

IC CONNECTION

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MISSION STATEMENT: Grand Traverse Area Catholic Schools are dedicated to providing a Catholic 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:

1/28-2/3 Catholic Schools Week

2/3 All System Mass at SFHS Gym at 8:30

2/8 Mass at 8:15 Mrs. Kerfoot's Class.

2/10 Student Run Credit Union Open

2/15 Mass at 8:15 Mrs. Anderson's class

2/17 4th Grade Raffle/ Popcorn Day. Also a Grub Day

2/22 Ash Wednesday and IC will "Bury" the Alleluia before 8:15 Mass/Miss. Cleland's class

3/2 No School/ Professional Development Day

Monthly Beatitude

Blessed are the merciful,
for they will be shown
mercy.

Our Prayers Are With...

- Lydia Schluter as she recovers from surgery.
- The Bolek Family, that they feel the presence and love of the Holy Spirit through the care and concern of our community.

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Deadline for submissions to this newsletter is Thursday @ 11:00 a.m. Repeat items are in italicized text.

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

From the Principal

This weekend you will hear the Priests at our area parishes speak about the importance of a catholic education as part of their homilies—this marks the beginning of Catholic School's Week 2012. This celebration has deep roots that run through all the holy men and women who have sacrificed to create and maintain schools which hold Christ and His teachings at the center. I consider it a blessing and joy to be part of a school system that compels our children to grow in the virtues of Christ. I'm sure you know our mission statement—to partner with you to help your children reach their spiritual and academic potential. It is so important that both the spiritual and the academic are present in our school. It is only right that moral growth and intellectual growth are linked—it is hard to foster one without the other—we are fortunate at GTACS to have the opportunity to connect both the moral and the intellectual. Monsignor Passeno, who built Immaculate Conception Church and School, said it best when he talked about the important connection between the: "fundamentals of secular knowledge and the glories of the Catholic Faith." The spiritual center of our school is what completes our educational philosophy.

I hope that Catholic Schools Week is a time that reminds us all how fortunate we are to have the opportunity to educate students in a community whose focus is on Christ and His teachings. It should also remind us to be thankful to our five area parishes, St. Patrick's Parish, St. Francis Parish, Christ the King Parish, Immaculate Conception Parish, and St. Joseph's Parish, for their constant spiritual and financial support. Because of their help, over 1,000 students can receive a quality, Catholic education in Traverse City.

The other thing that Catholic Schools Week brings is a full slate of events. I'd like to highlight a few that are specific to Immaculate Conception School. On Monday, students from our middle school, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, will be here to teach hand motions to the praise music for the "All System Mass" on Friday. The following day our classrooms will take turns going to the church to take part in Eucharistic Exposition/Adoration to pray for our GTACS families. On Wednesday morning the Boys Scouts will perform a flag retirement ceremony. Thursday afternoon brings us the "teacher swap." You're all invited to the All System Mass on Friday in the St. Francis Gym at 8:30 a.m. Throughout the week we will also be collecting non-perishable food items for Father Fred and making placemats for Glad Meals. There are many other events planned, so be sure to check the IC Catholic Schools Week calendar at [IC Catholic Schools Week Schedule](#). A CSW Calendar for ALL of our schools is posted in the GTACS News.

All System Mass: Next Friday, February 3rd, our entire school system will gather for an All System Mass in the Saint Francis Gym. All Immaculate Conception students should be dropped off in the morning at the Saint Francis / Holy Angels Campus and gather in Kohler Auditorium. Please do not drop your child off at Immaculate Conception that morning—we will not be here. Students who normally ride the bus will be taken directly to Kohler Auditorium that morning. Following Mass, students will be bussed by to Immaculate Conception.

Report Cards: Report cards were sent home with students yesterday. If you did not receive a report card from your student, please let us know. There is not a time set aside for scheduled parent-teacher conferences at the conclusion of the 2nd quarter, but of course if you have a question or would like a meeting do not hesitate to contact your student's teacher. Be aware that in addition to the report card you should have also received a Rosetta Stone progress report, a keyboarding report or Band report (if your student takes part), and a St. Bridget report (if your student takes part). Report cards for Art, Music, and P.E. did not go home because TCAPS is on trimesters (they will be sent home the week of March 5th).

