



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

December 23, 2016

From the Principal:

A huge thank you goes out to [Mary Beth Myler](#), [Leana Schlueter](#) and all who donated for the teacher Christmas luncheon this Tuesday. What a special treat for all of our staff! Your generosity is greatly appreciated and we feel humbled to work in such a Christ-centered environment with a supportive community.

Since this will be our final Navigator of 2016, all of us at St. Elizabeth want to extend a very merry Christmas to each of you. May your family feel the true presence of Christ, and the peace, love, and joy that transcends earthly life. Merry Christmas and a happy New Year!

Peace,
Carl Scholten

Upcoming Events:

01/03 School Resumes

01/04 Mass @ 8:30 a.m. (Feast of Elizabeth Ann Seton)

01/05 Geography Bee 8:30 – 9:30 a.m. SEAS Gymnasium

01/20 ½ Day, End of Semester

Monthly Beatitude: Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be satisfied.

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 1/02/17

MONDAY

NO
SCHOOL

TUESDAY

Theresa Kerry
Jack Hitchens

WEDNESDAY

Jack Prichard
Junie Bossert

THURSDAY

Linda Rossiter
Caleb Franke

FRIDAY

Mary Mawby
Garrett Rokos-Gauthier

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.

2017 SEAS GEOGRAPHY BEE

Congratulations to our qualifiers for the **St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Geography Bee** which will be held on **Thursday, January 5, 2017** from 8:30 a.m.-9:30 a.m. in the SEAS Gym. Parents are invited to attend.

6th Grade: Caleb Kerfoot, Ben Taylor; 7th Grade: Philipp Harris (alternate), Josef Meyer, Gabe Olivier, Charlie Peterson, Thomas Richards; 8th Grade: PJ Carroll, Dylan Engles, Maggie LaPan, Carter Thelen

2017 EIGHTH GRADE WASHINGTON, D.C. TRIP

Oleson's Receipts: Students may earn money for the D.C. trip by collecting Oleson's receipts. Leslie Jozwiak has kindly offered to collect the receipts and keep track of individual student accounts for this year's eighth graders. Receipts should be placed in an envelope. The name of the student and grade level should be labeled on the front of the envelope. Please place the envelope in the appropriate drawer outside the SEAS Office. The final deadline for submitting Oleson's receipts is **Wednesday, January 11, 2017**. If you have any questions, please contact, Mrs. Jozwiak by email at ljozwiak16@gmail.com.

Due Date for Final Payment for D.C. Trip: 02/06/2017

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When doing your shopping this season on Amazon.com, please remember to instead use Amazon Smile, which is Amazon's philanthropic site. Simply go to <http://www.smile.amazon.com/> and choose GTACS as your charity of choice. Then 1/2% of every purchase you make goes to our schools. Bookmark the site to make it easy to return next time. So far GTACS has received \$317 thanks to supporters choosing to shop this way.

Returnables Needed...

Many would agree that the Eighth Grade trip to Washington D.C. is a valuable educational opportunity. Due to masterful planning by the SEAS Eighth Grade staff, it is a trip packed with adventure, history, and awe-inspiring moments. Whether you have a past, present or future Eighth Grader, you can help make this trip possible for many. Please bring or send your returnable cans and bottles to SEAS and leave them at the blue, specially marked bins outside the office. It's a win, win! You clean up your garage, and help the kids get to D.C. at the same time! Any donation is welcome and most appreciated!

Please contact me with any questions/comments/donations. Thank you for your time.

Leana Lehr Schlueter

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SEAS Yearbook Photos

If you have a photo you would like to share, please email it to our yearbook coordinator, Kris Laible;

klaible@charter.net

Middle School Cross Country Ski Program

Looking for a fun way for your son or daughter to get out and enjoy winter? Have them join other middle school students in the Vasa Ski Club Junior Program, an 8-week cross-country ski program that teaches fundamentals of this life-long sport. Every Tuesday and Thursday, from January 10th - March 2nd, students are picked up at SEAS after school on a special BATA bus and taken to Timber Ridge, where they are given snacks, rental skis, and skill-levelled instruction by some of the best skiers in Northern Michigan. **Parent pick-up is at Timber Ridge at 5:30 p.m. Beginners are welcome and encouraged to join in the fun!** Feel free to contact Bridget Thuente at bthuente@yahoo.com or 645-0852 with any questions. For more information and for registration forms, visit <http://www.vasaskiclub.org/>