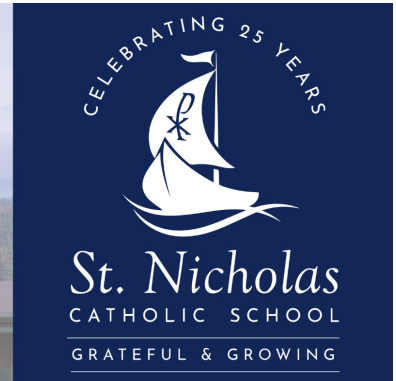
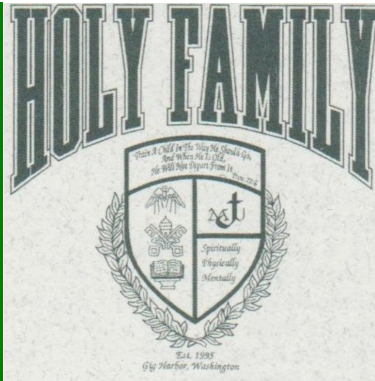


Tenth Year of
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2004-2005



AWARDS!

2005 Johns Hopkins University Center for Talented Youth Talent Search: Grades 5-6

Archdiocese of Catholic Schools,
Honoring Seventh Grade Students For Leadership, April 29, 2005, St. James Cathedral

Leadership in Faith: Amanda Spadoni,
Charles Taylor

Leadership in Academic Achievement:
Heather Eberhart, Angela Hirsh

Leadership in Co-curricular Participation:
Christopher McCurdy, Shelby Swofford

Leadership in Community Building & Service:
Emily O'Neill, Alexis Perry

PLUS AWARDS RECIPIENTS - GRADES - 5 - 6
STATE OF WASHINGTON - LACEY

Erin Allenhof-Long..... Vancouver.....	Image Elementary School	Sue Lee..... Vancouver.....	Shahala Middle School
Mary Bradford..... Olympia.....	Annie Wright School	Charles Li..... Vancouver.....	Shahala Middle School
Nolan Burger..... Puyallup.....	Quest	Fred Lu..... Vancouver.....	Lake Shore Elementary School
Matthew Campbell..... Longview.....	Cascade Middle School	Isaac Lucas..... Olympia.....	Nova School
Robert Cockrell..... Silverdale.....	Cheer Creek Elementary School	Kinsley Miller..... Puyallup.....	Shaw Road Elementary School
Tyler Cox..... Port Orchard.....	The Quest Program	Janae Monfort..... Tumwater.....	Annie Wright School
Edmund Deng..... Vancouver.....	Shahala Middle School	Rebekah Munaretto..... Puyallup.....	The Quest Program
Harrison Denamore..... South Colby.....	The Quest Program	Kristen Murray..... Fox Island.....	Voyager Elementary School
Andrew Dore..... Silverdale.....	Cougar Valley Elementary School	Lauren Nicholls..... Port Orchard.....	The Quest Program
Vincent Dour..... Bremerton.....	Cougar Valley Elementary School	Alexi Osterhaus..... Ashford.....	Columbia Crest Elem. School
Brady Friedrich..... Gig Harbor.....	Saint Nicholas Catholic School	Nicole Pan..... Vancouver.....	Shahala Middle School
Rebecca Giovannozzi..... Vancouver.....	Lake Shore Elementary School	Mina Pollmann..... Vancouver.....	Pacific Middle School
Peter Grieser..... Port Orchard.....	Olatia Elementary School	Jeffrey Sargent..... Bremerton.....	View Ridge Elementary School
Jace Hanson..... Vancouver.....	Oregon Episcopal School	Andrea Sherman..... Port Orchard.....	The Quest Program
Ian Heffron..... Vancouver.....	Lake Shore Elementary School	Hannah Stravaldson..... Port Orchard.....	The Quest Program
Maya Hess..... Battle Ground.....	Discovey Middle School	Nicholas Wilson..... Silverdale.....	Cottonwood Elementary School
John Hongel..... Vancouver.....	Jason Lee Middle School	Alexandrea Young..... Vancouver.....	Jason Lee Middle School
Joanne Hsu..... Vancouver.....	Image Elementary School	Ethan Young..... Longview.....	Cascade Middle School

THE PENINSULA GATEWAY

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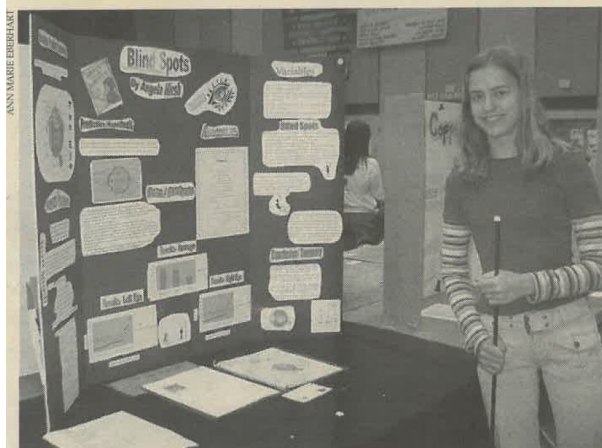
Debuting as a shepherd, Aidan Clubb, a first-grader at St. Nicholas Catholic School, squirms with excitement before he and his fellow students go on stage for the Christmas pageant at St. Nicholas Catholic Church Thursday evening.



