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

Deadline for submissions to this newsletter is Thursday @ 11:00 a.m. Please email information for system-wide distribution to cnelson@gtacs.org. All previously submitted items have been italicized. New items are not italicized. Please email for Navigator to dkrueg@gtacs.org. **Published: 4 November, 2011**

Our least action when done for God is pleasing to Him.

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton



Upcoming Events...

11/6 Daylight Savings Time Ends (Set your clock back an hour)

11/7 No School/Regional Staff Development day

11/8 Mass at 10:00 in the Lunch Room

11/10-11 Half Days/Parent-Student Conferences/**PARENT PICK UP**

11/15 Mass at 10:00 in the Lunch Room

11/16 PTC Meeting at SEAS at 12:00

11/22 Mass at 10:00 in the Lunch Room

11/23 Half Day/TCAPS Provides Transportation/ Thanksgiving Break Begins

11/24-25 No School/ Thanksgiving Break

11/28 No School/Staff Professional Development day

12/1 Scoliosis Screening for 6th grade girls and 7th grade boys

12/6 Spelling Bee in Gym 9:00 a.m.

12/13 Reconciliation

From the Principal

Students & teachers have been diligently preparing for their **student-led conferences**. They are gathering assignments, assessments, and other academic data to share with you. We are confident that the hard work in preparing for these types of conferences will reap great benefits for your child. What better way for students to take charge of their learning and share their academic progress and goals? Again, the students have worked very hard in their preparations and are excited to share the successes with you. **Please support your child and their teachers in this academic and building initiative.**

Some students will be issued **new schedules** for the next quarter. Due to significant academic growth and several new students to our school, sometimes students are not placed in the most beneficial learning environment for their particular skill set. In order to move our students along at an appropriate and challenging rate, we continue to monitor our placements. Teachers are ever challenged with differentiating their instruction to meet students where they are. Thank you for your communication whenever you see the need. We truly want each child to learn and grow appropriately and always according to God's plan.

The **girl's rosary group** is simply fantastic. There were 32 girls in attendance on Thursday morning. As always, our prayer intentions are for an end to abortion and an increase in vocations. I said, "O.K. girls, we need to start praying for our boys! Wouldn't it be neat if one of your classmates became a priest, or religious sister/nun? You would be able to say, 'Hey, I prayed for you!'" The girls giggled and I heard, "That *would* be really cool." We also prayed for the girls' future spouse, whether that be a wonderful Christ-centered man someday, or Jesus Christ Himself. We talked a bit about being chaste, modest, and understanding that God created them wonderfully and beautifully. I am so confident that God has such very special plan for each one of them and know His graces were flowing while we prayed. I completely enjoyed our 20 minutes together and look so forward to next month's prayer time already!

Today, **Scott Carter** visited us with his **St. Francis choir**! It was wonderful hearing them perform and seeing the talent of our St. Francis High School students. They were simply delightful and we hope to grow this talent among our middle school population. It is so very valuable for students interested in singing to take advantage of training early, as they learn techniques that are valuable to their sound & tone control. If your child has an interest in singing, please encourage them to join choir 2nd quarter. Choir meets on Tuesday & Thursday from 11:40-12:25 (7th/8th Grade) and 12:30-1:05 (6th Grade).

We look forward to seeing you on Thursday, if not sooner! May God bless you and your families. Your sister in Christ, Lori Phillips

Art Class Supplies Needed

Your help is needed in collecting art supplies for our students. We need ten art smocks (old t-shirts or button down shirts), wrapping paper tubes, old long-sleeve wool sweaters (the sleeves are what we will be using), and tabs from the top of aluminum cans. Have your student bring them to the SEAS office.

Parent Lunch Duty Schedule and Diocesan Prayer Request for the week of 11/7-11/2011

Our prayers are for...

Rev. Patrick Maher

Rev. Polycarp Mblarawa

Rev. Gregory McCallum

Rev. John McCracken

Rev. Paul Megge

MONDAY

**No
School**

TUESDAY

Kelly Kazmierski
Nathan Kellicut

WEDNESDAY

Anna Marie Clear
Emily Mackey

THURSDAY

Half
Day

FRIDAY

Half
Day

Please plan to be at school from 11:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on your scheduled day. If you cannot make your day please find a replacement or send \$15 to the SEAS 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.

Beatitude of the Month (October)

Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the land.

Our Prayers are....

For Keo Oriyavong, Grandmother of Jenta (7) and Khamsang (6) Riddell, that she has a full recovery from her stroke and that she and her family feels the Lord's peace during this time of healing.

In thanksgiving for the beauty of creation, the change of season, and the reminder of how very much our Lord loves us to make such a beautiful world to live in!

For our leaders in government, that their hearts and minds are filled with the sure knowledge that our Lord is the giver of all good gifts.

CONTINUE YOUR STUDENTS FAITH JOURNEY

Have them attend the NET RETREAT!

Theme: "Reality Check" In the world today, there are many outside influences that can affect the lives of young people. Most of what we see in the media presents a false reality-truth and happiness are distorted. This retreat takes a look at how the world influences the way we live our lives, and how God presents us with a new life-giving reality.

Who: Youth in grades 6-12

Cost: Only \$10 per person and includes materials, snacks, pizza and beverage.

When: Sunday January 15, 2012 ,12:30-6:00

Where: Centennial Hall at Immaculate Conception Church

Experience uplifting prayer, funny skits, great music, and inspiring dramas