



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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## LOOKING FORWARD TO MASS

How fitting our [readings](#) are for this weekend: "You recall, brothers and sisters, our toil and drudgery..." 1 Thes 2:7b-9, 13 and "The greatest among you must be your servant..." Mt 23:1-12. As Gladhandler linens are being ironed, vegetables are being peeled and prepped, decorations are being fluffed, risers and carpets and tables are being rolled into ready position, praise Him in thanksgiving for this unique, Christ-centered environment of caring and sharing.

## GLADHANDER VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED

Preview Night (Friday) Booth Workers 7:00-9:15 pm (4 more needed); Saturday Main Event Wait Staff 4:00-10:00 pm (7 more needed -- no experience necessary; you will not be carrying trays or taking food/drink orders.. just serving); Main Event Spotters 6:00-11:00 pm (5 more needed); Main Event Booth Closers 10:00 pm-midnight (3 more needed – validating bids).

**FREE CHILD CARE** is being provided from 9:00 am-3:00 pm on Friday, October 28 by the Munson Enrichment program staff, with assistance from SF students. Drop off children (must be potty trained) at Immaculate Conception lower level. A sack lunch, emergency contact form and ID for pickup are required.

## GLAD FOR THE SUPERVISION

If your student is planning to volunteer at Gladhandler set-up/take-down, make sure you are there to supervise him or her unless that student is part of a group assigned to a specific task under the direction of another adult volunteer.

## RAFFLE TICKET COMPETITION IS HEATING UP!

The competition between the schools to see which one can sell the most raffle tickets is gaining momentum in the final days before Gladhandler. At last count, Holy Angels had 193, Immaculate had 110, St. Elizabeth had 69 and St. Francis had 202 tickets sold – and the overall total was 1187. Teams at each school "pulling out all the stops" to see that they receive the \$7,500 in improvements! The final results will be announced at the Gladhandler Thank You party, when the total dollars raised at Gladhandler is traditionally also announced.

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS KIDS ART CONTEST

Art Contest rules can be picked up at the St. Francis Parish welcome center, or at [www.kofc13958.org](http://www.kofc13958.org). First place cash prizes to be awarded by age groups. Return completed Art by November 13<sup>th</sup> to SF Parish using the provided drop box, or at the next Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, November 13<sup>th</sup> after the 9 and 11am masses.

## GTACS GOOD NEWS

- Nearly 100 adults turned out for the Fr. Ben Luedtke "Everyday Catholicism" presentation. Thank you!
- Our Gladiator equestrian team earned the State Division C Championship.
- Our Gladiator football team brought home the Lake Michigan Conference title. Glads are home this Friday!
- The GTACS Life Balance Initiative was featured on TV 9&10's *Michigan This Morning*. Watch it [here](#).
- The [clever video](#) created by TCSF student Harold Kranick, Jr. is in 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the [Bill Marsh video](#) competition.
- GTACS will receive \$250.88 from the 3rd quarter Tom's receipts submissions; thank you!
- Don't forget Preview Night (5:30-9:00 pm this Friday) is free and open to the public. Invite your friends!

## CALENDAR ITEMS

- **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.
- 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).
- Prospective foster parent information night, November 1, 6:30-8:30 pm at Traverse Area District Library.
- There is a **Women's Retreat** opportunity coming up: **November 4-6** at Augustine Retreat Center in Conway. Contact [Lea Ann Anderson](#).
- The semi-annual [Stag Steak Fry](#) is Tuesday, November 8 at 6 pm at the K of C hall. Cost is \$20 per person.
- Next PTC meeting is **November 9** at noon in the SEAS office
- **November 14 Mothers In Christ** meeting is on, "Changes to the Mass Busy Moms Can Understand"
- Parish craft shows are coming to Immaculate Conception (**11/5**) and Christ the King (**11/12**)
- Shop Your Community Day and Traverse City Children's Book Festival are on Saturday, **November 12**.
- [Grand Traverse Ski Club's](#) Annual Ski and Snowboard Swap is **November 11-13**. Buy or sell.

## ADVICE FOR PARENTS OF STUDENT ATHLETES

On November 19 at Grand Traverse Resort and Spa, Aquinas College Men's Tennis [Coach Jerry Hendrick](#) will give a presentation intended for parents of students involved in sports of any kind. Jerry recently won the Coach of Character award and his book has been endorsed by tennis legend Brad Gilbert and the Notre Dame tennis coach. Cost is \$5 which includes lunch. Click the Aquinas link at [www.grandtraversetennis.com](http://www.grandtraversetennis.com) for more information.

## DISCOVER A NEW WAY TO LOVE WINTER

Nordic Ski Coach Mark Esper invites middle and high school students to join the cross-country ski team. It's instructional (you don't need to know how to ski to join), recreational (a fun, life-long sport) and competitive (if only against your personal best). Instruction includes both freestyle and classic skiing at Timber Ridge or the VASA trail. First practice is Wednesday, November 9. Questions? Contact Coach Esper at 231 633-1054 or <mailto:mesper@gtacs.org>.

## DOWNHILL SKI

Registration for Grand Traverse Ski Club's learn-to-ski, young beginner, and advanced racing clinics is going on now at [www.gtiskiclub.com](http://www.gtiskiclub.com).

## MEET THE GUYS AND DOLLS

A record number of students auditioned for this year's Musical, Guys and Dolls. Congratulations to the cast members listed below. Mark your calendar for shows February 10, 11 and 12 and 17, 18 and 19.

ROLE.....	CAST 1 (odd dates) / CAST 2 (even dates)
Sky .....	Alex Quinlan
Sarah.....	Kate DeYoung/Mary Klingelsmith
Nathan Detroit .....	Harold Kranick
Adelaide .....	Colleen Olson/Anna Wheatley
Nicely Nicely.....	Evan Primeau
Benny Southstreet.....	Dan Wilson
Rusty Charlie.....	Blake Bandrowski
Abigail Abernathy .....	Emily Nelson
Lt. Brannigan.....	Geoff Foster
Harry the Horse.....	Mike Kirby
Big Jule.....	Austin Bolton
General Cartwright .....	Kristine Shroeder/Hannah Beard
Angie the Ox.....	Lance Masserant
Society Max.....	Bradley Eddington
The Greek .....	Andy Fitzpatrick
Liver Lips Louie .....	Tyler Skibbe
Scranton Slim .....	Riley Corcoran
Mimi.....	Natalie Beia
Trixie.....	Megan Donaldson
Anna Maria Ann Tangelo.....	Kelsey Knudsen
Joey Biltmore.....	Fr. Bill Lipscomb
Hot Box Dancers .....	Madeline Popp, Brooke Wilson, Elizabeth Gallagher,
.....	Chandler Tarrant, Madison Dine, Gabby Morgan, Haley Bussell
Missionaries .....	Stephanie Eddington, Julie Verellen, Shaelyn Bunner, Grace Meachum
.....	Abby Raetz, Sophie Spencer, Beth Swan, Madeline Zamarron