

# St. Francis Xavier School Newsletter

St. Francis Xavier School, with family partnership is dedicated to the development of the whole child through the spiritual and academic excellence of Catholic education.

December 20, 2019

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Dear St. Francis School families,

Happy Advent! We recognize the Advent season as a time of spiritual preparation. Last week, our third through eighth grade students received the Sacrament of Reconciliation; we had six priests with us for confession. As a school, we have been emphasizing serving others and being purposeful in practicing generosity, our virtue of the month during December. We will be celebrating Catholic Schools Week from Sunday, January 26 – Saturday, February 1. Catholic Schools Week is an important week to celebrate Catholic Schools and specifically St. Francis Xavier School. Many generations in the Petoskey community have been educated in our school, and our students have greatly influenced the surrounding community. We hope you will join us for Sunday Mass to kickoff Catholic Schools Week. As we get closer to this week, we will share more details about the activities and events. A tradition of our 8<sup>th</sup> grade class is to go on an 8<sup>th</sup> grade trip as a culmination of their time as students at St. Francis Xavier School. This year we are partnering with St. Edith Catholic School in Livonia for a trip to Washington D.C., including visits to the Flight 93 Memorial and Gettysburg. Our 8<sup>th</sup> grade families began fundraising during the summer, and there are a number of fundraisers during the school year. We appreciate your support of their fundraising efforts. Another way that you can support the 8<sup>th</sup> grade trip is by turning in your Oleson's receipts to our school office. Each receipt is worth 1% of the total spent as a contribution to St. Francis Xavier School. On behalf of all the staff at St. Francis Xavier School, I would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas. May you experience a Christmas season filled with joy, peace, and many blessings in the New Year!

Yours in Christ,

Adam Dobrowolski, principal

## HAPPY RETIREMENT, MR. VERN!



We want to wish Mr. Vern, who has been a custodian here at SFX for 10 years, a very blessed retirement! We will miss you and thank you for all your years of service to our school!

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT SKI NIGHTS



Starting January 15<sup>th</sup> we will once again be participating in Wednesday night ski nights at Nubs Nob from 4-9PM. Please stop in the office for paperwork. Each week money and forms are due the Friday before we ski. Parents will also receive the same rates as students for tickets/rentals! Lessons begin at 5:30PM.



## VIRTUE OF THE MONTH: GRATITUDE

The following St. Francis Xavier students were awarded certificates for being the students within their home – rooms that best displayed the virtue of Gratitude for the month of November. Back row-left to right: Charlie Mercer (5<sup>th</sup>), Conner Duch (4B), Colin O'Donnell (4A), Ella Sulitis (3B), Claire O'Donnell (6<sup>th</sup>), Charlie Thomas (7<sup>th</sup>), and Marlee Mays (8<sup>th</sup>). Front row-left to right: Paige Plichta (KA), Will Wilson (KB), Payton Smock (1B), Abby Zielinski (1A), Sean Sullivan (2B), Ryan Holt (2A), and Ethan Smock (3A).

## SAFETY WHEN DROPPING OFF

Michigan Street can get very congested at drop-off and pick-up time. Please keep a watchful eye out for children getting out of vehicles and crossing the road. For safety we ask that there's no loading/un-loading in the street.

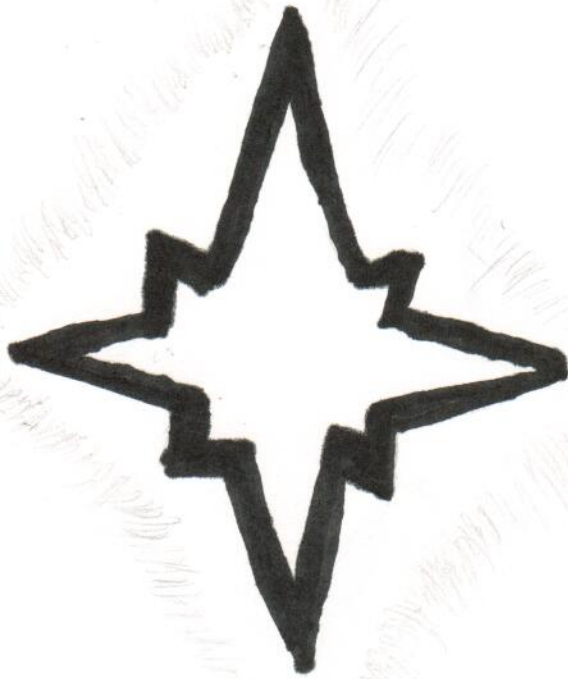
## LOOKING AHEAD

- 12/23-1/5 Christmas Break
- 1/6 School Resumes
- P.T.O. sponsored assembly for K-8<sup>th</sup>
- 1/15 Ski Night at Nubs Nob 4-9PM
- 1/17 Non-uniform & 6<sup>th</sup> grade raffle
- 1/24 1<sup>st</sup> Semester Ends-½ day of school for students-dismissal at 11:40 am.
- 1/26 Catholic School Week begins-SFX School hosts coffee hours after mass
- 1/28 Chili Dinner-5:30pm-7:30pm at the Parish Hall
- 1/31 Report cards go home

On the back side of this newsletter is the artwork of James Holt (2<sup>th</sup>) signed by Saint Francis staff.

We wish you a blessed Christmas and Happy, Healthy New Year!!!





Sierra Hoffmen

Kristin Jeffers

Christine Suls

Adam Dobrowski

Beckie Wimmer

Jeff Sulitis

Katie Hoyt

Patti Kash

Kathy Meiers

Carlin Paulos

Patricia

Linda M. Beer

Kathy Godfrey

Mrs. Niwander #1

Mrs. Niwander #2

Mally McCing

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Jason Snow

Holly O'Donnell

Katie Miller

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