

CHERUB CHAT

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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 a partnership to develop each child to his or her fullest spiritual and academic potential.

Upcoming Events:

2/6-8 Preschool Vision & Hearing Screening

2/9 1st & 2nd Grade to Young People's Theater

2/17 Grub Day

2/17 Raffle Sale (1st Grade Hosts)

2/21 Popcorn Day

3/1 March Is Reading Month Kick-off

3/12 K-2 to Young People's Theater

3/12-13 Kindergarten & 2nd Grade Hearing Re-screening

3/16 Grub Day

3/23-4/1 No School Spring Break

Monthly Beatitude

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

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

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FROM THE DESK OF MRS. TROPPMAN

Wow! What an unbelievable Catholic Schools Week. First of all, we did not have a snow day which allowed us to participate in all the scheduled activities. As I mentioned last week in the Cherub Chat, this year's national theme is "Catholic Schools: Faith, Academics, Service." The "Faith" component of the theme was honored at Holy Angels through Adoration, additional prayers and the All Systems Mass. It is always a beautiful day when we are able to join together and receive Jesus in the Holy Eucharist. After the Mass, we all joined together in praise and worship songs and it was truly amazing to witness over 1,000 students, staff and parents worshipping and praising God! We really do have reason to celebrate!

The "Academics" component of the theme is honored all school year and the high expectations are maintained during Catholic Schools Week due to the awesome staff that we have at Holy Angels. They are committed and dedicated to staying on task and reaching the goals for their lessons. Even in our activities we had learning experiences! We increased our knowledge in listening and watching an American Flag Retirement demonstration by the boy scouts which was led by Darryl Nelson. It was awesome!

The "Service" component of our CSW theme was honored by all of us by reaching out to help others. This week our students participated in making donations of non-perishable items to the Fr. Fred Foundation, by writing thank you cards to the Diocese of Gaylord Seminarians and our Parish Priests, by thanking our classroom volunteers with special cards and notes, and by making placemats for Glad Meals. All students welcomed these projects and did them with joy in their hearts. These projects are a reminder that not only do we help students grow in their faith, we also provide students with a Christ-centered foundation with the message that we are called to serve.

The Holy Angels Staff and I would like to thank everyone who has been involved in making this week exceptional. There is so much planning that goes into a week like this and we are grateful for those who put in so much effort. We have had our PTC members along with many parents who have made our staff feel very special. The most unique one, was coverage of the teachers in car line! The Teacher Appreciation Lunch was absolutely delicious, plus we had a wonderful breakfast provided for us on Monday. Thank you PTC and all our parents who make each and every one of us feel God's love through you!

Finally, we want to thank all of you, from the bottom of our hearts, for the sacrifices you make every day for your children and for our Catholic school system. God bless each one of you!

Serving Children and Christ,
Janet Troppman

Afternoon Preschool Car Line Change

Due to heavy congestion on Eleventh Street we have decided to double our car line for afternoon preschool pick-up. Instead of forming one long line, please create 2 lines, side by side. The teachers will continue to walk the children to their vehicles and load them in. This should alleviate waiting in the street to enter the parking lot enabling traffic flow to continue. This may cause others to become temporarily "stuck" in the parking lot during this time. Please be as patient as possible and thank you for helping to keep everyone moving as safely and efficiently as possible. Also, the TCAPS shuttle coming from SEAS will now be dropping students off on the 10th Street side of the building. Thank you for your cooperation.



Our Prayers Are With . . .

- ♥ Rachel Therrien's (K) grandfather. May God give the Doctors wisdom and knowledge to restore his health.
- ♥ The Bolek family.
- ♥ Our Parish Priests who give so much to our community, especially to our schools.
- ♥ All those in our school and church family that are battling illnesses.
- ♥ The staff of GTACS as they assist parents in fully forming children's hearts, minds and souls to bring glory to God.

Thank you, Sweet Jesus for answered prayers!

Please feel free to contact us with any prayer requests that you would like us to share in our weekly Cherub Chat.

Student Art Exhibit

Join us for the exhibit opening on Saturday, February 4th from Noon to 4PM in the hallway of the Mercato near Sweet Asylum in the Grand Traverse Commons. Show runs thru March 4th. We are happy to congratulate 3 artists from Holy Angels: Samantha Berta (2) featuring "Leaves in a Puddle", Gus Dutmers (2) featuring "Ir-resist-ible Snowman" and Joey Donahue (1) featuring "Sunflowers". Thank you Donna Brakel for teaching and sharing your passion for art with all of our students.

Preschool Vision & Hearing

Monday-Wednesday, February 6-8, we will be having vision and hearing screening for our preschool students. We could use your help to walk the children from the classroom to the screening room. If we have your DHS clearance and you would like to help, please call the office to schedule a time. 946-5961 Thank you!

Did you know?

Our school can still earn money when you order magazines online through QSP. Go to Qsp.com, click on the tab that is right for you and enter our school # 1074348

Thank You!

The PTC would like to extend a heart-felt thank you to everyone that contributed in making this such a spectacular Catholic Schools Week! Many hands made light work and special memories for our students and staff.

Great Kick-Off To CSW!

Over 160 adults and children attended movie night last Friday! The kids enjoyed arts and crafts before Mr. Popper's Penguins began, with yummy popcorn. A special thank you to our volunteers that night, Jason and Vickie Smith, Eric and Jenni Huffman, Heidi Argue, Ann Kavanaugh, Beth Nowosacki and our incredible janitors, Don and Pat.



Fun & Games!

Lunch Duty Schedule 10:30-12:15

Please visit the GTACS website under the Holy Angels section to see the 2011-12 Playground Calendar

<p><u>Monday 6th</u> Barb Berta McCormick, Casey Skendzel, Thomas Dunphey, Rachel</p>	<p><u>Tuesday 7th</u> Gaylord, Katelyn Cole, William Woods, Charles Ribel, Anthony</p>	<p><u>Wednesday 8th</u> Jo Hicks Therrien, Rachel Evans, Nolan Ochab, Brian</p>	<p><u>Thursday 9th</u> Mary Hatfield St. Croix, Yvonne Puetz, Thomas Jenkins, Camryn</p>	<p><u>Friday 10th</u> Maria Carroll Rodes, Connor Rowley, Preston Joseph, Cara</p>
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The Difference Is Prayer