

# SEAS NAVIGATOR

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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 use his/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](mailto:cnelson@gtacs.org). All previously submitted items have been italicized. New items are not italicized. Please email for Navigator to [dkrueg@gtacs.org](mailto:dkrueg@gtacs.org). **Published: 30 September 2011**

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

***St. Elizabeth Ann Seton***



### **Upcoming Events...**

10/4 Mass at 10:00 a.m. in the Lunch Room

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10/28 Gladhander Preview Night

10/30 Gladhander "Seuss on the Loose"

11/4 Full day of School for GTACS with PARENT PICK UP.

11/7 No School/Regional Staff Development day

11/10-11 Half Day/Parent Teacher Conferences. Parent Pickup

11/24-25 No School/Thanksgiving Break

11/28 No School/Staff Professional Development day

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

12/13 Reconciliation

12/22 Half Day/Christmas Break Begins After Dismissal.

### **From the Principal; Lori Phillips**

This month in the Catholic Digest (October's edition) there is an article about character. The author shared that the root word of character is chisel: *A tool used to strip away waste material from an object in order to get down to what is essential.* A great reminder that God helps us get to the core of who we are by helping us chisel off the negative aspects of our personality in order to become more like Jesus. I find incredible peace and knowledge in the understanding that we are *works in progress*. May our hearts and minds be open to the personal work we must do to grow in our faith and holiness.

Father Bill met with each grade level team to start preparing our students for the changes that will occur in the Holy Liturgy. We are so thankful for Father's knowledge and encouraging presentations. The changes will begin at the onset of the Advent season and we pray that through a better understanding of what and why we do certain things, we will grow in our love for the Mass and Eucharist.

For our praise song this week our students chose a popular secular song that they hear often on the radio, and turned it around to glorify God completely. There is great power in recognizing the Christian message in secular music. It demonstrates that God has written His message on our hearts, even when we may not recognize Christ in our everyday activities and thoughts. We all long to be loved completely, and as Christians, we learn that the only true and perfect love is that from our Heavenly Father.

October is the Month of our Blessed Mother. The relationship Mary has with Jesus, the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity, is greater than any human being has ever experienced. May we seek the intercession of Mary and ask for her mantle of protection in all things.

Our 8<sup>th</sup> graders had a wonderful experience today in Harbor Springs at the Manna Project. This warehouse distributes to food pantries in Emmet, Charlevoix, and Antrim Counties. Their goal: to assure that not one person in their distribution area is hungry. We praise God for the opportunity our students had to further experience being Christ's hands and feet on this earth.

May God Bless your week!



**Parent Lunch Duty Schedule and Diocesan Prayer Request for the week of 10/3-7/2011**

Our prayers are for...

Bishop Bernard Hebda	Rev. J. August Franczek	Relg. Bros. and Sisters	Rev. Daniel Gallagher	Rev. James Gardiner
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>FRIDAY</b>
Helen Alfaro	Kelly Kazmierski	Mary Britten	Beth Friend	Robin Ehardt
Andru McFadden	Joshua Primeau	Camille Madion	Caroline Peacock	Bethany Richey

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.

**Beatitude of the Month (October)**

Blessed are they who mourn, for they will be comforted.

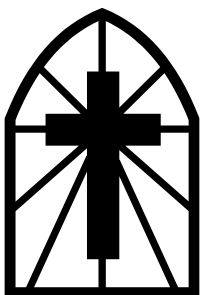
**Our Prayers are....**

For all those with chronic or terminal illnesses, may they be comforted by the fact that their suffering brings them closer to Christ and may they feel His peace.

For our men and women in our Armed Services, that the Lord keep them safe and bring them peace.

For a return of our country to the understanding of the sacredness of life at all stages.

That God give us a hunger and thirst to be Holy People.



Heavenly Father,  
 Your Son told us to ask You to send workers into the harvest.  
 Bless our beloved Diocese of Gaylord with: holy priests and seminarians who radiate Your love; zealous religious who imitate Your Son's poverty, chastity and obedience; devoted deacons who inspire us to ever greater service; faithful husbands and wives who reflect Christ's love for His spouse, the Church; and single men and women who love You above all else. Through the intercession of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, open the hearts of those who have yet to discern their calling to the still whisper of Your voice and the transforming power of Your grace. Send Your Holy Spirit to help us recognize Your will and embrace it in loving trust. As we each strive to live out our vocation, may our humble efforts proclaim Your greatness and secure this local Church on the firm foundation that is ONLY JESUS!  
 Bishop Bernard Hebda, Diocese of Gaylord, January, 2011

**Haunted Walk**

This walk is a great family event. You and your family can enjoy an evening of campfire, smores, and local ghost stories and legends while you wait for your haunted walk to begin. No lines to stand in. The Ghost Farm of Kingsley is open every Friday and Saturday starting Oct. 7<sup>th</sup>- 29<sup>th</sup>, from 7-11pm. Haunted Walks start at dark, but come early for hot food, fall games, ghost stories, and more! Tickets are being sold for \$7 by the SEAS 8<sup>th</sup> grade students ahead of time or \$8 at the farm gate the nights of the event. A portion of the proceeds goes to St. Elizabeth Ann Seton 8<sup>th</sup> grade's educational class trip to Washington D.C. For more information please contact Desirae Dine at 231-645-1447 or go to AutumnWindsFarm.com. To sign your 8th grader up to sell tickets or to be involved in the haunted walk, please contact Shanna Dine at 231-645-0887.

**ATTENTION ALL 8TH GRADE PARENTS**

I have noticed that there are no concessions during our middle school home games. I know from past experience that this is a great way to make money for the 8<sup>th</sup> grade DC trip. I would be willing to take names and schedule all parents and students who would be willing to work concessions and make out a work schedule. I could also be at all home games to unlock and lock up all supplies for the concession workers. The thing I would really need is a volunteer who could do the stocking and shopping for the concession stand. There is one parent who may be able to do this, but only until January. Is there another parent who could help and then take over in January? Also, if you would like to be a concession worker, please e-mail me the name of the adult and student who would be willing to work. There are games at both Immaculate Conception and St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, so if you have a preference of days, places, or times, please let me know that as well. Thank you, Julie Forlenza.

**Playground Equipment Needed**

If you are doing some fall cleaning in the garage or basement please know we are in need of playground equipment for our SEAS students. We accept gently used and new basketballs, footballs, hula hoops, jump ropes, frisbees, soccer balls, etc.

