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Our least action when done for God is pleasing to Him. ~St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

From the Principal

Catholic Schools Week was such a fabulous celebration! Our days were filled with prayer, laughter, and gratitude as we reflected on our community, our students, our nation, our vocations, and our faculty, staff, and volunteers. New this year we participated in a Catechism Bee and a Flag Retirement Service.

Catechism Bee

A special thank you to Father Bill Lipscomb, Father Ray Cotter, and Raelynn Stein for their involvement and coordination of our bee. The following (6th grade) students will represent St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Middle School in the Diocesan-wide Bee on April 26th: Rori Richardson (1st), Marcel Primeau (2nd), Libby Krcmarik (3rd), and Aaron Simon (4th). Congratulations to you all! Bishop Hebda will serve as moderator as our students compete with other students from our Gaylord Diocese.

Flag Retirement Service

We were blessed and educated with a flag retirement ceremony led by Darryl Nelson, Dave Pax, Tim Hughes, Kevin Brown, Geoff Foster (12th), and Michael Klettner (8th). Together we witnessed several flags destroyed in a dignified way. We were reminded that the flag is a symbol of our nation, that it is red because of human sacrifice, blue because of the true blue loyalty of its defenders, and white to symbolize liberty, our land of the free. The stars remind us of the united efforts and hope in the hearts of many people striving for a greater, nobler America. Thank you to the above mentioned, our middle school scouts, and all those who have served our country. What a blessing it was to be a part of such a moving event. May God bless America and keep her safe!

Guys and Dolls

This coming Friday morning, the cast from our high school musical *Guys and Dolls* will present a few songs/scenes for our students. The show opens that evening, February 10th. If you are interested in obtaining tickets to this spectacular event, please drop by the ticket office (located in the gym lobby) or call the box office at 946-0715. Box office hours are Monday-Friday, 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. and 5:00-7:00 p.m. There is an answering machine and you may leave a message.

As we head into this week, our hearts are grateful and full of joy. Thank you for the outpouring of love, support, encouragement, prayer, goodies, and wonderful food! We are beyond blessed to work in a Christ-centered school, and praise God abundantly for our parents, students, colleagues, and benefactors. May God impart His wisdom, knowledge, courage, and love upon us so that we may serve Him worthily.

Sincerely Yours in Christ ~ Lori Phillips

Upcoming Events...

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

2/17 Jean Day

2/21 No Mass

2/22 Mass 10 a.m. - Ash Wednesday

2/24 Parent Rosary Group, 2:00 p.m.

3/2 No School - Staff Professional Development Day

Diocesan Prayer Request and Parent Lunch Duty Schedule for the week of 2/6/2012.

Our prayers are for...

2/6	2/7	2/8	2/9	2/10
Religious Brothers/Sisters	Rev. Gerard Hunko	Rev. Michael Janowski	Rev. Lawrence Kelleher	Rev. James Kendziorski
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Helen Alfaro	Kelly Kazmierski	Colt Lambdin	Shelia Bryant	Dan Mingee
Barrett Bishop	Rachel Burns	Krista Morse	Caroline Quandt	Alexandra Hodges

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.

Monthly Beatitude

Blessed are the clean of heart, for they will see God.

6th Grade Volleyball

Team placements will be held Tuesday 2/7, and Thursday 2/9, from 4:15 p.m. until 5:30 p.m. at the IC gym. Please have your student bring clothes to play in and knee pads if he/she have them. Teams will be evenly divided and e-mails will be sent over the weekend to parents with team information and a practice schedule. Sending your student with a nutritious snack and water bottle would also be a great idea. Knee pads are cheapest at Play It Again Sports! If you have any questions please contact Julie Forlenza at 995-8462, or jforle@gtacs.org.

Our Prayers Are With...



All those in our school and church family that are battling illnesses.

Equestrian Meeting

There will be an introductory meeting about the equestrian programs at GTACS on Tuesday, February 28th at 6:00 p.m. in the St. Francis cafeteria. This meeting is for current 6th through 11th graders and their parent(s). Please feel free to contact Ginny Deisler if you would like more information, have questions, or cannot attend the meeting but are interested in obtaining information. Ginny can be reached at 231.642.7621.

Oleson's Receipts

February 24th is the last day to submit Oleson's receipts for this year's Washington, D.C. trip. Any receipts received after that date will not be credited to your child's account. Olesons needs time to process the receipts and send us a check before we can reimburse you for the points you have collected. Be sure your child's name is on the envelope when dropping the receipts off at school. Please send the receipts to school as soon as possible, **but no later than February 24th!** Thank you.