

## MISSION STATEMENT

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.

**August 11, 2011**

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

## THIS WEEKEND'S MASS [READINGS](#)

Today, August 11, is the Solemnity of St. Clare of Assisi, the spiritual sister of St. Francis and patroness of our Chapel at St. Francis High School. You can read a little about her life [here](#).

## BACK-TO-SCHOOL LETTERS COMING SOON

The official "back to school" communication from each principal is coming soon. In the meantime, enjoy the brevity of this GTACS News. There will plenty of detailed information coming your way tomorrow or early next week.

## GLADIATOR FOOTBALL CAMP: REGISTRATION STILL OPEN

There will be a football camp for grades 2-6 (boys and girls) on Friday, August 19 from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. Cost is \$25 per person before August 15, and \$30 per person after that. Checks payable to TCSF Football include light lunch with the team, a ticket to the Kingsley game, a t-shirt, camp photo and the chance to be "honorary team captain" at an upcoming home game. [Registration form](#).

## SCHEDULE YOUR LUNCH DUTY

Holly Schurg ([hschurg@gmail.com](mailto:hschurg@gmail.com)) is in the process of setting up lunch duty schedules for the coming year; please contact her to volunteer or to provide schedule preferences.

## TRIP NEWS

We have added two new Not-On-Hand (NOH) vendors: **Burlington Coat Factory**, available in \$25 denominations at a 7% discount, and **Whole Food Markets** available in \$25 denominations at 2%

- **BONUS OFFER: CVS Pharmacy** (NOH) – additional 1% until 8/25

## HOST FAMILIES NEEDED

High school exchange students are in need of host families. Lukas is from Lithuania, likes running and basketball. His dad is in the diplomatic corps so he has grown up in a lot of countries. Wants to study cinematography. Martina is from Serbia and is of a minority culture (Ruthenian). She is athletic, loves folk dance, sings, plays the piano and is interested in learning about America's diverse traditions. Both are excellent students with very good English language skills. Contact Pam Woolcott 264-6105 or 944-2620 or [pam.woolcott@aspectfoundation.org](mailto:pam.woolcott@aspectfoundation.org)

## SLEEPING BEAUTY AT OLD TOWN PLAYHOUSE

The Old Town Playhouse Young Company presents Disney's Sleeping Beauty on Saturday, August 13. The musical is the result of an intensive week-long performing arts camp. Sleeping Beauty has a cast of more than 40 actors between the ages of 8 and 14. Show times are 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$11 for adults/\$6 for children under 12 and are available at the door or by calling 947-2210. Details at Childrens' Theatre [website](#) or [www.oldtownplayhouse.com](http://www.oldtownplayhouse.com).

## BURRITOS MEAN BOOTS FOR KIDS

On August 18, dine at the Garfield LaSenorita Restaurant, and 20% of your lunch or dinner tab can go toward boots and other cold weather essentials for local kids. Bring a coupon (available on the [website](#)) with you. Offer valid only at the Garfield location and only on August 18, but can be used for lunch, dinner, or takeout!

## FATHER FRED NEEDS ITEMS

The Father Fred Foundation needs donations of children's clothing, shoes, towels, sheets, small appliances and dishes. They will be distributed to families in need residing in the five-county Grand Traverse area. Donations can be made at 826 Hastings Street Tuesday through Friday 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Wednesdays 10 a.m.-7:30 p.m.

Do you realize that Jesus is there in the tabernacle expressly for you, for you alone? He burns with the desire to come into your heart.

-- St Therese of Lisieux