

MERMANN'S MEMO

MARCH 2024

OUR MISSION

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 a desire to serve others.

Dear St. Francis Xavier Families,

The month of March is filled with holy days and holidays!

March 3 - St. Katharine Drexel (born in Philadelphia on Nov. 26, 1858)

March 10 - St. Dominic Savio (born in Italy on April 2, 1842)

March 17 - St. Patrick (born in England or Wales around 415)

March 19 - St. Joseph, Husband of Mary; first day of Spring

March 25 - The Annunciation of the Lord

March 28 - Holy Thursday

March 29 - Good Friday

March 30 - Holy Saturday

March 31 - Easter Sunday

As we begin the third week of Lent, it's a good time to check ourselves: How are we doing with our Lenten practices? Some of us have decided to "do without." Others have decided to "do more." Still others have decided to "give to." Fasting, praying, and almsgiving are the common practices of Lent by which we prepare ourselves to celebrate the passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. I hope your Lenten journey is bringing you closer to The Lord!

The Superintendent of the Diocese of Savannah Catholic Schools has approved our 2024-2025 school calendar.

Friday, March 8, is the last day of the third quarter. Honor roll students will be recognized following the school Mass on Friday, March 15. We will also have parent-teacher conferences on Friday afternoon from 1:00 - 4:00 P.M.

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We have some teaching positions open for next year. If you know teachers who are excellent and interested in coming to St. Francis Xavier School, please ask them to send me their resume! Open positions include middle school math teacher, PE teacher, and an elementary (k-5) teacher.

Thank you so much for fulfilling your volunteer hours. To avoid being charged for unfulfilled hours, please be sure that you document your hours on the FACTS Family Portal.

On March 28, we begin the Sacred Triduum, the most solemn part of the liturgical year. The word "triduum" comes from the Latin word *triduum*, which comes from *tris* (*three*) and *dies* (*day*). Basically, the Sacred Triduum is one great festival recounting the last three days of Jesus' life on earth, the events of his Passion, and the Resurrection. At St. Francis Xavier Catholic School, we celebrate Holy Thursday with a number of religious activities:

8:00 A.M. - Third grade will lead a special morning prayer.

9:00 A.M. - Seder Meal in the Cafetorium - Led by grade 7, served by grade 6, and attended by grade 8.

9:00 A.M. - Easter egg hunt in Hanover Square for grades PreK - 2nd

10:00 A.M. - Agony in the Garden in Hanover Square led by grade 5 & 4, all students attend

11:00 A.M. - Living Stations of the Cross in the cafetorium - led by grade 8, all students attend

12:00 P.M. - Dismissal - EDP will be available

March 29 is Good Friday and the beginning of our Easter/Spring break. School resumes on Monday, April 8.

God bless you, Dr. M.



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Calendar of Events

March

- 4 HSA Meeting
- 8 Mass led by grade 4, Third Quarter ends
- 12 Report cards go home
- 13 & 14 Field trip to Ft. Frederica - grade 3
- 15 Mass led by grade 3. Honor roll recognition after mass. Noon Dismissal. Parent/teacher conferences 1-4 P.M. EDP available
- 16 First Reconciliation @SFX Church - 10:00 A.M.
- 22 Mass led by grade 2
- 27 Field trip to Jacksonville Zoo - grades K & 1
- 28 Holy Thursday - Noon Dismissal
- 29 Good Friday - School Holiday

April

- 1-5 School Holiday
- 8 HSA meeting @ 7:30 A.M. in the cafetorium, MAP assessment # 3 begins
- 12 School Mass led by grade 8
- 19 School Mass led by grade 7
- 26 School Mass led by grade 6

May

- 2 Field Day - Volunteers will be needed!
- 3 School Mass led by grade 5, May Crowning led by grade 1 following Mass
- 6 HSA meeting @ 7:30 A.M. in the cafetorium
- 10 School Mass led by grade 4 with Candle Ceremony
- 10 Middle School Dance - Grade 5 invited to attend
- 14 & 15 8th grade final exams - noon dismissal for grade 8
- 15 Sports Banquet at 6:00 P.M.
- 16 Graduation practice - 8:00 A.M. - 11:00 A.M. in the church
- 17 Graduation Mass @ 6:00 P.M. in SFX Church; Graduation dinner in XH following Mass
- 18 SFX 5K and Fun Run
- 21 & 22 Middle school final exams - noon dismissal for grades 6 & 7
- 23 Last day of school - noon dismissal. No EDP
- 24 & 28 Teacher workdays

2024-2025 School Calendar



Summer Camps

Early Learning Center Summer Camp for rising PS3, Pre-K, K, and first grade will be in session during the months of June and July. The cost is \$200.00 per week.

Summer Journey Program for rising 2nd-8th grade will be in session for the month of June. The cost is \$300.00 for the month due the program being partially subsidized by EANS II funding.

Sign-up through FACTS forms.

The last day to register is April 15, 2024.



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