

Connections

A WEEKLY NEWSLETTER FOR GRAND TRAVERSE ACADEMY FAMILIES

Dates to remember

Friday, February 9 – *Deadline for Ordering Elementary Yearbooks*

Friday, February 16 – *Family Movie Night, 6:30 pm (doors open at 6:00 pm), Big Gym*

Enrollment Information Meetings planned

Grand Traverse Academy's Open Enrollment period for the 2024-25 school year **continues through Thursday, March 7**. Several enrollment information meetings are planned and listed below. Each includes a brief presentation in the Lecture Hall, time for Q & A and a tour of our facilities. If you have friends or family members with school-aged children, we encourage you to invite them to reserve their spot at one of these meetings by calling (231) 995-0665. *The recommendation of a friend or relative continues to be the #1 reason our families choose Grand Traverse Academy!*

Enrollment Information Meetings

Day	Date	Time
Monday	January 29	6:00-7:00 pm
Tuesday	February 6	9:30-10:30 am
Monday	February 12	6:00-7:00 pm
Thursday	February 22	9:30-10:30 am
Wednesday	February 28	6:00-7:00 pm
Thursday	February 29	9:30-10:30 am
Monday	March 4	10:00-11:00 am
Tuesday	March 5	9:30-10:30 am

Elementary yearbooks still available

It's not too late to order a 2024 yearbook for your elementary student!



An order form is attached and may be used for any quantity. The books are just \$12 each

and orders, with payment, should be turned in to the Elementary Office **no later than Friday, February 9**.

Student art contest announced

The ESS company invites students in grades K-12 to use



their artistic skills to create original artwork for the ESS 2024 art contest. The topic is, "What do you imagine your day would be like if you attended school underwater?" The only limit is imagination! The top five finalists in each grade group will be featured on ESS social media for public voting during the week of March 18, with voting ending on March 24. Winners will be announced on March 27 and will receive a \$500 American Express gift card as well as \$500 for their school. **The deadline for submission is Sunday, February 25 at 8:00 pm Eastern Time.** Visit <http://artcontest.ess.com/> for guidelines and to submit artwork. Elementary students will discuss the contest in art class but this is an at-home project, independent from GTA class time.

Stupendous spellers succeed

Competition was tight, but 7th grader **Lily Smith** (left)



emerged victorious in Grand Traverse Academy's annual spelling bee on Monday. Lily and second-place finisher **Sam Link** (center), grade 8, will be heading to the Regional Spelling Bee at the City Opera House on March 16 to vie for a trip to Washington, DC. Sixth grader **Hector Aristeo** (right) worked diligently at home and in practices to become our alternate, should either of our top finishers be unable to compete. Please wish them congratulations, good luck and dedicated studying!

Family Council movie night rescheduled

Join your GTA friends at a FREE showing of "The Magician's Elephant" on **Friday, February 16 in the Big Gym at 6:30 pm** (doors open at 6:00). Kids may wear their pajamas

and bring a blanket and pillow (**no outside chairs, please; folding chairs will be provided**). Concessions will be available for sale. Watch for a sign-up sheet next week to volunteer.

Mustang Roundup

The following basketball games are scheduled for this weekend:



Friday, January 26

Junior High Girls White/Navy, 4:30 pm
at Traverse City Christian

JV & JV2 Girls, 6:30 pm at Traverse
City Christian

Varsity Girls, 5:30 pm, Home vs. Petoskey St. Michael

JV Boys, 7:00 pm, Home vs Petoskey St. Michael

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 having fans to support and cheer them on!



Spring sports for all grades will be starting before we know it! Be sure to watch your email in the next few days for details.

Student absences and late arrivals

If your child will be absent from school or arriving late, please contact the appropriate office at your earliest convenience:

Secondary: hsoffice@mygta.us or (231) 932-6038

Elementary: elementaryoffice@mygta.us
or (231) 995-0665

Easy ways to raise funds for GTA

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.

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

Ongoing events

Secondary Robotics Team Meetings – *Fridays from 12:15-3:00 pm, Copper 1*

Girls Who Code Club Meetings – *Tuesdays from 3:45-4:30 pm, Copper 1*

Secondary Muffin Sales – *Mondays from 7:40-8:00 am in the MPR; \$2.00 each starting January 22*

Secondary Bagel Sales – *Wednesdays from 7:30-8:00 am in the MPR; \$2.00 each*

Secondary Doughnut Sales – *Fridays from 7:40-8:00 am in MPR 1 & 2; \$2.00 each*

Secondary Bake Sales – *February 7, March 6, April 17, May 15*

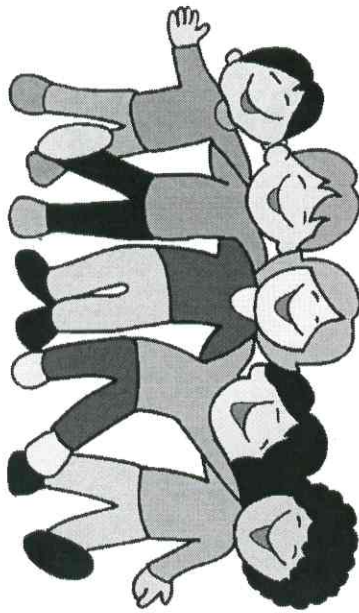
Elementary Pizza Days – *Every other Wednesday, as follows: February 7 & 21, March 6 & 20, April 10 & 24 and May 8 & 22 (order and pay by the preceding Monday using forms sent home on off weeks), \$2.00 per slice of pepperoni or cheese*

Secondary Pizza Days – *Every Thursday (order and pay by Tuesdays using forms provided in Advisory classrooms), \$1.50 per slice of cheese or pepperoni*

FUN & FRIENDS MEMORIES

Order Your Copy Today!

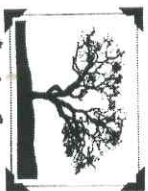
Price - \$12.00



Orders Due By: Friday, February 9, 2024

Everyone enjoys hanging out with friends and having a good time...
Fortunately, reliving these moments is as easy as flipping through the pages of your
very own Yearbook. Don't let these memories of special friends be lost forever.

Order a yearbook today!



Timeless Image Inc.
4788 Church Rd. Traverse City MI 49685
timeless-image.com
Customer Service: Mon-Fri 9:00am - 4:00 (231) 929.1010

LAST CHANCE TO ORDER
Please return payment to school by:
Friday, February 9, 2024

YEARBOOKS		
Quantity	Price	Total
_____	@ \$12.00	_____

Please make checks payable to:
Timeless Image

TOTAL AMOUNT \$ _____
ENCLOSED: _____

Student First Name

Student Last Name

Teacher

School