought of as the main reason. However a plethora of research reveals that there is far more to this disturbing trend than mere money. Interestingly, character failings and the inability to adjust socially as well as academic unpreparedness are cited as major emerging culprits contributing to this astonishingly high dropout rate.

The New York Times pushes this point even further in a recent article stating, "Many students are arriving in college without the needed preparation...the pattern suggests that the main obstacle keeping Americans from a college education emerges long *before* they reach college."⁴ In other words, what is done in the education and rearing of young people before college matters more to their survival and success in college than financial issues.

Money aside, the bottom line is an alarming percentage of our youth cannot handle the rigors and challenges of independence beyond the loving nest of their parent's home. The surviving sixty percent struggle as well, taking on average six years to complete most standard four year college curriculums. Every concerned parent harbors the deep-seated fear wondering if his or her child is part of that stunning dropout rate.

Further questions loom in the minds of parents: What can they do to ensure their children's success *before* they leave the sheltered nest? What school "partner" best shares your values as a loving parent. What school "partner" best shares your *Weltbild* (World view)? How can their children best be prepared academically, socially, and *spiritually* to meet the impinging realities of succeeding in a competitive world of college admissions and professional world?

These are serious questions because what is at stake is not only a lot of money, but the ultimate welfare of what we hold dearest, our children. At CCA we know that the best education goes beyond our rigorous college prep academics, encompassing character development rooted in our belief in Jesus Christ. Our Christian *Weltbild* guides our integration of faith and learning. We believe in pursuing excellence in all we do because Christ is the model of excellence and our faculty seeks to emulate that, in and out of the classroom. At CCA we love and cherish our students from Kindergarten through 12th grade because Christ's greatest command was to love one another. No one "falls through the crack." Those are our fundamental beliefs and basic philosophy of not merely education, but *Christian* education. We believe that that is the right stuff.

At CCA we thank you for the privilege to be your partner.

Godspeed,

Thad Gaebelein

NOTES

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DOMINICAN REPUBLIC MISSIONS TRIP

God made a way for 24 seniors to travel to the Dominican Republic for their annual ministry trip. The students went with expectations of changing the lives of the Dominican people by sharing the love of Christ, ministering to their physical needs, and assisting with small projects. As the students ministered to the poor and to the orphans of the villages, they discovered a deeper faith in Jesus.



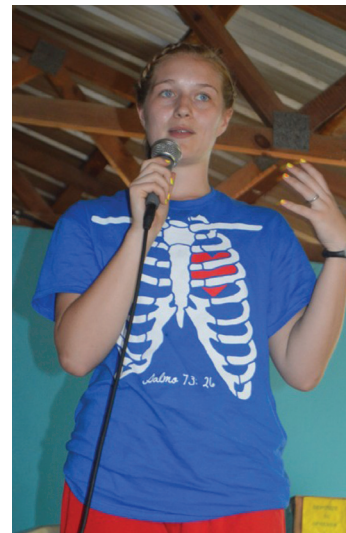
"As he hugged me, I immediately felt love and kindness. Personally, it was difficult for me to let go knowing that whatever home he had left was being taken away from him and his family. But while we were there we were to give them hope through our ministry."

-Elyse Serrano



Students perform the "Lifehouse Everything Skit" to a small village so that they would understand the grace of God and His power. The skit reminds us that Christ already won the battle for our souls on the cross, and that we have victory over our sins through our hope and redemption in Jesus.

For more pictures and testimonies, visit the
SENIOR MISSION TRIP BLOG at
<http://ccadr2015.blogspot.com>.



"I was asked to share my testimony along with John and also Peter who gave a small message. Although I was slightly terrified to stand in front of the amount of people, being able to share God's love on such a personal level was a powerful experience."

-Abigail Stone

GRACE RACE 5k RUN/2k WALK

BY BETH WALSH

What an exciting evening! How wonderful to see God's incredible hand in all of the details, big and small; from beautiful weather to having just enough hamburgers and hotdogs for all of our guests, from cheerful volunteers to the most 5k registrations yet, and from flying stuffed monkeys to great music. Thank you, God for taking care of each and every aspect of the **Grace Race**.

