

Press Release

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BISHOP BARAGA CATHOLIC SCHOOL SCIENCE FAIR

CHEBOYGAN, MI: Bishop Baraga Catholic School held a Science Fair for students in grades 5 through 8 on April 9, 2008. After presenting their projects in class that day, the students held a well-attended public showing, including demonstrations of their projects, in the gymnasium from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

The Fair encouraged experimentation and project demonstration by the students. Each student project was displayed along with the project abstract. The abstract explained the project problem, the student hypothesis, the experiment, a procedural analysis, and the student's conclusion.

The projects were judged on creative ability, scientific thought, thoroughness, skill, clarity, and dramatic value. First place was awarded to 6th grader Michael Drogowski for his project Insane Game Brain, looking at the relationship between playing violent video games and the use of violence by game-players.

Fifth grade's David Neph took second place for his project Nail Growth. Max Pletcher, another 6th grader, had the third place project How Does the Weight of a Ball Affect the Distance It Travels When Launched From a Catapult. Seventh grade's Hanna Kwiatkowski, won the Teacher's Choice Award for her project.

The picture accompanying this release shows the winners: (from L to R) Hanna Kwiatkowski, Teacher's Choice; Max Pletcher, Third Place; David Neph, Second Place; and Michael Drogowski, First Place.

Bishop Baraga Catholic School was established in 1856 by Bishop Frederic Baraga. It has been in its new building located at the corner of Western and Lincoln Avenues in Cheboygan since September 2005.