



# CCA Challenger

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## Upcoming Events

- November 21:** Early Release 1:00 p.m.
- November 22-23:** No School
- December 1:** Tri-Parish First Reconciliation
- December 12:** CCA Christmas Concert, 6:30 p.m.
- December 20/21:** Preschool Christmas Concerts
- December 21:** Early release 1:00 p.m.
- December 21-January 1:** Christmas Vacation
- January 2:** School Resumes
- January 8:** 8th Grade retreat

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## Sr. Marilyn Celebrates 50 Year Jubilee

by: Sr. Marilyn

What an AWESOME celebration! It was wonderful to celebrate God's faithfulness in my life with the people of St. Peter Claver surrounded by friends, family and other School Sisters of St. Francis. During my religious life I have taught high school and college chemistry, and ministered within my religious community as



part of the leadership team. However, most of my service to the

church has been as campus minister at the University of Oklahoma, the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh and as pastoral associate at St. James Church in Elizabethtown, KY and the past nine years here at St. Peter Claver. God has called each of us by name and God gives us what we need throughout our lives.

## Student Service Council

by: Linsey Buchberger

This year student council is led by Mrs. Salzbrenner. The student council members include Linsey Buchberger, Sarah Kesner, John Raff, Eric Feudner, Katlyn Ploekelman, Emily Schaefer, Paul Garni, Max Hilbert, Rachel Adams, and Joey Schultz. The student council has had many fundraisers already

this school year. We offered walking taco and hot dog lunches as two of our favorite incentive days. Thanks to all the parents who donated desserts. We also had the first middle school dance of the year on November 9<sup>th</sup>. Thanks to all the chaperones and students who attended. The student council put together a pep-rally for

the volleyball teams, all of the classes participated in the fun and games. We also planned two service projects this year. The first service project was collecting food for the food pantry. The second service project was decorating pumpkins to take to the nursing home, where they put them into the rooms.

## Introducing...the Resource Center

by: Sara Kaffine

This summer, the CCA library took on a new look and a new name. The changes were facilitated by generous donations obtained by Father Mike Dineen, CCA Development Director. The donations funded the purchase of a mobile computer lab containing 20 wireless, laptop computers. The new mobile lab allowed for the library to a smaller space. This change involved more than moving books and desks; the new library space required remodel-

ing a wall to accommodate the books. Principal Tom Edson worked with the IC building and grounds committee to accomplish the remodeling. Father Mike Dineen explained, "The new space was very much in the mind of our new principal Tom Edson. He worked wisely and diligently in seeing that it would become a welcoming place for all. It was because of his encouragement that all the work was done by dedicated and



generous volunteers like Val Schultz and Dick Nack and many other talented volunteers." Teachers, parents, students and alumni put countless volunteer hours into physically moving the contents of the library in August. Joe Parra, CCA's Maintenance Manager, was critical to the success and completion of this project, seeing to it that the project was on schedule and ready to open by the start of the school year.

## CCA Family Camping Trip

by: Shelley Tuzinkewich



A great time was had by all who braved the cold weather at Long Lake State Park. The weekend began with a special visit from Father Glenn and Father Mike on Friday night. Saturday was met with a little warmer weather and more fun, the kids enjoyed a scavenger hunt as well as climbing the tall trees. Sunday came all too fast and it was time to go home, of course, that was when the warmest weather came! Thank you to all the families who made that a weekend to remember! See you next year!



## Scouting for Food

by: Anne Feudner

Cub Scout Pack 3816 participated in the annual Scouting for Food drive held in October. The boys, who are students of CCA, dropped off empty bags at homes on October 14<sup>th</sup> and then returned on October 21<sup>st</sup> to collect the bags filled with food donations. This year the boys collected 245 bags of food which they brought to the St. Peter Claver food pantry. The food pantry volunteers gave the boys a tour of the pantry and answered all their questions. St. Peter Claver Parish sponsors the Cub Scout Pack and Scouting for Food gives the boys opportunity to support the St. Peter Claver food pantry.

