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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 [dekrueg@gtacs.org](mailto:dekrueg@gtacs.org). **Published: 9 September 2011**

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

***St. Elizabeth Ann Seton***

## **Upcoming Events...**

9/12 Memorial for the  
9/11 tragedy at 8:00  
a.m. and Magazine  
Drive Kickoff at 8:15  
a.m.

9/16 Jean Day for Glad  
Meals

9/22 Picture Day!

9/30 8th Grade to Har-  
bor Springs for Manna  
Food Project

10/28 Gladhander Pre-  
view 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 Develop-  
ment day

11/10-11 Half Day/  
Parent Teacher Confer-  
ences. Parent Pickup

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

Academic plans/syllabi have been distributed, classroom protocols have been set, and school handbooks are being studied. We are off to a great start to the 2011-12 school year! Thank you for preparing your children so well and setting them up for a successful year. Your attentiveness and partnership truly help us make our students' day more meaningful, educational, and to be honest, down-right enjoyable! Although it may be hard for them to get up in the morning, they seem to be enjoying the newness of school and getting acquainted with their teachers.

Students have started taking pre-assessments and skill tests this week. We will start AIMSweb benchmarking in the next few weeks. Proud to be a data-driven school, we are constantly using assessments to determine the strengths and weaknesses of our individual students, and to help drive our instruction at the deepest levels. Please know we make every effort to meet your child where they are and help them develop/grow. While we have limitations within our schedule, our staff feels confident that the outcome, educationally and spiritually, will be lasting and fruitful. Thank you for your continued support and communication.

In honor of the Nativity of Our Blessed Mother, all of our religion classes offered a rosary on Thursday. These are the moments in our school week that I am more than grateful that our children, in the middle of their day, continue to learn and recognize the sacredness of praying that most beautiful, meditative prayer.

As always, we enjoyed our All System Mass with our good Bishop Hebda presiding. His homilies are so personal and always lead us on the correct, and holy, path. We also enjoyed a special opportunity to remember a former teacher, Pat Lackie, during a short memorial service this afternoon. Pat passed away four years ago, but his peaceful and joyful spirit is alive and well here at St. Elizabeth. A special thank you to Carol Erickson and Raelynn Stein for co-planning this special service this afternoon with our good Father Bill. So glad that his lovely wife, Sara, former colleagues and students, and some of you could join us for the remembrance, dedication, and tootsie roll toss. ☺

Lastly, thank you for your prayers as we began this school year. As busy as we are this first week, we all couldn't help to feel a sense of peace through the excitement; the peace we know *only* comes from God. We continue to feel the joy and anticipation of a wonderful school year. Welcome to our 16 new students; 6<sup>th</sup> graders—Aaron Alford, Colt Lambdin, Lauren Mawson, Emmett Moore, Cody Ostrom, Alec Hall-Pluckebaum, Becca Rohe, Chloe Schafer, and Eli Szumera; 7<sup>th</sup> graders—Ally Alfaro, Isabella Carter, Matthew Durocher, Jamie McClellan, and Jarred Relyea, and 8<sup>th</sup> graders—Kendra Charters, Beily Ostrom, Megyn Ostrom, . May you continue to transition smoothly as you join our school family and may you feel the love of Jesus here at GTACS. Have a blessed weekend, one and all! ~Lori Phillips

Through every moment of this day: Be with me Lord.

Through every day of this week: Be with me Lord.

Through every week of this year: Be with me Lord.

Through every year of this life; Be with me, Lord.

So that when time is past,

By grace I may at last,

Be with you, Lord.

A few reminders . . . On page two!

Parent Lunch Duty Schedule and Diocesan Prayer Request for the week of 9/12-16/2011

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Angela Ward	Beth Friend	Diane Jeynes	Sheila Bryant	Robin Ehardt
Julia Gallagher	Kelly Kazmierski	Elizabeth Krcmarik	Tammy Grozenski	Lindsey Weeks

*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**

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

**Our Prayers are....**

For Luke Plamondaon, grandfather of Daniel Simaz (6th), who passed away recently. May he find eternal joy in heaven with our Lord and my his family be comforted by the Holy Spirit.

For all those who lost a loved one in the 9-11 tragedy in 2001. That they remember how much God cares for them and their loved ones in heaven.

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

For our GTACS community, that we can create a place where Christ's love is reflected to all those who enter our doors.

A few reminders . . .

Boys: hair must be **off the collar and out of the eyes**. Girls: may not wear eyeliner. Beginning next week we will start issuing detentions for noncompliant students who are not in line with our handbook policies. Thank you for helping your child, and supporting us here at school.

11<sup>th</sup> hour begins this week for all students who do not have their homework. This policy is to encourage good skill practice and responsibility. If a student brings their homework to school the following day, they do not have to serve "11<sup>th</sup> hour". Please note, however, that students who receive 3 11<sup>th</sup> hour slips, will be issued a detention. This policy is consistent with last year's policy.

We have our magazine fundraiser kick-off on Monday! Please support this special fundraiser if you are able. Last year we raised \$14,000 and know that it was a concentrated number of people who participated. If we all do a little, we will gain a lot. Our goal is \$40,000 this year, as it is our only PTC fundraiser that truly helps our teachers with instructional resources and learning materials for our students! Thank you so much for supporting our school!

