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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:

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 "Burry" the Alleluia before 8:15 Mass/Miss. Cleland's class

3/2 No School/ Professional Development Day

Monthly Beatitude

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

Our Prayers Are With...

- Our government officials, that they seek God's guidance in leading our country.
- Those who feel unloved and forgotten by the world, may we see them as our brothers and sisters in Christ and work to love them as He would.

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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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From the Principal

What a great Catholic Schools Week we just had! Thanks to everyone who played a part in making it a wonderful week. Thank you first of all to our pastors, parents, students, benefactors, and staff for their unending dedication to our schools. Thank you specifically to everyone who played a role the coordination and planning for the week. Tuesday was a very special morning as students and teachers followed the examples of our great saints in praying before the Blessed Sacrament during Exposition. Many students read the bible, recited prayers, and prayed the rosary, but in the end what mattered most was their time with Jesus. So often unperceived, that time can do great work on all of our souls. There is great joy knowing that this silence, this humility, this Sacrament of Love had a greater impact than any other event we ran during the week.

Thank you to all the parents and students who brought cans in for Father Fred. We should also thank the teachers for finding the time to work with the students on writing letters to our Seminarians and for creating placemats for Glad Meals. A special thank you also goes out to the PTC for all of their work throughout the week (especially for the staff breakfast on Monday, for finding parents to take over "car duty" and for the luncheon on Thursday).

As we bring another Catholic Schools Week to a close I can't help but think about how the week always leaves me grateful that I am part of a community focused on Christ and the teaching of His children. It is a special week that never fails to remind us of how important Catholic Schools are to our Church and even to our world. Archbishop Timothy Dolan spoke of their importance when he wrote about Catholic Schools. *"Studies by CARA, Pew Center, NORC, Notre Dame and NCEA show that alumni of Catholic grade schools, high schools and colleges pray better and more often; know, accept and practice the teachings of the faith better; are more committed to pro-life and social justice causes; are more likely to consider a vocation to the priesthood or religious life; support the Church more generously; volunteer more often; are more faithful to Sunday Mass; and have happier marriages"* ("Back to School", *Catholic New York*).

In the end, you cannot avoid the simple truth: moral growth and intellectual growth are closely linked—it is hard to foster one without the other. With that said, Catholic Schools play a unique role in their ability to cultivate both of these aspects within every child because knowledge is wasted without a properly formed heart and conscience.

Open House Information: I mentioned it last week, but it is worth repeating: Please be aware of this year's open house incentive program. You were e-mailed information from Cindy Weber and your student also brought a flyer home which included information on ways to save on your tuition next year by encouraging new families to attend one of our "Open Houses" or "Grade Level Transition Events" for parents. We have our first open house on Wednesday Feb 15th, and also have one scheduled on May 10th. They both start at 5:30 in the St. Francis Dining Hall.

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.*

Parent Lunch Duty Schedule week of 2/6-10/2012.

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

2/6	2/7	2/8	2/9	2/10
Religious Brothers/Sisters	Rev. Gerard Hunko	Rev. Michael Janowski	Rev. Lawrence Kelleher	Rev. James Kendziorski
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Rita Thompson	Corbin Domres	Michelle Arntz	Theresa Kerry	Carol Weber
Marlee Robertson	Joshua Bradfield	Mary Mawby	Dylan McFadden	Isabelle Beckwith
Isabella Spigarelli	Laura Gallagher	Matthew Harrant	Wade Gerberding	Alexi Humphrey

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.

Thank You Parents

Thank you to all 5th grade parents for sending in your raffle items last week! PTC raised \$343.23 which goes directly to the 5th grade classrooms!

Parent Rosary Opportunity

Great News! We have final organized an opportunity for parents to pray the rosary following our school Masses on Wednesdays. Starting next Wednesday (Feb 8th) any parent who is interested in staying after Mass to pray the rosary is invited to join IC Parishioner Boyd Culver (who has volunteered to lead the rosary for us).

Guys and Dolls

Next Friday your students will be treated to a few "snippets" of performances from our high school musical Guys and Dolls during the morning at school. That same evening the show opens. If you are interested in attending the musical, the show dates are: Feb. 10th at 7 p.m., Feb. 11th at 7 p.m., Feb. 12th at 2 p.m., Feb. 17th at 7 p.m., Feb. 18th at 7 p.m., and Feb. 19th at 2 p.m. The box office is in the lobby of the gym. Box office hours are Mon-Fri from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. and starting next week, the box office will also be open in the evenings from 5-7 p.m. Box office phone number is 946-0715. There is an answering machine and you can leave a message.

5th Grade Boys and Girls Volleyball

Team placements will be held Tuesday 2/7, and Thursday 2/9 from 2:45 until 4:00 at the IC gym with the coaches. Please have your student bring clothes to play in and knee pads if they have them. Teams will be evenly divided, and e-mails will be sent over the weekend to parents with team information and a practice schedule. A nutritious snack and water bottle right before practice would also be a great idea. Knee pads are cheapest at Play It Again Sports! If you have any questions please contact Julie Forlenza at 995-8462, or jforle@gtacs.org. Thank you.

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.

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).