## An Interview With Our New Principal

by: Eric Feudner

Now that Mr. Edson has been principal for about 6 weeks (2 months) it was time to learn some additional information. Since the communications committee needed someone to interview him and I was doing the communications merit badge in scouts (which required conducting an interview) they asked me. One of the things I wanted to know was what he thought of the Smart Boards. Although he hasn't had a chance to use them himself he thinks that they are a really good idea. Mr. Edson said that the students like to

use them and that they are very helpful. When I asked him if he found anything surprising about the school he said he found some pleasant surprises. He feels that the teachers and students are very hard working and fun to be with. I thought it might be interesting to know what his favorite subject was as a student. He told me that he liked history the best and that he used to teach it. I'm sure a lot of us are wondering how he fits in with the students. When I asked, he said that he tries to do things with

them. He reads to the younger students, meets with the student council and of course, plays with students at recess. He has told us his principal background a couple times before, but I wanted to know one last thing. "Who or what inspired him to become a principal?" Mr. Edson said that he wanted to do more for the students and when he was in school he liked what his principal did. Welcome to CCA, Mr. Edson!

## Student Worth Knowing—Kirk Schuchardt

by: Shelley Tuzinkewich and Erin Souik

CCA students and staff are able to nominate a student who they feel should be recognized for their moral character and actions that represent Christian values. This edition's selected *Student Worth Knowing* is 8<sup>th</sup> Grade student, Kirk Schuchardt.

Kirk states that his favorite class is Science and he is really enjoying his current unit on astronomy. He has been playing soccer since he was in Kindergarten and has been participating on a Select team for the past several years. Kirk also plays the piano and has since he was in the 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Not only can he play the piano, but also is able to compose music and has the ability to play songs from memory. Kirk is also an avid reader and prefers books written by Philip Pullman. I asked Kirk why people think he is nice, he answered that he "is

just happy all the time."

Kirk's nomination by a fellow student reads as follows: "....he may not talk much, but



he is always there to help you." Several CCA Middle School teachers have noted that Kirk is a student that possesses "moral value, integrity and balance" as he is not one to overreact, takes his time to think through situations, and

uses plenty of humor. Furthermore, Kirk gets along well with his peers and maintains an "open-minded" attitude.

As this endeavor is recently incorporated, we would like to encourage all CCA staff and students to take advantage of nominating a student who represents a 'Student Worth Knowing'.

To be considered, all nominations must be signed by the person nominating, then are voted on by the committee members. All grade levels are considered. Nominations can be submitted at anytime in the drop box found outside the office.



## 2nd Grade

by: Katie Banie

Mrs. Janssen's second graders have had a busy first quarter. We have enjoyed a variety of story genres in reading and are busy learning vowel placement rules in phonics to help us sound out bigger words. We also made "at" and "ate" black cats to hang in our windows and "ack" and "ock" ghosts for our haunted house. Then we wrote



spooky haunted house stories. Also, we did some interesting experiments to help us learn about the importance of light, water and air for plants. Now we're learning about animals and their environments.

Mrs. Janssen is teaching us about the 7 Sacraments in Religion to help us prepare for Reconciliation in December. We have talked about Baptism, made Baptism certificates and had a "mock" Baptism with Deacon Mike. We also have special books and activities that we use to learn more about Reconciliation. We are very excited! We will be closer to God!

## 4th Grade Coats for Kids

by: Brittnei Marfilius

"Coats for Kids" is a program that helps others less fortunate than ourselves. The fourth graders at Christ Child Academy have collected coats,



mittens, gloves, scarves, snow boots, snow pants and winter hats for the last three years. We do this because God told us we should help others and we go to a great school that reminds us to give. We wanted to help keep others warm this winter, and with the help of our whole school, we did just that!

At the end of the collection, on October 29, we had collected nearly eight items, compared to sixty items collected last year! Thank you to all at CCA that helped out this year. Together we all make a difference!



**Jr. Kindergarten Halloween**



**Stepping Stones Halloween**

