

GTACS Athletic Department Newsletter

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Tom Hardy, Director of Athletics, Facilities, and Transportation

Website/ Schedules:

For up to date athletic information and schedules, go to www.gtacs.org, click on "Parents" at the top, and then choose "Athletics" on the drop down menu. Click on [High School Sports.net](http://HighSchoolSports.net) for schedules.

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From the Athletic Director...

I hope this newsletter finds you enjoying the last few days of summer. It is hard to believe that we are back in the hallways of the one of the greatest schools in our country.

Many changes have taken place over the past six months, and we are excited about getting our sports teams under way.

I am pleased to announce that Eric Erdman, our new 7th grade religion teacher at the middle school, will be our Middle School Athletic Director. Eric is excited about the opportunity to work with all of our parents and middle school students at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton. He replaces Mrs. Mary Larrabee, who retired at the end of the school year. I am grateful for the many years she gave to our students.

Last year in the fall newsletter, we said good-bye to Lynne Lombard as the trainer for St. Francis Athletics. Ironically, we are excited to announce that Great Lakes Orthopaedic Center, and their physical therapy team, have joined together with GTACS to provide training services to all of our athletes. We now have the blessing of having the same people who have been working with our athletes for the past 20 years continue. Further details will come out through our coaches as to the specific areas that Great Lakes Orthopaedic Center will be assisting our teams. We would like to welcome back Lynne Lombard as she is one of their physical therapists who will be caring for our athletes.

We have a lot of new coaches in our ranks this year, and I would ask that you introduce yourselves

and welcome each of them to the Gladiator Family as they are all investing a great deal of time and effort into developing all of our athletes into models of Christ.

I look forward to seeing all of you at our sporting events this year and would ask you to continue model Christ in all of our activities.

In Him,

Tom Hardy

Season Sports Passes Now Available

Athletic Sports Passes are now available to purchase in the athletic office. The office is open M-F 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Family Pass: \$250
Adult Pass: \$75
Student Pass: \$50
Grandparent Pass: \$25

Soccer News at GTACS

Last spring, our girls soccer team, TC Liberty, completed a great season with making it to regionals. Coaches Bill Auxier, Mike Doherty, and Dave Speckman led all of our girls from Traverse City Christian and St. Francis in a season they will remember for a lifetime. They beat Charlevoix for the first time in league play, as well as Elk Rapids.

They also won the district championship and finished the season with a 15-7 record. Way to go, TC Liberty on an outstanding season!

We are also proud to announce that for the first time in school history, we have started a co-op with Traverse City Christian for boys soccer. Up to six of our boys will be able to join the Sabres for

boys soccer each fall. They are off to a great start as our boys, under the direction of head coach Tom Spencer, won their first game against Harbor Springs with a score of 4-0. Please make sure to go the GTACS website and get a copy of their schedule so you can come out to TBAYS and support boys soccer.

Fall Coaching Line-Up

It is with great pride that I announce our coaching line-up for the fall sports season:

Boys Tennis:

Varsity—Annie Murphy & Jeff Hughes

JV—Bryan Currie & Ruth Smith

Girls Golf: Craig Ardery

Boys & Girls Cross Country:

Ben Labelle & Bill Elliott

Boys Soccer: Tom Spencer

Cheerleading:

Kelly & Maureen Bauer

Girls Volleyball:

Varsity—Shannon & Lara Huetter

JV—Jessica Miller

9th—Katie Stephenson

8th Grade—Gina Ray

7th Grade—Joe Stayman

7/8 Combined—Heather Johnson

Football:

Varsity—Greg Vaughan, Jim Carroll, Joe Forlenza, Steve Curtis, Greg Sherwin, Paul Khoury

JV—Craig Bauer, Scott Doriot, Mike Lesinski

8th Grade—Ben Beckwith, Spencer McKee, Mark Fisher

7th Grade—Shane Bullough & Sean McCardel

Equestrian: Mike Zerbe, Patti Martin, and Ginny Deisler

Athletic Department:

Athletic Director—Tom Hardy

Athletic Sec.—MaryLou Middleton

SEAS Athletic Director—Eric Erdman

If you need any information about any of the teams, please feel free to contact the athletic office for more details (231) 946-1180.