It was an incredible inspiration to have **Jeff Hilliard, Founder of Operation Worship**, be a part of this year's event. He shared his story with the students throughout the day. That evening, many people wrote their own message of support and inspiration to our U.S. Military, which will be bound in Operation Worship Bibles. This ministry is a terrific outreach to our troops.

A BIG thank you to ALL those involved in the Grace Race. Thank you to each student (and parent), faculty, and staff member who raised money to benefit CCA and Operation Worship. Thank you to every volunteer-parent, grandparent, teacher, staff member and student who helped in some way to make this event a memorable evening for our school and community. Every position, whether it was registering runners, serving food, parking cars, handing out water, emptying trash, or cleaning-up was an important task. Because of you, we had a very successful event. Thank you!

Here are some statistics for this year's Grace Race:

Total number of sponsors: 33	Total number of hotdogs eaten: 289
Total number of registrants: 658	Total number of hamburgers eaten: 315
Total number of 5k registrants: 312	Total dollars donated to Operation Worship: \$6,238
Total dollars raised: \$62,380	

On a personal note, I have enjoyed every moment working with a team of people who truly love God. It has been rewarding to work, pray and laugh together. This event challenges me in ways that stretches my own faith in God. But, I have learned that God is Mighty and He can do incredible things if we are willing to completely let God be in control. What an awesome God we have! Thank you to CCA mom **Laurie Henderson** who will be an outstanding 2015-2016 Grace Race Coordinator!

Gratefully,
Beth Walsh and the Grace Race Team

For all race results, visit www.thegrace.com and click on the 2015 Race Results tab



NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY NEW MEMBERS INDUCTED

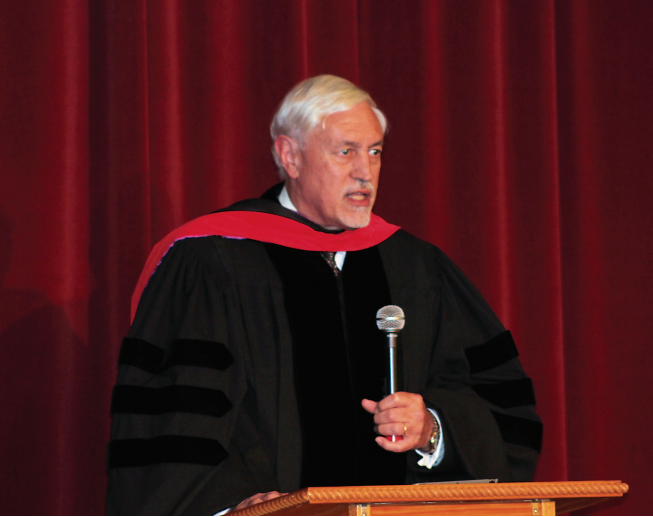
CCA inducted 17 new students into the National Honor Society during Chapel this past May. Every NHS chapter has different qualifications for membership based on four pillars: character, scholarship, leadership, and service. There was a reception in June for our new inductees, their families, the NHS committee, and current NHS members. To find out more about qualifications for membership, visit www.nhs.us.

NEW NHS INDUCTEES

Axel James	Sarah Ryan
Noelle Moran	Katelyn Szymkowski
Asia Daniels	Amanda Teepell
Faith Debernay	Lucian Visone
Olivia Faracca	Iris Wang
Zachary Mayer	Casey Woodard
Emily Miller	James Yang
Kevin Nie	Jonathan Ziegler
David Puskus	



BACCALAUREATE SERVICE



Rev. Dr. James Widmer

How many times have you had to answer the question, "What do you want to be when you grow up?" asked **Rev. Dr. James Widmer** to the Class of 2015. "Do you answer with identity or only with a job? There's a big difference... it goes to the very heart of your life and especially to your life with God."

At CCA's 17th **Baccalaureate Service**, held on Sunday, June 14, Rev. Windmer invited the soon-to-be graduates to take a few moments to think about not just what they want to DO, but about WHO they want to BE. When it comes to human identity we find it in Genesis 1:27, "So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. "All of us are created in God's image as a result of His love and grace. We owe our very existence, image, and identity to God and no one else.

"Your identity is a gift from God, not a wage," Rev. Windmer continued. "As you move into this next part of your life journey, abide in Jesus so that you may live in your true identity no matter where you go or what you do."