Gateway photo/Oona Copperhill

GOOD NEWS

THE CATHOLIC NORTHWEST PROGRESS APRIL 14, 2005



Seventh graders Heather Eberhart, right, and Angela Hirsh of St. Nicholas School in Gig Harbor, won second place and honorable mention, respectively, in last month's South Sound Regional Science Fair involving schools in Pierce and Thurston Counties. In her project, Eberhart tested and rejected the hypothesis that local lakes and other bodies of water contain high levels of acid rain. Hirsh supported the hypothesis that a person's blind spot grows worse with age. The two are students in Patrick Curry's science class.

SCHOOLVIEWS

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Blanket drive covers eighth grade 'graduation'

Student wants to continue helping homeless in Tacoma

MICHAEL COLELLO
of the Gateway

It's a parking lot under two sooty bridges in Tacoma. Every week, large numbers of the city's homeless trek there for a hot meal, warm blankets and maybe a word or two of scripture.

And lately, on Friday nights, 14-year-old Dain Dreyer makes his way beneath the overpass of 24th and Pacific to help provide for those less fortunate.

A student of Gig Harbor's Saint Nicholas Catholic School, Dreyer has launched a blanket drive at his school and in his neighborhood, as part of his eighth grade "exit" project. Items collected are then distributed under the bridge. "I want to get out of eighth grade, but I also want to help the homeless," Dreyer said of the project. "I think it's tragic to see so many peo-



St. Nicholas Catholic School student Dain Dreyer, left, and mentor "Grandpa" Jack Burton doing outreach for the homeless, in Tacoma.

Photo courtesy of Shalee Dreyer

ple without homes down there."

To "graduate" to high school, eighth graders at St. Nick's must perform a final project, typically community service, Dain's mother Shalee said.

Students put in 16 hours of service, later making a verbal presenta-

tion to a board of educators who issue a pass or fail verdict.

Dain said he was inspired to take up his project by Tacoma minister Jack Burton, whom he affectionately refers to as "Grandpa Jack."

Burton has reportedly been distributing food and blankets, at his own expense, to Tacoma's destitute for the past 14 years.

Visibly proud, Mrs. Dreyer said she was initially uncomfortable with the prospect of her boy mixing with the hard-living street people under the bridge, but eventually relented.

"I was kind of fearful about sending him down there at first, but it's not a bad situation at all," she said, sitting beside her son in the Gateway offices.

"We negotiated," Dain shrugged. "My dad goes with me." Shalee said Dain has been to the

site about five times this winter, distributing nearly 80 blankets. She planned to accompany him and her husband Brian there last weekend.

The site is reportedly used by a number of relief agencies, both secular and ecclesiastical, that serve meals, distribute supplies and even play Christian themed music.

Dain says he's garnered many donations at school and by going door to door in his neighborhood asking for clean, gently used blankets.

An admitted Young Country fan, he's even appeared on Seattle's KPMS-FM to plug the project.

Interested persons may still drop off donations at the school, located at 3555 Edwards Drive, or at the family business, Dreyers Interiors, located at 6880 Kimball Drive, or phone 851-8326.

Dreyer said most recipients of his blankets are usually appreciative, if not always polite.

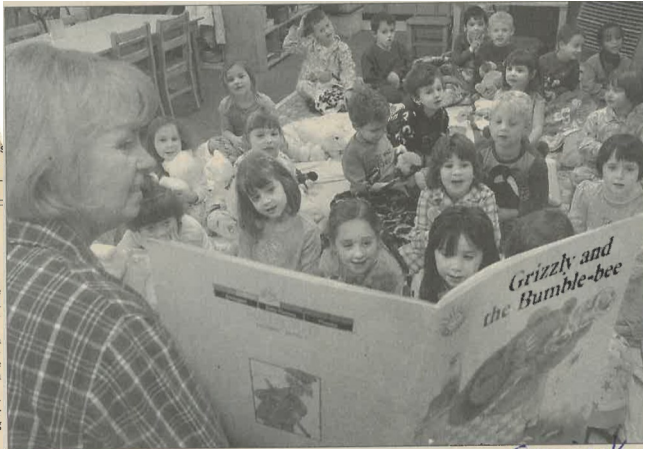
"I usually say something like 'Jesus loves you,'" during presentation, he said.

Although he has only three trips to the site to go for his project, he plans to continue helping Burton in the future.

Dreyer will make an oral and power point presentation to school officials regarding the blanket drive next month.

The 3.7 GPA honors student and soccer enthusiast says this September's transition to Peninsula High School - with a much higher student population than St. Nick's - may take some getting used to, but he'll manage.

College, possible military service and chiropractic study are all post-graduation possibilities, he said.



St. Nicholas' Catholic Church's Elementary School in Gig Harbor kindergarten teacher, Wenny Woytowicz holds the rapt attention of her kids as she reads to them, and shows them artwork in, "Grizzly and the Bumble-bee," story with a message of good ideas.

Hugh McMillan Special to the Gateway

Looks like Mrs. Kennedy's name wasn't put in correctly !



Ahh Spring!
 Arriving Daily!
 Truckloads of
 Fresh Annuals
 & Perennials.

Eighth grade "exit" project to help the homeless.

Mrs. Launius praying with her class.

AREA SCHOOLS TEACH LESSONS FOR A LIFETIME



Marybeth Launius gathered her kindergarten students around a small candle-lit table for afternoon prayer.

Dressed in their traditional Catholic school uniforms, her Holy Family School students on this day spoke as one, as they do several times a week.

Like many Gig Harbor area kindergarten classes, Launius says her private-school program is different.

"Well, it's an all day program for one," she said. "It gives us longer blocks of time to get more detail in their work."

She says her class of 20 is a close-knit group of students who will learn and grow together from grade to grade.