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St. Francis Xavier Catholic School's Newsletter - January 2023
Inspired by the Sisters of St. Joseph, St. Francis Xavier Catholic School provides an excellent academic foundation, promotes spiritual formation, and instills within each student the desire to serve others.

Dear St. Francis Xavier Families,

We are one week into the second semester of the school year and we will begin our winter benchmark testing next week. Students will complete both MAP testing and Religion benchmark testing during the month of January!

We have also opened registration for the 2023-2024 school year. For your convenience, all students will be automatically rolled up to the next grade level so that you don't need to do anything in FACTS SIS. Your registration fee will be drafted from your account on March 15, 2023. If you do not plan to return to SFX next year, simply send me an email to that effect. Please see the attached Tuition Scale.

Please remember that we rely on you, our current families, to assist us in recruiting families to our school community. We know that personal contact is more effective than any other source of advertisement! Please make every effort to identify and contact families you know with school age children who would be good additions to our school community. Remember that in our Student-Parent Handbook it states, "Any current SFX family who refers a family that attends an Open House or takes a school tour will receive a \$25 tuition credit. Any current SFX family who refers a family that registers a child and completes one full semester will receive two hundred dollar tuition credit. Notification of your referral must be made to the SFX office in advance of the referred family's visit to the school." This year we will have two "Open House" activities (dates to be determined soon), but we are giving individual school tours at any time. Please encourage your friends to call the school to schedule a tour! We have a very informative recruitment video posted on our webpage. Please watch it and share it with families you think would be a good addition to our school family!



As you know, **Catholic Schools Week** begins with the last Sunday of January. This year CSW will be celebrated from Sunday, January 29 - Saturday, February 4. However, we will extend the celebration through Sunday, February 5. The schedule of activities will be posted on our web page and FACTS calendar soon.

Work has been steady at the new school. Permanent power was activated in the middle of December. Air conditioners are on around the clock in order to remove the moisture from the concrete floors. Once that process is completed, the flooring and final coat of paint will be applied. We are still on target for moving into the school in mid-March.

We are in need of additional donations to help pay for the new school. There are naming opportunities at different giving levels. Contributions in any amounts are welcome and appreciated. There are also expenses that are not included in the cost of the building. One of the major expenses is the playground. The plans include playground equipment with shade coverings, swings, a half-court basketball court, poured rubber surface covering, mulch, and benches. The total cost for the project is \$180,000. The money raised at the Wines of the World fundraiser at St. William Church has been earmarked to help with this project, but we are still in need of \$145,000. Please let me know if you are willing and able to contribute to the playground or any aspect of the new school building.

On Tuesday, January 3, as part of ongoing safety training, teachers and staff participated in an active shooter training provided by Chief Rodney Ellis of the Glynn County Schools Police Department. This training helped the teachers and staff better prepare for a situation that we hope and pray never occurs.

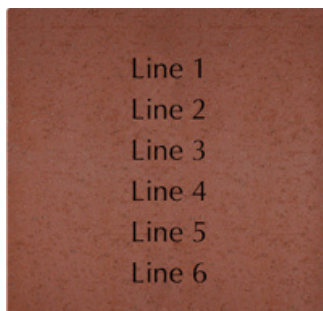
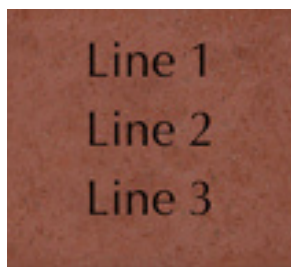
Thank you for all you do for our school. If you have any concerns or needs, please let me know.

God bless,

Dr. M.

New School Brick Fundraiser

Please consider purchasing a personalized brick to complete the walkway in the Holy Family Courtyard of the new school. Since space is limited, please place your orders as soon as possible. Use this link to purchase online [BUY A BRICK](#)



4X8 Brick \$125 8X8 Brick \$250

Dates to Remember

January

- 13 – School Mass led by 4th grade
- 16 – Martin Luther King Jr. Day – No School
- 20 – School Mass led by 3rd grade
- 27 – School Mass led by 2nd grade
- 29 – CSW Mass at St. William at 10:30 A.M.

February

- 3 – School Mass – Grandparents Day
Noon dismissal (EDP available).
Schedule will be sent soon.
- 5 – CSW Mass at St. Francis Xavier at
11:00 A.M.
- 10 – School Mass led by 8th grade, Middle
School dance in XH @ 7:00 P.M.
- 11 – Crusaders Bash at Silver Bluff Brewery,
6:30 P.M.
- 14 – Valentine’s Day class parties (PS3- 5th
grade) @ 2:15 P.M.
- 17 – School Mass led by 7th grade – noon
dismissal. Teacher PL from 1-4 P.M.
- 20 – Weather Make-Up Day – School is in
session.
- 22 – Ash Wednesday - School Mass led by
6th grade



School Dress Code

We have noticed an increasing number of students not following the school dress code. The four major offenses are the following: nail polish on girls, shoes that are not entirely black (white soles and heels), no belts, and extremely short skirts. I have attached a copy of the dress code so that you can review the policy with your child(ren).



Congratulations Science Fair Winners

6th grade:

- 1st place- Jesse Purcell
- 2nd place- Ben Erwin
- 3rd Place- EJ Buckley
- Honorable Mentions- Brooks Boczar,
Carter Murray, Logan Ferra, Jack Taylor

8th grade:

- 1st place- Clara Easterlin & Sally Williams
- 2nd place- Rylie Beerman & Liz Norris
- 3rd place- Cohen Murray
- Honorable Mentions- Patrick McHugh,
Owen Conway, Charlie D'Amico



The annual St. Francis Xavier Catholic School's Crusaders Bash Auction and Dinner is the school's largest fundraising event of the year and is sure to be a fun evening with friends, a silent auction, dinner and music.

Sponsorship opportunities are available.

For more information please email sgdamico26@gmail.com.

Tickets are available online:

Buy tickets NOW