Rev. Dr. James Widmer is pastor of the Kenmore Baptist Church in Kenmore, NY. He holds a BA from Amherst College, a Master of Divinity from Gordon Conwell Theological Seminary and a Doctor of Ministry from Ashland Theological Seminary. He has pastored several churches, written educational material, is a published author and accomplished presenter at workshops and seminars, often the keynote speaker.

COMMENCEMENT CEREMONIES

Saturday, June 27 was the day 24 seniors had been waiting for all year. CCA's 35th Commencement Ceremonies were held in the newly named Nurline A. Lawrence Auditorium amidst family and friends. **Skyler Hein, (Salutatorian), Carol McCleod, (Commencement Speaker), and Abigail Stone, (Valedictorian)** delivered encouraging and challenging messages to the new graduates.

Carol McCleod is an author and popular speaker at women's conferences and retreats, where she teaches the Word of God with great joy and enthusiasm. Carol has written five books and her devotionals are featured on YouVersion. Her daily radio program, "Defiant Joy! Radio" airs on WDCX and Sirius 131 Family Talk XM radio. A 1977 graduate of Oral Roberts University with a degree in Music and English, Carol has the distinction of being both the first Women's Chaplain and the first woman to speak at the university's Vespers. Carol currently serves on the ORU Alumni Board as the chaplain.



Skyler Hein
Salutatorian

*"Although we are small,
we have a large voice."*

*"No matter where life
takes you, no matter if
your plans don't turn out
the way you hoped, never
give up on the Lord and
trust in Him."*



Carol McCleod
Commencement Speaker

*"You are God's first time
in forever. There's nobody
like you. There's nobody
with your genetic make-
up, with the number of
hairs on your head. or
with the fingerprint that
you hold. Forever would
not be complete without
the story you have to tell."*



Abigail Stone
Valedictorian

*"We have been given the
opportunity to figure out
what we believe and why.
And because of this, we
can better defend our-
selves when we get into
the so-called real world."*

Valedictorian



Emma Albrecht
Genesee Community College



Hailey Borrasca
Ohio University
NHS



Lindsay Bratek
Canisius College
Head Prefect
NHS



Abigail Stone
Daemen College
Academic Prefect
NHS



Jeremy Fisher
Niagara County Community
College



Joshua Holmes
Rochester Institute of Technology
Athletics Prefect
NHS



Axel James
University at Buffalo - Honors Program
Spiritual Advisor
NHS



Christiana Johnson
University at Buffalo
Activities Prefect
NHS



Tyson Lindstrom
University at Buffalo
NHS



Noelle Moran
Covenant College
Class President
NHS



John Puskas
University at Buffalo
Mentor
NHS



Evan Rarick
Niagara County Community
College

Class of 2020

Salutatorian



Skyler Hein
Wheaton College
Admissions Prefect
NHS



Meghan Curtin
Score International,
GAP Program
NHS



Sarah D'Amico
University at Albany
Class Treasurer
NHS



Peter Deberny
Concordia University - Nebraska
Chaplain Prefect
NHS



Carolyn Kaufman
D'Youville College
Lead Mentor
NHS



Joshua Kocz
Erie Community College
NHS



Arianna Lasting
Niagara University



Hannah Lattimer
Daemen College
Mentor
NHS



Elyse Serrano
Southeastern University
Class Vice President
NHS



Cassandra Szafranski
St. John Fisher College
NHS



Emma Taylor
University at Buffalo
Mentor
NHS



Luke Wittlinger
University at Buffalo
NHS



2015 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 \$2,083,475.

MAJOR ACADEMIC SUBJECT AWARDS

Academic Excellence Awards

Valedictorian: [Abigail Stone](#)

Salutatorian: [Skyler Hein](#)

Timothy Award (Bible): [Abigail Stone](#)

C.S. Lewis Award (English): [Axel James](#)

The John Wycliffe Award (Spanish): [Meghan Curtin](#)

American Liberty Award (History): [Lindsay Bratek](#)

Sir Isaac Newton Award (Math): [Abigail Stone](#)

Genesis Award (Science): [Abigail Stone](#)

Athletes of the Year Award (Physical Education):
[Hannah Lattimer](#) and [Evan Rarick](#)

Fine Arts Music Award (Music): [Joshua Kocz](#)

Fine Arts Sketchbook Award (Art): [Emma Albrecht](#)

Journalist Award (Journalism): [Christiana Johnson](#)

SPECIAL SENIOR AWARDS

Nevin W. Larson Communication Award
[Peter Debernay](#)

Marsden T. Sellers Memorial Award
[Elise Serrano](#)

Head of School Award
[John Puskas](#)

Faculty Award
[Carolyn Kaufman](#)

Schlee Memorial Scholarship
[Noelle Moran](#)

Congratulations!

