



Dates to remember

Friday, March 2 – *Speed Stacking Tournament, 12:00-2:00 pm*

Saturday, March 10 – *Battle of the Books Team Battle Day, Northwestern Michigan College*

Tuesday, March 13 – *Parent Academy Drug Awareness Presentation, 6:00-7:00 pm, Lecture Hall*

Thursday, March 15 – *End of Open Enrollment Period/Last Day for Elementary Teacher Requests*

Thursday, March 15 – *Jazz ‘n’ Joes Band Fundraiser Concert/Dinner*

Friday, March 16 – *Songs & Stories, 7:00 pm, Big Gym*

Friday, March 16 – *Enrollment Lottery Drawing*

Monday-Friday, March 26-30 – *NO SCHOOL, Spring Break*



Open Enrollment period continues

Grand Traverse Academy’s Open Enrollment period for the 2018-19 school year runs through Thursday, March 15 – with an Enrollment Lottery planned for Friday, March 16. Our last Enrollment Information Meetings is scheduled for **Monday, March 12** and will take place in the Staff Gathering Room. If you have local friends, neighbors or relatives with school-aged children, please share this information with them. As



always, we are happy to meet with parents individually and schedule a school tour. Please direct parents to Amy Truesdell, 932-6900 or truesdella@mygta.us with enrollment questions or to arrange a tour.

GTA students to be inducted into National Technical Honor Society

Congratulations to the following Grand Traverse



Academy students, who will join the Career-Tech Center’s National Technical Honor Society at an



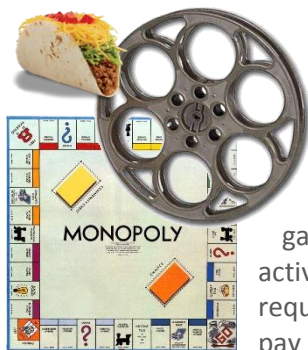
Induction Ceremony on **Wednesday, March 21**: Senior **Daniel Palenkas** – Power Equipment Tech PM, senior **Caleb Sargent** – Information Tech PM, and junior **Casey Smith** – Manufacturing Tech I.

Scholastic Book Fair is here!

Our Scholastic Book Fair is going on next week in the Small Gym. The fair will be open during regular school hours and our upcoming parent- teacher conferences. Be sure to stop by and check it out, as there’s a wide variety of books for all ages, including adults. Elementary students will be visiting the Book Fair with their classroom – be sure to send them with enough money to cover sales tax! **And if you have some extra time, volunteers are still needed for the floor and check-out.** If you can help with one or more shifts, please visit the [Scholastic volunteer page](#) to sign up, or contact Julianna Schuetze at schuetzej@mygta.us or 932-6941.

High School Chill Lock-In planned

High School students are invited to our annual Chill



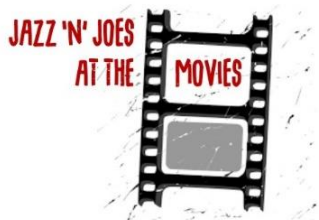
Lock-In all-night party, set for **Friday, March 9, from 10:00 pm-7:00 am**. The \$20 admission fee includes snacks, smoothies, a sundae bar, a taco bar, games, movies and lots of other activities. Advance registration is required; students can sign up and pay in the Secondary Office, but are advised to do so soon. Space is limited, and this has always been a very popular event!

Choirs, performance class collaborate on special presentation

On **Friday, March 16**, our Secondary choirs and the high school musical performance class will present "Songs & Stories" at **7:00 pm in the Big Gym**. Featured will be songs selected by choir students, including solos, duets and larger ensembles. Between songs, stories will be told which were written by performance class members. This unique event is sure to be one you won't want to miss! There is no admission charge to attend.

"Jazz 'n' Joes" advertising opportunities

Our 12th annual Secondary Bands concert and dinner fundraiser, Jazz 'n' Joes, is scheduled for **Thursday, March 15**.



Tickets are still only \$5 per person and include a delicious sloppy joe dinner, catered by El

Dorado Catering, and an evening of great music! The theme is always different, with movie favorites featured this year. The evening's schedule is as follows:

4:00-7:30 pm - Dinner in Small Gym

5:00 pm – Cadet, Concert I & II Bands

6:30 pm - Varsity, Symphonic, Symphony Winds Bands

In addition to ticket sales, a large part of the fundraising comes from sponsorships. If your business or employer is interested in supporting our music program and promoting its name to approximately 1,000 attendees, please check out the attached

information. Sponsor names are displayed during the event and recognized at concerts throughout the year. Thank you for your consideration!

