



Connections

A WEEKLY NEWSLETTER FOR GRAND TRAVERSE ACADEMY FAMILIES

Dates to remember

Monday, September 26 – Recorder Orders Due

Friday, September 30 – Coffee Orders Due

It's time to order recorders!

Part of the Middle Elementary music curriculum is



learning to play the recorder, which helps students to further develop their musicianship by applying music reading and composition skills to an instrument. Recorders may be

purchased directly through the school at a discount; **an order form with details is attached.** If you choose to purchase a recorder on your own, Marshall Music is a recommended retailer. Recorders purchased at discount or big box stores are intended to be toys and are not suitable for classroom instruction. **Order forms, with payment, are due by Monday, September 26.**

Elementary pizza sales announced

Mrs. Mroczkowski's Upper Elementary class will be



selling pizza from That's a Pizza as their class business. The cost is still \$1.50 per slice. Order forms will be distributed on Tuesdays and are due the following Monday, with pizza delivered that Wednesday. Pizza days

are on Wednesdays as follows: **September 28, October 12 & 26, November 9, December 7, January 11 & 25, February 8 & 22, March 8 & 22, April 12 & 26 and May 10 & 24.**

Procedures for absences and late arrival

The school day begins at 8:05 for Junior High and High School students and 8:30 am for Kindergarten and Elementary. Students should arrive at least five minutes before their start time to get to class on time. If you arrive late, Elementary parents should sign their children in at the office so that we can give them a tardy

pass. Secondary students should stop in to the Secondary office for a pass; parents wishing to excuse tardies should call the office at the number listed below. **If your child(ren) will be absent from school, please call the office (Elementary: 995-0665 or Secondary: 932-6038) as soon as possible to let us know.** You may leave a voice mail message if the offices haven't opened yet. Parents will be called to verify any absences that have not been called in. Thank you for your assistance in ensuring the safety of students at Grand Traverse Academy.

Carpool assistance needed

- A GTA parent is looking for after school carpool assistance for her 4th grade son to Village Glen apartments. If you live nearby and can help, please call Chelsea at (231) 409-8001.
- A GTA parent is need of a ride home for his son one to two days per week (he can be flexible with whatever days are convenient for the driver). He lives in the Spider Lake area and will help pay for gas. If you can offer assistance, please call Tom Tafelsky at (231) 218-1250.

There's an app for that!

If you haven't already downloaded the app, get it free at the Apple Store

(<https://apple.co/3bCRz87>) or on Google Play (<https://bit.ly/3h9NIX0>). You'll find quick access to staff contact information, PowerSchool, our event calendar and more – plus, you'll receive news and important notifications, right at your fingertips.



Find us on social media

Grand Traverse Academy has both a **public Facebook page** and a **private Facebook group** for parents who are looking for school-related carpool assistance or wish to buy or sell gently used uniform pieces. Please find and like our Grand Traverse Academy public page at

<https://www.facebook.com/mygta.us/>. The private page can be found at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/930613170849541>. To join, click "Join Group" at the top of the page. Please provide the names and grades of your GTA children for identification purposes and review and agree to the group rules for approval.

Coffee sales are back!

Mr. Thomas's Upper Elementary students are selling coffee from the Leelanau Coffee Roasting Company to help fund their classroom activities this year. The coffee comes in 12-ounce bags and is available in Regular (\$13) and Decaffeinated (\$14), whole Bean and Ground. **An order form is attached and should be returned to school with your child (along with payment) by Friday, September 30.** Orders will be delivered to the school on **Friday, October 7.**



Reminder: Authorization needed for all medication

Please be aware that, according to state law, we must have a physician's authorization in order to administer prescription medication to your children at school, and a parent's authorization for over-the-counter medications (including herbal homeopathic remedies). *The only exception is over-the-counter cough drops, which students may carry with them at school as needed.* Authorization forms are available in either office and can be faxed to and from the doctor's office if necessary. Completed forms should be dropped off in the office *by a parent*, along with the labeled medication. Thank you for your understanding.



Carpool reminders

Please keep the following in mind to keep our carpool process as safe, quick and efficient as possible:

- In the morning, all parents are encouraged to use the carpool lanes vs. parking in the lot and walking children to the entrance.
- As you wait in the carpool lanes, take care not to block parking lot entrances/exits, as students, staff and other parents may be coming and going.

- In the afternoon, parents of high school students are encouraged to use the parking lot for pickup vs. going through the carpool lane. Park in a marked space vs. idling in the lot.
- If the youngest student in your car is in grades K-4, please use the south (Hammond Road) entrance for afternoon pickup to avoid backups for those parents who are picking up children at the Three-Mile Road entrance.
- On exiting at the front of the building, please do not cut through the parking lot to use it as an exit as this can create a safety hazard.
- Please observe the posted speed limit on school grounds and watch for pedestrians.

With everyone's cooperation and understanding, we can continue to keep carpool smooth, efficient and safe for all.

Easy ways to raise funds for GTA

Save your Oleson's receipts, please! Do you shop at



Oleson's Food Markets? Did you know that your cash register receipts are worth money to our school? With the Oleson's

Community Share Program, you earn "Community Share Points" each time you shop (with the exception of alcohol purchases). One point equals one cent, so if you spend \$100 on groceries, you've earned \$1 for GTA! These points add up quickly and resulted in over \$1,000 in earnings last year, even though the school year was cut short. It's easy to participate – simply save your receipts and place them in the collection box inside the Elementary entrance (to the right of the office door).

Box Tops for Education. Box Tops for Education offers



a new way to support our school with the purchase of many grocery items: The [Box Tops mobile app](#) allows you

to scan store receipts, find participating products and instantly add Box Tops to our earnings online. No more clipping, taping onto collection sheets and dropping them off at school! You may still find the traditional Box Tops coupons on certain items, which can still be brought in to either office, but be sure to download the app now to take advantage of this easy way to earn free money for GTA!

Have a question?

No question is too silly or trivial to ask! Here's where to go for a fast answer to general questions about all things GTA, like uniforms, school pictures, carpool procedures, school hours and more:

Elementary Office: (231) 995-0665

Secondary Office: (231) 932-6038

info@mygta.us

For answers to more specific questions, please refer to the [list on our website](#). We want to be sure that you know exactly where to go for accurate answers.

Dad Jokes from Don



Are people born with a photographic memory or does it have to develop?

Dear Third and Fourth Grade Parents,

As part of this year's music curriculum, your child will be learning to play the recorder. We learn how to apply music reading and composition skills with the recorder to help students further develop their musicianship.

Below you will find information on ordering recorder supplies. If you decide not to purchase a recorder through the school, please do not purchase a recorder from a box store. Recorders purchased from stores such as the Dollar Store or Wal-Mart are intended to be used as toys, not for classroom instruction. If you would like to purchase a recorder from a local music store I recommend Marshall Music.

Macie Publishing Company, the publisher of the recorder materials we will be using, has provided us with reduced rates that allow us to purchase a high quality instrument for a very reasonable price. If your child already has a recorder there is no need to order.

Each student will need their own recorder for music this year.

Please have your child return their recorder order and payment in an envelope. Orders should be turned in to their classroom teacher.

Order forms must be accompanied by payment. Orders may be paid for by cash or check.

Please make checks payable to GTA.

Orders are due by Monday September 26, 2022.

If you have any thoughts or questions about purchasing a recorder for your child you may reach me by phone at 932-6034 or through email at diephouses@mygta.us

I would enjoy hearing from you.

Sincerely,
Stephanie Diephouse
Elementary Music Teacher

Please cut and return the order form with payment.

STUDENT'S NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

PARENT NAME:_____

CLASSROOM TEACHER'S NAME:_____

<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>ITEM</u>	<u>CIRCLE COLOR CHOICE</u>	<u>UNIT PRICE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
_____	Recorder	Orange Blue Black Green	\$5.00	_____
		Pink Red Yellow Purple		

Total Amount Enclosed:\$_____



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	Whole Bean	Ground
Bakery Blend	_____	_____
Bakery Blend Decaf	_____	_____
GTA Blend	_____	_____
GTA Blend Decaf	_____	_____
French Roast	_____	_____
French Roast Decaf	_____	_____
Hazelnut	_____	_____
Hazelnut Decaf	_____	_____
Caramel & Pralines	_____	_____
Caramel & Pralines Decaf	_____	_____
Chocolate Cherry Festival	_____	_____
Chocolate Cherry Festival Decaf	_____	_____

Total \$ _____ Student's Name _____

Phone # _____ Student's Teacher _____