

Connections

A WEEKLY NEWSLETTER FOR GRAND TRAVERSE ACADEMY FAMILIES

Dates to remember

Now through Thursday, March 9 – 2023-24 Open Enrollment Period

Wednesday, February 8 – Enrollment Information Meeting, 6:00 pm, Aqua 5

Wednesday, February 8 – Spring Student Count Day

Enrollment Information Meetings continue

Grand Traverse Academy's Open Enrollment period for the 2023-24 school year **continues through Thursday, March 9**. Several Enrollment Information Meetings are scheduled, as shown below. Each includes a brief presentation, time for Q & A and a tour of our facilities.

Enrollment Information Meetings		
Day	Date	Time
Wednesday	February 8	6:00 pm
Monday	February 13	9:30 am
Thursday	February 23	9:30 am
Thursday	March 2	6:00 pm
Monday	March 6	9:30 am

If you have friends or family members who are interested in learning more about Grand Traverse Academy for their children, please invite them to contact Amy Truesdell at (231) 995-0665 or enrollment@mygta.us to reserve their spot at one of these meetings. Individual tours with a school leader are also available by appointment.

Important carpool request

Parents who use the north entrance (Three-Mile Road) in the morning are asked to please pull to the farthest space beyond the crosswalk to drop your children off – there is no need to stop at the crosswalk unless directed to do so for pedestrians. This allows for more students to be dropped off at once, making carpool quicker for everyone, and gets as many cars as possible into the driveway and out of the road, where they may be blocking traffic. Please follow the instructions of the

carpool attendant, who is positioned at the crosswalk to ensure the safe crossing of pedestrians.

There's an app for that!

PowerSchool, our student information and tracking



software, allows both Secondary students and their parents to check assignments, grades, attendance and more. It's easily accessible from your computer or mobile device, but did you know that PowerSchool also has an app for more convenient access?

PowerSchool Mobile provides real-time updates, easy access for parents and allows for push notifications about grades and attendance to keep everyone in the loop. Find it on Google Play for Android users or the Apple App Store. Once it's downloaded, use **district code RDCL** to proceed with setup.

The Bookmobile is coming!

We are excited to announce that the Traverse Area



District Library will be bringing the library to GTA, via the new TADL Bookmobile! On the second Thursday of each

month, beginning February 9, East Bay Branch Library staff will be here from 9:00 am-12:00 noon with plenty of books to choose from. Ten elementary classrooms will participate per visit and borrowed books may be returned right here at school. Please note that if your child does not have their own library account, they may bring a permission slip signed by a parent (attached to this newsletter) to Bookmobile staff and receive a "provisional juvenile limited library card," which will allow them to borrow three books at a time. Should parents choose to change the card to a permanent one, all it takes is a visit to any TADL branch. We thank our friends at TADL for providing a virtual library to GTA and our elementary students!

Attention new-to-GTA families

As a reminder, once your children have been accepted for enrollment at Grand Traverse Academy, there is no need to reapply in subsequent years. Current GTA students will be automatically enrolled for the 2023-24 school year. What's more, siblings of current students who apply for the first time will receive preference should an enrollment lottery drawing be necessary.

Safety reminder for footwear: no wheels, please

We have started to see Heelys and other wheeled shoes at school recently and want to remind parents that they **may not be worn to school** due to safety concerns. Please be sure that your children's shoes are closed toed, comfortable enough to accommodate various activities throughout the day and **free of wheels**.

Preschool enrolling now for 2023-24

Grand Traverse Academy Preschool is a licensed, tuition-based program created especially for 3-5-year-olds. Through fun, hands-on activities, children develop the confidence, creativity and critical thinking skills that prepare them for success in kindergarten and beyond. Full- and half-day sessions are available and parents may choose two, three or five mornings or days per week. For more information or to apply for enrollment, visit the [Preschool webpage](#). Please feel free to share this information with other parents of preschool-aged children!



Interesting Facts

The "German" part of German chocolate cake comes from an American man, not the European country. The cake was named for Sam German, who created the mild dark chocolate baking bar for Baker's Chocolate Company (later named Baker's German's Sweet Chocolate) in 1852. In 1957, the Dallas Morning Star published the cake recipe, submitted by reader Mrs. George Clay.



<https://www.rd.com/list/interesting-facts/>

Spring sports sign-up happening now!

Sign-up sheets for spring sports are hanging outside of the Secondary office. Students interested in playing the following sports should sign up now so that the athletic department can get numbers for each team to determine if more coaches are needed. Detailed information has been sent to students and parents via email.



Spring Sports			
Junior High		High School	
Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys
Softball	Baseball	Softball	Baseball
Track & Field		Track & Field	
		Tennis	Golf (NEW!)

