



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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CELEBRATING ALL SAINTS

"All you holy men and women, pray for us..." If you were able to attend one of the All Saints Masses on Tuesday, you heard and were likely moved by the lovely *Litany of the Saints*. At Immaculate Conception, fourth graders came to Mass dressed as a Saint, and shared with those present something about that Saint's life. Thank you to all our priests, musicians, readers and servers for particularly beautiful liturgies this week. The next weekend Mass readings are [here](#).

CALENDAR REMINDERS

- **Tomorrow (Friday, 11/4) is a full day of school with NO BUSING**
- **There is NO SCHOOL on Monday, 11/07**
- **Next Thursday and Friday** are half-days with dismissal at 11 a.m. and NO BUSING
- 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)
- The semi-annual [Stag Steak Fry](#) is **Tuesday, November 8** at 6 pm at the K of C hall. Cost is \$20 per person
- DATE CHANGE: The next PTC meeting is **November 16** at noon in the SEAS office
- **November 14** [Mothers In Christ](#) meeting is on, "Changes to the Mass Busy Moms Can Understand"
- Support our parishes by shopping the craft shows at Immaculate Conception (**11/5**) and Christ the King (**11/12**)
- Snow is coming! Grand Traverse Ski Club's [Annual Ski and Snowboard Swap](#) is **November 11-13**

THE WEEK IN PICTURES

Many of you have already checked out the week's photos on our Facebook page, but for those of you who don't use Facebook or who want to share photos with other non-Facebook users, here are some links to online photo galleries.

- [29th Annual Gladhander Auction, Seuss on the Loose – Photo Album](#)
- [Halloween at Holy Angels Preschool & Elementary School – Photo Album](#)
- [All Saints Mass at Immaculate Conception Elementary School – Photo Album](#)

GLADHANDER THANKS YOU

More than 700 people volunteer throughout the year, and that's something to celebrate. If you played a role in the success of Gladhander this year, please join us for a Thank You Party on Saturday, November 12 in the St. Francis gymnasium. You'll be among the first to know the total amount raised, along with the final results of our inter-school raffle competition. There will be a silent auction, dinner and of course, the ever-popular video rebroadcast! Hours are 5 pm – 8:30-ish.

GLAD RAFFLE WINNERS ANNOUNCED

\$500 Prize Winners

Mrs. Ellyn Tarrant, Traverse City
Mr. Kevin Carney, Traverse City
Rev. Robert J. Zuchowski, Elk Rapids
Colleen Yuncker, Traverse City
Barbara Brehm-Grewe, Mesick
Gary & Karen Provins, Traverse City

\$1,000 Prize Winners

Alma McDowell, Kalkaska
Nancy K. Staffan, Elk Rapids
Matt & Jennie Therrien, Lake Ann
Mike Kessler, Lake Jackson, Texas

Grand Prize Winner

Chose \$32,000 Cash
Dorothy Bartlett, East Jordan

GOOD NEWS

- The atmosphere at this year's Gladhander was positively "electric." Stay tuned for the final results on 11/12.
- The Glads continue with football playoffs this Friday at 7 pm at Thirlby Field. Fans wear something "jungle."
- The young women on our Cross-Country team have earned a slot in the State finals this Saturday. Go Glads!
- Harold Kranick's video made it to the top five in the Bill Marsh Video competition. Congratulations, Harold!

TWO WAYS TO HELP BY SHOPPING

Get your holiday shopping done in advance AND raise money for our Schools! 1) [Shop Your Community Day](#) is Saturday, **November 12**. Simply make your purchases on this special day at participating Downtown Traverse City merchants and ask that 15% be designated for GTACS. Last year, our families raised \$2,523! 2) Chances are, your family and friends will be buying gift cards to use as Christmas gifts this year. Why not take a [TRIP order form](#) with you this Thanksgiving and offer to fill orders before Christmas – or contact family members now to see if they'd like to purchase gift cards for delivery at Thanksgiving? You'll save them time while reducing your tuition cost.

TACKLING CANCER

Game jerseys from the Breast Cancer Bowl are available in limited quantities and for a limited time. Cost is \$50 and numbers are not guaranteed. Proceeds benefit the local Munson Women's Cancer Fund. Contact the Athletic Office at 946-1180.

GOT SCHOOL SPIRIT?

Show everyone you're a GLAD supporter by purchasing a Gladiator house flag from the Cheerleaders. [Order here](#).

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>.

NOW COURTING YOUNG BASKETBALL PLAYERS

Youth participation is essential to the development of an outstanding basketball program at Grand Traverse Area Catholic Schools. Coach Haske has put together a great winter schedule for students of all ability and experience levels:

5 th Grade Boys practices	December 3, 10 and 17	8:00 am	10:00 am at SEAS
6 th Grade Boys practices	December 3, 10 and 17	10:00 am	12:00 pm at SEAS
5 th /6 th Grade Boys competition	January 7, 14, 21, 28 and February 4		Time and place to be announced
* COST FOR 5 TH /6 TH GRADERS IS \$50 AND REGISTRATION WILL TAKE PLACE ON FIRST DAY; CHECKS PAYABLE TO GTACS			

2 nd /3 rd Grade Boys & Girls clinic	January 7, 14, 21, 28 and Feb. 4		8:30 am – 9:30 am at SEAS
4 th Grade Boys & Girls clinic	January 7, 14, 21, 28 and Feb. 4		9:45 am – 11:00 am at SEAS
* COST FOR 2 ND /3 RD /4 TH GRADERS IS \$25 AND REGISTRATION WILL TAKE PLACE ON FIRST DAY; CHECKS PAYABLE TO GTACS			

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 for more information.

DOWNHILL SKI

Registration for Grand Traverse Ski Club's learn-to-ski, young beginner, and advanced racing clinics is going on now at www.gtskiclub.com.

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. First place cash prizes to be awarded by age groups. Return completed Art by November 13 to SF Parish using the provided drop box, or at the next Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, November 13 after the 9 and 11 a.m. Masses.

CANNED FOOD PRODUCT SCULPTURE CONTEST

The Father Fred Foundation in conjunction with the local chapter of the American Institute of Architects (AIA) is calling for teams of five or more individuals to register to participate in the first annual Traverse City CANSTRUCTION competition on January 28, 2012. Participants will make a freestanding sculpture comprised entirely of canned food products. Visit canstruction.com, then contact David Abeel at dabeel@fatherfred.org or 231 947-2055 ext. 18 if you're interested.