

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.

August 4, 2011

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

THIS WEEKEND'S MASS READINGS

At Mass this weekend: *Elijah recognizes the voice of God not in the strong and heavy wind, not in the earthquake, and not in the fire, but in a tiny whispering sound. May we find enough quiet in our clamorous world to hear His voice and discern what He is calling us to do and be.* -- Reflection credited to Diocese of Dodge City

LUNCH DUTY RATED PG (PARENTAL GUIDANCE REQUESTED!)

When you volunteer for lunch duty, you are not only helping keep our schools safe and orderly, you are demonstrating to your child your commitment to his or her education. Holly Schurg (hschurg@gmail.com) is in the process of setting up lunch duty schedules for the coming year. If you would like to volunteer at Holy Angels, IC and/or SEAS on a weekly or monthly basis, please contact Holly with your schedule preferences.

THREE WAYS TO SAVE ON SCHOOL UNIFORMS

- Shop the [Used Uniform Sale - August 10, 2011](#), 12:00-1:30 pm at the IC gym
- Get uniform items logo'd* for just a penny at www.landsend.com through 9:59 pm Central Time on August 8, 2011
- Use TRIP certificates (example: earn 15% at Lands End); for details, go to <http://www.gtacs.org/trip.php>

The TRIP office is open Wednesday, 12:00-2:00 pm and Thursday, 8:00-10:00 am. Contact TRIP at 932-4848 or via email, trip@gtacs.org.
* Logos required on uniforms for high school students only.

NEW TRIP VENDOR

TRIP welcomes new in-store vendor, Bulls-i, specializing in awards & trophies, custom framing, imprinted apparel, imaged tiles, personalized gifts and promotional products. Bulls-i is offering a 4% discount; some exclusions apply and you must provide your TRIP number prior to final invoicing. Visit www.bulls-i.net, 1239 Woodmere, or call 231 933-8815.

40 PINTS FOR SCIENCE, THANKS TO YOU

[Michigan Blood](#) reports that 40 people stepped up to donate on behalf of the St. Francis Science Lab renovation. That means not only were up to 120 lives saved through the "gift of life," but also that our Schools will also receive \$400 toward the lab's makeover. Thank you to all who participated!

EAT A BURGER FOR THE HEALTH OF IT

Cherries show promise of health benefits for people suffering from Parkinson's and Alzheimer's, but further research is needed. Proceeds from Ray Pleva's "eat a burger for the health of it" will go to Life Science Research at Central Michigan University. Support the cause simply by enjoying a great lunch of Plevalean sirloin burger, chips, drink and dessert for a \$10 donation on Wednesday, August 10, at St. Francis High School from 10:30 am to 2:30 pm.

TC HOOPS "BIG MAN" YOUTH BASKETBALL CAMP

This camp is being offered at TC East Middle School, August 16-17 from 9 am to noon, and is intended for boys and girls, grades 5-8. Focus will be on fundamentals of the forward and center positions. Players receive a workout plan and t-shirt; cost is \$25 per player and pre-registration is encouraged. Contact Michael McCrary at 231 715-0055.

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT THE FIRST TIME...

A few items that were emailed last week are repeated here, in case you overlooked them while at the beach.

Information about tryouts and practice schedules for fall sports: [GTACS Athletics newsletter](#)

High school textbook ordering instructions (more info on GTACS website): [High School Textbook Info](#)

Everything is a grace, everything is the direct effect of our Father's love - difficulties, contradictions, humiliations, all the soul's miseries, her burdens, her needs - everything, because through them, she learns humility, realizes her weakness. Everything is a grace because everything is God's gift. Whatever be the character of life or its unexpected events - to the heart that loves, all is well. - St. Therese of Lisieux