SPRING ATHLETICS UPDATE

Boys' Varsity Baseball: Coaches Brian Ellsworth, Mark Cook, and Pedro Ferrer



The Boys Varsity Baseball team found itself in the hunt in many games this season and, despite a 2 win campaign there were many positives that came out of the season. Newcomers in the Brown brothers (Blaine and Barrington) provided a much needed shot in the arm at pitching and shortstop. Freshmen Jared Moser, Alex Fink, and Patrick Ranallo gained valuable experience that will serve the team well. Returning leader and clean up hitter Evan Rarick will be sorely missed next year. Justin Holevinski, Alex Cook and Luke Wittlinger had solid years. Both Evan Rarick (senior) and Blaine Brown (soph) received 2nd Team All Catholic post season honors. Coach Ellsworth was proud of his very young team's improvement and continued fight throughout the season. With most of the team back next year, they should be fun to watch.

Girls' Varsity Softball: Coach Ashley Mohr



Though poor weather left us with limited practice time and no scrimmages, the 2015 Varsity Softball team persevered throughout a challenging season. After losing our pitcher from the previous year and trying to incorporate many new faces, the team faced an uphill climb and finished with a 1-9 record that included two heartbreaking one run losses. High points of the season included Noelle Moran once again being named to the Monsignor Martin All Star Team, and Hannah Lattimer and Skyler Hein being named Western New York Scholar Athletes. Abbie Stone was named an Honorable Mention Scholar Athlete and also finished as the team's MVP for the hard work and dedication she displayed while becoming the team's starting pitcher. Faith Debernay received the Coach's Award for her contributions to the team, while Emma Albrecht was named Most Improved Player, and Christiana Johnson was given the Christian Character Award. Despite the obstacles, the girls worked hard to grow as players, as individuals, and as a team.

Girls' 7th/8th Grade Softball: Coaches Tom & MaryBeth Drozda

The Varsity Blue team was blessed with an awesome bunch of athletes. We are so proud of how they applied themselves! Due to their perseverance, they had a successful season. Each player contributed with her own God given talent. Athena Zak from St. Mary's Swormville was a wonderful blessing to an already very talented bunch of players. Seven out of the ten of these girls will move up to high school, it was their last year playing in the Diocese League. Mr. Drozda and I will cherish the years we've had the honor to coach these fine young women. We pray that they stay in the sport and continue playing as a team representing Crusaders for Christ.



Girls' 6th/8th Grade Softball: Coaches Holly Drilling and Carla Ryan

It was definitely a learning experience for the girls as they faced some tougher pitching that they hadn't faced before. Some girls had never played before and the rest had limited experience. But they kept most games close, winning the first game of the season. The all-star team consisted of Rose Mayer, Chloe Cangé, and Veronica Visone, who was their MVP. Rose and Emma pitched and did pretty well against some good teams, especially since most of the teams were 7th and 8th grade and we were 6th and 7th with only two 7th graders on the team.

Girls' 4th/5th Grade Softball: Coaches Sherry Smyth and Donna Visone

With such a new team we knew it was going to be hard but we gave it our all. We watched our girls go from being nervous to having complete confidence by the end of the season. The best part was that they had fun together! All of our girls showed great sportsmanship and encouraged each other and the opposing players. This team showed true Christian spirit. Ella Fancher always had a smile on her face and determination on the mound. Sofia Visone brought us together with prayer before each game and reminded us that without Him we could not play this wonderful game. Carolyn Jones never gave up even when injured. Felicia Hurd made sure the girls partnered up to throw before the games and she was there with encouraging words when they were up at bat. It was all about being a team and togetherness. We will miss them and love each of them! Girl Power, God Power, Crusaders!

