

August 2011



Dear GTACS families,

If you are new to our school system, welcome. If you are among our returning families, thank you for once again entrusting your student(s) to us. There is a great deal of important school-specific information in the email links provided. Please don't hesitate to call if you have questions that are unanswered by these newsletters.

Although it's only mid-August, there are many telltale signs that the first day of school is close at hand:

*The sounds of the Gladiator marching band are filling the streets...
Our hard-working custodians are waxing the floors...
Kindergartners and their parents are counting the days...
Athletes are nursing sore muscles and muttering about "two-a-day" practices...
The Hall of Fame committee is preparing to announce a new class of inductees...
Alumni are making travel plans for Homecoming (October 8)
Gladhander (10/29) volunteers are putting together menus, invitations and raffle items...*

On September 9 at 8:30 a.m., we will come together as a community to celebrate the Eucharist during the first 2011-2012 All System Mass. These occasions, as I've often stated, fill me with exceptional joy.

It occurs to me that, in addition to the four schools – Holy Angels, Immaculate Conception, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton and St. Francis – there is another "school" that will gather on that day. It is the community of devoted family members, clergy, parishioners, alumni and other supporters who form a broader community that encircles us, prays for us, encourages us, and supports us throughout the year. Together, we are learning how to live as God's people.

As a member of the faith community that is helping to fully form our young people, I encourage you to join us – as often as possible – in receiving the Word and the Eucharist and other sacraments. You, too, are a teacher – one who models for our students the life-giving ways of Jesus.

Enjoy your remaining weeks of summer, and the unparalleled beauty that surrounds us in northern Michigan. I look forward to seeing you again in September.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Michael R. Buell', written in a cursive style.

Michael R. Buell
Superintendent

P.S. Please join me in praying for a successful school year – that we, as parents, teachers, role models and other members of our faith community, will continually seek the Truth that is Christ.