

# SEAS NAVIGATOR

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GRAND TRAVERSE AREA  
CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

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

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**Our least  
action when  
done for God  
is pleasing to  
Him.**

St. Elizabeth Ann  
Seton.

## Upcoming Events...

1/25 SEAS Mass  
10:00

1/29 Half Day  
For GTACS /  
Parent Pick Up!

1/30 GTACS  
Family Movie  
Night at 5:30  
p.m.

2/1-5 Catholic  
Schools Week

2/2 Adoration  
at SEAS

2/5 All Systems  
Mass, With  
Bishop Hebda,  
At St. Francis  
Gym 8:30 a.m.  
SEAS Talent  
Show in Gym at  
12:45



## From The Desk of Lori Phillips

Good Friday to all! Seems a little more like March than January, but we'll take the sunshine any day! I hope you can get outside and enjoy the warmer temperatures before Sunday. Sounds like we'll be back to our 'typical' Northern Michigan winter next week.

Thank you for supporting our Jean Day last week and offering supplies to our sister school in Nicaragua. Mrs. Krueger's back counter was overflowing with supplies and we greatly appreciate your generosity. Thank you also for supporting our Jean Day for Haiti. At SEAS we brought in **\$948.84** and we know that this money will be so helpful to those in need. May God bless you for your abundant charity!

Today marks the end of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter. WOW! This year is certainly flying by. Each day we are blessed by your children. Middle School can certainly be a challenging time for our children and yet we feel so blessed that they are here; a Christ-centered environment where they can pray through their difficulties, give praise for their accomplishments and blessings, and be surrounded by friends and staff members that share in that same journey of Christian life.

Last Friday, I had a candid conversation with the entire student body regarding Facebook. Please continue to monitor your child's accounts and keep reminding them that their written words can be hurtful; tearing down a person, our school, and ultimately, our church and our Heavenly Father. Again, I stressed to the kids that Facebook can be a fun and entertaining social network; if used appropriately. I pray that they can utilize this tool with integrity and respect for all. God bless you for your guidance and help in this matter.

Father Don Geyman, director for vocations in our diocese and former priest at Immaculate Conception, spent the day with us yesterday. He spoke to all students in their religion classes about the importance of using our gifts and being open to follow God's plan for our lives. This takes great courage and the more we challenge our students to step outside their comfort zones, the braver they will become in standing up and sharing whatever gifts God has granted them. Our ultimate desire for our children is that they experience deep joy in their lives –In achieving this, our prayer is they will choose the vocation that God has created them for.

Speaking of being courageous, we had our auditions for the Talent Show. Incredible! I was blown away by the sheer talent and confidence of our students and can't wait for the actual show which will be held on Friday, Feb. 5<sup>th</sup>. A special thanks to Becky Callery and Nancy Martin for their time and organization necessary to pull off this mini-production.

Hope to see a few of you Euchre players at the Knights of Columbus Hall tomorrow night. All skill levels are welcome and we always have a great time! Monies raised support next years Gladhander. Enjoy your weekend!

Sincerely Yours in Christ, Lori Phillips

## Beatitude of the Month

*Blessed are the merciful for they shall be shown mercy.*



## Our Prayers are....

For our brothers and sisters in Haiti, that they know Christ is with them during this time of suffering.

For our global community, that we respond quickly and generously to the needs of the people of Haiti.

For all those who have been hurt by abortion, that they feel the healing power of God's love and forgiveness in their lives.

For Tyler Troppman as he recovers from surgery. May the Lord heal him, and may this be a time that draws him ever closer to Jesus.



## Parent Lunch Duty Schedule week of 1/25-29/10

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
11:16-1:08	11:36-1:28	11:16-1:08	11:17-1:15	11:16-1:08
Mel Jones	Rebecca Szczepanski	Need Vol.	Jenny Lockard	<b>Half Day</b>
Dan Gallagher	Michael Connolly	Chloe Lodge	Jack Callaghan	<b>11:00 Dismissal</b>
Jack Puetz	Maria Simaz	Fabi Lomeli	Max Ludka	<b>Parent Pickup</b>

### Builders Club Talent Show!

- **THURSDAY—February 4** Dress rehearsal in the afternoon. You must have all of your props and costumes on this day.
- **FRIDAY—FEBRUARY 5** Talent Show Presented at 12:45. **Parents are invited!**

### Snowtubing at Timberlee Resort

The youth groups of St. Francis and St. Joseph Churches invite all students in grades 7 through 12 for **SNOWTUBING**. Join The EDGE and LIFE TEEN UNDERGROUND for snowtubing at Timberlee Resort in Leelanau County on **Saturday, February 6<sup>th</sup> from 5:30pm - 9:30pm**.

