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Welcome to St. Xavier Catholic Schools' Newsletter published by the High School Mass Communication Class. The Newsletter will be published several times a year with our purpose to inform you concerning personnel, students, and events at St. Xavier Catholic School.

Advent/Christmas Edition 2020

Students Thoughts On . . .

As we celebrate the Advent Season, the St. Xavier students were asked to reflect on one or more of the following topics:

My favorite thing about Advent is . . .

One of our Advent traditions is . . .

A Christmas I remember . . .

My wish for all for Christmas is . . .

What Christmas means to me . . .

One of our Christmas traditions is . . .

Here are some of the responses from our students:

Pre K through Grade 4 students:

*Christmas means to spend time with our family and loved ones, the birth of Jesus, having fun by eating and laughing. We throw snowballs at each other and go sledding. Christmas also means opening gifts and giving away gifts as well. The most important thing about Christmas is praying to God and going to Church.

*My wish for all for Christmas . . .

- A toy unicorn
- For everyone to eat ice cream
- A toy mermaid
- For everyone to have food

*What Christmas means to me . . .

- That you open presents and play outside
- When I get a monster truck
- Everything
- It's a holiday with snow



*My wish for all for Christmas is that everyone can be together.

*One of our Christmas traditions is putting the inflatables in the yard and on the roof.

*One of our Christmas traditions is to play Mario Kart and Minecraft.

*One of our Christmas traditions is putting the tree up together.

*One of our Christmas traditions is playing Minecraft.

*One of our Christmas traditions is putting a tree inside the house, outside the house, and on the roof.

*One of our Christmas traditions is decorating the tree together as a family.

*A Christmas I remember I got a big Power Ranger toy.

*My wish for all for Christmas . . . I want to make everybody a card.

*One of our Christmas traditions is . . . going to see family and spending Christmas with them.



*A Christmas I remember . . . is when I got my elf on the shelf.

*One of our Christmas traditions is . . . I go to my Grandma's house.

*One of our Christmas traditions is . . . laying cookies out for Santa.

*One of our Christmas traditions is putting up stuff at night with each other and hiding the Lucky Pickle. My sisters have to find it; whoever finds the Lucky Pickle gets to hide it next year.



*A Christmas I remember--my favorite Christmas was one time when it was really cold out. My Mom and I made hot cocoa.

*What Christmas means to me--family, friends, and the birth of Jesus.

*A Christmas I remember is the day I got my dog from the dog pound. My dog's birthday is December 10.

*My wish for all for Christmas is for everyone to get toys, books, DVD's, and movies--and also clothes.

*My wish for all for Christmas is for everyone to have a good time and to have glee!

*One of my family traditions is to drink hot cocoa, open presents, and watch movies.

*A Christmas I remember was when I got a dog just for me and I named him Godzilla.

*One of our Christmas traditions is . . . as long as we are in Kansas, we'll go to Acorn Resort for a few days starting on December 26 to around December 30.

*Christmas means to me to be with my family and Jesus and friends.



*My wish for Christmas is world peace.

*One of our Christmas traditions is a gingerbread house.

*One of our Christmas traditions is watching a movie.

*What Christmas means to me is to celebrate Jesus's birthday.

*My wish for all for Christmas . . . I will feed the people that do not have food.

*What Christmas means to me . . . Jesus is born and we have family day.

*One of our Christmas traditions is sleeping until noon.

*What Christmas means to me . . . the birth of Jesus Christ. To love everyone.

Some responses from Grades 7-12 students:

*A Christmas tradition my family celebrates is counting down each day until Christmas on Advent Calendars. Each day we open a new window assigned to whatever day it is and there are fun little chocolates in each of them with pictures behind them.

*My favorite Christmas tradition is opening one present on Christmas Eve. My family always opens our new Christmas pajamas on Christmas Eve.



*A Christmas tradition that my family has is every Christmas Eve we go to Mass and then go to my Grandparents' house, eat dinner, and open presents. Then on Christmas morning, my dad's parents and one of his sisters come to our house; we eat breakfast and open presents.

*Christmas is the birth of our Lord, Jesus Christ. So Christmas is the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ. Every year my family puts up the Nativity decorations for Christmas.