Peace,
Mr. Matthew Bauman

5th Grade Visit to SEAS and Parent Meeting

On Tuesday March 13th our current 5th grade will visit St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Middle. Our students will take a tour, eat lunch, visit classrooms, and learn about our Middle School. Please be sure to ask your student about this event. A permission slip will be sent home for this trip. That evening *there will be a parent meeting at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton. It will place from 6:30-8:00 in the library.*

New Student

This past week we welcomed Whitney Paulson into our 4th grade. Whitney joined Miss Cleland's class. If you get the opportunity, please welcome her into our GTACS family.

Box Tops

Twice a year Meijer has a Box Tops offer that is too good to keep secret. Now through Saturday when you buy any 10 or more Box Tops products at Meijer you will receive a 70 bonus Box Top coupon when you check out. The extra good news is that a lot of the Box Tops products are on sale this week. Meijer has a 10 items for \$10 sale going on, plus you get the 11th item free. Box Tops products that are part of this sale include Pillsbury Grands Biscuits, Hamburger Helper, and Chex Mix bags. So you can buy 11 of these items for \$10, plus get \$8.10 for our school! (The 70 Box Tops certificate plus at least 11 Box Tops on the items). Amazing! Box Tops items also on sale are Gogurt, Multi-Grain Cheerios, Betty Crocker Brownie, Muffin, and Cake Mixes and Frosting, Pillsbury Crescent Rolls, etc. If you are a Meijer shopper, I urge you to take advantage of this great offer. Keep saving your Box Tops at home ready to turn in for our spring contest. I'll let you know when to send them in. Thanks so much for your support. We are hoping for a record number of Box Tops this spring!

Parent Lunch Duty Schedule week of 1/30-2/3/2012.

Our prayers for Diocese of Gaylord Priests are for...

1/30	1/31	2/1	2/2	2/3
Rev. Michael Haney, OFM	Rev. Richard Hannon	Pope Benedict XVI	Rev. James Hayden	Bishop Bernard Hebda
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Kyle Rose	Mary Bliss	Bridget Thuente	Sheila Bryant	Maria Carroll
Jack Hitchens	Brandon Huggard	Rachel Dow	Andrew Bankey	Lauren Horning
Jillian Sodini	Sterling Holcomb	Frances Rossiter	Elizabeth Kirby	Dylan McCardel

If you cannot make your day please find a replacement or send \$15 to the IC office to hire a sub with at least 24 hour notice. The schedule for the entire year is posted on the GTACS website for your convenience. Lunch Times are 5th grade 11:05am-11:45am, 3rd grade 11:40am-12:20pm, 4th grade 12:15pm-12:55pm.

Kidz Art Session 4

Kidz Art is gearing up for their winter and spring sessions. Click on [Kidz Art](#) to see more information and registration form.

Immaculate Conception Catholic Schools Week Staff Appreciation Luncheon, Thursday February 2, 2012

We have great school staff at IC and would like to show them how thankful we are for their hard work. For a small donation of \$5.00 we will be able to provide a delicious Italian meal for our staff! You may send in cash or check donation to the school office with my name on the envelope by Monday January 30th. Thank you for all your support and generosity. May God bless you, Michelle Arntz. If you would like to help or have questions, please call or email me at 231-360-1178 or michelle.arntz@gmail.com

Winter Weather Attire

A reminder you cold weather attire (boots, gloves, hats, and jackets) is required to go outside for recess. We also ask that students have a pair of shoes to wear inside the building because the wet boots will be left outside the classroom. Snow pants are not required unless your student plans to go on the snow hill (which most do).

PTC - Catholic Schools Week January 28 - February 3rd

We are still looking for car line assistance during Catholic Schools Week. Anyone that would like to give our teachers a much deserved break from car line can email Vicky Smith vjsmith@chartermi.net or Carla Nickodemus carlanickodemus@yahoo.com. We need help with car line before and after school. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

Just a reminder

PTC will be collecting letters and cards for teachers and staff on Feb. 1 to be distributed before the end of the week. Please send them to the school office to the attention of PTC! Thank you!! If you have not already signed up for car line next week and are available, please call Vickie Smith at 943-0762.