



▶ During the week of Jan. 31 to Feb. 5 we celebrated Catholic Schools Week.



▶ The Art Fair was an opportunity for the students to show the wonderful work they are doing.



▶ We saluted our coaches to show them our appreciation.

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# St. Angela Merici *focus*

BUILDING THE FUTURE ONE CHILD AT A TIME...

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## Message from the Principal

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This compliment was sent to me by Lyudmila Bloch who offered a course on etiquette to our 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> graders. At St. Angela Merici we work to teach our students not only the basic academic skills but more importantly to create young men and women with good moral character and values.

This month our students showed their academic talents when our eighth graders qualified for entrance to some of the finest High Schools

in our city. They received over \$100,000 worth of academic scholarships. We applaud our eighth graders.

The values of solidarity and Christian charity were evident when our children banded together and collected over \$2,000 to help our brothers and sisters in Haiti.

St. Angela's long history of over 100 years of excellence in education continues to shine as a beacon of hope as we build the future one child at a time.

Sr. Lourdes Mercado-Almodóvar



**\$106,060**

Academic scholarships  
awarded to the class of  
2010

## Why Catholic education matters

*"If your child grows to be a doctor but is greedy and uncaring, that advanced degree counts for very little, for you would have failed miserably in nurturing a true human being."* (Jeremy Willinger – Etiquette trainer) During Catholic Schools Week we celebrated what Catholic education represents. At St. Angela's we strive not only to provide the students with good academics but also we impart the building blocks of successful emotional growth: **integrity, honesty, empathy, leadership and responsibility.**





# Academic Scholarships

## Winners of \$106,060



Christine Garmendiz won a \$4,800 scholarship to St. Michael Academy. Christine is planning to attend St. Michael Academy. In the future she will be a biologist and focus on dolphins and sea mammals.



Brenton James received an \$8,000 academic scholarship to All Hallows H.S. He plans to attend All Hallows H.S. In the future he will be a businessman and an entrepreneur.



Jennifer Calix won a \$4,000 scholarship to Preston H.S., a \$12,800 scholarship to Aquinas H.S. and a \$13,000 scholarship to Cardinal Spellman H.S. She is planning to attend Cardinal Spellman H.S. In the future she will attend an Ivy League University and become a professor.



Sasha Torres won a \$3,600 scholarship to St. Michael Academy. She is planning to attend Mt. St. Ursula Academy. In the future she plans to be a photographer and work as an artist.



Keven Campbell won a \$4,000 scholarship to All Hallows H.S., an \$8,000 scholarship to St. Raymond H.S. and a \$27,960 scholarship to Mt. St. Michael Academy. He is planning to attend St. Raymond H.S. and he will be a computer engineer in the future.



Daniel Danso won an \$8,000 scholarship to All Hallows H.S. He will be attending All Hallows H.S. In the future he will be a doctor and help others.



Luis Morales won a \$4,000 scholarship to All Hallows H.S. and a \$4,000 scholarship to Mt. S. Michael Academy. He is planning to attend Mt. St. Michael Academy. He will become a professional football player and play for the Giants in the future.



Elias Rosado won a \$4,000 academic scholarship to All Hallows H.S. Elias is planning to attend All Hallows H.S. In the future he will be the C.E.O. of the Rosado Corporation.



## A salute to our coaches

On Thursday, February 4 we had the opportunity of saluting our coaches. St. Angela's is blessed in having six coaches. These men are professionals who donate their time and talents to coach our basketball teams. At St. Angela's we have a Boys' Junior Varsity

team, a Girls' Varsity team and a Boys' Varsity team. Our Boys' Varsity team has made us very proud on many occasions. They have won many championships and they are one of the best basketball teams in the CYO League. This year our Boys' Varsity team holds an impressive record of 17 – 3.

Our coaches offer their talents and love for the sport to teach our students the value of being good athletes and good team players. We thank our coaches for their love and dedication to the children of St. Angela Merici School.



**From left to right:** Coach Jeffrey Showalters, Headcoach Bill Coachman, Coach Chris Muller, Coach Robert (Bob) Young and Coach Wendell Jackson. Coach Dayon Floyd could not attend.



*“I admire my coaches because they are not obsessed with winning, but they will motivate us to want to win.”*  
*John Turay – Varsity Team*

# Celebrating Catholic Schools Week

*We would like to take this moment and welcome Fr. Nestorio as our pastor. May this ministry offers him an opportunity to grow and enables him to guide us with his faith and knowledge in the years ahead. (Sabrina Sanchez)*



Our celebration of Catholic Schools Week began on Monday with the commemoration of the Holy Eucharist. The Mass which is the center of our Christian lives was the beginning of a week full of activities and the joy of celebrating Catholic education. During the Mass the children and the faculty of St. Angela Merici formally welcomed our Pastor Fr. Nestorio. Sabrina Sanchez welcomed Fr. Nestorio as a gift was presented to him. After the Mass the 8<sup>th</sup> graders who won academic scholarships were called to the altar and were recognized with applause by the students. For these eighth graders a dream had just

come true.

On Wednesday we had an Art Fair. The art work of children in grades 3,4,5,6 and some 7 and 8 were displayed in the Gym. The parents that came enjoyed their visit and saw the wonderful things our children are learning in Art under the leadership of Ms. Thomas. The children have been learning about different Art concepts such as: art elements, composition, depth, illusion, focal point and contour lines. They have studied artists such as: Edward Hopper, Georges Seurat, Candido Portinari, Henri de Toulouse, Da Vinci, Degas. The drawings were collages, self-portraits, abstract art and they used many techniques such as chiaroscuro, gesture drawing and cubism.

Thursday we had an Open House where parents had the opportunity to sit in their children's classrooms and shared with the children a day of work. One of the parents wrote to the school saying; *"I really enjoyed today. I think it was a great idea since not many schools do it. Additionally we sat in our child's class. What is amazing is the level of complexity of the math problems yet the children knew it."*

Lastly, on Friday we recognized the wonderful work our teachers are doing and their commitment to Catholic education with a luncheon.

Thank you to all who participated and helped. We look forward to continue working with and for you. May God bless you.

## \$2,112.64

Collected to help our brothers and sisters in Haiti



Special thanks to Ms. Lisa Gonzalez and Ms. Alicia Nickerson for helping us process the collected funds.



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Special thanks to Ms. Alicia Nickerson and Ms. Bernadette Watkins for helping organize and prepare the Art Fair. They worked tirelessly to make the Art Fair a great success.

SR. LOURDES MERCADO-ALMODOVAR, OBT

### COMING UP

**Wednesday, Feb. 17**

*Ash Wednesday (Day of Abstinence and Fast)*

**Friday, Feb. 19**

*Valentine Day Dance (6 to 8 grade)*

**Friday, Feb. 26**

*Re-registration ends*