*Christmas means giving. Christmas is the time of year to give to others and spread kindness everywhere.

*A tradition my family has is every Christmas Eve my siblings and I get to open one present. The present is usually clothes as my parents always get us an outfit for Christmas.

*My wish for all this Christmas is that everyone can spend time with their immediate family and be safe from COVID 19. I hope that everyone can have a

beautiful Christmas and remember to be thankful for everything they have and not envious of what others have.

*Christmas is a footprint of my whole life. During my childhood, I was just a normal little kid. I only wanted for Christmas gifts but nothing else for Christmas. Now as I am older, I no longer want presents but time with my family. In other words, Christmas shows how I have changed over the years.

*My only wish for Christmas is for my family (especially two of my grandmas) to be always be smiling and healthy.



*My Christmas tradition my family does each year is eating pizza for dinner every Christmas Eve. My family has been doing this tradition since my papa was a little boy; it has been passed down generation to generation. This tradition is something my family looks forward to every year; it brings my family closer together.

*A Christmas I remember was one from a long time ago. I remember baking a chocolate cake and we got a puppy for my Grandma. I think that was my favorite Christmas of all because it was the most fun one I have ever had.

*My wish for all for Christmas is that I hope we do not have to go to remote learning and cases of Corona Virus will go down. I also hope that we will be able to have some family at our homes.



*A Christmas tradition my family does each year is to go to my Grandma's house and spend time with family. I enjoy this tradition because I get to see family I don't get to see often. Also, I get to open presents with family members and have fun playing all sorts of card games and board games.



*One of my family's traditions is when my Grandparents come and spend Christmas Day with my family and me. They are always fun to hang out with; we make many happy memories.

*A Christmas I remember was when we had all of my

family at my Nana's house. Some family even came from Virginia. We had presents, food, and people. We had so much fun and I got to see family I hadn't seen for a long time.

*My wish for all for Christmas is that everyone is able to enjoy themselves even in the midst of Covid. Many families will probably be separated. So I hope everyone is able to make the best of the holidays.

St. Xavier Observes St. Francis Xavier Week



During the first week in December, St. Xavier Catholic School observed St. Francis Xavier Week. Several events honored the patron saint of Roman Catholic missions. St. Xavier was one of the greatest missionaries in Christian history.



The Feast of St. Francis Xavier is on December 3. Students and staff added sea shells to the display of a ship in the school hall asking for "St. Francis Xavier--Pray For Us." After Mass on December 4, all were treated to donuts.

During the celebration of Mass, Fr. Gnanasekar Kulandai reminded us of his connection to St. Xavier. The school he attended in India was also named St. Xavier.

--Mrs. Becker

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Congratulations to our November teacher of the month, Mrs. Kristen Dinsmore! Colleagues and parents shared that Mrs. Dinsmore is steadfast, caring to her students, flexible, creative, and a great role model. She is a fantastic teacher who works to meet the needs of all her students. Mrs. Dinsmore is dedicated to St. X and wants her students to be successful. Way to go Mrs. Dinsmore!



Congratulations to our November middle school student of the month, 7th grader, Charles Q.! Charles's teachers stated that he has excelled academically, while also demonstrating exceptional leadership skills. His serving as a peer tutor is a fine example of his benevolence and concern for others. Also, teachers admire his

energy, enthusiasm, and zest for learning. Keep up the good work, Charles!



Congratulations to our November high school student of the month, freshman, Mccenzie M.! Since arriving at St. X, Mccenzie has continued to enhance her academic status, serve as a calming influence on others, and contribute to our school's success. Her diligent efforts, unique abilities, and cooperative nature are especially refreshing. Looking forward to her continuing to shine. Nice job, Mccenzie! --Mr. Augustine

St. Xavier Catholic School's Photo Gallery



Preschool enjoying snack time.



Grace L. enjoying an early morning snack.



Kindergarten and Grade 1 playing Gaga Ball.



Middle School basketball players preparing for the game.



8th graders studying Theology.



Coaching the MS girls team before the game.



Students learning about our patron saint, St. Francis Xavier.



The HS boys basketball team is off to a great start to the season. Noah F. shows his blocking skills.



So proud of all members of our Ramily.

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