

GTACS NEWS

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Deadline for submissions to this newsletter is each Wednesday @ noon



10 Outstanding Educators



Jeana Paquet, Mike Buell, Lori Meddaugh

Outstanding Educator Awards

On June 1, three GTACS employees were honored as part of the ten chosen at the 26th Annual Outstanding Educator Awards ceremony in Traverse City:

- MICHAEL BUELL, Superintendent - Grand Traverse Area Catholic Schools
- LORI MEDDAUGH, Elementary Teacher - Holy Angels Elementary, Grand Traverse Area Catholic Schools
- JEANA PAQUET, Elementary Teacher - Immaculate Conception Elementary School, Grand Traverse Area Catholic Schools

The Traverse Bay Area Intermediate School District, in partnership with the Traverse City Area Chamber of Commerce and the TBA Credit Union were proud to honor ten education professionals who have demonstrated outstanding contributions and dedication to their schools, students, peers, school families, and communities.

Congratulations to Mr. Buell, Mrs. Paquet, and Mrs. Meddaugh on this outstanding recognition!

Prayer Request

Please pray for our 20 students, 9 chaperones, and Father Robbie DeKa as they leave for the African mission trip. They will be traveling to Lusaka, Zambia to work with Dominican Sisters of the Kasisi Children's Orphanage and leave on June 25th.

Exchange Students

Best wishes to two St. Francis students who will be outbound Rotary exchange students for the 2011-12 school year. Addey Meachum will spend her senior year in Peru and Brian Raetz will spend his senior year in Finland. Please keep both of these students in your prayers for safe travels as they prepare to leave our area in the next month.

Re-enrolling for the fall?

Re-enrollment paperwork is now overdue! Your paperwork allows us to count your children as attending and helps us plan our classrooms for next year. Without your paperwork we can't count you. Don't delay! Please be certain that you are returning your child's **white Profile form** whether you have changes or not, the **blue Good Faith Contract**, **gold-colored Computer Usage** form with signatures from your children and a parent/guardian, your **pink Information Checklist** form, and your TCAPS **Transportation enrollment** form as needed. If you are choosing one of the payment programs, please include the appropriate form as well.

Tuition Bills

The business office mailed the tuition bills yesterday (Thursday, June 16th). Payment is due on July 1, 2011. Please contact Cindy Weber at 995-8425 or cweber@gtacs.org with questions or if you don't receive your tuition statement.

Grand Traverse Area Catholic Schools Hall of Fame Nominations Now Being Accepted for 2011

The Grand Traverse Area Catholic Schools are accepting nominations for their fifth class of inductees into the GTACS Hall of Fame. The Hall of Fame was established in 2007 to recognize individuals who have:

- Made an exceptional contribution to Grand Traverse Area Catholic Schools or to society
- Achieved exceptional success
- Demonstrated excellence and longevity in their field
- Modeled outstanding integrity

Guidelines for nomination include, but are not limited to the following:

- Serves as a model of *faith in action*, that is, possesses qualities to be emulated by our students, their families and our school community
- Outstanding service/general contribution to the Grand Traverse Area Catholic Schools
- Outstanding performance in his or her field as recognized by the general populace

Grand Traverse Area Catholic Schools will accept nominations until July 15, 2011. An induction ceremony will take place on the morning of October 8, 2011, prior to the St. Francis High School Homecoming football game.

To nominate a person (living or deceased), download the Nomination Form by going to www.gtacs.org under Hall of Fame. Forms are also available in the GTACS Business Office in St. Francis High School. Questions may be directed to Cindy Weber, Director of Admissions at (231) 995-8425 or email cweber@gtacs.org.



Eagle Scout Project

St. Francis student, Patrick Courson, recently completed his Eagle Scout project. His project was to refurbish the old garden beds and install two new ones for use by our Life Balance Initiative. These are located on the corner of the Holy Angels playground. A special thanks to Patrick and his fellow troop members for this great addition to our school, which will benefit all of our students.

