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MISSION STATEMENT

Grand Traverse Area Catholic Schools are dedicated to providing a Catholic education ensuring educational quality for all families willing to enter into a partnership to develop each child to his or her fullest spiritual and academic potential.

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Please email information for system-wide distribution to Cathy Nelson at cnelson@gtacs.org.

LOOKING FORWARD TO MASS

Whew! How fitting it is that this weekend's [Gospel](#) is about being aware of our priorities. Homecoming Week/Hall of Fame was a whirlwind of activities followed by the Sacred Music Celebration, Marching Band Expo and more. We are grateful that we have the freedom to worship and glorify God by participating actively in our community.

PHOTOS FROM LAST WEEK (Click on the links below to visit the photo gallery)

- At Saturday morning's [Hall of Fame](#) induction ceremony, five new members were welcomed. Congratulations!
- The [Homecoming festivities](#) were made more spectacular (and photo-friendly) thanks to glorious weather!
- On Sunday, the SF and IC choirs performed outstanding [Sacred Music](#) in honor of the Diocese's 40th anniversary.
- On Monday evening, eighteen schools performed in the annual [Band Expo](#). The marching Glads were in top form! A local company, OneUp Web, donated \$1,000 to each of the participating bands.

CONGRATULATIONS FROM HOMECOMING WEEK

2011 Homecoming Court. Gabby Morgan and Andy Fitzpatrick (freshmen); Laura Quinting and Conor Sych (sophomores); Kenzie Feeney, Natalie Beia, Brandon Acre and Justin Duchene-Thornewell (juniors); Dani Heger, Diana Matuszak, Sydni Zamarron, Olivia Wurm, Alex Grombala, Tyler Hansen, John Posler and Alex Quinlan (seniors)

2011 Homecoming King and Queen: Tyler Hansen and Olivia Wurm

Spirit Week Competition Results: Hallway decorating, juniors; float competition, freshmen; school spirit competition, juniors

GLADHANDER...SOON TO BE A SELLOUT!

- As of today, there are only about 50 tickets left for this year's Gladhander auction. Get your reservation in!
- 884 raffle tickets have been sold – we're well on our way to our "Drive for 2000" ticket sales this year.
- In the school ticket competition, SF remains in the lead with 124 but Holy Angels is catching up with 103. Immaculate Conception students have 85 sales to their credit, and St. Elizabeth Ann Seton has 45.
- Know someone who might want to purchase this year's decorations for a modest fee? Contact [Carla](#).
- New to Gladhander this year is something called the Winner's Circle. You buy bid cards, and that earns you a chance at one of five prime auction items (big screen TV, Grand Hotel getaway, etc.) If you win, you pick the one you want and the remainder are auctioned off as usual.
- Know someone who might like to come to Preview Night? It's free and open to the public. Even if you're coming on auction night, it might be fun to bring your friends and neighbors to this casual event on Friday evening.
- Remember, some Gladhander auction items make great gifts or business items; others need to be coordinated in advance (trips or large outings). Get your Gladhander strategy together soon!
- All hands on deck! To volunteer, contact [Kathy Britten](#) or [view job descriptions](#) here.
- Decorations needs your help! Volunteer during school days or Sundays 1:00-4:00 p.m., Room 16.
- Keep up on breaking Gladhander news by liking its [Facebook page](#).

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PUT ON YOUR PINK

Next Friday, October 21, our St. Francis Gladiators host Grayling in the 4th Annual Breast Cancer Bowl at Thirlby Field at 7 p.m. That day at school, we will have a **Grub Day** for the same cause. We encourage students to wear pink if possible. All money collected from our Grub Day will stay local and go to the Munson Women's Cancer Fund -- as will the funds raised at the football game. For more information on the Breast Cancer Bowl, including how to buy a pink breast cancer bowl hat contact the GTACS Athletic Department at 231-946-1180 or mmiddleton@gtacs.org. Thank you for your support as we continue to reach out to those in need and make an effort to be Christ's hands and feet on this earth.

OCTOBER 21: REARRANGE YOUR SCHEDULE TO BE THERE IF YOU CAN!

Here's an event sure to help us focus on the right priorities: Fr. Ben Luedtke, apologist and popular Catholic speaker, will discuss the ways in which we are called to live "[Everday Catholicism](#)." Fr. Luedtke personally knew Blessed Mother Teresa and was the special priest for whom she prayed. He will give a talk oriented toward adults from 8:15-9:15 a.m. on Friday, October 21 in the Kohler Auditorium at St. Francis. From 9:30-10:30 a.m., he will give a talk to SF and SEAS students (also in the Kohler). This presentation will challenge and inspire you.

DURING 40 DAYS OF LIFE

Fact for today: Since legalized in 1973, surgical abortion has extinguished the lives of 50 million pre-born babies.

ATHLETICS NEWS

The GTACS fall [Athletic News](#) was emailed separately earlier today. **One correction:** On October 21 (Breast Cancer Bowl), the Junior Varsity also has a game at 4 p.m., so gates will open at 3 p.m. Reminder to get your pink hats and glow sticks, along with admission to game while helping battle cancer in our community. While you're thinking about school spirit, maybe now is a good time to [order your Gladiator house flag!](#)

QUICK NOTES

- St. Francis Student Council is sponsoring a **blood drive** on October 21.
- Glen's Markets is offering [Cash for Class](#) 10/30-11-5 and 11/20-26. "Yes card" members can designate purchases to benefit one of our Schools: HA (72094); IC (55993); SEAS (89703) and SF (88145).
- **October 28 is a half day** (11 am dismissal) for IC and SEAS (no PM bussing) and there's no school at HA or SF.
- Mark your calendars: **Shop Your Community Day** and the **Children's Book Festival** are November 12.
- There is a **Women's Retreat** opportunity coming up: November 4-6 at Augustine Retreat Center in Conway. Contact [Lea Ann Anderson](#).
- Grand Traverse Resort is offering free tennis lessons for kids on the first Saturday of each month from noon til 1 p.m. Call 231 534-6587 or visit <http://www.grandtraversetennis.com>. The Resort also offers an \$80 learn-to-swim program for those looking to ensure water safety for their children: October 30-December 11.