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

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## Christ – Above All Things

### From the Principal

#### Spiritual Life:

We adore you O Christ and we praise you, because by your Holy Cross you have redeemed the world. During Lent our eyes turn toward the cross, as we prepare for the passion, death, and resurrection of Christ. The paradox of the cross is a great truth that is at the center of salvation history. This symbol of pain and suffering is the also the symbol of hope and salvation. This sacrifice and our embrace of it is what leads to true freedom. It is as Saint Paul explained, “The message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God” (1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 1:18). This message continues to be conveyed in our classrooms, liturgies, and devotions.

#### Academic Life – Procedures for sickness and Conferences:

Next week our juniors take the ACT and MME. This is an important time as the ACT opens doors to the future, and it allows us to critique the work that we do as an institution. I am confident that our students will do well. The focus by the departments on the ACT standards and test taking strategies has been excellent. Thank you teachers and department heads.

As we move toward the end of the marking period, it is important to remember that access to your student’s performance is simple. Just go to [www.gtacs.org](http://www.gtacs.org), click on the parent tab, then internet viewer. After entering your password, you can view all the assignments, quizzes, tests and grades. If you need your password, please e-mail Mrs. Hunt.

#### Extracurricular life:

This year’s musical Bye, Bye, Birdie was full of vitality, great acting, and fantastic voices. I want to thank all of the students and parents who made such a high-quality production possible. I already “miss Conrad.”

All of our teams, bowling, wrestling, hockey, and both girls basketball, are still playing. All of them have either individuals or entire teams who are moving through the state tournaments – Good Luck and God Bless.

One of my favorite days of the year is the NHS talent show, which will be this Saturday at 7:00. I am pleased not only by the acts, but also how the students support each other.

Peace and All Good,  
Mr. Erick Chittle

### **Softball, Baseball, Golf & Track Sign-up**

Sports Sign-up Meetings for High School Students in grades 9<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> grade are on the following dates and times:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Sport</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
March 7 (Sun)	Softball	1:00pm	St. Elizabeth Cafeteria
March 8	Track	5:00pm	St. Francis Cafeteria
March 8	Baseball	6:15pm	St. Francis Cafeteria
March 9	Golf	6:30pm	St. Francis Cafeteria

If you are interested in signing up for Softball, Track, Baseball or Golf it is very important that you attend these meetings.

### **NHS Variety Show**

If you are looking for great entertainment, plan on coming, **Saturday, March 6<sup>th</sup> at 7pm** in Kohler Auditorium. Tickets are \$4.00 and sold at the door.

### **Yearbook 1 Day Sale!**

One day only special!!! On **Monday March 8<sup>th</sup> the yearbook will cost \$55 just for that day.** After that from March 9<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> they will be \$60.00. They will be sold at lunch in Room 211. Please make checks out to GTACS (memo: Yearbook). Thank you.

### **MSU Mosquito Conference**

Students who attended the Michigan Mosquito Conference in Feb. are eligible to volunteer for one of the professors from MSU who spoke with us at the conference. Dr. Mike Kaufmann told the students they could help count the number of mosquitoes and types of mosquitoes in Northern Mich. If you are interested, his e-mail is [kaufma15@MSU.edu](mailto:kaufma15@MSU.edu). This experience would look good on a resume and might turn out to be fun.

### **CRUSADER NEWS.....BOYS LACROSSE**

The Boys High School Lacrosse Team, known as the Crusaders, and their Parent's are invited to an informational meeting about the upcoming season. The meeting will be held Tuesday evening March 9<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 p.m. in room 124 at St. Francis High School. The goal is to bring all parents up to date on our program and to establish working committees to assist with game day needs for both home and away games.

The Crusader's roster is 100% St. Francis boys and we are looking forward to our second season competing against TC West, TC Central, Cadillac, Petoskey

and Sault Ste. Marie. Any questions, please call Bill Grombala at 392-9405.  
Thank you.

**CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS**

3/6 (Saturday) NHS Variety Show @ 7:00 Kohler – Tickets \$4.00

3/9 – 3/11 MME testing for all Juniors at K of C Hall

3/11 (Thursday late start) School begins at 8:35

3/25 (Thursday) Reconciliation at SF Church

3/26 – 4/5 Spring Break Begins

4/9 (Friday) End of 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter