

Connections

A WEEKLY NEWSLETTER FOR GRAND TRAVERSE ACADEMY FAMILIES

Dates to remember

Tuesday, October 25 – *Tuesday Talks (Mrs. Floering & Board Member Mr. Alpers), Coffee Shop, 8-8:30 am*

Tuesday, October 25 – School-Wide *Pink Out Day* for Breast Cancer Awareness (see below)

Tuesday, October 25 – *Pink Out Volleyball Games, 5:30 pm JV & 7:00 pm Varsity*

Saturday, October 29 – *Family Council Fall Family Fun Day, Jacob's Farm, 2:00 pm (see attached)*

Friday, November 4 – *NHS Blood Drive, 9:30 am-2:00 pm, South Parking Lot in the Blood Bus (see attached)*

School-wide *Pink Out Day* planned

Next **Tuesday, October 25**, all students are invited to wear pink tops with uniform pants, skirts or jumpers in observance of Breast Cancer awareness month (no donation required). Tuesday evening is our annual Pink Out volleyball game, in addition to being Senior Night and Parent Night. The admission cost* and any additional donations attendees choose to make will be go to Munson Medical Center's Smith Family Breast Center. Contributions are used for wigs and transportation to and from treatment appointments for patients. We hope everyone will participate, if possible, in Pink Out Day and/or the Pink Out games!

*\$5 per person; no charge for GTA students and those 3 & under and 65 & over

Thank You!

Book Fair. A big thanks goes to all of our GTA parents who volunteered for the Scholastic Book Fair or whose children purchased books. This was our most successful book fair ever, with a total of **\$9,000** in sales! That

translates to a \$4,500 profit, which we will use to purchase books and materials for our classrooms and Book Room to benefit our students! Don't forget that you can still [shop online](#) through **October 23**, where you'll find thousands of titles to choose from and earn 25 percent for our school. Books make wonderful gifts for any occasion!

School conference meals for staff. GTA teachers, support staff and administrators who stayed late the last two Thursdays for conferences greatly appreciated the dinners provided by Family Council. If you contributed in any way, we thank you!

School picture order reminder

Parents may order picture packages online through Sunday, October 23. Timeless Image will use the last photo they have on file, which will be the retake photo if retakes were done on Thursday. Simply scan the code below or visit the Timeless Image ordering site at <https://vando.imagequix.com/A9PRL9G>. Be sure to use the appropriate school code as follows:



Elementary: 5822

Secondary: 6322

Boo-Grams on sale

Mrs. McCann's Global Perspectives class will be selling



Boo-Grams all of next week (**October 24-28**) from **8:05-8:20 am**.

Elementary students may find them in front of the vestibule at the junction of the Elementary and Secondary Wings and they will be in

MPR 1 for Secondary. Boo-Grams are a sweet treat with a special message attached by the sender to the recipient and are 50¢ each. The class's final exam is to research an NGO (non-governmental organization) and persuade classmates that theirs is the most worthy of a donation. Profits from the sale of Boo-Grams will be contributed to the winning organization.

Choir spirit wear on sale now

The GTA choirs are selling t-shirts (\$10) and hooded sweatshirts (\$25) with the artwork at left. Both are navy with silver and white writing and may be worn on any spirit wear day throughout the year. An order form with details is attached. **Orders are due next Thursday, October 27.**



Dad jokes from Don

What do you call a woodpecker with no beak?

A head banger.



Order a yearbook now and save!

Orders are being taken now for the 2023 Secondary yearbook. This full-color, hardcover edition is \$45 through October 30; the price increases the longer you wait. It's \$50 from October 31-January 27 and \$55 after January 28. There are three easy ways to order:

- Visit www.yearbookordercenter.com and use school number 12952
- Call toll-free at (800) 255-6287
- Complete the attached form, include a check payable to Grand Traverse Academy and mail or deliver it to the Secondary Office

Easy ways to raise funds for GTA

Box Tops for Education. Support our school as you shop! The [Box Tops mobile app](#) allows you to scan store receipts, find eligible grocery items and instantly add Box Tops to our earnings online. Download the app now to take advantage of this easy way to earn money for GTA.



Save your Oleson's receipts, please! Did you know that your Oleson's Food Market cash register receipts are worth money for 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. It's easy to participate – simply save your receipts and have your child drop them off in either office.

