

MISSION STATEMENT: *Grand Traverse Area Catholic Schools are dedicated to providing a Catholic 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

3/15 Mass at 8:15/Mrs. Alpers

3/17 Grub Day for 8th Grade Missions

3/21 SRCU Deposit Day

3/22 No School Mass Today/ Replaced by Reconciliation for students

3/23 Half Day of school with 11:00 dismissal/Spring Break begins!

4/3 School Resumes

4/5 Mass at 8:15/Mrs. Lesinski's class

4/6 Report Cards go home and available to view on parentsweb

4/7 Feeding America/ Lesinski

4/10 -4/14 Holy Week

4/12 Mass at 8:15/ Mrs. Hathaway's Class

4/14 No School/Good Friday

4/17 No School/Easter Monday

4/19 Mass at 8:15/Mrs. Bach

4/20 5th grade visit to SEAS as well as Parent Night for incoming 6ht graders at SEAS

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

Please email information for the Immaculate Conception newsletter to Denise Krueger at dkrueger@gtacs.org

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

From the Principal:

Next Sunday, March 19th, we celebrate the Feast of Saint Joseph. *"St. Joseph was the husband of Mary and the foster Father of Jesus. Joseph was a descendent of the royal family of King David, but he was not rich. He worked as a carpenter in the small town of Nazareth. He is the patron of parents, workers, and carpenters, and he is the protector of the universal church."*

As you know, we "traditionally" celebrate "Father's Day" in June, but it is very fitting to celebrate fathers and husbands as part of this feast day. "God entrusted this silent, humble man with the unique privilege of raising His only Son as a growing child!" May God bless all fathers with great faith and the wisdom and courage to lead families to our Lord.

- Mark your calendar now for **our spring All-System Mass** that will be celebrated on Friday May 19th. Our annual Grandparents Day and May Crowning will also take place that afternoon—all are invited.
- **5th Grade Visit to SEAS and Parent Meeting:** On Wednesday, April 20th our current 5th grade will visit St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Middle. Our students will take a tour, eat lunch, visit classrooms, and learn about our Middle School. Please be sure to ask your student about this event. **Permission slips will be sent home after Spring Break.** On the evening of the 20th there will also be a parent meeting at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton. It will take place from 6:30-7:00 in the SEAS library.

Attention all 4th, 5th and 6th Graders!!!

Track and Field starts on Tuesday, April 4th. Please come and join us for a fun filled season!

- Practices will begin Tuesday April 4th. That first week we will practice Tuesday – Thursday. The following week will be Monday – Thursday. We will hold practice at SEAS from 3:15pm -4:30pm on practice days. Please be prepared to run outside.
- Meets will begin the week of April 17th. All meets are on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Practice will continue to be on Mondays and Wednesdays from that point on.
- All meets begin at 5:30pm and are held at SEAS.

Cost is \$30 per athlete, and each athlete must fill out a Registration Form and Emergency Contact Form. Forms can be found at <https://gtacs.org/athletics/> Practices will focus on running fundamentals and technique as well as instruction on the 13 different events that are available to participate in. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call or email. Tom Read – 231-649-2728 tomaread@charter.net or Julie Ellalasingham – 231-883-7435 julieham07@gmail.com

Music Class Parent Visit Schedule!

Parents are invited to come to their students music class to experience all the wonderful things they have been learning. Please see below for specific times and dates. All sessions will be held in the music/band room in the school basement.

Wednesday, March 15

9:20 a.m. Mrs. Alpers
9:55 a.m. Mrs. Bott
11:05 a.m. Mrs. Taylor
11:40 a.m. Mrs. Brajak

Monday, March 20

8:00 a.m. Mrs. Stoudt
8:35 a.m. Mrs. Hathaway
9:10 a.m. Mrs. Meddaugh
9:45 a.m. Mrs. Winkler

Parent Lunch Duty Schedule week of 3/13-17/17

3/13	3/14	3/15	3/16	3/17
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Kate Ansley	Pam Dunphey	Jo Hicks	Stephanie Endres	Brian Ochab
Sophia Barbas	Volunteer Needed	Michael Bohrer	Stephanie Studzinski	Paige Schillinger
Joseph Detloff	Bridget O'Brien	Charlie Olivier	Amelia Ackerson	Carter Wolf

If you cannot make your day please find a replacement or send \$15 to the IC office to hire a sub with at least 24 hour notice. The schedule for the entire year is posted on the GTACS website for your convenience. Lunch is from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Please dress for the weather!

Monthly Beatitude :

Blessed are the peace-makers, for they will be called children of God.

Our Prayers are with....

All those who have recently had a loved one pass away. That they may find comforting peace in the Holy Spirit.

For our country, that we may find unity in the upcoming year and a deep awareness of God's love for us all.

When you can't put your prayer into words, God hears your heart.

Please congratulate the following students for having their artwork selected for the Exhibit at the Crooked Tree Art Center (322 6th Street) from March 6th to March 25th.

The opening reception will be Saturday March 11th from 2-4pm.

Becky Lechota, Vivian Bramer, Jonathan Palacpac, Anna Walski
Emma Taft, John Studzinski, Liam Donnell, Jillian Somerville
Bridget O'Brien, Quinn Boyle, Lily Edson

Musical Instrument Instruction Openings

It's that time of year again! You received a great instrument for Christmas or your child is a new band student...and neither of you know how to learn to play well. I have openings in my studio for beginning students of all ages and pretty much all instruments. I am at Immaculate Conception on Mondays and Wednesdays from after school until all lessons are done in the evening. I also have openings on Tuesdays at SFHS or other times at my home studio. Please call or email me to get further information. Discounts apply when you pay by the month! I look forward to helping you or your student.

Sharon Weller – nevaeh.jewelry@yahoo.com – 231-649-4641

Summer Tutoring!

If you are interested in preventing the dreaded summer lag in your child's reading, writing and/or math skills please contact **Miss Jennifer Newman**, Reading/Intervention Teacher at Immaculate Conception at jnewman@gtacs.org or 995-8470 for more information. Sessions are 50 minutes and run for approximately 8 weeks during the summer.

Heat Lacrosse

Heat Lacrosse is looking for players for the 2017 spring season beginning the week of April 10 and running through June 10th. Practices twice a week, 2-4 tournaments plus local games - Each player will receive a full uniform including shorts, shooting shirt, and reversible to keep - Equipment programs or used equipment can be arranged If you think your family might be interested please email Kori Quinn at koriquinn5@gmail.com.

Enjoy these photos of our Volunteers for Student Run Credit Union!

