

September 2009

"THE X REPORT"

The mission statement of St. Xavier Catholic school is to educate the whole person - body, mind, and spirit - in Christian values in accordance with our Catholic faith tradition.



WELCOME TO THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR

I'd like to start off by welcoming back students, teachers and staff! It's the start of a new school year here in the ram country. I can already tell that this school year is going to be a great one. The yearbook staff has been tasked with writing this year's monthly newsletter, and we would like to make it much better than prior years. We're going to change the focus from parents and teachers, and add more towards the students, making it more interesting for everyone to read. With the addition of some new things that should make it fun, look forward to some exciting things this year. We have some great ideas that hopefully everyone will be interested to take part in!

As well as all of the new students this year we have a new lunchroom location. Instead of being in the old building they have moved the lunchroom down to the assembly room, where it is a more friendly environment as well as a cooler place to eat lunch. The old lunch room was too

hot in the summer and much too cold in the winter. With the new location the lunch room staff can control the temperature.

Also, the new cafeteria allows the teachers to keep a closer eye on the students, making sure we're not up to our normal teenage shenanigans. I

personally think the new cafeteria is a much better place to eat and it provides more seating as well as a less confusing layout. Everything you need is right there in front of you. Changing the cafeteria's location was a great idea. Now all we need to do, is lengthen that lunch period. But hey, that's just what I think, the rest up to you.



CLASSROOM UPDATES

Information and announcements from classroom teachers at St. Xavier

Computer Lab

Mrs. DeArmond

During the first week of school several classes came to the computer lab and created a personal profile on the computer. They were able to share their interests, favorites, and hobbies with the class as everyone got to know each other.

The Kindergarten through 2nd grade classes viewed an instructional video on how to use Tux Paint. Tux Paint is a freeware software on all of the computers that allows students to create drawings, painting, and pictures. This week, the students created puzzle pieces on Tux Paint, and they were able to cut them out and put them back together.

The 3rd through 7th grades students have started their keyboarding units. Each class has begun learning the home row keys. Keyboarding is a major skill for student using the computers, so this unit will last most of the semester. Each student has a goal of improving their typing speed by 10 words per minute.

The Computer Application class is beginning to use Microsoft Word. Their first project is developing flyers and handouts, while the second project will be to format formal research papers.

High School English and Speech

Mrs. Dinsmore

Welcome back everyone! All the English classes (eighth through twelve) will still be doing weekly vocabulary this year. The eighth and ninth grades will need to know the definition of the word and how to spell it. All the other classes are only quizzed on the definition. Word lists go out on Monday, and the quiz and the spelling test are on Friday. We will not do vocabulary on short weeks.

Eighth, ninth, and tenth grades will all be starting with short story units. We will discuss the various elements of the short story and read lots of examples. We will do most of the reading in class, so homework will be questions from the text or worksheets.



The eleventh grade is studying American literature. This class is taught in chronological order rather than by genre. We will be starting with the earliest American literature then moving on to the writings of the Puritans. We will read The Crucible as part of this segment.

Speech will start out the year studying the basics of communication in general. It will be well into the quarter before the first actual speech is assigned. All work for this class is done during the class period and no homework is given until speeches are assigned.

STUCO OFFICERS:

President- Alex Davis
Vice President- Jazmene Reed
Secretary- Adam Whitaker
Treasurer- Yvonne Engelhardt

STUCO REPS

Dylan Moon- 11th Grade
James Kang-11th Grade
Killian Wood-10th Grade

STUCO REPS

Maddison Miller- 9th Grade
Brennan Booth- 9th Grade

Religion Update

Mrs. Meseke

This year students will be locating in a new classroom, #204 upstairs, which gives us window light, and ample room for "Art in Religion".

Students will continue to use their designated textbooks for class, but will have a daily Bible reading as their homework assignment.

"Beyond The Book" will also be included in the curriculum, which involves parents and their children striving to communicate with each other.

Art in Religion will continue to stay on Fridays, with a notebook assignment given on the Monday prior. Each student will need to have their assignment done before they can participate in their art of choice.

I would like to take each class on a field trip this year, and I am presently searching for a subject with Religious value.

For the moment, there are 56 students in total, which I am looking forward to knowing better, as we start this year's journey in Spiritual Growth and Knowledge.



Spanish I

Mrs. Robison

This year the students in Spanish I class will not be working online, but will be taught via web cam. Web cam is also known as video calling or conferencing.

This year's teacher is Señora Gerber and she lives in Goodland, Kansas, a town 4 hours west and one hour behind of Junction City. She has been teaching Spanish for 13 years, but this will be the first time she has taught via web cam.

