

Best of the AACCS Blue Notes March, 2009

Fire Prevention Assemblies

Many thanks to the members of the Northfield Township Fire Department for providing three fire prevention assemblies at AACCS on October 6.

Younger students saw a video on fire safety, had the opportunity to ask questions, and even got to climb through the truck!

Middle school students became familiar with the actual fire equipment that the fire fighters wear thanks to a brave Kate Eekhoff.



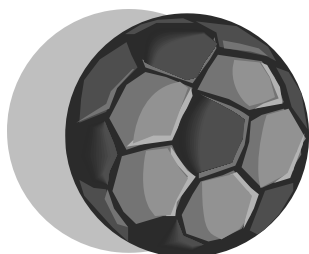
On a beautiful Saturday afternoon in late January some AACCS families took to the slopes at Rolling Hills. Whether sledding, cheering, chatting, or warming up for a bit, we all enjoyed the fresh air and the wonderful company!



GO EAGLES!



Congratulations to the Girls Volleyball team for an excellent season! These girls worked hard to overcome obstacles and win many of their games as they improved throughout the season. Pictured above are (back row) Coach Katie Freund, Krista Natelborg, Brittany Byma, Sophie Bolz, Emily Anderson, Andie Dekker, Hannah Smith, Gabrielle Vuylsteke, Coach Kayla Chenault, Coach Maurice Wright, (front row) Hannah Lim, Avery Decker, Maria Brooks, Kaitlyn Eekhoff, Elle Jansen, Sophia Bry-



Congratulations to the Boys Soccer team for a great season culminating in bringing home the league's 1st place trophy by winning all of their tournament games!

Pictured above are (back row) Nick Fluent, Justus Wise, Michael Adsit, Drew Bowen, Collin Gordinier, Matthew Conzelmann, Erik Freund, Eric Armbruster, Coach Bart Wise, Brandt Hofman, Garrett Schliebe, (front row) Barrett Bryson, Josiah Kim, Michael DeZeeuw, Joel Frison, Ben Robson, Tim Armbruster, David Conzelmann, & Joel Anderson.

Bravo Boys Basketball



JV Team: Coach Mayotte, Coach DeZeeuw, Emil Bathish, Nick New, Joel Anderson, Michael Dekker, Coach Nate, (front row) Eliot Bolz, Samuel Frison, Matthew Alex, Justin Eekhoff, Tim Armbruster, & Josiah Kim

Varsity Team: Joel Frison, Barrett Bryson, Drew Bowen, Matt Kasten, (front row) Brandt Hofman, Phill Toomasian, Matt Mitchell, Paul Lamine, & Michael DeZeeuw

**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE BOYS BASKETBALL TEAMS!
OUR VARSITY BOYS WON 4TH PLACE IN THE VARSITY TOURNAMENT
AND THE JV BOYS BROUGHT HOME THE 2ND PLACE TROPHY!**

Alumni Update: Corey Bowen



I am a sophomore at Dexter High School and incredibly thankful for the superb education I received at AACCS. My fellow alumni and I are consistently recognized by peers for our accelerated academic levels in high school. I find myself taking advantage of the skills and knowledge I learned while at AACCS, specifically in the areas of world history, English, public speaking, and science. I am currently active in DHS's Band program, the drama club, the Quiz Bowl team, and the track and field team; it was AACCS that first got me interested in all of these activities.

Alumni Update: Karsten Kelsey



After being homeschooled through kindergarten, I attended Ann Arbor Christian all the way through fifth grade, which was the highest grade at the time. It was a very enjoyable experience and I still cherish the friends I made. I attended Huron Valley Middle School for sixth grade and then moved to Agape Christian Academy for the remainder of middle school and the first year of high school. I then began to attend Washtenaw Technical Middle College in the tenth grade. As a high school program based at Washtenaw Community College, WTMC allowed me to take a number of classes at the community college for full credit, and I even earned a certificate in Graphic Design. After graduating, I am now attending Eastern Michigan University. The credits I earned at WTMC allowed me to enter at junior standing, and I was admitted to the Dean's list after achieving a 4.0 my first semester.