Thirlby Field Update

The 4th and Goal Committee has been hard at work and has successfully raised just shy of 1.1 million dollars to complete renovations at Harry T. Running Stadium. In our efforts to continue support of this project, we will still be having a \$1 surcharge added to the tickets with all proceeds going towards the renovations.

Parking will also be available directly behind the 13th Street entrance with all monies raised going towards the project.

WLJN on the RADIO

This past year WLJN 89.9 FM broadcasted Gladiator Football on the air. We are pleased to announce they are back again and need your help!

If you would like to have your business's name as a proud sponsor of Gladiator Football, please call the athletic office at 946-1180 for more information.

WLJN is also going to be webstreaming all of our games this year on line. You will be able to go to www.wljn.com and click the "listen live" button. Please share this with all of our friends out of our listening area so they can keep up to date on the Glads every play!

Gladiator Booster News—Tailgate 9/5/08 @ 5pm

After completing our first season as the athletic booster club, we are proud to announce that along with all of your help we raised nearly \$40,000 for all of our athletic teams. If you are interested in seeing a complete year end report, go to the athletic portion of our website. Our campaign for 2008-09 is already underway and we are again

this year seeking your help. Please review the booster club sign-up form on the last page, as it is critical for our success to continue to have you as members.

We are excited to announce our first activity this year will be taking place between the JV and Varsity Football games at Thirlby Field. Our "Annual Tailgate" will be held at 5 p.m.

inside the gates at the football field. We will have hot dogs, brats, chips, beans, dessert, as well as chicken Caesar salad. Please join us! It will be a great time to see everyone after our first week at school and get ready for our first home football game. We look forward to seeing you on September 5th at Thirlby Field!

Gladiator Fall Golf Outing-September 13th

This year's annual fall athletic golf outing will be taking place at the Crown Golf Club on September 13, 2008 at 9 a.m. Registration will start at 8 a.m. and the four person scramble will begin at 9 a.m.

Over the past four years, we have raised \$35,000 at this event to help purchase items for the athletic department that benefit all of our athletes. We have purchased a concession trailer that has given our athletic boosters a means of making significantly more money at our sporting events. We have pur-

chased a new sound system in the high school gymnasium, as well as new wrestling mats. These items that we purchase are not items that can come out of the normal athletic budget and your help at this golf outing is greatly appreciated.

This year's event is again being chaired by Randy Williams. Randy and his crew of volunteers are hard at work in preparation for the outing. We are however in need of a few volunteers to assist in the planning this year. If you are interested in helping Randy and getting directly involved with the planning of this

year's event, please contact Randy at 645-0655.

This event has sold out each of the past three years. Don't wait! Contact the athletic office to reserve your spot. Please call during normal hours M-F 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. or email thardy@gtacs.org.

This event is open to men, women, and students and each year it proves to be an excellent time. Cost is \$75 per person. Please join us on the 13th of September at the Crown Golf Course for a great day supporting a great cause.

GLADIATOR FOOTBALL MINI-CAMP ANNOUNCED!

Varsity Football Coach Greg Vaughan has invited all kids in grades 2nd through 6th to be a part of Gladiator Football Mini-Camp. The camp will take place on Friday, August 29th at Thirlby Field from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Each participant will receive:

- ◆ Camp t-shirt
- ◆ Picture with the football team
- ◆ Ticket to the Sept. 5th home game
- ◆ A chance to run the tunnel with the team on Sept. 5th

If you are interested in attending the camp, please complete the information below. GO GLADS! Contact Linda Wheelock at 943-3438 to reserve your child's spot.