From the first day of class, Señora Gerber has spoken to the students in Spanish as she teaches them basic Spanish that includes greetings, how to ask someone their name, how to say their name, how to ask someone how they are feeling, how to say the alphabet, how to count and add and subtract. She will also teach them about Mexico and the Mexican culture.

While the students, Señora Gerber and Señora Robison still have to deal with some technical problems, the opportunity to have automatic feedback enhances this class. The students are able to ask a question and get a response on the spot. The students and teacher can also form a relationship and right now that relationship looks like a very good one. Hopefully by the end of the school year we can say that in this class se habla español.

Theology

Mrs Breidenstein

In 10th grade, we have spent the first week discovering the



history behind why we go to mass, what the symbolism is of the various rituals, and how Catholics are unique in their worship. Next week we'll begin to learn how we got the Bible, what it contains and how to find information in it.

In 11th and 12th grade, we reviewed the history of important people and events of the Old Testament that we learned last year in order to prepare us for the study of the New Testament gospels. We will look at the Birth of Jesus next week.

8-12th Grade Science

Dr. Autem

The 8th through 12th grade science classes have been working on measurement labs. The classes did six minilabs during the first week of classes. Students used hand measurements of classmates to estimate classmate heights. They used meter sticks to take the actual measurement in centimeters. Students also measured several objects in centimeters and used balance scales to measure the mass of the objects.



I would like to welcome back all parents and students to a new and joyous year! I am looking forward to getting to know them as well as their child(ren).

Thanks Mrs. Sunley



Music News with Mr. Weber

Choir

Choir is now available for students in grades 7-12 as part of the new seminar program. Meeting times are 7:30 -8:15 on Tuesdays and Thursdays in the music room. A half a credit is offered to those who attend for the whole school year. Included in the class will be some basic music theory, sight singing, some pop music, "classical" pieces and music to be sung during mass. The hope is that choir members can have fun while developing singing skills and learning more about music.

After School Strings

This program will be conducted by Mrs. Corlett, our new kindergarten teacher, and is available to all 4th graders and up. This group will meet from 3-3:30 on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Mrs. Corlett can obtain instruments at a very reasonable rate. More information can be obtained through Mrs. Corlette or Mr. Weber

Music Memory

The 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th grades will be doing music memory again this year with 16 new selections to learn, and this is culminate in a competition between schools to be held at Kansas State University.

Band

The school will play host to the League Band Clinic this year on March 9th. More than 100 students from other schools in the league will participate, and the day will end with a concert in the gym at 7:00, and is free to the public.

Sign Up for the Strings Program!

St. Xavier School
200 North Washington Street
Junction City, Kansas 66441
Fax: 785-238-5021
principal@saintxrams.org

AFTER SCHOOL STRINGS PROGRAM YEAR 2009-2010

-WHO- Any student 4th grade and up

-WHEN- After school on Tuesdays

4TH thru 6TH Grades may stay in the aftercare from 2:30 TO 3:00 (\$2.70/Hour, Includes snack)

7TH Graders or above may stay in the music room to study until 3:30 (No extra charge).

-WHERE- Music room

-COST- \$25.00/Month payable at the beginning of each month.

-INSTRUMENTS- Students who do not have their own instruments may purchase a $\frac{3}{4}$ size violin for about \$120 through the school, either lump sum or in installments.

-MUSIC- Will be provided as part of the monthly fee.

-INSTRUCTOR- Mrs. Corlet, with the assistance of her two sons and Mr. Weber.

If you are interested, please return the tear sheet below to the office. For more information, contact Mr. Weber.

Student Name _____

Grade _____

Phone Number _____

E-mail Address (optional) _____

New School Year, New Class

Students, staff and parents: this year is starting off great! Our school is now offering extra curricular classes that have never been offered at St. Xavier. These classes are called seminar specials. They are from 7:45 a.m to 8:15 a.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The seminar specials include:

- Weight Training & Wellness with Mr. Korf
- Home-Economics with Mrs. Davis
- Choir with Mr. Weber
- Conversational Spanish with Ms. Robinson
- High-Q with Mrs. Breidenstein

- Life Skills “How To Buy A Car And Still Be A Saint” with Mr. Breidenstein

Mrs. Balderrama and staff think that these classes will be a great success. They would like to see the students get involved and have fun. There will be more classes offered next semester. Some of the ideas for next semester include, creative writing, choir and book club. We are still looking for more ideas, that’s why we need student input. St. Xavier staff wants to hear what you have to say! Your input is what we need! Take your ideas to the office and inform Mrs. Balderrama or Mrs. Gober about any ideas you may have!



