



ST. FRANCIS XAVIER CATHOLIC SCHOOL



Where *faith & knowledge* Flourish



Principal's Welcome



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Thank you for considering St. Francis Xavier Catholic School as a place of education for your children. Our teachers and staff offer our students a tremendous amount of knowledge, talent, and dedication that is unique to our school. Our parents are known for their involvement in school activities and efforts that contribute to the success and well-being of our students.

Spiritual formation is fostered by daily classes in religion and weekly Mass. Our religious education is founded on teaching Gospel values that empower the children to grow in their faith, and to treat others as they would want to be treated. We work diligently to reinforce the same moral teachings children learn from parents at home.

Education outside the classroom occurs in various forms. In addition to regular field trips, students participate in the Model United Nations program. Our middle school has a National Junior Honor Society chapter and Student Council. Our sports programs include volleyball, tennis, basketball, soccer, and cheerleading. Students are encouraged to participate in chess, robotics, and quiz bowl. Regional winners attend state competitions.

St. Francis Xavier is a safe, faith-filled school where your child can thrive academically and grow spiritually. We are honored that you are considering us as a school family for your children. Please let us know how we can be of any assistance to you.

Peace and blessings,

Deacon Dr. Terry Mermann



MISSION STATEMENT:

Inspired by the Sisters of St. Joseph, St. Francis Xavier Catholic School provides an excellent academic foundation, promotes spiritual formation, and inspires within each student a desire to serve others.

Parent Testimonies



“ My child will be starting her 4th year at SFX, and she absolutely loves school! That alone speaks volumes of the student culture and academic environment. **We love the close knit community, small class sizes, and faith based curriculum.** You can't go wrong with SFX!

-SFX Parent ”

“ **St. Francis Xavier is a great school that offers excellent academics and a Christian/Catholic education.** The faculty and staff are awesome and offer a lot to the students. Proud to be a part of the SFX family!

-SFX Parent ”



“ I have observed SFX student-athletes to be nothing short of exceptional in **sportsmanship, teamwork, talent and positive examples of Catholic/Christian characteristics.**

-SFX Parent ”

Academics

St. Francis Xavier Catholic School's commitment to the learning process is reflected in a curriculum that adjusts to the unique needs of individual students while respecting the rights, interests, and personal dignity of each child.

The school's sound academic curriculum prepares students to become productive members of society in a world that is becoming increasingly competitive. The curriculum encompasses the following subject areas: religion, language arts, reading, literature, mathematics, science, social studies, art, music, technology, Spanish, and physical education. Each student is required to participate in every subject area taught at his or her grade level. In middle school students are given a choice of electives.



Our newly acquired LabLearner science lab provides each student with hands-on, meaningful, and enjoyable experiences in the process of learning science. LabLearner helps students develop critical thinking skills and make connections between science, technology, engineering, and math.



Fine Arts

The fine arts curriculum develops and stimulates the artistic abilities inherent in all children. Art and music classes develop many valuable skills, including physical and mental coordination, self-expression, group participation, and cooperation. Through a partnership with the Golden Isles Youth Orchestra, students in grades 5-8 have the opportunity to participate in the SFX Strings Program.

Computer

All students gain a working knowledge of computers through classes in the computer lab. A wide range of software complements classroom instruction. Students learn proper keyboarding techniques as well as word processing skills. The use of computers enable students to conduct online research activities and develop technology skills to creatively enhance learning and communicate effectively.

Spanish

Spanish is offered for PK through 8th grade. Major emphasis is placed on oral communication as students learn to tell basic information about themselves. They acquire vocabulary and learn sentence structure by listening to Spanish spoken to them and then making connections through the use of media, visuals, and nonverbal communication.

Physical Education

Physical education classes assist in the development of physical, motor, and developmental skills, while teaching the importance of teamwork and providing lifetime fitness skills.

PreK3-8th Grade



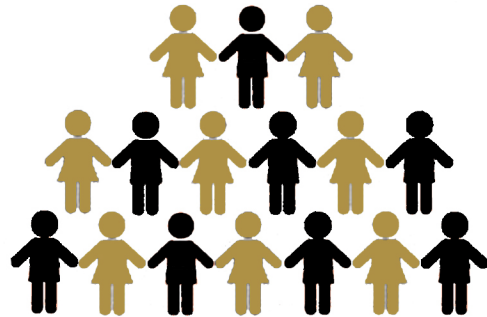
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student enrollment

35%
of families receive
tuition assistance

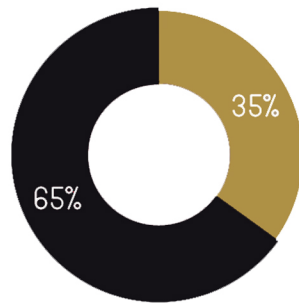


Our average class size is

16



Student Diversity:
65% Catholic
35% Students of
other Faiths



**ST. FRANCIS XAVIER
CATHOLIC SCHOOL**

Top reasons why families
choose our school:

- 1** Challenging Curriculum
- 2** Individualized Attention
- 3** Family Atmosphere

2009

**National Blue Ribbon Award
Excellence in Education**



Catholic Culture

Students put their faith into action through participation in various service projects. During the school year, SFX sponsors several drives for local organizations. At Thanksgiving students donate canned goods for the St. Vincent de Paul food pantry, and at Christmas we conduct collections for the needy in our local community. Religion is the thread that weaves faculty, staff, students, and parents together.



