

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.

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Deadline for submissions to this newsletter is Thursday @ 11:00 a.m.

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Christ – Above All Things

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

4/29 (Thursday) Blood Drive

5/1 Prom @ Traverse City Country Club

5/4 (Tuesday) Festival of the Arts

5/17 (Monday) Speaker Jason Evert @ 10:00 AM

5/19 (Wednesday) Senior trip to Empire

5/27 (Thursday) Senior Award Night and NHS Inductions 7:00-8:30 PM
(cafeteria)

6/3 (Thursday) Baccalaureate Mass @ St. Francis Parish beginning with prelude music @ 6:30 PM

6/6 Graduation @ 3:00 in the SF Gym

6/7-6/10 EXAM WEEK for 9-11th

FROM THE COUNSELOR

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

BOYS STATE interviews are being held next **Wednesday, April 21st** in the guidance office. Any JUNIOR boy who would like to participate in this summer experience should stop by the guidance office and pick up an application. This is a great opportunity and looks fabulous on a high school resume.

THURSDAY, April 22 from 5 pm – 7pm. Dr. James Schaefer from Lake Superior State University Fire Science Program will be holding an informal meeting for any junior/senior high school students who may be interested in an Associates or Bachelor's Degree in Fire Science. The meeting will take place at the Grand Traverse Metro Fire Department Station #11 (next to the VFW Hall on Veterans Drive.) NO RSVP is required and all are welcome to attend this informational meeting.

May 6th – We would like to offer the **ASVAB for any 10th, 11th or 12th grade students** who would like to participate in this career exploration test. This test, the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery, is administered by the military but the scores will

not be sent to any military branch. Military recruiters will be available the day of testing if anyone is interested in meeting with them, but ONLY if requested by the student. This is a free and informative test and if you are interested in participating, please stop by the guidance office to sign up.

The SR. PLANS/Baccalaureate Mass form has been handed out to all senior students. These forms are used during the senior awards program and also during Baccalaureate Mass. PLEASE make sure they are returned to the guidance office NO LATER than **Friday, May 7th**.

Some of the enrollment deadlines may have already passed, but take a look and see if any of these programs interest you...

MORE SUMMER PROGRAMS:

Penn State Pre-College Programs (sas.upenn.edu/summer/students/highschool)

Loyola Pre-Collegiate Summer Scholars (LUC.edu/summerscholars)

Operation Bentley (May 15 – May 21) ALBION COLLEGE. This is open to juniors and sophomores interested in policy development and local government.
(albion.edu/Bentley)

CMU's Leadership Camp – seniors who have been admitted for Fall 2010 can apply
(reslife.cmich.edu/leadership/leadershipcamp)

Alma College Leadership Academy (JUNIORS) – alma.edu/leadacademy

Lawrence Tech Summer Camps – ltu.edu and look under Summer Programs 2010

JV/Varsity Basketball Meeting

Any 9th, 10th or 11th graders interested in trying out for JV or Varsity Basketball please attend a meeting on Monday 4/19 @ lunch in Room #119.

GTACS MOTHERS DAY 5K FUN RUN/WALK

Come start Mother's Day weekend in a fun, healthy way! The GTACS PTC is hosting a 5k fun run/walk at Timber Ridge Resort, May 8th at 9am. Registration forms came home this week with students, or can be downloaded here. Any questions, please contact Carla Nickodemus at carlanickodemus@yahoo.com

Student Council sponsored Blood Drive

The SF Student Council will be having a blood drive on April 29th from 10:00-2:00. The bloodmobile will be parked outside the school. Students who want to give blood can sign up in the office for a time slot. Their goal is 32 pints! Parents are welcomed also. GIVE LIFE.

Congratulations

Rotary Student of the Month Taylor Bartlette will be honored at a rotary lunch at the Park Place on April 20th.

Volleyball Signing

Congratulations to Senior Abby Clear for signing with St. Francis College in Brooklyn Heights, N.Y. to play volleyball. The signing took place in the SF library this past week.

High School Exhibition & Fundraiser

Enjoy, Support & bid on Fine Art Photography
Don't miss this opportunity to pick up an incredibly beautiful image and support our high school photography program.

