

St. Francis School Newsletter

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Dear St. Francis Xavier Families,

We are closing in on the end of the first quarter. The first quarter ends on November 1st. School is not in session on November 1st - All Saints Day, as our staff will be participating in professional development on this day. You can expect report cards to be sent home on Friday, November 8.

During the first two months our school has participated in a number of events. We started the month of October with the PTO Fall Fun Run. We are appreciative for the hard work of our volunteers to put this event together, and for the generosity of the many donors that supported it. One of the objectives for this year's Fun Run was to apportion funding for the 1st SFX Enrichment Play. Mrs. Meier is currently getting the behind the scenes planning in order for what will be a great opportunity in the performing arts for our students, culminating with a performance at the Crooked Tree Arts Center. More details are still to come.

Other recent development during the last month include: students completed NWEA testing, fundraising for the Pregnancy Care Center reached the 10 year goal of \$10,000, our Middle School students went to Camp Daggett, the Middle School girls volleyball team completed their season, the Pet Blessing, and a number of classes went on field trips.

The PTO Turkey Bingo is coming up on Friday, November 8th. This is a fun night that I hope you will be able to attend. Parent/Teacher Conferences are afterschool on Monday, November 18 from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. Middle School teachers will meet first come first serve for up to 10 min. intervals for the duration of the evening.

An area of attention that we hope you can assist with is to help your students to follow proper uniform guidelines. Of particular focus, solid color socks (navy, black, white, khaki), belts with pants (excluding kindergarten and first), the approved uniform pants – chino (not skinny cut), and clear nail polish only. Thank you for your help with this.

I cannot help but notice the momentum that is building from our families to support our gala auction. The vast

majority of volunteer positions have been filled and we are optimistic that our efforts will boost raffle ticket sales and ultimately putting on a great event March 14th.

Yours in Christ,

Adam Dobrowolski



VIRTUE OF THE MONTH: KINDNESS

Each month SFX school will be focusing on a different virtue and recognizing a student from each class that most embodies that virtue. September's virtue was kindness and the student's that were nominated for demonstrating kindness at SFX were...backrow: Ava Saunders (8th), Reghan Hoffman (7th), Katie Parker (6th). Middle Row: Madeline McDiarmid (5th), Adrianna Nguyen (3A), David Monshor (3B), Luke Pike (4A), James Holt (4B). Front Row: Addison Kanine (1B), Olivia Carlson (KA), Norah Dewey (1A), Giorgio Peca (KB), Amelia Fate (2B), and Miranda Walkerdine (2A).

#iGIVECATHOLIC

#iGiveCatholic is a national one-day online giving event to raise money for Catholic parishes, schools, and nonprofit ministries on #GivingTuesday (12/3). Beginning 11/18, you can visit iGiveCatholic.org and make a donation towards our school. This gift is tax deductible. More info will be coming home about this event.

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FAMILY SCHOOL SERVICE

All school families are required to provide only 10 hours of service to the school. 4 hours are to be dedicated to the lunchroom/playground (sign up in the school office). The remaining 6 hours are to be committed to the Auction and/or PTO events (sign up on the bulletin board by the office).

REPORTING VOLUNTEER HOURS

To report your volunteer hours, you will send an email to this email address: hours@petoskeysfx.org. In the subject line, provide your family name. In the message indicate the activity and note the amount of time for each volunteer activity. Plan on sending out an email once per quarter to self-report your hours so that you and our Auction committee can track and credit your time accurately. The end of the 1st quarter is November 1st, so we will send you an email close to this date to remind you. Playground volunteer time is tracked in the school office, so does not need to be reported in your email.

CONFERENCES

Parent teacher conferences are Monday, November 18th from 4:00pm-8:00pm. Please contact your homeroom teacher to schedule your time. Middle school teachers will meet with parents on a first come basis in their classroom. Mrs. McKee, Mrs. Oberman, Ms. Hoyt and Ms. Teucher will be in their classrooms as well.

MCLEAN AND EAKIN BOOK FAIR

Our McLean and Eakin Book Fair is coming soon! It will be open November 18th through November 21st, and also open during parent/teacher conferences that Monday. Starting 11/18 the book fair will be open! Remember when shopping at the McLean and Eakin bookstore to mention SFX when making purchases as 10% of the sale comes back to our school in a check which is used to purchase new books for our school library.

STUDENT COUNCIL

Congratulations to the following students who were elected by their classmates to office:
8th Grade President/Vice President: Charlotte Gagnon and Emily Crittenden. 8th grade treasurer: Ava Saunders, 8th grade secretary: Audrey Smock and 8th grade class representative: Kirstin Holzschu. 7th grade class representatives: Reghan Hoffman and Gabby Cesario. 6th grade class representatives: Taylor Keiswetter and Clare Gengle, 5th grade class representatives: Liliana Beyer and Cissa Miranda. 4th grade class representatives: Katie Robinson and Ellie Daniel. 3rd grade class representatives: Ethan Smock and Michael Parker. 2nd grade class representatives: Whitney Sober and Lola Crockett. 1st grade class representatives: Abby Zielinski, Liam Murphy, and Lilian Nemec.

INCLEMENT WEATHER

As the rainy days of October head toward the icy days of November we remind parents to have your students dressed for the weather. We will be outside each day unless it is raining or the wind chill drops below 10 degrees. Also, please try to label all of your child's belongings.

SFX BOY SCOUT PANCAKE BREAKFAST

The SFX Boy scout troop 7 is holding its annual pancake breakfast on Sunday, November 3rd from 8:30am-12pm in the Parish Hall. If interested you may purchase a ticket from any SFX scout.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

11/1	First Marking Period Ends – Professional Development Day – No Students. CDC is also closed.
11/8	Report cards go home. Turkey Bingo-5:30-9:30 in Parish Hall
11/15	3 rd Grade Raffle – All school non-uniform
11/18	Parent Teacher Conferences 4-8pm
11/18-21	McLean and Eakin Book Fair
11/26	½ day of school-dismissal at 11:40, P.D. for staff. CDC closing at noon.
11/27-11/29	No School-Thanksgiving Break
12/5	Christmas Concert-6:30pm in SFX Church