



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.

December 8, 2011 Please email information for system-wide distribution to Cathy Nelson at cnelson@gtacs.org.

THE GIFT OF EXTRA TIME OFF

Superintendent Buell announced today that although he generally makes every effort to avoid late-notice cancellations, after much deliberation, the half-day scheduled for December 22 has been cancelled.

Mass this morning was standing room only for the **Feast of the Immaculate Conception. 40 Hour Devotion** continues today with the closing Mass at 7:00 pm. Many thanks to St. Francis Church for hosting this beautiful time of reflection and preparation. The **Living Rosary** at Immaculate Conception was beautiful, and was capped off by a blue/white/gold balloon launch lifting our prayers to heaven. More photos from that event next week.

RECAP OF HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

- Thursday, December 22 – NO SCHOOL (previously a half-day) – Christmas break begins
- Tuesday, January 3 – SCHOOL RESUMES
- Monday, 1/16 – parents provide all transportation (no school for TCAPS)
- Friday, 1/20 – Half-day for preschool through 8th grade/ parents provide take-home transportations

THE GIFT OF SCHOOL SPIRIT

Gladiator and St. Francis apparel and gifts are available in the “store” located outside the Athletic Department office (south side of the gym area); it is open 8:00 am – 3:00 pm daily and there are many potential gift items on-hand for the students or adults on your “nice” list. Stop by and check it out!

THE GIFT OF FREE LUNCH

Who could possibly be higher on your “nice” list than your child’s teacher? Why not treat them to free lunch during the upcoming semester by purchasing pre-paid gift cards from our LBI lunch program? Buy in 5-punch (\$15) or 10-punch (\$25) increments. You can also treat yourself to lunch; guest lunch punch cards are available at 5 punches for \$20. Payment can be made by cash or check (payable to GTACS) to Karen Spencer at Dining Services: kspencer@gtacs.org or 995-8454. It’s that easy!

THE GIFT OF INVOLVEMENT

Our awesome PTC (parent teacher council) invites you to an important upcoming meeting, December 14 at noon at Holy Angels (location will be posted near the office). Agenda items include:

- Catholic Schools Week – ideas and activities
- Tuition raffle
- Family Fun Night
- New opportunities for fundraising

THE GIFT OF REST

Catholic Schools Week is January 28-February 3, and the PTC is looking for people to assist with the car lines. Anyone who can give our teachers a much-earned break should email Michelle Arntz (michelle.arntz@gmail.com). Help is needed before and after school.