

St. Francis School Newsletter

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Dear St. Francis Xavier Families,

We are in our last couple weeks before the end of the first quarter, the last day being November 6th. It was beneficial for us to host our parent teacher conferences last week as we monitor the progress of our students through the first two months of the school year.

This upcoming Tuesday, we will be hosting a new family orientation in our parish hall starting at 8:30 a.m. At this meeting, we will be able to provide an overview of our annual school fundraising, volunteer hours, parish financial report, and provide an opportunity to answer any questions that our new families may have. Fr. Greg, Deacon Paul and I will be present, and we invite our 2020-2021 auction/fundraising team to join us as well. Our fundraising plans are starting to come together, and we will be sharing an update with all of our school families shortly after meeting with our new families.

Over the past two months, we had some successful fundraisers to meet some needs on our campus. A rolling gate is in the construction process at our entryway to our playground. This has been a long awaited goal to have this project funded and now completed. We are grateful for this added security feature to restrict vehicle entry during school hours. On October 2nd, our PTO sponsored the 6th annual Fall Fun Run. It was a successful and fun day for our students to participate in. We have been in contact with our playground design consultant for new playground equipment options with the money that was fundraised. Thank you for everyone that planned, participated, and donated to the Fall Fun Run.

Finally, I have an update on our school-wide computer purchase. We ordered 15 computers in early August, followed by an order of many additional laptops in September based on the orders placed by families for individual use. Our vendor has told us that there is a nationwide backorder on devices due to the increased demand. As a contingency, we have purchased extra computers from the Public Schools of Petoskey (we have a contract with Petoskey IT for our technology). The Petoskey IT team is in the process of setting up our laptops, and as of this week, we are starting to receive these and will begin to label and distribute to all of our students that had an order placed for a computer. These will act as an interim computer until the new HP Streams arrive from our vendor.

Stay well, and God Bless!

Yours in Christ,
Adam Dobrowolski, principal

VIRTUE OF THE MONTH: FORTITUDE (Be sure to check out our video on facebook!)

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 fortitude and the student's that were nominated for demonstrating fortitude at SFX were: Wyatt Marshall (KB), Tommy Doud (KA), Louie Doud (1A), JR Riehl (1B), Gabe Wilson (2A), Addison Kanine (2B), Amelia Fate (3A), Evie Gattle (3B), Ryder Blumke (4B), Luke Pike (5A), Owen Kirchner & Ellie Daniel (5B), Avery Sears (6th), Taylor Keiswetter (7th), and Korbin Sulitis (8th).

FAMILY SCHOOL SERVICE

All school families are required to provide only 10 hours of service to the school each year. 4 hours are to be dedicated to the playground (sign up by calling the office). As the weather gets colder, we are usually in greater need of volunteers to help monitor the playground. The remaining 6 hours are to be committed to the Auction and/or PTO events.

5TH GRADE AT THE FUN RUN!



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2019-2020 YEARBOOKS AVAILABLE

Yearbooks are available in the office for \$20.00. If you would like one please send in cash/check and we will send a yearbook home with your child or you can buzz us at the door and we can bring one to you.

If you would like to purchase an ad to display in our upcoming 2020-21 yearbook please fill out and return the form that was sent home with your child, the deadline is November 20th.

STUDENT COUNCIL

Congratulations to the following students who were elected by their classmates to office:
8th Grade President/Vice President: Rafa Miranda & Gabby Cesario. 8th grade Secretary: Reghan Hoffman, and 8th grade class representative: Russell Vandermus. 7th grade class representative: Taylor Keiswetter; Clare Gengle is alternate. 6th grade class representative: Madeline McDiarmid; Charlie Mercer is alternate, 5th grade class representatives: Ava Somers & Anna Dobrowolski; Luke Licata is alternate. 4th grade class representative: Robby Mercer. $\frac{3}{4}$ split class representative: Will Daniel; Ella Sulitis is alternate. 3rd grade class representative: Bethany Cox; Jimmy Rahaim is alternate, 2nd grade class representatives: Beau Wortman & Emma Somers; Norah Dewey is alternate. 1st grade class representatives: Olivia Carlson and Delaney Hollenbeck; Geno D'Angelo, JR Reihl, & Louis Doud are alternates.

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. **Starting November 1st our uniform policy states shorts are no longer allowed.**

NEW BEGINNINGS RESALE SHOP

New Beginnings resale shop in Harbor Springs, a ministry of Holy Childhood of Jesus Parish, and a large contributor to our school offers an assortment of items at economical cost and are open from Monday – Saturday, 10am-4pm. They also have some items available to purchase listed on their website. Be sure to check them out! New Beginnings is also looking for volunteers if you, or someone you know, is interested.

2020-2021 RAFFLE & AUCTION EVENT

The theme for this school year's event is  Our goal is supporting God's mission based on Philippines 4:13 "we can do all things through Him who gives us strength." By providing funding for Catholic education at St. Francis Xavier School by collaboration with families, parishioners, and community support in efforts to be a light and witness to those who encounter our student body. Our school fundraising team is currently working on the plan for our 2021 Auction. Our Grand Raffle drawing is **April 11th**

1st prize is \$15,000

2nd prize is \$3,000

3rd prize is \$2,000

With 4 \$500 early bird prizes being drawn monthly before April. Raffle tickets will be coming home soon. Each family will receive 5 tickets to sell but sky's the limit! Tickets are \$100 per ticket. They will also be available to purchase online.

Main Chairperson: Tim LaGasse
Event Chair: Amy Wilson
Raffle Chair: Craig Saunders
Acquisition Chair: Jayme Weir
Sponsorship Chair: Hannah D'Angelo & Jennifer Smith

LOST ITEMS

We have some mittens, coats and sweatshirts, some of which were left in our lost & found at the time of closure last March. We posted a photo on our facebook page – let us know if any of the items belong to your child and we will send home.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

11/6	1 st Marking Period Ends – Picture Re-Take day.
11/13	Report cards go home.
11/16	Professional Development Day – No Students
11/20	3 rd & $\frac{3}{4}$ Split Raffle & all school non-uniform day
11/24	$\frac{1}{2}$ day of school-dismissal at 11:40, P.D. for staff.
11/25-11/27	No School-Thanksgiving Break