



Connections

A WEEKLY NEWSLETTER FOR GRAND TRAVERSE ACADEMY FAMILIES

Dates to remember

Tuesday, September 12-Friday, October 6 – NWEA Testing Window

Monday-Friday, September 25-29 – Secondary Homecoming Week (see details)

Saturday, September 30 – High School Homecoming Dance, Tickets on Sale for \$15 per Person in the Secondary Office

Get to know the GTA website

Grand Traverse Academy's [website](#) is full of important and helpful information for parents and students alike! We'll highlight a different section or page each week.

Events. At the bottom of the [home page](#) is an events calendar for the entire school year. Click on "See All Events" and you may choose to view either a list or a calendar by the day, week or month. For your convenience, click on "Add to Calendar" to download an event to your Google, Outlook or iCal calendar!

Mustang Roundup

The following athletic events are scheduled for this weekend:



Saturday, September 23 – JV Volleyball
8:30 am-3:00 pm, Tournament at Mancelona

Saturday, September 23 – Cross Country "Veterans Serving Veterans"

Invitational at Cadillac, 9:30-11:00 am Varsity 1:30-2:30 pm Junior High

For a full schedule of athletic events by season and sport, visit the [Practice & Event Schedules webpage](#) and click on the sport and grade level of your choice. Our Mustangs love to have fans to support and cheer them on!

Secondary Homecoming Spirit Week dress-up days announced



Homecoming is next week and the Mustang Weekly class has some fun dress-up days planned for students in grades 7-12.* This year's theme is "Out of this World."

Monday, September 25

Cowboys vs. Aliens – Dress as either a cowboy or cowgirl OR wear green like an alien

Tuesday, September 26

Space Jam vs. Star Wars – Dress as your favorite college or professional sports athlete OR your favorite Star Wars character

Wednesday, September 27

Clone Day – Choose a friend or friends and dress alike

Thursday, September 28

Galaxy Day – Dress in the following assigned colors:

7 th grade	Red
8 th grade	Gray
9 th grade	Purple

10 th grade	Pink
11 th grade	Blue
12 th grade	Black

Friday, September 29

Sleeping in the Stars – Wear your favorite pajamas

*Dress-up Day guidelines have been emailed to all students. Note that they may wear jeans as part of their costume or with a uniform top, or a spirit wear top with uniform bottoms if they purchase a Mustang Spirit band (\$5 each in the Secondary Office).

Absences and late arrivals

If your child will be absent from school or coming in late, please contact the appropriate office at your earliest convenience: For Secondary, hsoffice@mygta.us or (231) 932-6038; for Elementary, elementaryoffice@mygta.us or (231) 995-0665.

Save the date

The GTA Travel Club is hosting a fall harvest-themed “Trunk or Treat” fundraiser on **Friday, October 27 from 5:00-7:00 pm in the south parking lot**. Start thinking of your family-friendly trunk decorations! If you want to participate but not with your vehicle, candy donations are also welcome. Watch for details coming soon!

Book fair volunteers needed

GTA will be hosting a Scholastic Book Fair the week of October 16. Fair hours for students/parents are Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday during the school day (plus after hours on Thursday) and Friday until 1:00. Help is also needed on Monday morning for setup. If you can help, please contact schuetzej@mygta.us.

Don't miss another volleyball or basketball game!

Now you or your family members can watch GTA indoor



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sports live-streamed to the device of your choice. In cooperation with the [NFS Network](#) streaming service, you

can purchase a monthly or yearly subscription and watch recorded games live wherever you are. The cost is \$11.99 per month (less than admission for three to one game) or \$79.99 per year. Subscribe now using the promo code Back2School23_599 and get your first month of streaming for just \$5.99. To redeem, [create an account](#), and then go to the [Subscribe](#) page. Select “Monthly Pass” and apply the promo code during the payment step. **Don't delay, as the discount is only good through tomorrow, September 23, 2023.** Regular rates apply after the first month.

Recorder orders due

GTA students in the 3rd & 4th grades will learn to play the recorder in music class. Each student will need their own recorder, at a cost of \$5. An order form with details is attached to this newsletter and is **due back, with payment, to your child's classroom teacher by Tuesday, September 26**. If you choose not to take advantage of this special offer and purchase your recorder elsewhere, we recommend Marshall Music. Recorders sold at big-box stores like Wal-Mart or the Dollar Store are intended to be used as toys and are not meant for classroom instruction.

Mustang spirit wear shirts available

If your child is in need of a spirit wear shirt for Fridays,



Mr. Thomas's 6th grade class has a few tie-dyed tees left from their class business last spring! Sizes available are youth small, medium and large and adult small

and medium. They are priced at \$15 each and can be purchased in the Purple 3 classroom on Friday mornings from 7:45-8:15 while they last.

College representatives to visit GTA

Juniors and seniors are invited to visit with



representatives and gather information about various colleges and universities right here at GTA! A sign-up sheet is available outside the Secondary Office. Meetings will take place in MPR 1 & 2 on the dates and times below.

College	Date	Time
Central Michigan University	October 6	9:20 am
Grand Valley State University	October 9	8:00 am
Calvin University	October 12	9:50 am
University of Michigan	October 13	8:00 am
Aquinas College	October 13	8:30 am
Lake Superior State University	October 19	9:00 am
Northern Michigan University	October 26	9:00 am

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 for 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. It's easy to participate – simply save your receipts and deposit them in the box just to the right of the Elementary Office door.

Box Tops for Education. Box Tops for Education offers a way to support our school with the purchase of many grocery items: The [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!

Have a question?

No question is too silly or trivial to ask! Here's where to go for a fast answer to general questions about all things GTA, like uniforms, school pictures, carpool procedures, school hours and more:

Elementary Office: (231) 995-0665

Secondary Office: (231) 932-6038

For answers to more specific questions, please refer to the [list on our website](#). We want to be sure that you know exactly where to go for accurate answers.

Dear Third and Fourth Grade Parents,

As part of this year's music curriculum, your child will be learning to play the recorder. We learn how to apply music reading and composition skills with the recorder to help students further develop their musicianship.

Below you will find information on ordering recorder supplies. If you decide not to purchase a recorder through the school, please do not purchase a recorder from a box store. Recorders purchased from stores such as the Dollar Store or Wal-Mart are intended to be used as toys, not for classroom instruction. If you would like to purchase a recorder from a local music store I recommend Marshall Music.

Macie Publishing Company, the publisher of the recorder materials we will be using, has provided us with reduced rates that allow us to purchase a high quality instrument for a very reasonable price. If your child already has a recorder there is no need to order.

Each student will need their own recorder for music this year.

Please have your child return their recorder order and payment in an envelope. Orders should be turned in to their classroom teacher.

Order forms must be accompanied by payment. Orders may be paid for by cash or check.

Please make checks payable to GTA.

Orders are due by Tuesday September 26, 2023.

If you have any thoughts or questions about purchasing a recorder for your child you may reach me by phone at 231-932-6034 or through email at diephouses@mygta.us

I would enjoy hearing from you.

Sincerely,
Stephanie Diephouse
Elementary Music Teacher

Please cut and return the order form with payment.

STUDENT'S NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

PARENT NAME:_____

CLASSROOM TEACHER'S NAME:_____

<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>ITEM</u>	<u>CIRCLE COLOR CHOICE</u>	<u>UNIT PRICE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
-----	Recorder	Orange Blue Black Green	\$5.00	-----
		Pink Red Yellow Purple		

Total Amount Enclosed:\$-----