3rd/4th Grade Soccer: Coach Kyle Patterson

The third and fourth grade coed soccer team had an amazing season. The Scripture focus for the season was: Not by might, not by power, but by my Spirit says the Lord, Zechariah 4:6. Additionally we focused on God's strength within us and the verse, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me," Philippians 4:13. Every player did their best this season. We had a fantastic season with four wins, one loss, and two ties. Jared Baldwin had an excellent year playing goalie for us. Connor Patterson led us in points and goals scored with 15 goals. Michael Helfrich and Josiah Neumann were stellar on defense. Faith and Alison Gummo were star mid-fielders. The third graders including Christina Capitano, Peter Cross, Aiden Opferbeck, and Taylor Patterson really stepped it up and led us to a great season as many of the fourth graders had other commitments this season. But most of all we learned how to be a team, to win and lose as a team, and work together in unity and represent Jesus Christ on and off the field.



Jordan Wilson (5th grade) crosses the finish line in the 11 & under 75 meter dash.

4th-8th Grade Track: Coaches Corrie Barrett and Camille Wade

What a great day for CCA's 4th-8th graders who competed at the track meet held at The Robert J. Stransky Memorial Complex in May. Aaron Jentz (grade 4) took 2nd place overall in the 9 & under 75 meter dash, Perry Martey (grade 7) took 3rd overall in the 15 & under 75 meter, Justin Cangé (grade 7) took 4th overall in the 14 & under 75 meter. Our 5th graders placed 5th overall in the 10 & under relay. Congratulations to all our runners!

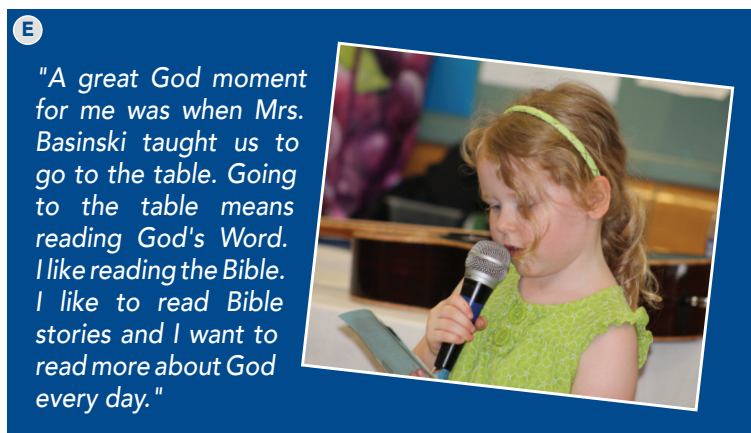
5th/6th Grade Soccer: Coach Derek Kruk

The 5th and 6th grade spring soccer season was a successful one for the Crusaders! The twenty player roster posted a 6 win 0 loss record with 17 different players scoring goals. Teamwork and sportsmanship showed every game, while the fierce offense scored 42 goals and the defense was stingy allowing only 4 goals against.

St. Mary's of Lancaster	W 6-0	St. Christopher's	W 5-0	Nativity	W 9-1
St. Mark's	W 5-2	St. Mary's of Swormville	W 7-1	St. Joseph's of Buffalo	W 10-0



IN CASE YOU MISSED IT! IN CASE YOU MISSED IT!

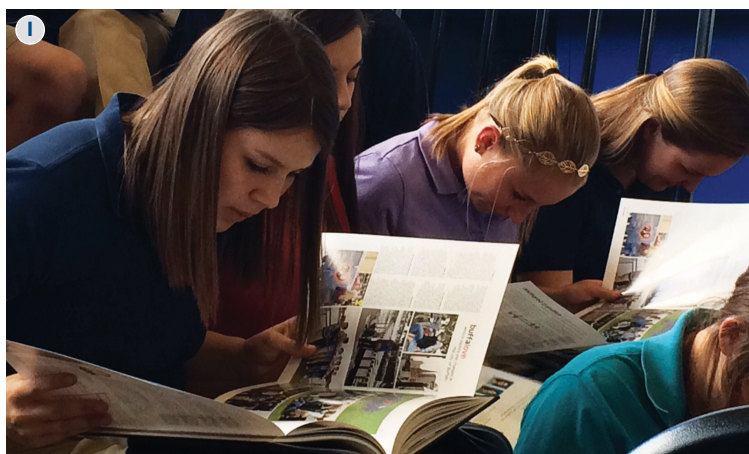


"A great God moment for me was when Mrs. Basinski taught us to go to the table. Going to the table means reading God's Word. I like reading the Bible. I like to read Bible stories and I want to read more about God every day."



