



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.

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Christ – Above All Things

From the Principal

Thou that has given so much to me,
Give one thing more, a grateful heart.
Not thankful when it pleases me,
As if thy blessing had spare days;
But such a heart whose very pulse
May be thy praise

George Herbert (1593 – 1633)

The above poem is one that I share before the Thanksgiving meal at my home. It expresses how we must be ever grateful for God's goodness in our lives. Again we thank Him for the blessing of working with your teenagers in this spirit-filled school.

Peace and Happy Thanksgiving,

Mr. Erick Chittle

Bay Reps Hockey

The Bay Reps hockey team is off and running, with 11 St. Francis players, from freshmen to seniors. Congratulations to our two team captains from St. Francis, Kevin Banducci and Quinn Lyman, and to the Reps for winning a scrimmage against TC West last weekend. Scrimmages--free--this weekend begin at 6:15 against TC Central at Centre Ice.

Fruit Orders Due

Just a reminder to all band and choir students that your fruit orders are due on Monday, November 21st. Please make sure to give your order to Mrs. Smith or Mr. Carter during choir or band. Parents will be tabulating the orders that morning to get the order placed to ensure delivery before Christmas. Thank you for your support of this great fundraiser! Questions, contact Cherie Domine at cdomine@yahoo.com

Crystal Mountain Season Pass Sign Up

Ski season will be here soon and Crystal Mt. is once again offering GTACS students, families and friends a ski school program.

We ski on Fridays from 3:30 until 9:00. Lessons are included every Friday through the middle of February. They are offered 3 different times each Friday evening. This year's prices are:

Child 5-8 yrs. old lift, rental & lessons \$89.00

Student 9-18 yrs. old lift, rental & lessons \$109.00 CRYSTAL MT. has purchased all new rental skis & boots this year!

Adult 19 & beyond lift, rental & lessons \$199.00 They are coded for a quick delivery time to get you on the hill faster.

Child 5-8 yrs ski pass & lesson –no rental \$39.00

Student 9-18 yrs ski pass & lesson –no rental \$69.00

Adult 19 & beyond ski pass & lesson –no rental \$129.00

These rates are only available on our Fridays & for a very short time. This is the only sign up meeting we will have, so stop in for many more details. The meeting will take place on WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 16, 2011 TCSF HS LIBRARY @ 6:00.

Sign up with your friends & try out the new chairlift with magic carpet & the newly contoured runs this winter at Crystal Mt.

Single trip tickets will be available only 4 times this year in January and the first Friday in February. More info on this in January

Any questions, please contact Mark & Jerri Gabriel skigtacs@charter.net 929-3911

Congratulations to senior Diana Matuszak for being chosen Kiwanis Student of the Month for December.

Need help with Chemistry?

Every Tuesday and Thursday there is a student run Chemistry study group that meets right after school in Mr. Paladino's room.

Upcoming:

11/22 (Tuesday) **Thursday Schedule with Mass as usual at SF Church.**

11/23 (Wednesday) ½ day dismiss at 11:00. Thanksgiving vacation begins

11/24 & 11/25 (Thursday & Friday) Thanksgiving Vacation

11/28 (Monday) No School- Staff Professional Development

May all of you have a wonderful time with family at this special time of Thanksgiving; giving thanks to our God for all that he has given us and is giving us each day.