



Connections

A Weekly Newsletter
for Grand Traverse Academy Families



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Dates to remember

Thursday, September 24 – School-Wide Fill the Pantry Jeans Day

Fill the Pantry Jeans Day planned

Did you know that GTA has a food pantry to provide lunches for less fortunate students (and those who occasionally forget their lunch at home)? It's time to stock it for the quarter and we welcome your help. Next **Thursday, September 24**, we're holding our first of five Fill the Pantry Jeans Days for all students and staff. School-appropriate jeans (no holes, rips or legging-style) may be worn with a uniform top in exchange for a **\$2 per person donation**. We thank you for your assistance, which is voluntary, of course.



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School closure clarification

Grand Traverse Academy follows the decisions of the Traverse City Area Public Schools (TCAPS) for weather-related closings. As a matter of clarification, we **will not** follow their closure decisions related to illness or other purposes. Non-weather-related closure decisions will be made solely by Grand Traverse Academy leadership depending upon our own circumstances.

Volleyball team scores a victory

Our varsity Mustangs defeated Marion on Tuesday, 3-0.



The team was led by **Norah Vanwingerden** with 31 assists, **Macie Maul** with 7 kills and 4 digs, **Morgan Smith** with 4 kills and 3 aces, **Lillie Tschirhart** with 6 aces, **Izzy**

McMann with 4 digs, and **Michaila Kinney** with 17 digs and 7 aces. Congratulations, girls and coaches!

Procedures for absences and late arrival

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. 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!

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. If you're familiar with the Box



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something new: Now you can earn cash for our school in a whole new way. A new [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!