

# CHERUB CHAT

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## MISSION STATEMENT:

Grand Traverse Area Catholic Schools are dedicated to providing a Catholic education ensuring educational quality for all families willing to enter into a partnership to develop each child to his or her fullest spiritual and academic potential.

## Upcoming Events:

**12/17** Advent Program  
SF Gym @ 6:30 p.m.

**12/18** Grub Day

**12/18** State Theater Trip

**12/22** Full Day

**12/23** Christmas Break Begins

**1/4** School Resumes

*Blessed are they who  
hunger and thirst for  
righteousness, for  
they will be  
satisfied.*

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Deadline for submissions to this newsletter is Thursday @ 11:00 a.m.

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## FROM THE DESK OF MRS. TROPPMAN

As we watch our Parish Priest light the "Pink" Advent candle this Sunday at Church, it will remind us of the joy we feel as we get closer to the celebration of the Lord's birth. We can give joy and feel joy by reaching out and helping others. Holy Angels children will be journeying to the State Theater this coming Friday and will be donating a toy for the Toys for Tots Program. The toys collected are for children who would not have had a Christmas if it hadn't been for your children taking the time to pick up items for them. Thank you for your generous hearts!

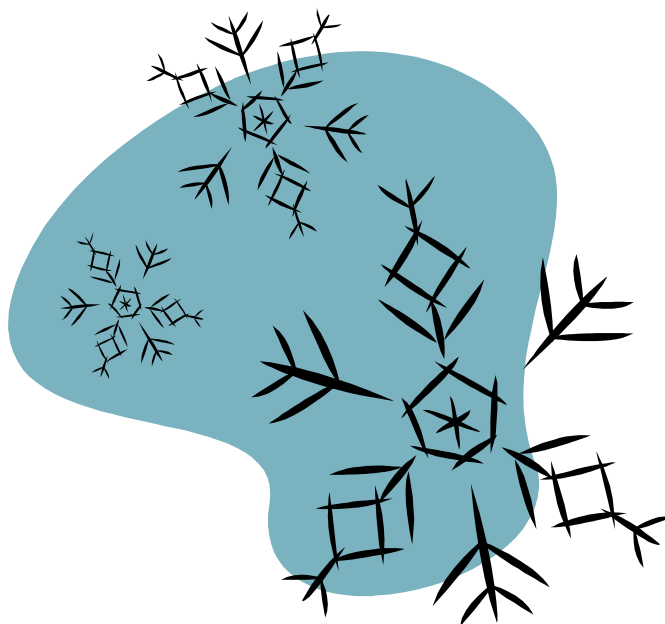
On Tuesday in celebration of the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, our Mass consisted of Holy Angel children, St. Francis students, staff, parents and parishioners in attendance. It was truly amazing to me to witness the St. Francis High School students ministering at the Mass along with Holy Angels second grade students! This was my first combined Mass and it was impressive to me! I would like to thank Jean Maslowski and Susan Maasberg, who work together to plan combined Masses and they also work with the children so it all runs smooth! They are blessings to our schools!

Our first Snow Day, which was immediately followed by another one, hopefully was enjoyed by all! With the amount of snow that got dumped in our area, the children hopefully were all playing outdoors! Unfortunately today, the wind chill factor was 3 degrees below zero, so the little angels had to stay inside! God has given us a beautiful winter wonderland to enjoy.

On Thursday, December 17 at 6:30PM our Advent Program will begin! The children have been practicing their songs and we even had carolers at our door this morning while they were being lead to their Music class. We are anticipating a very busy week!

Happy Advent and have a blessed weekend!

Serving Children and Christ,  
Janet Troppman





**Our Prayers Are With . . .**

- All those in our school and church family that are battling illnesses.
- The Pax Family.
- Our GTACS system ~ that we strive persistently to give God glory through our thoughts, words, and deeds.
- All Priests as Pope Benedict has declared this The Year Of Priests. Especially those that are part of our GTACS Family.

**Thank you, Sweet Jesus for answered prayers!**

**GTACS**

**Directories!**

2009-2010 GTACS directories are available for sale in the office; \$5.00 each.



**Advent Program**

Our little Angels have been busy getting ready for our Advent Program which is scheduled for **December 17th @ 6:30 p.m. in the SF Gym.**

Please have your child dressed in Sunday best with a simple garland halo that rests upon their head. Their prompt 6:00 p.m. arrival is a must!

Thank you and enjoy the show!

**Teacher Gifts**

Do you need a Christmas gift idea for your child's teacher.....HOW ABOUT LUNCH!!

Dining Services has \$15.00 gift certificates for 5 lunches.

All you need to do is send your cash or check (made payable to GTACS) to Karen Spencer, Dining Services, and let her know what teacher you would like the gift certificate made out to and she can send the certificate to you via your child's back pack OR you can come and pick it up. You can place these orders by calling or emailing Karen at [kspenc@gtacs.org](mailto:kspenc@gtacs.org), phone #995-8454



**Tom's Receipts**

We are now collecting all Tom's receipts that are dated 10/01/09 to present. Please send them in your child's folder so they may be added to this quarter's accumulation. Thank you!

**Dear Padres**

This is the last communication for 2009!!! I am so fond of your children! One would think after so many years I would cease to be amazed by their abilities... not so! They are amazing! Many of them are reading a few words in Spanish already.

For the Christmas program they will sing Silent Night in Spanish and sign language. We are practicing at each class. Concurrently, the second graders have begun their study of the alphabet, and the first graders are being introduced to December-type vocabulary. All of the students should be able to show you the hand gestures for words that mean Santa, angel, reindeer, manger, Jesus, gift, toys and snow, penguin, and snowman. (However, please be aware it is the sound of the **Spanish** words that tend to trigger the gestures, so they may struggle if you say the words in English!!)

Just before break, on December 21, we will do our annual parade to look for room at the inn, "Las Posadas." ( In Mexico they do this nine days in a row and sing song, back and forth between those inside and the group outside, each day ending with a big party! ) If you could help me hide the cookies and hot chocolate for each group, that would be great! Mrs. Carpenter's class will be at ten in the morning and all the rest will be just after 12:00. It's a very fun day the children enjoy immensely. Thanks for supporting us. My email is [kkoski@gtacs.org](mailto:kkoski@gtacs.org)

Here is a link for more information: <http://www.nacnet.org/assunta/nacimnto.htm>

Enjoy your weekend!

Señora Koski

**Lunch Duty Schedule: 10:20-12:15**

<u>Monday 14th</u>	<u>Tuesday 15th</u>	<u>Wednesday 16th</u>	<u>Thursday 17th</u>	<u>Friday 18th</u>
Andrew Bankey Colin Elliott Hanna Merrithew	Brenden Endres Cam Newman Ava Provins	Dexter Kleinrichert Katie Barsheff Aaron O'Brien	Jack Britten Will Fournier Thomas Richards	Ethan Verellen Grace Callaghan Andrew Simaz

*The Difference Is Prayer*