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St. Francis Xavier Catholic School's Newsletter - October 2022

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,

It is shocking that we are already in the first week of the second quarter of the 2022-2023 school year! I hope that the first semester was challenging and rewarding for your child.

Thank you for supporting the Wines of the World fundraiser at St. William Parish! It was a fantastic event featuring great wine, delicious food, and a tremendous selection of silent auction items! A special thank you to Monsignor Schreck, Stacey Bristol, Tom Delaney, Mark Gagliano, and many local restaurants and chefs for sponsoring the annual event!

As always, our Blessing of the Pets was a huge success! The students always look forward to this activity and seem to rank it as one of the best of the year! Thank you for your enthusiastic participation.

Honor roll recognition will be on Friday, October 21, following our school Mass. Please keep in mind that students will be dismissed at noon on October 21 and parent-teacher conferences will be from 1:00-4:00 P.M. You may schedule your conference using [Sign-up Genius](#). EDP will be available from 12:00-5:30 P.M. If your child will stay in EDP, be sure to send him or her with a lunch.

You have been so patient with all of the rescheduling we've had to do with Picture Day! As it stands right now, Picture Day will be October 28, with the make-up day on December 8.

We have rescheduled the health screening for Friday, November 4 & 18.



We've noticed that many of the girl's uniform skirts are too short. Please remember that the Student-Parent Handbook states that skirts are to be no more than one inch above the knee. We truly need your assistance in enforcing this policy. If your daughter's skirt is too short, now is the time to order a longer one. Remember also that only school-approved outer wear is allowed to be worn in the classroom. The Booster Club sells school-approved hoodies, and sweaters are available through Educational Outfitters. Again, thank you for your support of these rules.

Thank you for your input regarding the Inclement Weather make-up days. Most of you expressed the desire to have those make-up days in February and March. Please understand that if we happen to lose any additional days, we will have to use some of the November and December days in addition to February and March. Let's pray that we don't have to miss any other days!

By the grace of God, Glynn County was spared the severe weather of Hurricane Ian. Our neighbors in Florida were not so lucky. In Christian response to those who were impacted by Ian, our school community is taking monetary donations to send to Catholic Charities in South Florida. Please send your donation to the school by Monday, October 17.

Congratulations to our volleyball team for a fun, exciting season! Many thanks to Coaches Rowell and Wood for sharing their time and expertise with the athletes! Our tennis team will play in the Regionals at Camden Middle School on Wednesday, October 19. Good luck Crusaders!

The school building is progressing nicely. Electricians and IT personnel are busy dropping lines throughout the building, drop ceilings are being installed, tile is being laid, and the first coat of paint is being applied to some walls! We are still on target for completion in March 2023! Please check out the pictures on our webpage!

God bless,

Dr. M.

Music and More

This year our music program will be doing something new! Students in grades 2, 3, and 5 will be performing a Fall Festival of Hymns in St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church on Tuesday, October 18, at 6:00 P.M. Please come out to support our students and listen to some beautiful hymns!

Thanks to Mrs. Roper, this year our strings program will be performing a Veteran's Day program with GMS and GA at the GA auditorium on Monday, November 7, at 7:00 P.M.

This year our Christmas program will be a performance of Lessons and Carols on December 1, at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church at 6:00 P.M. This performance promises to be a wonderfully spiritual preparation for the Birth of Our Lord and Savior! Please plan to join us!



Red Ribbon Week

Red Ribbon Week is from October 24-28. A schedule of activities will be posted to the school calendar soon!



Middle School Dance

The middle school Halloween dance will be on Friday, October 28, from 7:00-9:00 P.M. in Xavier Hall and the elementary school Halloween parties will be on Monday, October 31, from 2:15 – 3:00 P.M.

Car Raffle

Thanks for your support of the Friends of Davis Love Foundation car raffle. We rely heavily upon our fundraisers to bridge the gap between the cost to educate and the tuition charged. Your generous participation is greatly appreciated. To date, we have sold 410 tickets = \$8,200.