Winter soccer continues

Several Saturday soccer options are underway and it's not too late to join. Schedules and details are as follows. Questions may be directed to Mr. Lazar at lazarj@mygta.us. Participants are asked to please use the Elementary entrance for the following programs:



Secondary Drop-In (Big Gym)

- Grades 6-12
- February 4, 11; March 11
- 12:00 - 2:00 pm
- Cost: \$10 per session
- Parent/guardian must sign a waiver at first session attended
- Bring: Shin guards, light and dark shirts, water bottle

Secondary Goalkeeper Training (Big Gym)

- Grades 8-11
- February 4, 11; March 11
- 2:00 - 4:00 pm
- Cost: \$10 per session
- Parent/guardian must sign a waiver at first session attended
- Bring: Water bottle, long sleeve shirt or keeper jersey, goalkeeper gloves, comfortable clothing for diving

Adult Drop-In (Big Gym)

- February 4, 11; March 11
- 4:00 - 6:00 pm
- **Must sign a waiver at first session attended**
- Bring a light and dark shirts for splitting into teams

Seniors assist Middle Elementary

Students in Mr. Drost's and Mrs. McCann's senior



advisories are collaborating on a project with Mrs. Drost's 3rd & 4th grade GEMS students. They visited this week to brainstorm ideas for

creating videos that will depict our elementary character traits. We can't wait to see the outcome!

School absences or late arrivals

If your child will be late for school or absent for the day, **please call the office by 8:30 am**. Parents will be contacted to verify any unexcused absences after that time.

Elementary 995-0665 / Secondary 932-6038

Coffee's on!

Mr. Thomas's Upper Elementary class is selling coffee from the Leelanau Coffee Roasting Company to help fund their classroom activities, field trips and resources this year! The coffee comes in 12-oz. bags and is available in Regular and Decaffeinated, Whole Bean and Ground. **Orders are due on Friday, February 24** and will be delivered the following week. See the attached order form for details and to place your order. They thank you for your support!

Scholarship opportunity for seniors

The 2023 Student-View Scholarship Program is offering \$12,000 worth of scholarships to high school seniors who plan to attend a four-year college, community

college or career school. The program includes:

- One \$5,000 scholarship
- Two \$1,000 scholarships
- Ten \$500 scholarships

All Michigan seniors who apply for the Student-View Scholarship will also be automatically entered into a drawing for the new \$500 Michigan Senior Scholarship. The application process is simple and requires only 15-20 minutes. There are no minimum SAT/ACT scores or grade point averages, no essays or lengthy application forms and no application fees. Simply log on to www.student-view.com and complete an application survey about colleges in your area. The scholarship will be awarded via a random drawing of all completed applications. The **deadline is April 23, 2023** and winners will be announced in May.

Ongoing events

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

Sophomore Class Bagel Sales – Every Wednesday from 7:40-8:00 am, \$2.00 each for several varieties, Multipurpose Room 4 and the Intention Room (Mrs. VanHouzen's office)

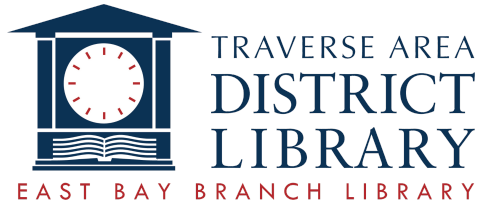
Elementary Pizza Days – Every other Wednesday, as follows: February 8 & 22, March 8 & 22, April 12 & 26 and May 10 & 24 (order and pay by the preceding Monday using forms sent home on off weeks), \$1.50 per slice of pepperoni or cheese

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

NHS 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: March 23, May 25 (\$2 per person to wear jeans with a uniform top)



Dear Parent or Guardian,

The East Bay Branch Library and the TADL Bookmobile will be visiting your child's school next Thursday, February 9.

If your child does not have a library card and you wish to obtain one for them, go to the following website before next Thursday to register them online:

<https://catalog.tadl.org/register>

To finish the registration processing please fill out the form below. Your child will need to bring this form in to receive their library card.

Sincerely,

Traverse Area District Library - East Bay Branch
1989 N Three Mile Rd.
Traverse City, MI 49686

Register online and return this bottom half for your child to receive their library card.

Name of child: _____

Name of Parent(s)/Guardian(s) _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____



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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 _____



Kiwanis Club / TC Record Eagle Ski & Snowboard School

Lessons held at Mt. Holiday Ski & Recreation Area, 3100 Holiday Rd, Traverse City, MI 49686

All Lesson Times are: 6-8pm

<u>Ski Lessons</u>	<u>Grades</u>	<u>Snowboard Lessons</u>	<u>Grades</u>
January 10, 11, 12	K-1	January 10, 11, 12	1-2
January 17, 18, 19	K-1	January 17, 18, 19	1-2
January 24, 25, 26	2-8	January 24, 25, 26	3-9
January 31, Feb. 1, 2	2-8	January 31, Feb. 1, 2	3-9
February 7, 8, 9	2-8	February 7, 8, 9	3-9
February 14, 15, 16	2-8	February 14, 15, 16	3-9
February 21, 22, 23	K-1	February 21, 22, 23	1-2

Cost of the Lessons are:

\$42 per 3-Day Session

Cost of Rental Equipment (if needed)

\$15

To Register Click on the LINK: <https://mt-holiday.com/ski-snowboard/>

Payment is collected on the online registration using credit or debit card.

Questions regarding Ski & Snowboard School, contact Mt. Holiday at 231-938-2500 or email: skischool@mtholiday.org

To Bring/Wear: Warm Coat, gloves, hat and Helmet (if available). A helmet will be provided if you don't have one for your child.



REGISTER NOW