Special Prayers . . .

Bishop Hebda's intentions, Katie Barsheff, all vocations, and the wisdom as we parent and educate God's children.

**Junior High Boys Tennis**

Its not too late to join in the fun of boys junior high tennis. The program is designed for everyone to have fun and learn whether you have played before or never picked up a racquet. Practice and matches are right after school here at SEAS so there is no driving or hassle. If you have not signed up and want to just come try it out, stop by on Monday after school to see if you like it. If you have questions please contact Paul Bandrowski at (231) 313-1954 or [bandro@mac.com](mailto:bandro@mac.com). See you on the courts.

**Magazine Drive Kickoff**

The Magazine drive will kick-off on September 12th and run through September 27th. Please watch out for booklets coming home before the kick-off! Fill these out with addresses for out of town friends and relatives. Each student who turns in a booklet will be enrolled in additional incentive prizes. This is an excellent time to renew or extend current subscriptions or give as Christmas gifts. Tags will be available for gift giving purposes. If you have any questions please feel free to contact the committee coordinator Carla Nickodemus - 231-631-3883

**8th Grade Washington D.C. Trip Fundraiser**

All 8th graders are now eligible to participate in a Pasta fundraiser for the DC trip. The students will receive 40% of their sales. Student order form & info packets are available through the office with Mrs. Krueger or Mrs. Martin can also help your student find a order form. Remember to collect all money, due at the time of sales.

All order forms and payment must be turned into the office by Monday September 26, 2011. Orders should be ready for pick up Friday Oct.21st. This is a estimate, however It should all be delivered by Halloween for those ordering the Halloween pasta. Once we receive the pasta, we will email you with the actual pick up date. Thanks so much, Jerri Gabriel [mbgjl5@chartermi.net](mailto:mbgjl5@chartermi.net).

### Gladhander Decorations

It's that time of year again! The Gladhander Decorations room (Room 16 in SF basement) will be open every day during school hours starting Monday, September 12<sup>th</sup>. Projects and instructions will be available for anyone willing to help. Take home projects can be signed out as well- please look for them on the bookshelf immediately to the left when entering. No need to be creative – there is a project for every level of artist! Questions? Contact Carla Nickodemus at [carlanickodemus@yahoo.com](mailto:carlanickodemus@yahoo.com) Thank you!

**"If you never did you should. These things are fun and fun is good." ~Dr. Seuss**

### Elementary Cross Country

All interested 4th, & 5th graders interested in running cross country, practice begins Monday, September 12th after school at IC from 3:00 until 4:30 PM. We will have practice Monday through Thursday the week of September 12th and September 19th ( all four days with Friday off!) A more complete and long term schedule will be available next week at practice and in the office at I.C. Runners should come prepared each day for practice with running shoes, shorts, t-shirt and a water bottle. As we live in Northern Michigan one should also pack sweat pants and sweat shirt and even a hat and gloves so you are prepared for when it turns cold!

Currently we are working on a program to include 6th grade as well, more information will follow ASAP. In the meantime 6th graders are welcome to join us in practice at IC. Contact Coach Horning if you are interested in joining us also If you are a 6th grade parent and would like to help out please contact Coach Horning. It looks like 6th grade meets will be separate and we will need some help.

If you have any questions or IC parents if you would be interested in helping out call Coach Horning at 231-935-3840 or at [mich-elereggie@aol.com](mailto:mich-elereggie@aol.com)

### IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION FOR SHUTTLE BUS RIDERS

This past Tuesday, the first day of school, Randolph Street (near the Dairy Lodge) was shut down for work (until November). For the safety of our students, we are requesting a [new traffic flow pattern](#) for drop-off and pick-up. This applies to both **shuttle riders** and other students. Please study the diagram and make sure that all those who are responsible for drop-off or pick-up are familiar with the new procedure.

### Buy Fun Pasta!

SEAS 8th Grade Washington DC Pasta Fundraiser– Get fun pasta from SEAS 8th graders! Go Blue, Sparty & 49 other collegiate team logos all in pasta shapes.

We have dogs, cats, horses, basketball, baseball, football, cheerleader, dance, Snowmen, Halloween and many holidays, soups & even reindeer chili all at very affordable prices. Great stocking stuffers & teacher gifts!

All proceeds will help our 8th graders reach Washington DC next spring. Please contact a SEAS 8th grader or Jerri Gabriel can find one for you! [mbgjl5@chartermi.net](mailto:mbgjl5@chartermi.net)

**CARNIVAL of FUN** - On Sunday, September 25<sup>th</sup> in the St. Francis High School gymnasium the EDGE youth group will kickoff the year with a carnival just for them. From 2:00 to 4:00pm only students in grades 6 through 8 can attend. We'll have big inflatables, mechanical arcade games, prizes, cotton candy, and food. All this for just a \$5.00 admission. This is an excellent opportunity for new students to be introduced to youth ministry and a great way to enjoy some fun with kids your own age. For more information, visit [www.tcyouthgroup.org](http://www.tcyouthgroup.org) .