Who: St. Francis High School Students have collaborated with students from Central High & TC West High to showcase and sell their beautiful photographic images.

WHEN: Friday, April 16 from 6:00pm-8:00pm

WHERE: Warehouse Lounge (formally known as Cuppa Joe's) in the Warehouse District

SPECIAL SHOWING & SILENT AUCTION!!! This first annual event has been supported by a variety of professional photographer's donations. These high quality images will be available thru a Silent Auction - and they are absolutely STUNNING!!! Questions: Call Mrs. Coburn #360-0667

Scripture Scoops

If it's a hot day or you're just craving something delicious and refreshing, nothing can satisfy that craving better than ice cream. The econ class has chosen 4 delicious flavors of Moomers ice cream and we will be taking pre orders starting Monday for \$5.00/pint. Flavors such as Cakey with a Chance of Cookie Dough, Fruits of Eden and Peanut Butter Promise Land so don't miss out on this mouth-watering experience!

Boys Basketball Summer Information

If your son is currently in 8th, 9th, 10th, or 11th grade and is interested in playing freshmen, JV, or Varsity basketball for St. Francis next year (2010/2011), please click here: [TCSF Summer Letter 2010](#) for our summer letter and upcoming summer events.

Please take note that if you have any questions about the summer schedule, next season, or our basketball program you can contact our Varsity basketball coach Mr. Dave Ginsberg (hoopster33@hotmail.com) or the Varsity assistant Mr. Matt Bauman (mbaum@GTACS.org). If a question would be better answered by another one of our other coaches, you might be directed to our freshmen Coach, Dr. Jeff Szczepanski or to our JV Coach, Mr. Scott Chouinard.

Please be aware that many questions will also be answered when Coach Ginsberg meets with your son in a lunchtime meeting at school in the weeks following Spring Break, however, we wanted to get this letter out to you now as we are aware many of you are in the process of scheduling summer events and camps.

God Bless,

The St. Francis Coaching Staff

The 2010 VERITAS yearbook sales are at a record low.

This could be due to many of us focused on spring break! ☺

The yearbook staff will extend the 2010 VERITAS Yearbook Sales through the next two weeks – to end on April 23rd!

ALL YEARBOOKS ARE PREORDERED – we do not purchase extras.

For only \$60.00 you can be a cool part of SFHS's history of the year!

LAST CHANCE – GET YOUR BOOK NOW!

***Place CHECK/CASH in labeled envelope YEARBOOK SALES 2010 with STUDENT NAME – in Mrs. Tull's mailbox. Pick up your receipt!**



Senior Parents – CAN YOU BELIEVE YOUR BABY IS GRADUATING??? Leave a lasting message in the VERITAS yearbook (community section) of just how proud you are of your son/daughter with a BABY AD!

- This is a limited offer and **available ONLY** from **March 22nd through April 30th**.
- Pricing: Single Block/business card size: \$50
Double Block: \$90
Half Page: \$180
Full Page: \$450
- Word limit: approx. 40 for a single block and 80 for double, 1/2 page, and full page. A single block is limited with a small message and one photo – if you need more room, please go up in size.
- Requirements: A disk with clear photo. Typed message. Every piece labeled with name(s). Check/cash. Please place in envelope labeled: BABY AD – YEARBOOK – TULL. Please deliver to Mrs. Tull's mailbox or room/#211.
- Remember – this offer ends APRIL 30th



NEW SIGN Your Yearbook!

The VERITAS staff has created a NEW way for each student to have the opportunity to “sign” or leave a message in the 2010 yearbook!

- This exciting and limited offer is for **STUDENTS ONLY**.
- Cost is **ONLY** \$15.00 to leave a **permanent message** in the community section of the yearbook.
- The space is approximately half a business card size and can accommodate nearly 30-40 characters depending on font/size. (no images – font only)
- Please **TYPE** out your message and your name. Place in a sealed envelope with the check or cash amount of \$15.00. Write on the envelope: **MRS. TULL/SIGN MY YEARBOOK** and place in her mailbox or bring up to room #211.
- This offer is limited in space and time: from now until shortly after spring break (March 22nd through April 30th) – **SO ACT QUICKLY!!!!**