

# St. Francis Xavier Newsletter

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Dear Families,

The first month of the school year is a busy yet exciting time as our students are settling into the classroom routines. I am so happy for all of our families that have made the choice of St. Francis Xavier School. I hope you see as I see that our faculty and staff are role models who share their faith, talents, and their time for the school and our students. In our mission statement, we recognize our partnership between school and family, and commitment to develop the whole child. If you have questions or concerns about your child in school, please bring these to the attention of our teachers so we can work together to help your child. There are plenty of opportunities for our parents to be involved at St. Francis Xavier School. Our PTO and Gala Auction teams are terrific sources to find ways to contribute your talents to the school community.

The safety of our children and security of our school building is our first priority. We are constantly assessing our safety protocols and are fortunate to be in close working relationship with Petoskey Public Safety. It is important to keep you aware of our safety procedures and I will continue to inform our school community of our safety initiatives. This school year our main exterior doors have had card readers installed. School personnel have key FOBS to enter the building. We are excited about this feature, as we know who has building access and it gives us an electronic record of who has accessed the building. An area that we would like to make you aware of to help us with the general safety of students is during our end of day dismissal. Communicate with your child where to meet you for pick up, and if your students are going to the playground after the school day, they need to be supervised.

Our school is here because of the Church. As Catholics, we are called to know God, love God, and serve God. Teaching our students to develop spiritually and offering guidance as they learn to

overcome obstacles prepares our students for the path ahead. We are steadfast in our belief that serving others, learning about our faith, and living the Gospel message will prepare our children for what they will encounter in the world we live in. Thank you for the support and commitment that you bring to the St. Francis Xavier community. I cherish the opportunity to watch as our children make progress and grow this school year.

Yours in Christ,

Adam Dobrowolski, principal

## KEEPING YOU INFORMED

**Background checks and Virtus/Fingerprinting:** Background checks and Virtus are required if you are volunteering in the classroom, lunchroom or on field trips. Stop by the office if you have not submitted these important documents. If volunteering more than 8 hours a month fingerprinting is an additional requirement. If you have not updated your background check in the past five years, please stop by the office to fill out new forms.

**Office sign in:** Don't forget to sign in and out at the office if you are volunteering in the classroom, in the lunchroom or another activity. Be sure to wear the red Visitor Pass as well.

**Home/School Communication:** Please send any new contact information (phone numbers, e-mail, addresses) to us at school to keep our records current. Our school website is [www.petoskeyfxschool.org](http://www.petoskeyfxschool.org). You can find our updated calendar of events on the site along with other helpful forms.

**Lunchtime monitors:** All school families must work 4 lunch shifts throughout the year. Please call or stop by the office to sign up on the office calendar so we can track your hours.

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**Parking:** Just a reminder to parents that the parking meters will be enforced from 9am-6pm. The forgiveness times that you will not be ticketed for an expired meter are at drop off and pick up times: 10:45-11:15, 11:45-12:15 and 2:45-3:15.

**Lost Items:** Please label all coats, lunch boxes, and other personal items as we are having many items in lost and found. If your child misplaces something we have a lost and found bin down by the Kindergarten stairwell that you should check.

**You're invited!** Raymond Evans, of our parish, has extended an invitation for all SFX families, students & staff to attend a live Rosary Rally Saturday, October 12<sup>th</sup> at 12pm in Arlington Park.

## **Safety on Playground after School:**

Please remember that staff can't leave children unattended on the school playground after school. Parents must be here by 3:05 at dismissal to pick up their children. If you are unable to be here by 3:05 the C.D.C. is available for after school care.

**Ren-Web:** We are continuing with Ren-Web for our 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade parents to check attendance, homework and grades. New users go to internet explorer browser and navigate to [www.renweb.com](http://www.renweb.com). Hover over Logins and select Parents Web Login. Type in our district code: sf-mi. Enter your email address. Click: create account. A password will be emailed to the email address entered. You can then log on to renweb the same way and enter the district code and your temporary password. The system will allow you to create a new password once in the system. Returning users should use previous user name and password for access.

**Auction Update:** We were excited to reveal this year's gala theme, *An Emerald Evening*, at the parent commitment night! Taking color inspiration from St. Patrick's Day which is just around the corner from the gala, imagine an elegant evening surrounded by rich emerald green and gold. Gala tickets will be \$125/person from distribution to 1/31/2020, thereafter \$150/person. For those who are SFX alumni or parents of SFX alumni, there will be a special \$500 drawing if you qualify and purchase a gala ticket. The qualifying alumni will automatically be entered into the

drawing which will be announced during the Gala, March 14th, 2020. Must attend to win! New to the Grand Raffle, we added three "early bird" drawings. A \$500 drawing on 12/16/19, \$250 drawing on 1/27/20 and a \$250 drawing on 2/24/20. To sweeten the deal for the seller of the winning Grand Raffle Prize ticket, the seller will receive \$1,000 off tuition for the 2020/2021 school year! This year's Grand Raffle Prize will be \$15,000 along with one \$3,000 prize, one \$2,000 prize and one \$1,000 prize.

Thank you to those of you who signed up for a volunteer position at the parent commitment meeting. If you still need to select a role, please contact one of the committee chair members as there are still positions that need to be filled.

Our next committee meeting is scheduled for Friday 10/4 after drop off. We welcome and appreciate all those who attend.

It takes a great committee to create a wonderful evening but if we have the village behind us, we will make magic happen! Let's do it for the children of St. Francis Xavier and for many generations to come!

- SFX Raffle and Gala Committee

## **Upcoming dates:**

- 9/28** Girls Volleyball tournament – Petoskey High School
- 10/1** P.T.O. Fall Fun Run
- 10/4** PHS Homecoming, all students to Northmen Stadium. Interim Reports go home  
Pet Blessing-2:45 Playground  
Return baby bottles at Mass
- 10/9** Middle School to Camp
- 10/10-11** Daggett
- 10/11** PHS Northmen Pink game – wear any pink shirt, uniform bottoms
- 10/18** ½ day of school, dismissal at 11:40
- 10/25** 7th Grade Raffle-All school Non-uniform day  
Picture Retake Day
- 10/31** 8<sup>th</sup> Grade- Haunted House for Brother Dan's Food Pantry