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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.

November 10, 2011 Please email information for system-wide distribution to Cathy Nelson at cnelson@gtacs.org.

The above photos were taken during a mini performance by the TCSF choir at SEAS. The crowd favorite seemed to be a "Elijah Rock" but there were many great songs and solos. Thank you, choirs, for sharing your talents with others. Coincidentally (or perhaps not), this [weekend's Gospel](#) is the parable of the talents in which the master entrusts his subjects with gifts and gives them the freedom to use them to build his kingdom.

CALENDAR REMINDERS

- **Today and Friday** are half-days with dismissal at 11 a.m. and parents provide take-home transportation
- Varsity football continues in playoffs this **Saturday** at 1 pm versus Ishpeming. See you at Thirlby Field!
- Grand Traverse Ski Club's [Annual Ski and Snowboard Swap](#) is **November 11-13**
- The Gladhander Thank You Party is Saturday, **November 12** in the SF cafeteria from 5-8:30 p.m.
- [Shop Your Community Day](#) is Saturday, **November 12**...15% of select downtown purchases benefit GTACS
- The Christ the King parish craft show is this Saturday, **November 12**
- **Sunday, November 13**, there will be a pancake breakfast at St. Pat's to benefit the food pantry, 8:30-12:30 pm
- The **November 14 Mothers In Christ** meeting is on, "Changes to the Mass Busy Moms Can Understand"
- The next PTC meeting is **November 16** at noon in the SEAS office
- If you're interested in the Crystal Mountain ski program, meet in the SF Library on **November 16** at 6 pm
- On **November 19** at the Grand Traverse Resort, Aquinas Men's Tennis [Coach Jerry Hendrick](#) will give a presentation intended for parents of students involved in sports of any kind. www.grandtraversetennis.com

BOOST YOUR IMMUNE SYSTEM AND OUR MUSIC PROGRAM

Music students are selling fruit from Florida's Indian River Groves. Oranges and grapefruit make excellent gifts, and the orders will arrive before Christmas break. Proceeds will be used for instrument repairs, operating expenses, and costs associated with a trip the band and choir will be taking to Chicago in the spring. Thank you for your support.

CRYSTAL MOUNTAIN SEASON'S PASS AND SKI PROGRAM

Crystal Mountain is once again offering GTACS students, families and friends a ski school program. We ski Fridays from 3:30 until 9:00 pm. Lessons are included every Friday through mid-February and are offered at three different times. These special rates are only available for our Fridays and for a limited time. Learn more and/or sign-up on Wednesday, November 16 in the TCSF library at 6:00 pm. This is the only sign up meeting we will have; don't miss it!

Age of participant	Ski pass, lesson and equipment rental*	Ski pass, lesson (no equipment needed)
Children, 5-8 years old	\$ 89	\$ 39
Student, 9-18 years old	109	69
Adult, 19 and up	199	129

*Crystal has purchased all new rental skis and boots this year; they are coded for fast and efficient distribution. **Single trip tickets will be available only four times this year in January and the first Friday in February. More info on this in January** Contact Mark or Jerri Gabriel skigtacs@charter.net or 231 929-3911 if you have questions.

GOT SCHOOL SPIRIT?

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

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TRIP NEWS

We have two new vendors to welcome to the On-Hand order form this week! The **Buffalo Wild Wings** gift card is available in a \$25 denomination at 7% and the **Taco Bell** card is \$10 with a 4% discount. We think this will make many of you very happy, which makes us very happy! We wanted to pass along that **Scott's Harbor Grill** is closed for the month of November. **Scott's Other Side** (the coffee shop) remains open in November.

ONLY 45 DAYS UNTIL CHRISTMAS

Now is a great time to make your shopping and gift-giving list and stock up on TRIP gift cards and certificates. 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?

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.

BASKETBALL FOR 2-6 GRADE STUDENTS

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			

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.org, then contact David Abeel at dabeel@fatherfred.org or 231 947-2055 ext. 18 if you're interested.

You must ask God to give you power to fight against the sin of pride which is your greatest enemy – the root of all that is evil, and the failure of all that is good. For God resists the proud.
-- St. Vincent de Paul