AACCS Alumni Updates on AACCS Website

If you are an AACCS alumni, please send a digital/ scanned photo of the yourself when you were a student at AACCS as well as a photo of you today to principal@annarborchristian.org. Then if you could write about three ideas in a very brief bio (see below), we can put it on our web site for other alumni to see. Changes can be made to the information later as needed.

The three bio areas (please no doctoral theses, just three quick sentences telling others the following) -

- 1. What the education that you received at AACCS means to you**
- 2. What you are doing now**
- 3. Your plans for seeking God's will for the future**



**Science Fair
Gyroscope**



**Fifth Graders
volunteer at
Huron Woods**



**New AACCS
Advertising**



**Handicapable
Awareness**



**Alumni Connect
after MLK Chapel**



**Community
Building
Bowling**

The AACCS teachers have completed their grade level curriculum guides for current and prospective families. You can see them on the AACCS website. Tell your friends about the great Christ-centered education that your children have received/are receiving here and then send them to the website to read for themselves.

**Fourth Grade
Curriculum Guide
for Parents**



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Head of the Class

Dexter students earn National Merit honors

Excerpts from an article published in the Dexter Leader on March 5, 2009

Mark Anderson and Andrew DeZeeuw are AACCS alums

Dexter High School students Mark Anderson, Jesse Liker and Colin McNally are National Merit Scholarship Program finalists in the Class of 2009. In early September, about 16,000 students of the 1.5 million students who took the test, or approximately one-third of the 50,000 high scorers, were notified that they qualified as semifinalists. Anderson, Liker and McNally were listed as semifinalists and have recently advanced to finalist standing. They are among 15,000 finalists in the country who will be considered for National Merit Scholarships. Dexter High School also had four students (Andrew DeZeeuw, Karl Kumbier, Shawn McCargar and Emily Rion) who have been designated as Commended Students in the National Merit Scholarship Program. Their Selection Index score placed them among the top 50,000 of over 1.5 million students who entered the 2009 National Merit Program by taking the October 2007 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test. They are among about 34,000 Commended Students nationwide who have shown exceptional promise. "We at DHS are extremely proud of all seven students," said Geraldine Brady-Holmes, a counselor at DHS. The following is a look at these seven exceptional students.

Mark Anderson

Grade: Senior Age: 18 Parents: Brett and Jane Anderson

Favorite class: Physics. "I enjoy physical science and the class is very fun." Favorite teacher: Mrs. Marsh

College and course of study: Undecided, business.

If you could pick your lifelong occupation today, what would it be: Business manager.

What does this honor mean to you: "It's a great feeling to see my hard work over the years paying off. To be selected is a huge honor and I'm very grateful."

Your biggest influence: My parents

Interests outside the classroom: Tennis, debate, Boy scouts, piano

Favorite TV show: Any sports event

Favorite movie: "The Dark Knight"

What kind of music is on your iPod: Rock

Favorite place to eat in Dexter: Dairy Queen

Andrew DeZeeuw

Grade: Senior Age: 17 Parents: Darren and Sue DeZeeuw

Favorite class: "Band. I really enjoy playing the drums." Favorite teacher: Mr. Moore

College and course of study: Calvin College, engineering

If you could pick your lifelong occupation today, what would it be: Engineer

What does this honor mean to you: "A reward for hard work in the past."

Your biggest influence: God, family and friends Interests outside the classroom: Playing drums

Favorite TV show: "The Simpsons" Favorite movie: "Pirates of the Caribbean"

What kind of music is on your i-Pod: "Pretty much everything but country, mostly rock."

Favorite place to eat in Dexter: Dairy Queen



Dexter High School has three National Merit Scholarship Program Finalists in the Class of 2009. Pictured are Jesse Liker (left, standing), Mark Anderson and Colin McNally. DHS also has four students Andrew DeZeeuw (left, seated), Emily Rion, Karl Kumbier and Shawn McCargar (not pictured) who have been designated as Commended Students in the National Merit Scholarship Program.



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Serving the King of Kings,

Principal Thom Ritzema