Alpine ski team meeting rescheduled

The Great North Alpine ski team (downhill) informational meeting that was scheduled for Monday, October 10 has been rescheduled to **Monday, October 24 from 7:30-8:30 pm at Mt. Holiday**. A drop-in dryland practice will take place from 6:00-7:00 pm outside for those who can make it. Be sure that students take ski boots with them to be checked for proper fit. A parent should also attend for a season overview. If you have questions, please contact Jennifer Walter, GNA coordinator, at (231) 631-4887.

Ongoing events

Med Club Muffins (Secondary) – Every Monday from 7:45-8:00 am, \$2.00 each for several varieties, Multi-Purpose Room

Elementary Pizza Days – Every other Wednesday, as follows: October 26, November 9, December 7, January 11 & 25, February 8 & 22, March 8 & 22, April 12 & 26 and May 10 & 24 (order and pay by the preceding Monday using forms sent home on off weeks), \$1.50 per slice of pepperoni or cheese

Secondary Pizza Days – Every Thursday (order and pay by Tuesdays using forms provided in Advisory classrooms), \$1.50 per slice of cheese or pepperoni

Elementary Doughnut Sales – Every Friday in the Intention Room (at the entrance to the Elementary Wing), 7:50-8:05 am, \$1 each for several varieties

Secondary Doughnut Sales – Every Friday in Multipurpose Rooms 1 & 2, 7:40-8:00 am, \$1 each for several varieties

Secondary Beverage Sales – Monday-Thursday at Lunch in Bronze 1, \$1.50 each for Snapple fruit drinks

Fill the Pantry Jeans Days – Thursdays: November 17, January 12, March 23, May 25 (\$2 per person to wear jeans with a uniform top)

Choir Spirit Wear Order Form



t-shirts and sweatshirts are navy with silver and white writing
(as pictured above)

Pricing

T-shirts: \$10

Hooded Sweatshirts: \$25

Both can be worn on any spirit wear days throughout the school year.

Please fill your quantity in on the appropriate size line.

If you are ordering both, make sure to fill out **both** size lines..

Orders and payment may be turned in to Mrs. Diephouse

Orders are due Thursday October 27, 2022

Cash or Check. Please make checks payable to GTA

FULL NAME _____

Youth T-Shirt Sizes

Write in quantity on size> M _____ L _____

Youth Hooded Sweatshirt Sizes

Write in quantity on size> M _____ L _____

Adult T-Shirt Sizes

Write in quantity> S _____ M _____ L _____ XL _____ 2XL _____ 3XL _____

Adult Hooded Sweatshirt Sizes

Write in quantity> S _____ M _____ L _____ XL _____ 2XL _____ 3XL _____

TOTAL \$ _____

GTA Fall Family Fun Day

(hosted by Family Council)



At The Corn Maze at Jacob's Farm!

Saturday, October 29, 2:00 pm



Jacob's Farm

7100 East Traverse Highway (M72 West)



\$15 Adults, \$10 Ages 5-11, Ages 4 & Under Free

Kitchen Open until 9:00 pm

**Plan to arrive a bit early to get in line to purchase tickets.
Free fire pits, playground and connections with GTA families!**

Questions? Contact Jessica at jessicacollings@yahoo.com

DONATE BLOOD

You're never too young to save a life

FRIDAY
NOVEMBER

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9:30AM-2PM

Helpful tip:
Make sure to eat a healthy meal
and drink plenty of water before
donating.

Blood Drive Hosted By Grand Traverse Academy

Join us on the Blood Bus in the Elementary Parking Lot for this important event!

Please give the gift of life - your donation could save THREE local patients!

To Sign Up:
Visit www.Versiti.org/mi
Scan the QR Code
or Call 1-866-Mi-Blood



Appointments preferred, walk-ins welcomed!!
All donors will receive a FREE certificate for Culver's Custard!



YEARBOOK

Preserve the Memories

2023 YEARBOOKS ON SALE NOW

Grand Traverse Academy Middle School and High School

Purchase now to secure your copy!

ORDER EARLY TO SAVE **\$5.00**

- Early Bird Special ends 10/30/22

3 Easy ways to Order:

Online: www.yearbookordercenter.com (school number 12952)

Call toll free: 1-800 255 6287 or

Fill out form below and attach a check payable:

to **Grand Traverse Academy** - bring it to the office

Student Name: _____

Contact Email: _____

Phone: _____

Advisory _____

Grade: _____ Date: _____

Yearbook Price on or before 10/30 \$45.00

Yearbook Price from 10/31 to 1/27/2023 \$50.00

Yearbook Price after 1/28/2023 \$55.00

Student name personalization \$5.00 Additional