Mrs. Davis
Home
Economics

SEMINAR



SPECIALS

BRIANNA'S STORY



Her name is Brianna Marie Tafoya and she is eleven years old, She is Lupè Chavez's younger sister. In December of 2008 she was diagnosed with a rare bone marrow disorder. September 9th, 2009 she is receiving a bone marrow transplant. Thankfully her donor was a 9 out of 10 match almost a 100%. This is very troubling for her so keep her and her family in your prayers during this troubling time.

TACO FEED

The Taco Feed was a great success! Thanks to our Activities Committee for sponsoring all of the food. Mrs. Booth, the activities committee's treasurer, told us how this taco feed turned out, "The night before the taco feed we cut roughly around thirty pounds of onions and twenty pounds of tomatoes! We almost raised \$1,117.00

excluding expenses." They ran out of taco shells and meat, but they still had ingredients to make walking tacos. The taco feed was really packed but worth the wait. Thanks to St. Xavier students who helped at the taco feed. Mrs. Booth tells us that without their help the night would have been chaotic.



**ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE ALWAYS
SUPPORTING OUR STUDENTS**



Hello Song

"I'm fine how about
you?
How are you today?
We are fine today -
HEY!"



THE PRESCHOOL WAVES HELLO

Mrs. Fryday, Mrs. Rubash and Mrs Whitaker

Preschool is in full swing with "Getting to Know You" activities. We are not only getting to know each other and new things about "ourselves", but also getting to know all kinds of "Stuff". For example, in addition to washing our hands a Billion times (just cause we like soap bubbles and water) Mrs Whitaker showed us a potato recipe! First you peel two potatoes. Then you put hand sanitizer on your hands and pass around one potato and put it in a glass jar. Then you pass around the other potato and just plain ol' touch it, dirty hands and all and put it in a jar. Now one is growing mold! Which one do you think it is? Anyway, we think these potatoes are way more interesting than mashed potatoes and even french fries.

Other "stuff" we really like is playing the piano in Mrs. Rubash's room. She can't sing so well so our piano playing makes her sound better. Also mom's and dad's are writing where our names

come from so teacher can share name stories and help us learn to know and write our name. We made a "kissing hand" so our Moms would not have such a hard day without us.

Looks like we have a lot of "stuff" on our getting to know this and that list. Mrs. Whitaker keeps singing that "Getting to know you" song while Mrs. Rubash figures it out on the piano. She can't read a single note, so we are all helping her. Beside that Mrs. Whitaker, Mrs. Roberts and even our preschool kid, Sara Rexrode are going to be in the play, " The King and I" that will be on stage at the Opera House! We not only have "getting to know" stuff going on, but places to go and people to see. Take Care Everyone and when the Church Bell Rings you can say in your heart, "Thank You God for Making Me. Thank You God for Loving Me. Thank You for My Family and My Friends. Amen."

THE NEW FACES OF ST. XAVIER



Student name: Victoria Fuller
Nick name: Toria
Birthday: October 26
Favorite food: Mashed potatoes
Favorite video game: Wii sports
Favorite thing to do: Listen to music
Favorite sport/activity: Cheerleading
Favorite subject in school: Spanish
Favorite TV program: Sponge bob



Student name: Ethan Fryday
Nick name: None
Birthday: February
Favorite food: Pizza
Favorite video game: Halo wars
Favorite thing to do: Play video games
Favorite subject in school: Math
Favorite music: Rock



Student name: Dong won Hong
Nick name: Sean
Birthday: May 10
Favorite food: Pizza
Favorite movie: Pursuit of Happiness
Favorite book: Huckleberry Finn
Favorite video game: MAME
Favorite thing to do: Computer
Favorite sport/activity: Tennis
Favorite subject in school: P.E
Favorite TV program: CNN
Favorite music: Luxemburg



Student name: Joshua Pearce
Nick name: JC
Birthday: April 23
Favorite food: Quiche
Favorite movie: Dave Chappelle
Favorite video game: Don't play
Favorite thing to do: Play basketball
Football
Favorite sport/activity: Basket ball
Favorite subject in school: Theology
Favorite TV program: Dave Chappelle
Favorite music: Rap

ST. X VOLLEYBALL

High School

- #1 Madison Miller
- #2 Payton Yopp
- #3 Monique Nesbitt
- #4 Victoria Fuller
- #5 Lené Keating
- #6 Kellie Powers
- #7 Keonya Jackson
- #8 Ashley Board
- #9 Yvonne Engelhardt
- #10 Jennifer Kirkman