Parent Academy Drug Awareness course scheduled

Mark your calendars for **Tuesday, March 13 from 6:00-7:00 pm in the Lecture Hall** for a parent-only Drug Awareness presentation.



Deputy McKinley from the Grand Traverse County Sheriff Department will present an overview of current drug trends and warning signs of drug use in young people. Parents may sign up in either office. If you have questions or

want more information, please contact Mindy Van Houzen at 932-6960 or vanhouzenm@mygta.us.

Sign up now for conferences

Parent-teacher conferences start today and continue on **March 6 and 8** for grades K-6 and **March 8** for 7-12. If you haven't already done so, be sure to make arrangements to meet with your children's teachers. You can book your conferences quickly and easily by using our online booking system at www.SchoolBookings.net. Once you're there, enter the appropriate event code shown below, and you'll be led through three easy steps in choosing the teachers and dates/times that work best for you!

Elementary: 8cctx **Secondary:** nukyc

If you don't have internet access, we have a kiosk set up outside both offices and will be happy to guide you through. Or, give the office staff a call and we'll do the scheduling for you! We look forward to seeing you soon!

Elementary teacher requests accepted

Elementary teacher requests for your child(ren) will be accepted until **Thursday, March 15**. Attached is a request form to complete and return to the Elementary office. Parents are welcome to observe any classroom before making a decision; simply contact the Elementary office at 995-0665 to set up a classroom visit. Please note that only forms with both a first and second choice can be considered.

Mustang roundup

We are pleased to announce the hiring of **Tom Broderick** as our new softball coach. Coach Broderick grew up in Traverse City and is a teacher at TC Christian School. He organized the first baseball team at TCCS and coached there for 16 years. He has also been involved in TAGS softball and Little League baseball for the last two years. Tom and his wife, Dana, have three children. Welcome to Mustang athletics, Tom!



Thursday, March 8) to sign up. Items should be dropped off in the Elementary office by 3:30 pm on the date you select. **Thank you so much for your commitment to Grand Traverse Academy and our staff!** If you have any questions, please call Maria Dean at 932-6954.

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If your child will be late for school or absent for the day, please notify the office by 8:30 am. Parents will be called to verify any unexcused absences after that time.

Elementary 995-0665 / Secondary 932-6038

Ski team wraps up successful season

Congratulations to our Great North Alpine co-op ski



team members, **Taylor Hines, Elizabeth Courtright, Will Hansen** and **Victor Benitah**, on a great season. The boys' team was runner-up in the state finals this week, while Taylor, who has qualified individually for finals all four years of high school, came in 27th out of 72 in the girls' competition!

Evening conference potluck donations appreciated

GTA families have very generously continued a tradition of providing a meal for staff members during evening conference blocks. Your efforts are *so appreciated* by those who are working through the dinner hour with just a short break between conferences. With the help of PerfectPotluck.com, we're making it even easier to participate! Evening conferences take place on **Tuesday, March 6** for Elementary and **Thursday, March 8** for both Elementary and Secondary. If you are interested in helping with food, beverages or table service, simply go to the PerfectPotluck website at www.PerfectPotluck.com/LHX3537 (for Tuesday, March 6) or www.PerfectPotluck.com/WYYZ2167 (for

Ongoing events

Secondary Pizza Sales – Tuesdays during Junior High & High School Lunches (\$1.50 per slice – tickets must be purchased in advance Tuesday mornings)

NHS Donut Sales – Fridays, 7:40 am, Outside Secondary Office (\$1.00 each)

Secondary Taco Sales – Thursdays during Junior High & High School Lunch (\$1.50 each – tickets must be purchased in advance Thursday mornings)

Tie-Dyed T-Shirt Sales – Daily, 8:00-8:25 am, Elementary Wing Entrance (discounted to \$12 each through the month of December!)

Key Club Meetings – Every Thursday, 7:40-8:05 am, Silver 3 (high school students)

Builders Club Meetings – First & Third Thursdays of the Month, 3:45-4:15 pm, MPR 4 (junior high students)

NJHS Meetings – March 21, April 18, May 16

Student-Run Credit Union – March 9, April 13, May 11 in Elementary Lobby (no make-ups for snow days); 8:00-8:30 am, Elementary Lobby

Never stop doing little things for others.

Sometimes those little things occupy
the biggest part of their hearts.

-Author Unknown