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Student Council is here, give a cheer

by Kirsten Voelker

Congratulations to students elected as Student Council representatives! Student Council planned two Dress Down days. With the money from the first one, paper products were purchased for Community Dinners sponsored by Saint Paul Church. The collection from the second Dress Down day went to Chimbote Mission in Peru. They named a piggy bank, Elmer, to collect Coins for Our Kids, Agnes and Ananth. See related article, "Hungry for Change" for details. Some plans include movie days, dances, and food drives for Saint Vincent DePaul. Why do they do it - because it is fun and if they didn't, we would not have too many fun things. New for the 2009-2010 school year are the suggestion boxes that are located so in the cafeteria and upstairs at the top of the steps by the statues. Don't forget to add your suggestion!



Father Dolan (above) congratulates the newly elected members of Student Council.

Hungry for change

by Sarah Dodd

Have you seen the pig in the school? He is in the Butler Catholic cafeteria, and his name is Elmer. He is for the kids that we are helping in India and Nigeria. The Student Council put the piggy bank in the cafeteria on Wednesday, September 30, 2009. Every first week of the month, (Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday), Elmer will be out in the cafeteria, so that students can put money into him. The kids that we are helping are Ananth and Agnes. Ananth is 11 years old and lives in



Ananth Reddy Bogireddy



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India. Agnes is also 11 years old, and lives in Nigeria. Each month, the student council will count all the money, and send it to Ananth and Agnes.

The goal for each month is to make \$40.00 for them. Agnes and Ananth each get \$20.00 for each month. In September, the total amount the school raised was \$241.86. That was more than what everyone expected. With the leftover money, we are able to send them birthday and Christmas presents. Ananth's birthday is on May 25th, and Agnes' is on May 13th. Agnes enjoys running and staying fit. Ananth likes to read and play cricket. If you have some loose change, remember that Elmer is

always hungry!

Let's go skating!

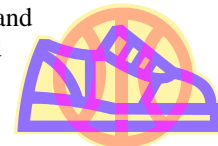
by Tori Widenhofer

The first skating party was on October 26, 2009 at Skate Castle. Some people said that it was super fun! A lot of people said "I'm tired of falling." Another comment heard after a deep bend, "That limbo is tricky." Even after skates that gave them blisters, people said they still had fun. Others said that they saw Mrs. Spino and Sister John Ann. When people first went into the skating place they started falling. OUCH! There were over 125 kids skating around at their own speed. Our next skating party is on Wednesday, November 25th. See you there!

Attention all sports fans!!!

by Spencer Datz

Basketball, soccer, and volleyball are coming and going! Players from BCS say soccer ends in the beginning of November, volleyball ended in October, and basketball just started. Visit the Athletics link on www.butlercatholic.org for more details. It should be an exciting basketball 09/10 season. Good luck and Go Saints!



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From our principal...

As I read through this edition of the BC Buzz, I was amazed at how much took place during these first three months of school. It certainly makes one stop and think about how good our Provident God is to us. What could be more appropriate than the upcoming holiday to say THANKS to God for all that He has given us. In thanking Him, we also say thank you to all who have graced our lives by their words, their deeds, their smiles. As we move to the season of Advent, we continue to say "thank you" by preparing for the coming of our Lord to Bethlehem. May each day find us a little more grateful for all that we have as we move closer to the greatest gift of all – our Lord Jesus!

- Sister John Ann

Officer Phil takes stage

by Nicole Laborie

Officer Phil is a program where the Butler County Police Department talks to the kindergarten, 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th grade about how to be safe. The students were in the auditorium on September 15th at 8:45 A.M. Officer Phil was talking to the students about how to not talk to strangers, even if one shows up on your computer. He said to ignore the stranger.

After that, Officer Phil and his assistant picked people out of the audience to help them. He picked a student from kindergarten named Gabriel. Officer Phil also picked out one first grader named John and he asked them if they should ever cross the street without looking. They said "no". Then they got out the big puppets. Officer Phil and his assistant got the puppets out and started talking again about how to be safe. At the end they packed up everything up said good bye. The show was a great success and the students learned a lot!



Pies provide school funds!

by Maggie Bartony

At the annual Fall Festival held on Main Street in Butler on September 19th, there were games, pies, and food samples. Butler Catholic School sold 100 pies by 12:30 P.M. At the end of the day they sold 200 pies. The most popular pie was the apple pie. The pies were sold to raise money for Butler Catholic School. There were two kinds of raffles. One was 50 /50 for Davanna, the other was for Winter Wonderland. Mrs. Preston, parent volunteer, commented, "The Fall Festival was held on a beautiful day and was lots of fun!"

Goodbye October and hello November

by Spencer Datz

Halloween was great this year and the Halloween parties were even better! Everyone had great costumes on for the parties on Friday October 30, 2009. The teachers also got into the act with some awesome costumes! The room mothers did a spectacular job planning and running all the parties! All the students had lots of fun. Also, the second graders had their All Saint's Day play on October 28, 2009.