Jr. High

- #2 Miranda Powers
- #3 Katelin Silovsky
- #3 Zoey Vincent
- #4 Abigail McConnell
- #5 Leslie Reese
- #8 Davita Kesner
- #9 Federica Piscozzi
- #10 Emily Kirkman
- #11 Kim Keating
- #11 Adrianna Camacho
- #13 Mary Zimmer
- #14 Alex Wood
- #14 Taylor Pointer
- #15 Krystina Sunley
- #16 Megan Fernandez
- #17 Hannah Moon
- #18 Jemika Pearce
- #20 Myranda Carr

Sports With Alex Davis

The start of another volleyball season is just around the corner, and the hopes for a successful winning season couldn't be higher. The past few seasons have resulted in a less than favorable outcome. None the less, our players are working hard and are doing their best. Coach DeArmond feels that this season will be a very successful one at that. "A successful team is one that improves and works harder, that's what I hope to accomplish this season." The Middle school rams A&B teams has their second game against Flint Hills and Prairie Heights on September 10th, and the first game of the high school season on September 8th at home against Flint Hills Christian and Sunrise Academy. St. Xavier hopes to work hard and come out on top. Coach DeArmond

feels that fan support is at an all time low, and she encourages everyone to come out and support our rams. " We need to have a bigger fan base, middle school games are often packed, but high school games don't have quite the support I'd like to see," she said in a recent interview. Ashley Board, captain of the high school volleyball team, had this to say: "I feel that this year's players have put out a more valiant effort to make this years season a successful one." So rams let's kick this season up a notch, improve, work hard, and never give up! With a little effort and determination I think that this season can be a successful one. Give it all you got, and you'll win every time.

"Work Hard And Never Give Up"



A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPALS



Dear Parents:

September is upon us and along with the change in the weather comes cold and flu season. We would like to take this opportunity to remind you about the St. Xavier illness policy as stated on page 4 in our school handbook.

Illness

Students should not come to school if they exhibit flu-like symptoms. These symptoms include fever, excessive coughing, body aches and pains. Please err on the side of caution. If a child develops symptoms at school, we will provide them with a mask to wear, and they will be isolated from other students and parents will be contacted to pick up their child. Please make sure we have up-to-date phone numbers!

During flu season, the principals will be in contact with the Health Department on procedures in case of a pandemic.

*Students **WILL NOT** be able to return to school for 24 hours if they exhibit a fever of more than 100 degrees (and must be fever free for 24 hours without medication), and/or have vomiting or diarrhea. For example, if your student goes home sick from school on Tuesday with a stomach bug, they will not be able to return to school until Thursday morning. Another example is if your child wakes up with a fever on Monday morning and requires Tylenol all day to keep it under control and is not fever free without medication until Tuesday, your child would not be able to return to school until Thursday morning.*

Please don't send your child to school if they are unwell, due to the school environment sickness transmits quickly amongst the children and we do not want the illness to spread.

If your child is unable to attend school due to illness please inform the school by telephone at 785-238-2841 before 9:00 a.m.

Thank you for helping the staff and students at St. Xavier stay as healthy as we can during this cold and flu season!

Sincerely,

Lori Balderrama

Rhonda Millard

WELCOME HOME BIG RED ONE!



FOR THOSE RETURNING:

Thank you for your valiant service in defending this great country we call home. Freedom isn't free, and you help fight for that freedom everyday. Welcome home and we're glad you made it safely.

2nd Brigade 1st Infantry Division

- LTC Richard Hodgson
- SSG Sidronio Rodriguez
- SFC David Smith
- SGT Brian McIntyre
- SGT Richard Black
- CW2 Greg Gober
- SFC Jerry Yopp
- SSG Richard Barker


TO THOSE OVERSEAS:

We would like to thank you for all the hard work you are all doing every day to keep us safe. You will remain in our prayers everyday. You keep our nation free. Work hard and return safely.
Duty First!



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Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
		1 	2	3 Jr. High Volleyball @ Centre 3:45 pm	4	5
Help Support St. X Volleyball						
6	7 No School	8 High School Volleyball HOME GAME 4:30 pm	9	10 Jr. High Volleyball @ Prairie Heights	11	12 St. Xavier Invitational Tournament 8:30 am
13	14	15 High School Volleyball HOME GAME 4:30 pm	16	17 Jr. High School Volleyball @ Home 4:30 pm	18	19
20	21 Sports Eligibility Check	22 High School Volleyball @ Flint Hills	23	24 Jr. High Volleyball @ Wakefield	25 Fall Sports Pictures	26
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SIZE-24" x 33" x 1.3 ml (15 gallon)
Only \$10.00 Per Roll