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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.*

**December 21, 2011** Please email information for system-wide distribution to Cathy Nelson at [cnelson@gtacs.org](mailto:cnelson@gtacs.org).

Thank you GTACS family and friends for sharing 2011 with us. May you have a peaceful celebration of [Christmas](#) and the arrival of Jesus' light into our darkness. See you in the [New Year!](#)

## THE WEEK IN PICTURES

For photos of the Advent pageant at Immaculate Conception Elementary, [click here](#).

For photos of the preschool Advent pageants, [click here](#).

For photos of "deck the dresser" – our Schools' effort to provide items for the Pregnancy Care Center, [click here](#).

January 3	School resumes
January 4	Feast day and special student breakfast at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, 10:00 a.m.
January 7	Vocations Dinner in Gaylord: Mass at 5:00 followed by a "12th Night"-themed buffet dinner
January 11	PTC meeting held at Immaculate Conception Elementary at 6:30 pms
January 16	Full day with parent transportation both ways (no school for TCAPS)

## WORDS OF WELCOME

- Welcome **Evan Yenshaw**, son of Steven and Allison Yenshaw, to kindergarten at Holy Angels.
- Welcome new eighth grader at St Elizabeth Ann Seton, **Alison Fox**, daughter of Michael and Terry Fox.
- Welcome **Jacob Allen Bauman**, born December 15 to Principal Matt and Kristen Bauman and big brother Michael
- Welcome **Mrs. Melissa Lundberg** to the position of secretary at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Middle School.
- Welcome **Mrs. Denise Krueger** to a new post as secretary at Immaculate Conception as we bid a fond farewell to Mrs. Colleen Sweeney.

## TRIP NEWS

TRIP hours remain the same this week but we are closed next week. Backorders will not be in before Christmas break. We still have some **PF Chang's & Zappos** in stock for any last minute shopping! We normally only carry them on the NOH order form, so get 'em while you can! Thank you for your patience during our busy Christmas shopping season.

Current bonuses: **Cabela's (OH & NOH)** - 2% until 12/22, **Bass Pro Shops (NOH)** - 2% until 12/22, **Home Depot** - 2% until 12/22, **LL Bean** - 2% until 12/22, **Hazelnutkids.com** - 5% until 12/22 ([www.HazelnutKids.com](http://www.HazelnutKids.com)) Free Shipping for orders over \$75 with promo code SHIP75

## GLADIATOR WINTER BASKETBALLCAMP

WHO? Boys and Girls in 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to attend camp. Varsity coaches and players will assist in teaching the basics. WHAT? Camp is a chance to learn the fundamentals of basketball, play games, and have fun in the gym. WHY? The camp will help students to get the basics and become motivated to become part of the great tradition here at St. Francis WHEN? Camp is held on Saturday mornings through the winter. All sessions are at the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton gym. All 2<sup>nd</sup> graders will have camp from 8:00-9:00 am. All 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> graders will have camp from 9:00-10:00. Five Saturdays: Jan. 7, Jan. 14, Jan. 21, Jan. 28 and Feb. 4 HOW MUCH? Participation fee is \$30 per camper. This covers all six sessions. Checks should be made out to GTACS and registration will take place the first day of camp. There will be no pre-registration. If you have any questions, please contact Coach Keith Haske at 946-8038.



### **STAT KEEPERS SOUGHT**

Coach Haske is looking for a couple of adult volunteers to record stats at basketball games. Please contact him at 946-8038 or [khaske@gtacs.org](mailto:khaske@gtacs.org) if you're interested.

### **OPEN GYM AT IMMACULATE CONCEPTION FOR 7<sup>TH</sup> GRADE GIRLS**

Over Christmas break, seventh grade girls who want to work on their basketball skills can come to open gym, noon-2 pm on Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday, 12/26-28. Contact Mr. Mike Kanitz if you have questions at 342-7123 or 941-0121.

### **EXCHANGE STUDENT HOST FAMILY SOUGHT**

In January, Grand Traverse Area Catholic Schools will welcome Miss Luciano Rios, a Rotary Exchange Student from Argentina. We are seeking at least one additional host family (summer months). Contact [Al Zelinski](mailto:Al.Zelinski) to learn more.

### **VOCATIONS DINNER**

Join us for a special dinner celebrating Vocations in the Diocese of Gaylord on Saturday, January 7 at St. Mary Cathedral in Gaylord. Coinciding with the Feast of Epiphany, this year's event will begin with Mass celebrated at 5:00 by Bishop Hebda and followed by a "12th Night"-themed buffet dinner. Fr. Francis Partridge will be the keynote speaker. A highlight of the evening will be the presentation of the Vocations Recognition Awards. This year's recipients include: Joel and Mary Beth Myler and family of Traverse City; Rev. Edwin Thome and the Parishioners of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Traverse City; and all of The Knights of Columbus of the Diocese of Gaylord. Special entertainment and time to meet and greet our seminarians is also being planned. Everyone is invited. There is no cost to attend, but freewill offering to offset the cost of the meal will be accepted. Space is limited so advance reservations are required. Leave a message for Susan Roundy at the Diocese at 989.732.5147 or via e-mail at [sroundy@dioceseofgaylord.org](mailto:sroundy@dioceseofgaylord.org) no later than January 4.

### **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FREE THROW COMPETITION**

The K of C annual free throw contest will take place on Saturday, January 14 at St. Francis Gym. This competition is for boys and girls ages 9-14 as of January 1, 2012. Winners progress through local, district, regional and state competitions. Last year, more than 179,000 students participated! [Registration form is here.](#)

### **CHERUB TALES IS BACK!**

Cherub Tales, the popular story time for preschoolers, will be offered again this winter. Dates are January 19 and 26, February 9, 16 and 23 and March 1. Time is 10:30-11:15 am and the location is the Holy Angels Library. There is no charge, and participants are invited to enjoy lunch in the school cafeteria for \$3 (children) or \$4.50 (adults). If you know of a family with young children that might enjoy this weekly outing, please extend an invitation to them!

### **KINDERGARTEN INFORMATION NIGHT**

What are the signs of kindergarten readiness? What is kindergarten round-up like, and how can I help my child prepare for it? These and other questions will be answered during Kindergarten Information Night, Thursday, January 12 from 6-7:15 p.m. If you have a friend who is considering enrolling their child at Holy Angels Preschool and Elementary, please urge them to attend this informative session!

### **BASKETBALL AT THE BRESLIN**

The Breslin Center is among the best venues in the state for basketball, and the Gladiators will be there over Christmas break on December 29. St. Francis will take on Lansing Catholic at 2 pm. Presale tickets are available through Athletics; call 946-1180 for office hours and information.

As by the sun in splendor  
The flags of night are furled,  
So darkness shall surrender  
To Christ who lights the world,  
To Christ the star of day,  
Who once was small and tender,  
A candle's gentle ray.

WHEN MARY BROUGHT HER TREASURE