Religion is the heartbeat of St. Francis Xavier Catholic School.

-The goal of the religion curriculum is to instill in students an enthusiasm for living the Catholic faith and to provide an in-depth religious education that includes experiences in prayer, the Sacraments, and service, while stressing the integration of Christian principles into the total curriculum.

-All classes participate in weekly liturgies, celebrating a variety of themes that directly relate to everyday living.

-Students in grades 3rd through 8th are offered the opportunity to participate in the Sacrament of Reconciliation during Advent and Lent, and Catholic students in 2nd grade are prepared for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion.



Catholic students in 8th grade are prepared for the Sacrament of Confirmation. In addition, students celebrate special occasions such as feast days of patron saints, Thanksgiving, and Christmas with special programs and activities. As part of our Diocesan approved religious instruction program, the principles of Christian family life are integrated into the curriculum across all grade levels and include a focus on the sanctity of human life from conception to death. Students in 5th and 6th grade also receive instruction on human reproduction as part of this program.



Student Life

Clubs, athletics, and organizations are an important part of growing up, and it is a privilege to have extra-curricular activities.

All students are expected to take an active role in any events in which they choose to participate. Students participating in such activities are covered under Diocesan Student Insurance during the activities.

St. Francis Xavier Catholic School has several clubs, teams and organizations in which students are encouraged to participate. Most clubs meet after school and separate arrangements must be made for transportation. Some clubs and activities are fee-based.

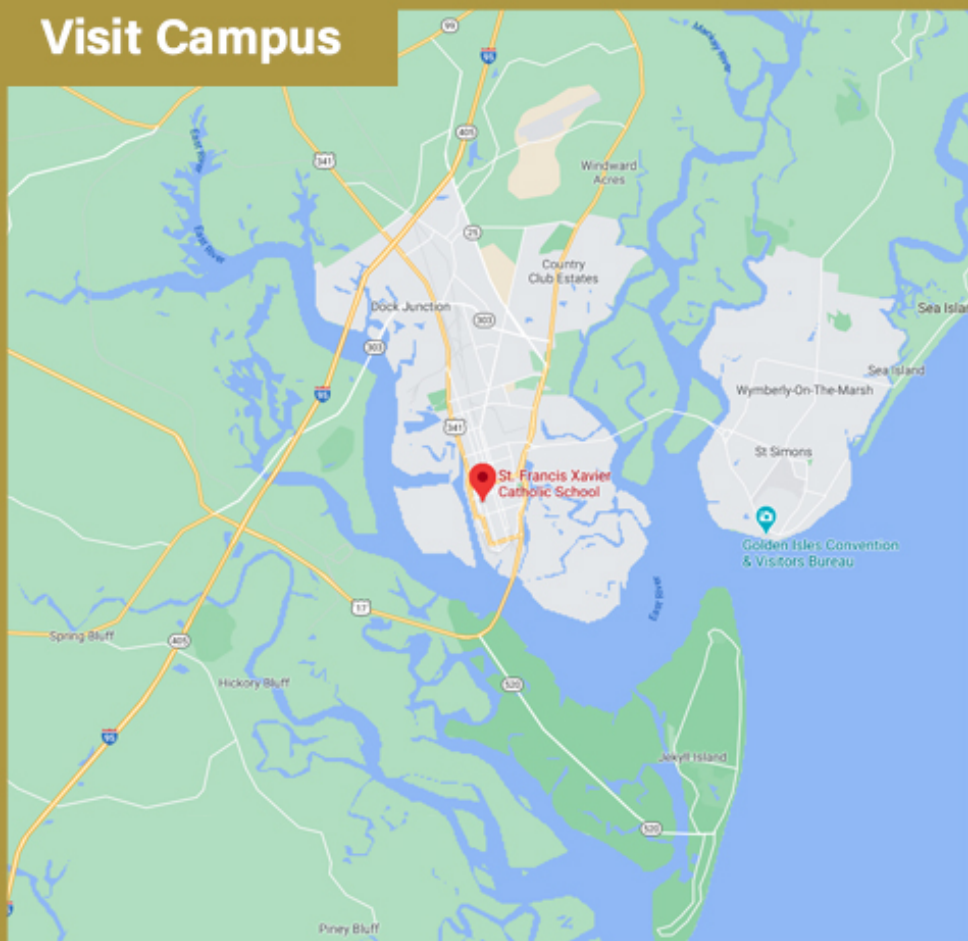


Saint Francis offers Art Club, Math Club, National Junior Honor Society, Chess Club, Robotic Club, Student Council, Model United Nations, Quiz Bowl, and a variety of athletic teams.

Students participating in SFX-sponsored clubs, teams and organizations are expected to conduct themselves in a manner consistent with the expectations set forth in the school's code of conduct. Consistent inappropriate behavior may result in suspension or removal from the club, team, or organization. If a student is absent from school on the day of a game or other competition, she or he will not be permitted to participate in that event.



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