Your cost is **only \$10.00** each. You'll get three hours of tubing and all-you-can-eat **Pizza & Soda Pop**.

**Transportation is provided. The bus will leave SF Church at 5:30pm & return at 9:30pm.**

You absolutely, positively must register in advance for this event as space is limited. **DO NOT** just show up - you will be turned away!

Register by e-mail at [mike@sfyouthgroup.org](mailto:mike@sfyouthgroup.org) or call Mike Krueger at 947-4620 ext. 222 **no later than Tues., Feb. 2nd**. Bring your \$10.00 with you the day we tube.

### Extra Cookie Dough

We have some extra product from our cookie dough sales. If you need something a little special for a party or as a gift, just give us a call and we can get you what you need! Here is a list of what we have. Reduce Fat Choc. Chip, Choc Chip, Strawberry Short Cake, Butter Sugar, Peanut Butter, Carnival, Choc. Choc. Chunk, Brownies, Apple Coffee Cake, Regular Soft Pretzel, Grilled Cheese Soft Pretzel. Items are \$14-\$15 each.

### MSU Extension Parenting Classes January – March 2010

Michigan State University Extension is offering three different parenting classes at their Front St. location downtown Traverse City. The classes being offered are: Alternatives to Anger, How to Talk so Kids Will Listen, & Active Parenting of Teens. There is no charge for the class How to Talk so Kids Will Listen. Please contact Mrs. Ginny Newman at #932-4810 if you are interested in a registration form.

### Athletics

- **Attention all parents of 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade boys and girls interested in Volleyball.** 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade boys and girls Volleyball will be starting soon and will need coaches. If you are interested or know of someone who may be interested please let Julie Forlenza know as soon as possible at 995-8462. The following are the important dates for coaches and players!

CO-ED Volleyball

5th & 6th Grade

2009-2010 Season

January 28th, Mandatory Coaches Meeting - 4:30 PM at Ida Tompkins Building

February 1st, Practice Begins

February 2nd, Make-up Coaches Meeting - 4:30 PM at Ida Tompkins Building

February 16th, Matches Begin

March 15th, All City Tournament Begins

March 20th, All City Championship

**6<sup>th</sup> grade volleyball coaches....Any parents interested need to please contact me ASAP. We have only one parent contact me so far.**

### **LABELS AND RECEIPTS FOR SEAS**

January is a good time for New Year's Resolutions. Why not make a resolution now to be a better participant in getting free money for our school? We are always collecting Tom's receipts, Oleson's receipts, Box Tops for Education, Labels for Education (including Campbell's and Pepperidge Farms UPCs), Spartan UPC codes, and Tyson Project A+ labels. There is real money to be had in these little pieces of paper that would otherwise go out in your trash. Please send them in to school with your child so we can turn your TRASH into CASH! We have collection bins located outside the office. Please remember to put your son or daughter's name and grade on the back of Oleson's receipts because this money goes directly to your student's 8th grade trip to New York. Thanks for your support!

### **TOM'S RECEIPTS**

Thanks to everyone who has been turning in Tom's receipts. For the 4th quarter of 2009 we received \$288.90 from Tom's. This is our best yet, let's break \$300 this quarter!

### **New in the Kitchen!**

LBI is now offering Vitamin water and Dasani water for \$1.00. Students are welcome to charge this water to their lunch accounts. As a reminder sunflower butter and jelly sandwiches are also available.

### **3C's Award**

On Friday the following students names were drawn from 3C's hat and awarded gift cards to local stores. Students names are put into the hat when a teacher witnesses them living character, commitment and compassion.

Mathew Mawby—Putting away the balls after recess.—Mrs. Summers

Kyle Alpers—For helping Mrs. Britten unload her car trunk during recess.—Mrs. Casler

John Bloom-Edmunds—Taking down the chairs without being asked.—Mr. Gallagher

Donavan Ochs—Showing great respect for our classroom by helping to organize. Mrs. Stien

Nick Buday— Helping put chairs away after reconciliation which made him late for lunch.—Mrs. DeVol

Madeline Rysztak—Helping to clean up after the Christmas celebration.— Mrs. Stein

Congratulations to all our wonderful students!

*The Difference is Prayer*