

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 his or her fullest spiritual and academic potential.

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

Please email information for the Navigator newsletter to mlundberg@gtacs.org

Please email information for system-wide distribution to cnelson@gtacs.org

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From the Principal:



MASS WITH BISHOP RAICA: We were lucky enough to have our good Bishop Raica at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton on Wednesday to not only celebrate Mass, but also to bless our new chapel altar, along with our newly installed tabernacle. How great it is to have the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist present in our school at all times. Thank you to all who played a role in making this possible, especially 6th grade teacher Lea Ann Anderson and her husband Mark, who donated his labor to build the altar and polish the tabernacle.

8TH GRADE TO WASHINGTON, DC: Please keep our 8th graders along with the staff and parent chaperones in your prayers as they embark early this Saturday morning for our nation's capital. Students will spend the week touring and learning more about our country's great history, while also celebrating Mass at the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, touring the Pentagon and Capitol, volunteering at the Armed Forces Retirement Home, and also visiting the Shrine of our school's patroness, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, in Emmitsburg, MD. Thank you to Mrs. Martin for organizing what is sure to be another impactful trip for our students!

BOX TOPS COMPETITION: The Results are In! After a heated Box Tops Competition week we are pleased to announce that SEAS is the big winner this time, turning in 16,460 Box Tops! Holy Angels finished second with 8,128 and IC was right behind with 7,968. Mr. Knudsen's advisory won the advisory contest, so they will receive a pizza lunch. Thank you to all parents who support our schools in this way. We are thrilled that because of you, our schools will receive a total of \$3,255.60 from the Box Tops people, which is quite amazing for just sending in little squares of cardboard. Special thanks also go to Kate Paulson, Carrie Skendzel, and Sarah Schmude for heading this up. Remember to keep saving your Box Tops at home for our next contest, which will be in the fall.

Peace,
Carl Scholten

Upcoming Events:

4/23 – 4/29 8th Grade Trip to Washington, DC
5/06 Jean Day – Right to Life
5/13 Jean Day – Fr. Elias's Parish/Village
5/19 Festival of Arts
5/20 All System Mass/Grandparents Day
5/30 No School/Memorial Day
6/09 ½ Day (Last day of school)

Our Prayers are with....

- † The many families in our community facing illness.
- † Our Parish Priests who give so much to our community, especially our schools.

Lunch Duty Schedule for the week of 4/25/16

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Kaelyn Dunham	Charlie Peterson	Maris Presley	Ryan Schmidt	Ryan Quandt
Ashley Frederick	Reagan Bryant	Cody Richards	Marcus Rysztak	

Please plan to be at school from 11:06 a.m. to 1:06 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.

Monthly Beatitude: Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

WE LOVE GRANDPARENTS!

Grandparents often tell us that they wish they had more information – or more notice – about events like Grandparents Day and Festival of the Arts (May 19 and 20). This year, we would like to mail and/or email this year's schedule directly to your grandparent/special friend so they have all the details they need to attend whatever events they wish.

If you have a grandparent or special friend who you believe MIGHT attend this year, please provide your child's advisory teacher with the following information no later than May 1. Thank you!

- Student's name
- Grandparents' or special friends' names
- Mailing address
- Email address

Registration Reminder

Just a reminder, if you have not already completed your 2016-17 online enrollment, it is available on the RenWeb ParentsWeb. Please complete yours as soon as possible. Contact Lori Phillips at lphillips@gtacs.org or at 231-995-8425 with questions.

Mother's Day Flower Sale



There will be a volunteer in the cafeteria during lunch hours on Thursday, May 5th, and Friday, May 6th, to sell silk roses for Mother's Day. Be sure to bring one dollar to school on one of those two days to purchase a flower for your mother.

AN EXCUSE TO EAT CHIPS!

The Gladhander decorations team is in need of 200+ empty Pringles cans – the standard size. Do us a favor and eat some chips! Empty canisters can be turned into any school office in a bag labeled Gladhander decor.

Show Your School pride!

SF decals are now available in all four school offices: Holy Angels, Immaculate Conception, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, and Saint Francis. The decals sport our interlocking "SF" and are approximately 3" in diameter. They will look great on anything from car windows, to ski helmets, to laptop cases, to lockers. You can acquire one sticker for \$3.00, but \$5.00 will get you TWO! What a deal! All proceeds will benefit the SEAS classrooms for needed supplies. Thank you for your support. God Bless and Go Glads!!

Our least action when done for God is pleasing to Him ~St. Elizabeth Ann Seton