Drum Majors and Section Leaders Named

Congratulations to Alex Quinlan and Kate DeYoung who have been selected as drum majors for the St. Francis Marching Band for the 2011-12 School Year. In addition, the section leaders have been announced and are as follows: Clarinet/flute - Kate DeYoung, Trumpet- Bradley Revett and Zach Popp, Saxophone - Patrick Courson, Low Brass - McKenzie Domine, Percussion - Harold Kranick & Quinn Lyman, Color Guard - Kara Jarvis

TRIP NEWS

Bonuses:

-GAP - 5% until 7/28

****TRIP hours remain the same during the summer. Our office will be closed Cherry Festival Week (7/4 - 7/8)****

3rd Annual Gladiator Football Golf Outing

Please come join alumni and friends of the football program July 8th for a great day on the links. The outing will once again be at the Crowne Golf Course. Registration begins at 12:00 with a shotgun start at 1:00. Your \$75 includes golf, prizes, gift, and dinner. The course is filled with side games and two holes in one contests. If you would like more information please call the athletic office at 231-946-1180 or email Greg Vaughan (gvaughan@gtacs.org) or Tom Hardy (thardy@gtacs.org). Last year alumni from as far away as Florida and California were in attendance. Don't be late as the first 25 foursome to register will be guaranteed spots. Please see link to registration info

[Golf Outing Information and Registration](#)

TEAMING UP to WASH YOUR CAR! Come Support the Bay Reps Hockey team:

- 18 June Saturday
- 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM
- @ Garfield Road Bill Marsh...Suggested Donation \$ 5.00

Gladhandler Gift Gathering Party

Attention high school students (including incoming freshmen and 2011 graduates).

Save the date **August 6th** -for a fun Glad Rally Challenge...A party you won't want to miss!
Watch for more information to come mid-summer!
Come and support Gladhander and enjoy fun with fellow classmates at the same time!

Make a "Banner" for the 40th Anniversary of the Diocese

Help celebrate the 40th Anniversary of the Diocese of Gaylord by inviting your parishioners and school students to decorate mini banners to be hung at the 40th Anniversary Celebration Family Picnic on July 20, 2011. Participate in this awesome celebration of our Diocese's 40th Anniversary. This is another great opportunity to discuss the significance of our Diocese's existence and recognize the importance of our larger parish community. All Gaylord Diocese Parish Members — children through adults (individuals, families, school students, faith formation Groups, Bible study groups...) — are invited to join in the fun!

It's as easy as 1, 2, 3...

1. CUT.

Banners are to be 12" wide x 18" long and made from cotton or muslin. (Many fabric stores have this material for approximately \$2.00 per yard which will make several mini banners.) Parishes might consider supplying pre-cut material and/or instructions at a table after Masses in order to encourage parishioners to participate.

2. DESIGN.

Participants decorate the 12" x 18" piece of fabric using fabric paint, fabric/permanent markers or pens, jeweled embellishments, felt, yarn, etc. Be sure to design the banner with the long end vertical and leave 4" of blank space at the top for hanging. Draw/create a 40th "theme" related picture, poem, or prayer. Just one idea is to illustrate ways that "forty" is a significant number in the Bible. Individuals may sign their banner using their first name and first initial of their last name, parish and city, but the banners will not be returned. (We are considering having some sewn into quilts after the celebration on July 20.)

3. RETURN.

Banners must be delivered to the Diocesan Pastoral Center in Gaylord by July 15, 2011. Parishes may wish to have parishioners turn them in at the parish office and then send them all as a group to the diocese, or banners may be sent directly to Anniversary Steering Committee, Diocese of Gaylord, 611 West North Street, Gaylord, MI 49735. Banners will then be strung together as decorations for the picnic at the 40th Celebration on July 20 at St. Mary's Cathedral in Gaylord.

For more information, contact Candace Neff at the Diocese at 989.732.5147 or via e-mail at cneff@dioceseofgaylord.org

My School's Cool Final Standings

The points have been tallied and the results are in. Holy Angels finished in 7th place and will be awarded \$350. Unfortunately, this is the last year of the program as the Grand Traverse Mall has decided to discontinue it. A BIG thank you to all those who helped us earn points over the school year and especially to coordinator, Renee Egelski, for all of her great work!

