



# CHERUB CHAT

**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.

**Upcoming Events:**

- 11/23 1/2 Day - NO PM BUSING
- 11/24-25 NO SCHOOL  
Happy Thanksgiving
- 11/29 2nd Grade YPT  
12:30
- 12/2 Popcorn Friday
- 12/8 Mass @ SF @ 9:30  
With SF High School  
Feast of the Immaculate Conception
- 12/9 Grub Day - State Theater Trip
- 12/15 Mass @ SF @ 8:15  
Mrs. Haske's Class Hosts
- 12/12-12/15 Candy Cane Shop Is Open
- 12/20 Advent Program  
6:00 In The Gymnasium
- 12/22 Full Day
- 12/22 Mass @ SF @ 8:15
- 12/23-1/3 No School - Christmas Vacation

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Deadline for submissions to this newsletter is Thursday @ 11:00 a.m.  
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Please email information for system-wide distribution to Cathy Nelson at [enelson@gtacs.org](mailto:enelson@gtacs.org)

**Mrs. Troppman's News**

Here we are, almost at the end of November and it is predicted that we are going to finally encounter some "winter" weather! This is a gentle reminder of how important it is to dress your child in their winter gear. When the snow comes and the cold temperatures stay, we will need boots, snow pants, mittens (gloves), hats and of course that warm winter coat. At this time of the year, our weather can still fluctuate, however it is always better to have your child prepared. At this age, recess is an important part of their day. Please keep in mind that our weather can change at any time of the day!

Today we witnessed all of you with your children building God's Kingdom here on earth through your generous donation of hats, gloves, mittens, scarfs, boots and monetary gifts to the program "Boots For Kids". It's truly amazing to see bags of items collected here in our office to help children be warm this winter. Each year there is a new record of reaching more and more children in order for them to have the necessary clothing for our winter season. May God bless you for your compassionate hearts!

At this time of the year we count our blessings. We should be thankful because God is worthy of our thanksgiving. It is only right to credit Him for "every good and perfect gift" He gives. When we are thankful, our focus moves off selfish desires. Expressing thankfulness helps us remember that God is in control. Thankfulness, then, is not only appropriate; it is actually healthy and beneficial to us. It reminds us of the bigger picture, that we belong to God, and that we have been blessed with every spiritual blessing. Truly, we have an abundant life and gratefulness is fitting. Thankfulness should be a way of life for us, naturally flowing from our hearts and mouths all year round!

Next week there are only two and a half days of student classes. We will not be writing the Holy Angels Cherub Chat. Refer to this issue for any updates. The Staff and I pray that you have a Happy Thanksgiving and a safe journey for all those traveling the holiday weekend. Your children are a true treasure and gift to us and you can be certain that we will be counting our blessings for each one of them. May angels be with you!

Serving Children and Christ,  
Janet Troppman

**SECURITY NOTICE:** Please make note that beginning Monday, Nov. 21st the Holy Angels playground doors will be locked between 8:00-2:40. For entry, please ring the door bell and wait for the green light on the key pad to illuminate. You will also hear the locking mechanism release to open the door. Thank you for your understanding in making the safety of our little angels a top priority.

**State Theater Trip - Help Needed**

Every year at Christmastime all Holy Angels and IC students are treated to a morning at the State Theater where they enjoy watching Christmas movies, eating popcorn, and contributing a toy for needy children in our community. This year's visit is set for Friday, December 9th. We are in need of several parents to help the State Theater to make this happen. Volunteers are needed at 6 a.m. to box popcorn and prepare cups of water for all 500 children. At 11 a.m. more volunteers are needed to clean the theater and turn it around for the next event. If you can help in one of these areas, please contact Bridget Thuente at [bthuente@yahoo.com](mailto:bthuente@yahoo.com) or call/text 645-0852 by November 21st. You will be able to sit with your child during the movies :). Thank you!

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**Our Prayers Are With . . .**

- ♥ The Deneweth Family.
- ♥ The Haske family.
- ♥ Our parish priests who give so much to our community, especially to our schools.
- ♥ All those in our school and church family that are battling illnesses.
- ♥ The staff of GTACS as they assist parents in fully forming children's hearts, minds and souls to bring glory to God.

**Thank you, Sweet Jesus, for answered prayers!**

Please feel free to contact us with any prayer requests that you would like us to share in our weekly Cherub Chat.

*Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the land.*

**Many Thanks**

to all GTACS families who gave so generously to provide all school staffs with lunch or dinner during conferences. Your thoughtfulness provided for a bit of a break and nourishment during an otherwise long day.

**Seeking Volunteers!**

I am looking for someone willing to coordinate a holiday potluck for the staffs of Holy Angels/Saint Francis (usually given together), and SEAS. Please contact me if you are interested in organizing a Christmas thank you meal for either of those groups. I am more than willing to offer assistance, as well as paper products we already has in stock. Thank you for taking the time to pray on and consider being a volunteer.

Many Blessings,  
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**St. Vincent De Paul Grub Day - Wednesday, Nov. 23rd!**


Wednesday, November 23rd will be our Grub Day for St. Vincent De Paul. Thank you so much for being supportive of the special organizations that we are able to help through the many hands, feet and monetary donations of our wonderful families!