Deadline to turn in tickets is Wednesday, November 9.

Respect for Life

Did you know that The Catholic Church designated October as Respect for Life Month? There are a number of useful resources available from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops website or at respectlife.org.

Book Fair

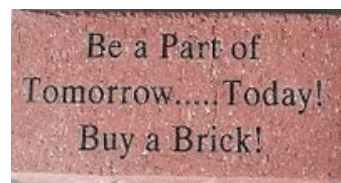
The Fall Book Fair is scheduled from October 17-21. The fair will be open until 5:30 P.M. on Tuesday, October 18. Please support the Book Fair by purchasing books for your children and by volunteering to work at the fair. You can sign up on [Sign-up Genius](#) for the times that work with your schedule.

Home and School Association

Our Home and School Association is selling tumblers and will soon be selling school-approved rain jackets. Order forms will be posted on the Parent Portal soon!



With the help of our Home and School Association, we are getting ready to sell engraved bricks for the new school. We hope to launch that program within the next couple of weeks!



Calendar

October

- 17-21 Fall Book Fair
- 18 Fall Festival of Hymns
- 21 School Mass – led by 6th grade
- 21 Noon dismissal – Parent/Teacher conferences
- 24-28 Red Ribbon Week
- 28 School Mass – led by 5th grade
- Middle School Halloween Dance – XH – 7:00-9:00 P.M.
- 31 Halloween Class Parties (PS3 – 5th grade) – 2:15 P.M.

November

- 1 School Mass – led by 4th grade
- NOTE: This is a Tuesday, Feast of All Saints – Students are encouraged to dress as their favorite saint and process into and out of Mass with the priest, deacon, and altar servers.
- 7 Strings Program
- 11 School Mass – led by 3rd grade
- 18 School Mass – led by 2nd grade
- 21-25 No school – Thanksgiving holiday

Protecting Our Youth

Diocesan policy requires all diocesan adult employees and volunteers attend VIRTUS (safe environment) awareness training, undergo a background check, and read and sign the Diocesan Code of Conduct for Working with Minors prior to working or volunteering at the school.

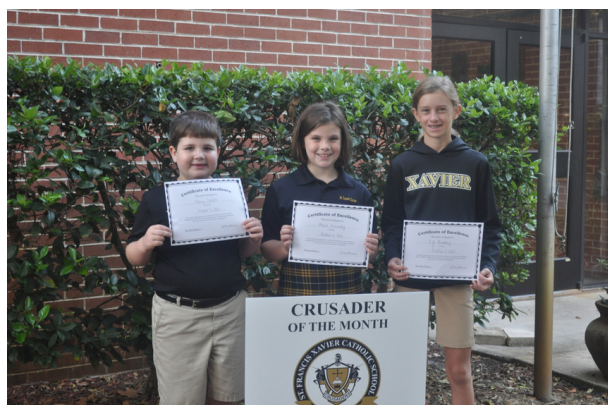
Upcoming training:
St. William Parish
October 15 - 10:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.

[HOW to register](#)

Volunteer Hours

Each family provides stewardship to the school through their time, talent, and treasure. It is accessed yearly through volunteer hours and contributions to our annual appeal. Fifteen volunteer hours are to be completed through a variety of activities and logged through the Family Portal. Families are assessed \$50.00 per hour for any unfulfilled volunteer hours.

Crusaders of Month - October



Students were nominated for demonstrating G.O.L.D. line behavior (Goodness always, Only your best, Love and respect your classmates and teachers, Demonstrate Christ). Students were presented with certificates and treated to Chick Fil A for lunch.

CoastFest Art Contest Winners



Students were presented their award and a gift of art supplies from Georgia Department of Natural Resources

Teacher of the Year



Congratulations to Mrs. Brenda Hunt, who was named Teacher of the Year.

Chess Tournament Winners



National Chess Day Tournament
Second Place K-2 Division

Blessing of the Pets