Did You Know?

by Logan DeFelice

Butler Catholic has many interesting stories that many of us don't know about. Here are some of the more interesting things we came across:

- Miss Huet was in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day parade
- Tori Widenhofer's dad, Walter Widenhofer, played basketball at Butler Catholic in 1984 with Harry Leyland, Frank Hilovsky, and Dave Stutz
- The lunch trays we use are the same ones that were used a long time ago.
- Butler Catholic used to have a Christmas pageant.
- Do you know any interesting facts we could add to this column? Give them to someone on the BC Buzz staff.



Drawing from the best

by Lily Murray

For the first the issue of the BC Buzz, we held a poem and drawing contest on feelings about fall. Thank you to all of the people who participated in the contest. All of the drawings and poems submitted were great. These are the drawings and poems that caught our eyes the most.

FALL

Spring is over,
Summer is gone.
Trees lose their leaves and
It's time to rake the lawn.

Red, gold, green, and brown;
They are all falling to the ground.
Time to rake them in a pile
Time to jump and play and smile.

Soon the wind will blow strong,
And all the leaves will be gone.
When winter comes, it's all a ball,
But for now, let's enjoy the fall!!!

by Arial Rodgers, Grade 5



Julia Garbinski,
Grade 1



Claire Preston, Grade 6

Travel with Dr. Green's Time Machine

by Nicole Laborie

At the assembly on October 19, 2009 in the gym with the whole school, Dr. Green from Pittsburgh Science Center, got out some items, and when he put them together they caught fire! He asked us if we wanted him to do it again and the school all said "yes." He was showing us how gases in the air can be a reusable energy source.



Making music together

by Lena Tirk

Did you know that Mrs. Dineff teaches band? This year we are going to have a great concert! There are 35 kids in Gold Band. There are even some kids in Blue Band! We are welcoming into the group of girls in Blue Band, Hannah Chamberlain, Anna Chiprean, Nicole Laborie, Kirsten Voelker, Tori Widenhofer, and Sophia Wiest. In the Blue Band (boys group) are John Tirk, Jacob Book, Andrew Kristofic, and Matthew Nichol. In Blue Band there are a total of 10 kids that are new to band. Mrs. Dineff is ready to start a great year of playing music! She has been so excited to start practicing, instructing and helping her band students!

Let's hit golf balls!

by Maggie Bartony

The Golf Outing held on Sunday, September 27, at Lake Arthur Country Club was a great success! A big thanks to the people who helped! Dianne and (continued on page 4)



(GOLF continued from page 3) Hank Bartony organized the day. At the end of the day the outing earned close to \$20,000 for the school. Breakfast, lunch, and dinner were provided. Emily Feczko's (7th grade) team shot 4 under par. Also, Tre Bartony's (3rd grade) shot 7 under par. Wow!

There were lots of sponsors that gave out money or prizes. They also gave out individual hole prizes. There were 3 hole prizes that included #13 which had \$10,000, #17 which had a Sharp LCD television, and #2 which had roundtrip airline tickets to anywhere in the U.S! From the comments heard everyone enjoyed the day.

Call her the comeback kid

by: Lily Murray

When Davanna Feyrer was a fifth grade student at Butler Catholic, she and her mom were in a very bad car crash on January 14, 2009. She has been recovering tremendously since then. Actually, the doctors didn't even think that Davanna would make it. A lot of prayer and loving support can really help!

After a long time of recovery, Davanna finally came home on August 14, 2009. She is now attending Meridian Elementary School on Monday, Tuesday, half of Wednesday, and Thursday, but she really wants to come back to Butler Catholic with all of her friends. She attends Girl Scouts at Butler Catholic on Fridays and even joined the sixth grade classes for the Halloween party. "I am happy and surprised how far along Davanna has come," remarked classmate, Sarah Dodd. Davanna can get up, walk, and even go up stairs all by herself. So remember, keep praying for Davanna!



Davanna (center in gray shirt) and BCS Friends

November Events:

- 26-30- Thanksgiving Vacation
- 29- Advent Begins

December Events:

- 2-3- Santa Secret Shop 8:15AM-2:00 PM
- 4- All School Liturgy 1: 15 PM Gym
- 5- Santa Workshop Preschool –Grade 2 10 AM- Noon in the Auditorium
- 5- Robotics Competition at Carnegie Science Center
- 7 – 11 – Scholastic Book Fair
- 8 – FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, 9:30 AM Mass in Gym
- 15 – D.A.R.E. Graduation
- 16 – School Band Concerts, 1:00 PM and 7:00 PM
- 17- Skating Party 6:30 -8:30 PM
- 21- Eucharistic Adoration 9:00 – 1:00
- 23 Noon Dismissal
- 24- Jan. 1 – **MERRY CHRISTMAS!** Vacation
- January 4 – School resumes.

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