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MISSION STATEMENT: *Grand Traverse Area Catholic Schools are dedicated to providing a Catholic education ensuring educational quality for all families willing to enter into partnership to develop each child to his or her fullest spiritual and academic potential.*

Deadline for submissions to this newsletter is Thursday @ 11:00 a.m. Please email information for system-wide distribution to cnelson@gtacs.org. Please email information for the Navigator newsletter to mlundberg@gtacs.org.
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Our least action when done for God is pleasing to Him. ~St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

From the Principal

This year during Catholic School's Week, our schools, along with those in our diocese, will be competing in a school Catechism Bee. Grade level Catechism Bees were conducted this week and I am proud to announce this year's finalists:

6th Grade ~ Marcel Primeau, Aaron Simon, Libby Krmarik, Drew Jarvis, Jack Roop, Rory Richardson, and Alternate: David Soto

7th Grade ~ Jamie McClellan, Abbie Walters, Laura Scerbak, Taylor Lundberg, Nick Meddaugh, Grace Cole and Alternate: Noah Passinault

8th Grade ~ Shannon Davis, Brin Forlenza, Julia Hardy, Krista Morse, Cece Richardson, Rosie Wilson, and Alternate: Julia Gallagher

Congratulations, one and all! Once the school winners are designated, students will move on to the Diocesan Catechism Bee officiated by our very own Good Bishop Hebda.

Does your child 'tweet'? We all know that the likes of Facebook and Twitter are not going away any time soon. Our children are drawn to social media and we have a deep responsibility to help them maneuver all the subtle (and not so subtle) nuances that accompany these forms of communication. A national survey found 85 percent of 12- and 13-year-olds have experience with cyber-bullying, with 53 percent saying they have been bullied online. (FoxProvidence.com, 12 Oct. 2011) Sadly, it has come to our attentions that some of our 8th grade girls have been the source and brunt of some vicious cyber-bullying. As we continue to discuss and encourage appropriate and Christ-centered words and deeds, we ask that all parents discuss the dangers and pitfalls of Facebook and Twitter posts and pictures. If your child has a Facebook or Twitter account, we encourage you to monitor their posts and 'tweets', closely. From what we have heard, most of the issue at hand is being done via Twitter. In addition, please help protect your child by abiding to the legal age requirement for Facebook; which is 13. There are *many* reasons this age requirements exist: protection and legal ramifications. May God give all of us the grace and prudence to navigate through these teen years.

Sincerely yours in Christ, Lori Phillips

Upcoming Events...

1/16 Full day of school—**Parent Transportation BOTH ways (TCAPS No School)**

1/20 1/2 Day, 11 a.m. dismissal (**Parents provide take home transportation**). Jean Day to benefit G.T. Right To Life

1/28 - 2/3 Catholic Schools Week: Faith ~ Academics ~ Service

1/31 No Mass due to All System Mass on 2/3

2/3 All System Mass @ 8:30 a.m. in SFHS gym; Talent Show 12:00 p.m. in SEAS gym

2/15 County Spelling Bee at Grand Traverse Academy at 6:00 p.m.

Parent Rosary Group

We are happy to announce that Claire Scerbak is leading our Parent Rosary Group for our St. Elizabeth Ann Seton students, staff, and families. The first Rosary Group will be held Friday, 1/27/12 beginning at 2:00 p.m. in the Chapel. Rosary Group will meet the last Friday of each month. Please join if you can.

Prayer protects, prayer reminds, prayer moves mountains!

Diocesan Prayer Request and Parent Lunch Duty Schedule for the week of 1/16/2012.

Our prayers are for...

1/16 Rev. Peter Eke	1/17 Rev. Gabriel Fox	1/18 Rev. J. August Franczek	1/19 Deceased Priests	1/20 Rev. Msgr. Dan Gallagher
MONDAY Rita Thompson Mathew Durocher	TUESDAY Kelly Kazmierski Emily Gallagher	WEDNESDAY Kathleen Williams Patrick Klym	THURSDAY Betsy Kolarevic Riley Dorgan	FRIDAY 1/2 Day

Please plan to be at school from 11:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on your scheduled day. If you cannot make your day, please find a replacement or send \$15 to the SEAS office to hire a sub with at least 24 hour notice. The schedule for the entire year is posted on the GTACS website.

Our Prayers are....

For the Bolek family.
May God hold you in His loving embrace during this difficult time.

Monthly Beatitude

Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.

8th Grade Pizza Kit Fundraiser (Washington D.C. Trip)

Little Caesar's Pizza Kits are now on sale. Great selections just in time for Super Bowl Parties, a quick and easy family dinner, or for unexpected company. Order forms are available in the SEAS office or contact an 8th grade student to place an order. Sales run from January 4th - 20th. All order forms are due 1/20/12. Delivery will be 1/27/12. Contact Nicki McFadden at 218-6083 with questions.



Jean Day, Friday January 20th: Next Friday we are scheduled for a jean day. We will be collecting money to help support our Local Right to Life office. Thank you for your support as we continue to reach out to those in need and make an effort to be Christ's hands and feet on this earth. Grand Traverse Area Right to Life serves Grand Traverse, Leelanau, Benzie, Wexford, and Antrim Counties by providing a pro-life voice in our community through:

- † A Pro-Life lending library
- † A Pro-Life voice on the phone
- † A Pro-Life contact for local media
- † Pro-Life youth presentations and rallies
- † Pro-Life local advertising
- † Pro-Life speakers to our local community
- † Pro-Life educational programs for churches
- † Pro-Life mailings
- † Post-Abortion counseling referrals
- † Pregnancy counseling referrals
- † Adoption referrals

Your donations will help Grand Traverse Area Right to Life work to protect the precious gift of life in our local community.

Thank You St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Families

I would like to personally thank you for your assistance and generosity over the Christmas season. Because of your kindness, we were able to give each and every staff member at SEAS a grocery gift certificate. Every time I call on the families for help, I am continually humbled by your loving and gracious responses.

Peace and Blessings this New Year!
Leana Lehr Schlueter
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K of C Free Throw Contest

This year, the Knights of Columbus Councils in Traverse City will be sponsoring their annual Free Throw Contest on Saturday morning January 14, 2012, at St. Francis Gym (123 E. 11th. Street) in Traverse City. The competition is for all boys and girls ages 9 to 14 as of January 1, 2012. The Knights of Columbus sponsor this Contest annually with the winners progressing through the local, district, regional, and state competitions. Last year, more than 179,000 sharpshooters participated in over 3,000 local competitions. All contestants will be recognized for their participation in the event. Contestants are required to furnish proof of age (copy of birth certificate) and written parental consent (parents/guardian need to sign registration form) to compete and may take part in only one council level competition. Entry forms will be available at registration; warm-up begins at 8:45 a.m. The contest starts at 9:30 a.m. To obtain entry forms for pre-registration or additional information, please contact Dave Sliwinski at 645-0730.