

# MERMANN'S MEMO

St. Francis Xavier Catholic School's Newsletter - September 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,

Thank you for a wonderful first month of school. The students have adjusted well to their new teachers and classroom routines. Please let us know if there is anything we can do to make your child's experience even better than it has been! Thank you also for sending your child in full uniform and with all the supplies he or she needs to be successful in the classroom.

This past week our students have not had access to Xavier Hall for either lunch or PE. The floors were being re-lined for volleyball and basketball, a task that was planned to be completed during the summer; however, it took us much longer to find a company that would do the work and to schedule a week to actually complete the job. Unfortunately, when the workers arrived at SFX, they realized that they had the wrong color paint! The black basketball lines have been painted, but the gold volleyball lines have not been. The workers have used red tape for those lines until they can return in a few weeks with the correct gold color.

As with this past week, we will have all students eat in their classrooms again on Tuesday, **September 6**. In honor of Labor Day, West Construction Company is hosting a luncheon in Xavier Hall on Tuesday for about two hundred laborers working on our school building. Thank you so very much for your cooperation and understanding!



I hope that you have enjoyed seeing the daily progress on the new school building. It's so exciting to see the changes from day-to-day and week-to-week! The brick work and stucco are almost complete. Once that happens, we'll see very few changes as all the work will be inside the building. I will do my best to keep you informed of what is happening and provide pictures whenever possible. The completion date is still set for early March, with our taking occupancy by mid-March. Please pray with me that we don't run into unexpected delays!

We are coming to the close of our Fall MAP testing. Assessment results will be sent home soon. Students are also completing the Fall Religion Benchmark Assessments. Those results take longer to come to us from the Diocese. We'll get those results to you as soon as we receive them.

Families who have not yet signed and returned the annually required permission and acknowledgement forms sent through FACTS should do so by Wednesday, **September 7**, 2022.

In preparation for our move into our new school, which was designed with safety and security in mind, we will begin using an electronic check-in and check-out system called SchoolPass. Families will use this program when they drop-off students arriving late or when they take students out of school early for doctors' appointments. This program will also be used to check in visitors to our school and automatically print a badge for the visitor to wear while on campus. A separate email will be sent with instructions on how to use the new system located in the front office. Thank you for your cooperation.

Thank you for entrusting your children to our care. Please be assured of our prayers for you each day!

God bless,

Dr. M.

## Music

This year our music program will be doing some new fun and exciting performances which we hope you will enjoy! On Tuesday, **October 18** at 6:00 P.M. in the Church, we will hold a Fall Festival of Hymns featuring the students in PS3, Pre-K, 2, 3, 5, & 8 . On Monday, **November 7** at 7:00 in the GA auditorium, our strings students will join students from GMS and GA in a Veteran's Day program. For our Christmas Program this year, students from all grades will have the opportunity to participate in a program of Lessons and Carols in the church at 6:00 P.M. on Thursday, **December 1**. Please add these dates to your calendars so that your children will be available to participate. The students rely on each other for support, so when a student doesn't show up on the evening of the program, the others are affected by his or her absence. Thanks for making this a priority!

## Volleyball

Our volleyball and tennis teams are up and running! Please support our athletes by coming to games and matches and cheering our Crusaders to victory. The games are posted on the calendar on the Family Portal!



St William Parish presented St. Francis Xavier Catholic School with their annual subsidy for support of the school. From left Fr. Esteban Mallar, Deacon Dr. Terry Mermann, Msgr. Christopher Schreck, and Fr. Timothy McKeown.



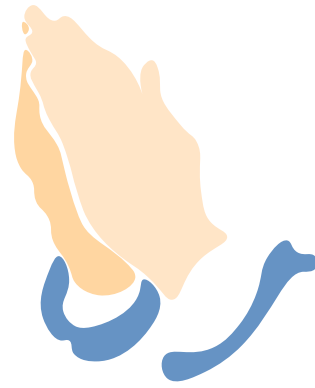
Thank you Home and School Association for a great Back to School Night!

## 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 124 tickets = \$2,480.



# Calendar



## September

- 5 Labor Day – School Holiday
- 9 School Mass – led by 4th grade
- 9 Picture Day
- 16 School Mass – led by 3rd grade
- 23 School Mass – led by 2nd grade
- 23 Vision, Hearing and Scoliosis Health screening  
9:00-11:15 A.M. Grades K-3
- 30 School Mass – led by 8th grade
- 30 Vision, Hearing and Scoliosis Health screening  
9:00-11:15 A.M. Grades 4-8

## October

- 2 Wines of the World Fundraiser at St. William Parish Hall – Please contact Kelley Spaeder for tickets and information
- 4 Feast of St. Francis of Assisi – Blessing of Pets at 2:15-3:00 P.M.
- 5 End of the first quarter
- 6&7 Teacher work days – Student holidays
- 10 Second quarter begins
- 10 School Mass – led by 7th grade – PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE OF DAY AND DATE.
- 11 Report cards sent home
- 17-21 Fall Book Fair
- 18 Fall Festival of Hymns – more information to follow
- 21 Picture Day make-up  
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.

## 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 trainings:

- September 6, 2022 - 9:00 A.M. - Remote Zoom
- September 20, 2022 - 6:00 P.M. - Catholic Pastoral Center, Savannah
- October 1, 2022 - 9:00 A.M. - St. William Church, St. Simons Island

How to register



## Did you know?

Did you know that there are individuals in the Catholic Church who have been given the title of Doctor of the Church? The title Doctor of the Church is given to saints recognized as having made a significant contribution to theology or doctrine through their research, study, or writing.

The first church doctors were declared by Pope Boniface VIII in the 13th century: Sts. Ambrose, Jerome, Augustine, and Pope Gregory the Great. The first women to be named as church doctors were Sts. Teresa of Avila and Catherine of Siena in 1970, by Pope Paul VI.

Even today, holy men and women are being recognized and declared as Doctors of the Church with the most recent being St. John of Avila and St. Hildegard of Bingen in 2012, and St. Gregory of Narek in 2015. There are 37 declared Doctors of the Church!

During the month of September we will celebrate the feast days of the following Doctors of the Church:

St. Gregory the Great – September 3, St. John Chrysostom – September 13, St. Jerome – September 30.

Holy men and women, pray for us!

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