- A** Mrs. Liszkiewicz's 5th grade class listen to instruction from their tour guide before reenacting Pickett's Charge during their field trip to Gettysburg, PA.
- B** A team of 6th graders stop for a challenge on Main Street during the Amazing Hunt held in May.
- C** CCA students gather around Mr. Kiebusch to get their picture taken under the new field sign named in honor of his retirement as Athletic Director. The reveal of the new sign took place in a special ceremony during the Grace Race 5k race/2k walk in June.

- D** Tyson Lindstrom, Zi (Eric) Guanzong, Ding (Alex) Mengand and Joy LoHouse perform in the Concert Band during the MS/HS Spring Concert & Art Show.
- E** At the annual *God's Hand on CCA*, kindergartener Jillian Helfrich speaks about her special "God Moment" that happened in Mrs. Basinski's classroom.
- F** Lauren Fleming leads the High School Chorus with a solo in a performance of "Mary's Song" at the annual MS/HS Spring Concert & Art Show which was held on May 29.



G Mrs. Basinski's kindergarten class collaborated in dressing like the Jamaican Bobsled team on a special day to honor Mrs. Lawrence and to celebrate her retirement as Head of School. The team came in first place for best Jamaican dress.

I Seniors Emily D'Amico, Lindsay Bratek, and Hannah Lattimer look over the center spread of the 2015 yearbook. The theme for the year was "In the midst of change, we are central."

K During the Middle School Closing Ceremonies, Sean O'Hara, Jillian Phillips, and Robert Snekser look over their Presidential Award for Educational Excellence. Recipients received a lapel pin and certificate showing President Obama's signature.

H Mrs. Lawrence and her daughter Mrs. Nicole Ezer reveal the portrait that will be displayed in the newly named Nurline A. Lawrence Auditorium at a retirement party that was held on June 12.

J Mrs. Martin's kindergarten class held their graduation into first grade on June 18. Students celebrated by reciting scripture verses and singing songs about Jesus's love for us.

L Carolyn Jones gets some help spraying the fire hose from Lieutenant Vogel. Her 4th grade classmates watch as they wait for their chance. The Hutchinson Hose Company comes to CCA every year for this special day for 3rd-5th graders.

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ALUMNI

WEDDINGS



Nathan Holmes (2012) married **Alaina Shannon (2012)** on June 6, 2015. Nathan and Alaina relocated to Cumberland, Wisconsin where Nathan recently started a job as Assistant Pastor at Northern Lakes Community Church. Nathan will be focusing on high school ministries, young adults, and spiritual formation for the church as a whole.

NEWS & NOTES

Erin Kelly (2013) is studying at Liberty University and traveling to promote her new book, "Kelly Tough," released this summer. Erin has also written a series of columns for The Buffalo News and other publications

Andrew Moser (2011) completed a Bachelor of Administration in Accountancy from the University of Notre Dame in 2012 and a Master of Sport Administration from Canisius College in 2014. Following God's leading into ministry and missions, Andrew is now Program Manager in Pittsburgh PA for Stop Hunger Now, an international hunger relief organization. In thirteen months, he has personally contributed to the packaging and shipping of over 5 million meals to partner schools, orphanages, and vocational training programs throughout Africa, Latin America, Asia, and Eastern Europe. StopHungerNow.org seeks organizations to package meals for export, with a vision to end hunger in our lifetime.

Lesley Nanna Zlatev (1997) is an urban planner, with most of her body of work done in historic preservation and design. She is married to Michael, who just completed his post doctorate in Psychology at the Battle Creek Veterans Administration Hospital. They currently reside in Michigan with their two sons and one daughter, Milo (9), Luca (7), and Lily (7 months), but hope to move back to New York in the near future.

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!**

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