

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.

Please email information for the SF newsletter to Kathy Hunt at khunt@gtacs.org

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Christ – Above All Things

Happy New Year from the Principal:

This New Year has brought great joy to Mrs. Meegan Feil and her family with the birth of their son Grayson. May God's blessing be upon the Feils. To take over her freshmen English classes, we have hired Ms. Maria LaCross. Maria is a recent graduate from the MSU School of Education, and her mother taught at Saint Francis 30 years ago. To instruct her A.P. Literature courses, we have hired Rosanne Fifarek. Roseanne has 30 years of experience and many of her family members have graduated from Saint Francis. We feel fortunate that both women have vibrant faith lives and a passion for teaching English. We welcome them both to our school family. Peace and a little more Christmas Joy.

Mr. Erick Chittle

Happy Friday SF families,

GREAT JOB to the 9th grade students who were randomly selected to participate in the longitudinal math study. The test proctors were thrilled by not only your behavior but also your hard work. Thank you for participating and doing your best.

SOPHOMORES – the PLAN test results are in!!!! BUT, don't come knocking on my door yet, Mr. Esper and I will be coming to your class to hand out your results and help you interpret what they mean. This is one of the best tools to help you prepare for the ACT you will take by December of your JUNIOR year.

JUNIOR girls...GIRLS STATE APPLICATIONS are available in the guidance office. This is a nationally recognized program that will not only look good on your high school resume but you will also meet a lot of great girls and network with some high profile people. Once you complete an application, we will follow up with an interview. Apply and good luck.

SENIORS, many of you have been requested to send your seventh semester grades or mid-year grades to a college/university. If this needs to be done, please stop by the

Sunday, February 14th – NMC will be hosting the College Goal Sunday where they will help you complete your FAFSA information FREE! This is a great opportunity to get the FAFSA form completed with the help of a financial aid specialist. They will also be giving away prizes! ☺ Last year they were giving away a lap top computer! Good luck.

Tuesday – Thursday, March 9-11 – MME or the Michigan Merit Exam will be held at the K of C Hall. ALL JUNIORS will be taking this test. Remember, this test includes the ACT+ Writing, ACT Work Keys and three MI subject tests. Keep you eye out for more information as the date approaches.

You all continue to be in my prayers as we come to a close of this Christmas Season. Please know I am here to help any way I can!

Prayerfully,

Beth Maday

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

1/14 (Thursday) Late Start

1/15 (Friday) Jean Day to benefit Sister Diocese of Matagulpa – please bring in 2 canned goods or money.

1/18-1/22 (Monday-Thursday) Exam Week (1/2 days – dismiss @ 11:45) – **No School Friday for High School.**

1/29 – ½ day (Inservice) dismiss @ 11:00

2/1-5 Catholic Schools Week – Schedule is forthcoming.

2/15 (Monday) No School – Inservice

2/19,20 & 21st HS Musical Bye Bye Birdie

2009 FOOTBALL DVDS

HERE'S WHAT'S AVAILABLE

- **Varsity Game Disks.** This includes the coaches' game tapes mode of all the varsity games including playoffs with usual "expert" commentary and post-game interviews.
- **JV Game Disks.** This includes all of the JV game action. If you would like the playoff games also, let me know and I'll add that on to your JV order for an additional \$10.

PRICES

DVD

JV Game Disks (3 Disks)	\$25
JV Games + Playoffs (5 Disks)	\$35
Varsity Game Disks (5 Disks)	\$35

If you experience trouble please call me at 947-7900

ORDER FORM

Name _____ Phone Number _____

Disks Requested _____ Amount Enclosed _____

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: ST. FRANCIS ATHLETIC BOOSTERS

TURN IN ORDERS TO WARD KUHN OR HIGH SCHOOL OFFICE

STATE CHAMPIONSHIP APPAREL

Short Sleeve T-shirts \$15.00

Sizes

Navy
Youth S-L Adult S-XXXL

White
Youth S-L Adult S-XXXL

Long Sleeve T-Shirts \$20.00

Navy
Youth S-L Adult S-XXXL

White
Youth S-L Adult S-XXXL

Hooded Sweatshirts \$30.00

Navy
Youth S-L Adult S-XXXL

White
Youth S-L Adult S-XXXL

Crew Neck Sweatshirts \$30.00

Navy
Youth S-L Adult S-XXXL

This is a ONE TIME ONLY event!! Orders must be in to the High School, Holy Angels, I.C., or SEAS office by Noon on Dec. 14th. Pick up is Dec. 22nd in the High School Gym Lobby from noon until 5:30. Please be sure to specify youth or adult size by putting a Y or A in front of size. Checks should be made out to GTACS. Contact the athletic office at 946-1180

Name _____ Phone _____

Total _____

Christmas Collage Concert

Get into the Christmas spirit and attend Christmas Collage Concert featuring the 5-12th grade bands and the St. Francis High School choir on Thursday, December 10th from 7-8:30 p.m. in the St. Francis Gym. There will even be a special “guest musician” for the sing-along that we guarantee you won’t want to miss! Band and choir students are to report to their designated areas at 6:30 p.m.

Fruit Sale Information

Attention band families: If you ordered fruit from the fruit sale, please pick up your student’s order on Monday, December 7th between 4 and 6 p.m. on the Kohler stage. It is important that all fruit gets picked up during that time period, as it is arriving fresh and the Kohler stage is reserved for musical practice at 6 p.m. that evening. Questions? Call Cherie Domine at 620-0041.