FOOTBALL MINI-CAMP FOR STUDENTS IN GRADES 2 - 6

Name _____ Grade _____
 Parents' name _____ Phone number _____

MEDICAL RELEASE

Student's Name _____
 Home Phone _____
 Parent's Cell Phone _____
 Address _____
 Grade _____ School _____

Each participant must have personal medical insurance. Any accident or illness will be treated at Munson Medical Center. I hereby authorize the Football Clinic to act according to their best judgment in any emergency requiring medical attention. The undersigned acknowledgement that to the best of his/her knowledge and belief the camper has no physical disability or problem that would restrict in any way the camper's ability to participate in this program. I further release Grand Traverse Area Catholic Schools from any claim relative to any pre-existing condition/disability.

Parent Name (printed) _____
 Signature of Parent or Guardian _____
 Medical Insurance Co _____ Policy # _____ Emergency Contact Name and Phone Number _____

ELEMENTARY VOLLEYBALL CLINIC

An elementary volleyball clinic will be held on Saturday, September 6th from 9 a.m.-noon in the St. Francis Gym. This clinic is open to all boys and girls in grades 3-6. All proceeds from this clinic will be support the St. Francis volleyball program. Come and learn basic volleyball skills that will help you succeed on the court and leadership skills that will help you succeed off the court.

-Cost is \$15 per player

-Please bring: tennis shoes, proper clothing, water bottle, and a great attitude!

Register online at www.gladsvolleyball.weebly.com (click on "register for elementary" link)

Updated Bus News

The details are being finalized for our GTACS gold bus. The ideas of the contest winners, Ben Alpers and Molly Hitchens, will be incorporated into the final look. A photo of the customized bus will be emailed to all families when completed! Go Glads!

Upcoming Dates

- September 2: First Day of school 1st-8th Grade, Orientation for 9-12th & Kindergarten, and Preschool conferences begin
- September 5: Athletic Booster Tailgate at Thirlby Field 5 p.m.
- September 13: Fall Golf Outing at the Crown
- September 27: Hall Of Fame Induction Ceremony 10 a.m. Kohler Auditorium
- September 27: Homecoming at 1 p.m.
- October 25: Gladhander Auction, St. Francis High School "Erin Go Bragh"
- October 29: Stag Steak Fry at Knights of Columbus Hall
- November 3: Winter Sports Sign-up at 6:30 p.m. in the Kohler Auditorium**
- November 10: Practice Starts for most winter sports

Gladiator Athletic Boosters

2008-2009 Membership Form

Name(s): _____

Email Address: _____ Phone(s): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Membership Opportunities (memberships are renewed yearly)

- Volunteer Booster Member (5 hours of service required)
- \$20 Booster decal and name in program
- \$60 1 Adult Shirt or baseball cap, and all the above
- \$100 5% discount on clothing from school spirit store, and all the above
- \$250 10% discount on clothing from school spirit store, and all the above
- \$500 1 Adult Shirt or baseball cap and all the above
- \$1000 Family Sports Pass and all the above
- \$2500 VIP Parking at home games and all the above

Shirt Size ___Ladies XS S M L XL
 ___Men XS S M L XL XXL

*** Lifetime Membership Opportunities Available ***

Please return this form to the athletic department with a check made payable to the Gladiator Athletic Boosters.

50 family volunteer hours earns a 2009-10 Gladiator Family Sports Pass!!!

GTACS/Gladiator Athletic Boosters is qualified by the IRS to receive gifts which are deductible for income tax purposes. In keeping with federal law, the Gladiator Athletic Boosters is required to advise its donors of the fair market value of any goods or services which are received in exchange for donations as such amounts are not considered by the IRS to be deductible for the purpose of computing federal tax liability. The fair market value of the spirit shirt is \$30. The fair market value for the baseball cap is \$20. The fair market value of the Family Sports Pass is \$250.

_____ I wish to decline ALL benefits that pertain to my giving level.

(Signature)

(Date)