



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.

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Deadline for submissions to this newsletter is Thursday @ 11:00 a.m.

Please email information for the SF newsletter to Kathy Hunt at khunt@gtacs.org

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

Christ – Above All Things

Parent Internet Viewer

All families were mailed their ID number to access student grades on Pinnacle. You should receive them on Monday or Tuesday next week. Please keep it handy!

Chapel Mass

Chapel Mass is on Monday this week instead of Tuesday as the priests will be away on convocation.

Prayers for Vocations: On Sunday, May 15 2011, the Catholic Church in the United States celebrated the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. As we began this 40th Anniversary year of the Diocese of Gaylord, Bishop Bernard Hebda wrote a special Prayer for Vocations. The prayer was then combined with artwork from students around the diocese to create prayer cards. Those holy cards were distributed to parishes and schools across the diocese. Last year our Diocese asked families to make a commitment to pray for vocations. Many of you made this commitment. If you haven't done so yet, please visit this link: <http://www.dioceseofgaylord.org/inside/commitment-to-pray-649/> there you will find all of the information you need regarding the commitment to pray for vocations during 2011.

From the Counselor

Happy Friday SF families,

It was another great week and it appears as if everyone is starting to settle into their high school routines. Many of you attended our annual orientation this week. We appreciate your willingness to give of your time to partner with us! If you were unable to attend, please stop by the office and pick up the hand-outs which were made available.

Mark Esper concluded our evening by providing some helpful information regarding your PLAN test results. Remember last year all 9th grade and 10th grade students had an opportunity to take the test and he was available to discuss your scores, college readiness and its implication for your future. If you were not able to attend, but would like an opportunity to meet with Mr. Esper , please contact the high school office and we will make this available to you.

FRESHMEN, by now you have made it through your first two weeks. Homework is starting to pile up, tests and quizzes are being given and you now have a pretty clear understanding what life is like in the SF hallways. If you start struggling or on unclear about an assignment PLEASE talk with your teacher. They are here to help and they don't know what you need unless you ask.

SOPHOMORE students who would like to participate in the HOBY Leadership Conference should see me for more information. We will select one sophomore student to represent SF at this conference and this is a fantastic opportunity to meet some new people, learn leadership strategies and build your resume. The deadline for the application is Friday, November 4th.

SENIORS...October 1st is quickly approaching and you should have the bulk of your college applications completed. For many schools, October 1st is the starting date for awarding scholarships and to be eligible for the most money, get those apps in! IF you are feeling LOST and overwhelmed with the idea, please stop by and see me...we will walk through this process together! Many of you are starting to hear decisions from the colleges in which you applied. Don't forget to share your good news with me...I want to help you CELEBRATE!

COLLEGE NIGHT is scheduled for Tuesday, October 11th at the Hagerty Center from 6:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. College representatives from Michigan and the surrounding area will be in attendance. Stop by and get information from the colleges that interest you. Many college reps will also be coming to our school to meet with you and provide admission material. These same reps will be the ones that review your college applications. Next week, stop by the guidance office to sign up. If you will be missing some class time you must get permission by your teacher to miss class. Any one (grades 9-12) can attend these informational meetings!

Remember to work hard, give your best, have some fun and PRAY for God's guidance in your life. Remember, HE has a plan for you....Don't forget to ask!

Praying for you,

Beth Maday

“Guys and Dolls” Audition Information

Are you interested in auditioning for February’s musical, “Guys and Dolls? Audition dates for interested high school students are on the following dates:

- Monday, September 19th from 5-7:30 p.m. (vocals/choreography)
- Tuesday, September 20th from 5-7:30 p.m. (reading lines)
- Call backs: Wednesday, September 21st from 5-7:30 p.m.
- Final cast list posted on Friday, September 23rd at dismissal at 2:35 p.m.

Students will need to come dressed in comfortable clothes and shoes, be ready to learn some dances/choreography and improv, have one of the provided pieces of music prepared to sing (accompanist will be provided). Students will also reading lines from the show. Bring a list of conflicts from November-February (ex. drivers ed classes, sports practices, etc.) Bring homework, water bottle, and your own snacks/food. Plan on staying the entire time on Monday and Tuesday.

For Wednesday’s call backs: Please do not worry if you don’t get a call back, it just means that the directors have seen what they need to see.

We realize that there are many students involved in sports practices, the directors will work around your practices so that you can be there. Please contact the director, Jenn Miles with conflicts and she will work out a time for you.

Questions, contact Jenn Miles at jjmiles525@yahoo.com

Upcoming:

September 22nd (Thursday) **Class Meetings Schedule**

September 23rd (Friday) **Thursday Schedule**

September 30th Picture Day

October 1-4 Kairos Retreat for seniors

October 3 – 8 Homecoming Week

October 4th Feast of Saint Francis

October 8th (Saturday) 9:00 AM - Hall of Fame Induction – Homecoming Game SF vs. Kaskaskia @ 1:00

October 17th Underclassmen Retreats and senior service day

October 21st Late Start –Jean Day

October 28th Gladhander Auction