**Lunch Duty Calendar**

Please note that the calendar for Lunch Duty is posted on our web site under the Holy Angels home page. Click on the "Lunch Menus/Lunch Duty" link and you can view and plan your lunch duties for the entire year.

*Thank you for assisting our HOLY ANGELS from 10:30-12:15*

**Week of November 21st**

<u>Monday 21st</u> Ansley, Kate Eley, Colton Gubbins, Kyle	<u>Monday 22nd</u> Collins, Josh Schaffler, M. Baker, Kole	<u>Monday 23rd</u>  1/2 Day	<u>Monday 24th</u> Happy Thanksgiving 	<u>Monday 25th</u>  No School
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**Week of November 28th**

<u>Monday 28th</u> McManus, John Jaworski, Elijah Jackson, Casey	<u>Tuesday 29th</u> McIntyre, Anna Petrie, Alex Donahue, C.	<u>Wednesday 30th</u> Moore, Rachel Bradfield, Murphy Boomer, Jasper	<u>Thursday 1st</u> Beaudoin, J. Wilson, Mac Videan, Jack	<u>Friday 2nd</u> Kent, Chase Schaffler, T. Boros, Jack
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*If you are unable to be here on your scheduled day, please call Ann Kavanaugh to secure a sub. 633-1896*

*The Difference Is Prayer*

## HEALTH POLICY—PLEASE REVIEW

Your child's health is a matter of importance to all of us. Parents will be contacted regarding:

1. Any changes in their children's health
2. Accidents
3. Injuries
4. Incidents
5. At any time a child is too ill to remain in the group

- Parents will be notified immediately of the above mentioned health changes using contact information provided by parents on the Child Information Record which is on file in the office or the St. Joseph's Club room.
- If a child is too ill to remain in school or the St. Joseph's Club, a Caregiver will remove the child to the separate designated sick child area, until parents are able to pick up.
- If your child has contracted or been exposed to a communicable disease, the parent is required to notify the school office of that disease and its symptoms so that we may inform parents. Children under a doctor's care may return to school when the doctor believes the child is well enough.
- Any child, staff or volunteers that exhibit any of the following symptoms, we encourage you to stay at home:
  1. Fever (any temperature of 100 degrees or less if the child is not feeling well. The child, staff or volunteer should be 'fever free' for 24 hours without medication before returning.
  2. Severe sore throat
  3. Runny nose that is thick, cloudy, green or yellow in discharge
  4. Earache – until the cause is determined
  5. Severe chest cough
  6. If they have vomited in the last 12 hours
  7. Any draining sore – until drainage stops or it can be properly treated/covered
- If a child is on medication, he/she should be on it for 24 hours before returning to school.
- Sunscreen, insect repellent, or any topical, non-prescription medication can be applied, if it is in the original container, sent in by the parent, and a medication form is on file in the office recording each application's date.

**MEDICATIONS** Any medication (prescription or over-the-counter, including Tylenol and throat lozenges) dispensed at the school will require written permission and direction from the parents or guardian. All prescription medication will be sent to school in the container issued by the pharmacy. All medications will be kept in the office and will be dispensed from there by school personnel. No student may keep any medication in his/her possession, or administer his/her own medication. The only exception to this would be for a student to carry his/her own inhaler if there is a written note from the physician on file in the school office.

**NOTIFICATION OF INJURY OR ILLNESS** Parents or guardians will be notified whenever there is a head injury; chipped, broken, or loose teeth; injuries to the eyes that cannot be rectified by cleansing; and injuries involving swelling or bleeding. Exceptions are spontaneous bloody noses and/or scraped knees, elbows, etc. In serious cases if the parent/guardian cannot be reached, the school will contact the emergency number listed on the Emergency Medical Form. If the parent/guardian or emergency number cannot be reached, treatment will be taken care of at the discretion of the principal. This procedure also applies to all student illnesses.

**BLOOD BORNE PATHOGENS** As a precautionary measure concerning blood borne pathogens, we may notify parents to bring in a change of clothing in the event of exposure to body fluids (blood, urine, vomit, etc.).

## CONTAGIOUS DISEASES

1. **FEVER OR ILLNESS** Please do not send your child to school if he/she is running a temperature or has had a temperature recently. In most cases, if a child is too ill to go outside for recess, they are too ill for school. If a child needs to miss recess for more than two (2) days in a row, a note from a physician or nurse practitioner is required.

**Children should be fever/vomit free for 24 hours without medication prior to returning to school.**

2. **IMMUNIZATIONS** All students at Holy Angels and Immaculate Conception Elementary School must follow the Michigan Public Health Code (P.A. 368) regarding immunizations. Parents/guardians will be required to show proof of immunization for their children.

3. **EXCLUSION FROM SCHOOL** Students contracting head lice (For the protection of all students, families, and staff, GTACS holds a "no nit" head lice policy), impetigo, pink eye or ringworm, and other such highly contagious diseases will be excluded from school attendance. If the child is exhibiting symptoms at school, he/she will be removed from the classroom, if possible, and parents will be notified.

**COMMUNICABLE ILLNESS** If your child has contracted or been exposed to a communicable disease, the parent is required to notify the school as we are required to report it to the local Health Department as well as families in the child's classroom. Children under a doctor's care may return to school when the doctor believes the child is well enough.