GTACS Summer Sports Camps

Be sure to check the GTACS website www.gtacs.org under athletics for all of the summer sports camp offerings for students of all ages.

SF Class of '76 35th Class Reunion

Calling all members of the class of 1976 to attend your 35th class reunion on July 2, 2011 at the home of

alum Sheila (Germaine) Baily. Contact persons are Donna (Roney) Kaysserian 231-941-0761 and Julie Popp 231-941-1924.

Calling all GTACS alumni from the 1980's

There is a joint 1980, 1981, & 1982 Class Reunion this summer. The class of 1981 is planning this with the classes of 1980 & 1982 as special guests.

When: Saturday, July 2, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.

Where: Streeter's

Contact Brigid Wilson with questions at bwilson@mhc.net

Host Families Needed

It's a big exciting world out there and one way to bring it closer to home is to get your whole family involved - host an international exchange student for the coming school year! Arrival is in August for school year enrollment at St Francis.

Your family has young children? Consider Melissa from Germany who wants to be an elementary teacher or Tim who has four younger sisters and would love some brothers.

Super active and athletic? Susanne plans a career as a professional handball keeper in Norway. Zunaed plays cricket and loves to hike and swim. Skiers ...runners ... lots of soccer players ...

More interested in music or drama? So is Swarada from India. Or Reiko from Japan.

Maybe politics? Debate? Or world events? Folklore? Many multiple languages? Animal lover?

You name it and there is an exchange student ready to step in and share their interest with your family. Aspect Foundation and American Councils students all speak English and have their own health insurance and spending money. They are ready for an exciting year with their own local host family.

For more information contact Pam Woolcott at 231-944-2620.

Parish News

Vacation Bible School -Pandamania: Where God Is Wild about You! Pandamania is a wild celebration of God's unconditional love! Kids, ages 4 to 11 will discover that God has a purpose and a plan for everyone and that he crafted each of us with his own loving hands. Jr. High and Sr. High students can serve as leaders and earn Christian Service Hours.

June 14th – 17th - Immaculate Conception Parish

please sign up on-line at:

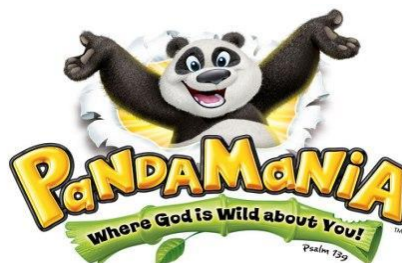
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Fred Robb frobb@gtacs.org 642-6603

June 21st - 24th – St. Francis Parish

Beth Hicks beth@sfp parish.org 947-4620 ext. 247

Or visit <http://www.sfp parish.org> to register



<http://totallycatholic.osvcurriculum.com/>

August 1-4- Christ the King Parish 9 am-noon M-Th

Ages: 4 yrs old - just completed 4th Grade

Volunteers: just completed 5th Grade through adult

It is a great opportunity for volunteer students to get started on Christian service hours for the upcoming school year.

Registration and Volunteer sign-up begins the 22nd of May. Contact Denise Elsenheimer at faithformation.cksh@gmail.com or 938-9214 ext. 32

Holy Listening-A Retreat Just for Women

Augustine Retreat Center, Conway

July 29-31, 2011

In a posture of *Holy Listening* we will approach our God!

"Hear, Oh Daughter, turn your ear." (Ps.45:11)

"Heed carefully what you hear!" (Mt. 11:15)

Our disposition will be that of a contemplation of the Lord;
a listening; a hearing.

A good portion of our time will be directed toward passivity,
with our attention fixed on God.

A general focus will be on the Art of *Listening*. To register for this retreat, Contact Beth and Lea Ann at 231-947-4620, ext. 247 or beth@sfparish.org or landerson@gtacs.org

Community News

NMC College for Kids opens June 20

What happens when you mix summer, a college campus, and kids? You get lots of serious fun and active learning. Northwestern Michigan College launches another season of College for Kids featuring over 170 action-packed learning adventures for students ages 4-17. The complete schedule of mostly one-week sessions is available through the NMC Extended Educational Services office at (231-995-1700) or on the web at www.nmc.edu/kids.