

# MERMANN'S MEMO

SEPTEMBER 2023

## 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,

We are almost through the first month of school. I hope it's been a positive experience for both you and your child(ren).

Students and staff are excited to be in the new school where everything looks so beautiful and new!

Thank you for sending your students to school on time and in full uniform (more about uniforms later). You've done a remarkable job with the carline in both the morning and afternoon. After a slow first week of school, everyone now knows the routine, and the process moves more quickly. Thanks for your patience and cooperation. Please do not park your car in the parking lot on Howe Street across from the school, as that is private property.

Last year, a few parents expressed concerns about the school's discipline policy. I promised that when this school year got underway, I would form a Discipline Committee to study what we have in place and make suggestions for any changes the committee believes would be positive contributions to our school community. If you are interested in serving on this committee, please let me know. Time served on committees goes toward your required volunteer hours.

As I mentioned at the Back-to-School meetings, we are experiencing excessive delays in the delivery of school uniforms. We aren't sure if this is a manufacturing issue or an issue with the vendor. If you would like to serve on the Uniform Committee, please let me know.

We are looking for a few volunteers to help our teachers monitor lunch and recess time. You must be Virtus trained.

Dr. Terry Mermann, Principal



## TEACHER OF THE YEAR

Congratulations to Mrs. Aldridge, this year's Teacher of the Year. We appreciate all she does for our students and school!

Amy Aldridge started with SFX in 2015 and teaches middle school science and social studies. Mrs. Aldridge earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Middle Grades Education from the College of Coastal Georgia. Mrs. Aldridge oversees the Science Fair and advises the school's National Junior Honor Society.

Mrs. Aldridge enjoys spending time with her husband, children, and dog, watching movies and walking on the beach.

## RAISING OUR CHILDREN

In the recent edition of the Southern Cross, the Diocese of Savannah news magazine, our pastor, Fr. Tim McKeown wrote a wonderful article on *Forming Our Children and Families Using the Four Pillars of Formation*. The article can be found [here](#).



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## TENNIS

### September

11 Glynn Middle  
19 Frederica @ CCGA  
27 St. Mary's @ GA

### October

2 Glynn Middle  
10 Frederica  
11 Camden Middle

All matches at 4:00 P.M.

## VOLLEYBALL

### September

11 @ Snelson Middle  
12 SSI Christian  
14 Risley  
18 Needwood  
21 Jane Macon  
25 @ Midway Middle  
28 Lewis Frasier Middle

### October

2 @ Frederica Academy  
3 @ SSI Christian (The Club)  
5 @ McIntosh Middle

All games at 5:00 P.M.

## CLUBS

**Art Club** - Mondays 3:30-5:00 P.M. (1st to 3rd grades)

**Chess Club** - Tuesdays and Fridays 3:30-5:00 P.M. (1st to 8th grades)

**Music Club** - Wednesdays 3:30-4:30 P.M. (2nd to 8th grades)

**Robotics Club** - Wednesdays 3:30 to 4:30 P.M. (4th to 8th grades)

**Art with Mardi** - Thursdays 3:30 -5:00 P.M. (4th to 8th grades)

Please check Web Forms on the Family Portal for start dates.

## Bucket Brigade!

On Friday, September 15, the School Safety Patrol will raise money for hats and hoodies to wear while they work in the car line. Be sure to have your cash or checks ready for them in the morning or afternoon car line!

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### September

8 Mass 4th Grade  
9 Chess Tournament  
11 HSA Meeting 7:30 A.M.  
15 Mass 3rd Grade  
22 Mass 2nd Grade, School Pictures  
23 Remembering Ahmaud  
29 Mass 8th Grade

### October

2 HSA Meeting 7:30 A.M.  
3 Pre-K and K field trip to Savannah, Faculty Meeting  
4 Blessing of the Pets 2:30 P.M.  
5-6 Student Holiday  
10 Report Cards  
13 Mass 7th Grade, Noon Dismissal, Parent/Teacher Conferences  
20 Mass 6th Grade  
23-27 Red Ribbon Week  
27 Mass 5th Grade, Middle School Halloween Dance

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TICKETS



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## CAR RAFFLE

The Friends of the Davis Love Foundation is once again sponsoring a car raffle. This year, the process is all digital. Please help us reach the goal we have met over the past few years - \$25,000! We are asking each family to sell ten tickets. Remind your friends to select St. Francis Xavier Catholic School as the charity you wish to support and, in the notes, identify your family as the seller of the ticket. Remember that the family that sells the most tickets will receive \$500 with the second and third-place winners receiving \$300 and \$100 respectively.

St. William ticket sale site sign up [here](#).