

# Connections

A WEEKLY NEWSLETTER FOR GRAND TRAVERSE ACADEMY FAMILIES

## Dates to remember

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

**Monday, February 13 – Enrollment Information Meeting, 9:30 am, Aqua 5**

**Monday, February 13-Thursday, February 23 – NJHS Food & Personal Care Items Drive**

## Board seeking “directors-in-waiting”

The terms of two members of our board of directors will expire this June. The board is seeking applicants who are willing to devote two to

### Board seats opening



five hours per month in helping our school accomplish its mission of ensuring that all students are safe, loved, and learning as they achieve excellence in character and academics. For more information or to apply, please contact Lori Hansen at [hansenl@mygta.us](mailto:hansenl@mygta.us).

## 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
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](mailto:enrollment@mygta.us) to reserve their spot at one of these meetings. Individual tours with a school leader are also available by appointment.

## NHS announces increase in price of doughnuts

Due to recent increases in the cost of purchasing doughnuts from their supplier, members of the GTA National Honor Society regret to announce an increase in the price at their



Friday doughnut sales. Doughnuts will be sold to secondary students for \$2 each on Fridays from 7:40-8:00 am in the Multipurpose Room.

## Golf is here!

GTA Athletic Director Mrs. Alejandro and Coach Bruce



Anderson are excited to introduce high school boys' golf to GTA! Mr. Anderson is a former PGA club professional and has been teaching junior clinics at Grand Traverse Academy for six

years. Practices will take place at the Grand Traverse Resort and several local schools have put some matches with us on their calendars. Now all we need are some players...if your 9th-12th grade son already knows the game or is interested in the sport of golf, please contact the athletic department at [athletics@mygta.us](mailto:athletics@mygta.us).

## NJHS holds food & personal care items drive

As part of the upcoming junior high and high school Frost Fest activities, the GTA National Junior Honor Society will be collecting donations of canned and pantry foods as well as personal care items from **Monday, February 13-Thursday, February 23**. Secondary students should turn in all items to their advisors, as the winning advisory will be treated to an ice cream party!

Needed items include 5-ounce cans of chicken or tuna, pasta sauce, soups, canned fruit in juice, oatmeal, peanut butter, rice, 1-pound bags of dried beans, spaghetti or other pasta, disposable diapers, baby wipes, 12-ounce bottles of shampoo, laundry detergent, toothpaste, toothbrushes, bar soap and stick deodorant.

Thank you for your participation and support of our neighbors in need.

## 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.

## Reminder: The Bookmobile is coming!

As a reminder, the Traverse Area District Library will be bringing the library to GTA, via the new TADL Bookmobile! On the second Thursday of each month, 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!

## 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!



## 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!

## 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**

## 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)

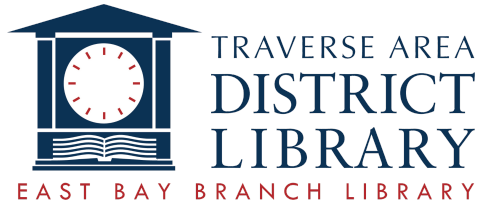
**Elementary Pizza Days** – Every other Wednesday, as follows: February 8 & 22, March 8 & 22, April 12 & 26 and May 10 & 24 (order and pay by the preceding Monday using forms sent home on off weeks), \$1.50 per slice of pepperoni or cheese

**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, \$2 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 on the second Thursday of each month.

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

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***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: \_\_\_\_\_

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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 \_\_\_\_\_