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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. Francis Xavier Catholic School.

Can You Escape?



The St. Francis Xavier FBLA had so much fun last year participating in the group activity "Escape the Library" hosted by the Manhattan Library that they decided to be challenged again this year.

The theme for this year's event is Harry Potter. The Library's website describes the event as "Using teamwork, you have 60 minutes to 'escape' the library. The room theme is Harry Potter and will include puzzles, codes and a prize at the end. Two rooms of the same design run concurrently and the two rooms compete to solve the puzzle first. Each team consists of a maximum of eight teens, meaning that a total of 16 teens can attend the Escape the Library program each month.

Working as a group is very important in the work environment; this activity will improve our soft skills. The group is looking forward to this event on Wednesday, December 11. --Griffin P.

St. Xavier Continues The Tradition Of Veterans' Day Events



A committee of teachers has been working to plan events for the November 11th Veterans' Day activities. Staff are working to have several people from the military come to St. Francis Xavier to present to our students.

In the morning, students, and staff will gather at the flag pole for a flag raising ceremony. We will have several individuals presenting to different student groups; some of the individuals are military parents of our students. Ms. Moeller is also planning a short K-4 program—a sing along with staff, students, and families--at the end of the school day beginning at 3:05 pm.

It has become a tradition that we want to continue to have in the future to not only learn more about the military but to show our support for all troops that have blessed us with freedom. --Kenzie M.

Students Encourage Exercise By Joining In Walk-A-Mile!



Kindergarten through 6th grade participated in the Walk-A-Mile. The Walk-A-Mile was sponsored by the Bramlage Family Foundation and the Geary Community Healthcare Foundation. Both sponsored the

prizes: a scooter with a helmet for K-2nd grade and a bike with a helmet for 3rd-6th grade.

The purpose of the Walk-A-Mile was to get kids and parents moving together, creating healthy lifestyles. Tyler E. and Lauryn P. were asked to stop traffic for the students and parents that were walking down Jefferson St. to get to Coronado Park. They walked half a mile to the park; the students had 15-20 minutes to play at the park and then walked the other half a mile back to the school. "We all enjoyed the fresh air and exercise," said the students and parents. --Aleric B.

Why Did The Polar Bear Break The Ice? He Bought Too Much Cool Stuff From The Book Fair



For this year's fall Book Fair, we had an Arctic Adventure theme. The Book Fair started October 10th and went from the 13th to the 18th.

It was supervised by Mrs. Jahnke with help from students in FBLA. "They were so much help." The

best sellers of the Book Fair were bookmarks, scented bear erasers, confetti pens, and the books 10 Little Pumpkins and Don't Call Me Bear.

All together the school raised \$1504.86 in scholastic dollars which can be used to buy books. Mrs. Jahnke has used \$829.01 to purchase library books; she said with the remainder of the money she would like to replace some of the more worn out books in the library such as the Junie B. Jones series and the Percy Jackson series. We are proud to have raised \$2690.66 in sales. Mrs. Jahnke would like to thank all of you for making our Book Fair a success and raising funds to improve the St. X library. --Jason W.

Learning More about God and our Neighbors



The St. Francis Xavier Spiritual Retreat will be held on November 22 at the Saint Francis Xavier Catholic Church and the Knights of Columbus Hall. All students from 9th-12th grade will be participating; they will be served the Thanksgiving meal for lunch.

There are many people helping with the retreat such as the St. Isidore's Retreat Team. A special speaker will also be the Director of Ministry and Evangelization, Robert Jennings. There will be talks, small-group discussions, and some games--like the previous years. A new activity this year is a service project between the talks and lunch.

The goals are to learn about loving God and our neighbor and to show the two are connected. As scripture says, "Whoever loves his brother remains in the light, and there is nothing in him to cause a fall" (1John 1:10) and "Religion that is pure and undefiled before God and the Father is this: to care for orphans and widows in their affliction and to keep oneself unstained by the world" (James 1:27).
--Joanna C.

Fall Fun Has Come After the Hot Summer!



The Harvest Fest event is held every year at St. Xavier. The purpose is to have fun and celebrate the fall season and finishing the first quarter in a safe way. It is also a great fundraiser for the PTO as well as the 7-12 classes.

Surprisingly, this year's Fest was very comparable to last year's Fest. StuCo members expected they would make less than last year since the Haunted House was very successful. However, Hair Dying and Golf Ball Putting worked out well.

People's favorite booths were the Cake Walk, Slime Making, and Bouncy House. Some classes' booths were a huge success compared to last year—the junior class for example. While the juniors sold 20 tickets last year, they sold about 120 tickets this year by holding a "Let's Make a Deal" booth.

The Kindergarten class with its Cake Walk made the most money (\$400); other groups with very success totals were Pre-K, 5th Grade, Student Council and 12th Grade.

As Mrs. Berry reviewed the whole Fest, she thought it was a huge success this year. She is hoping to add a trunk or treat at the end of the night next year to maintain this success. --DJ S.



Bishop Vincke's Visit To St. Francis Xavier

Bishop Vincke visited St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church on October 25th and celebrated Mass with the parishioners and students. Bishop Vincke was ordained to the priesthood on June 12, 1999, at St. Mary Cathedral in Lansing, Michigan, by Bishop Carl

F. Mengeling. He was named Bishop of the Diocese of Salina, ordained on August 22, 2018.

Fr. G. assisted him during the Mass. The Bishop delivered a homily with several important messages including “Who will save you?”

After Mass, the Bishop toured the school and visited with staff and students. Bishop Vincke stated that, “he enjoys visiting all parishes and schools in the diocese.” --Nara M.

StuCo Halloween Dance a Success!



St. Xavier's High School students had a wonderful time at the Student Council Halloween Dance. The Student Council members put forth much time and effort into

the decorations. The event was a great opportunity for our students to enjoy their time at school. There was no particular dress code, but the majority of students wore Halloween costumes.

DJ S. received the 1st place prize for the Best Halloween Costume Contest with a Taekwondo costume and received a \$15 cash prize. Grace L. earned the 2nd place prize for her deer costume and received a \$10 cash prize. Aleric B. placed 3rd place with a clown costume and received a \$5 cash prize.

Grace L. was also awarded a jar of candy for submitting the closest guess of how many pieces of candy were in the jar. A huge thank you to our DJ, Mr. Augustine, for helping create a festive mood throughout the evening. --Nara M.

Youngmin J. Honored As Kansas Honor Scholar



The Kansas Honor Scholar Program has been sponsored by the University of Kansas since 1971. It has honored numerous high school seniors for ranking academically in the top 10 percent of their class. According to the Kansas Honor Scholar's Program, it is designed to promote academic excellence in post-secondary education, to reward high school seniors for their hard work and dedication, and to support our Kansas communities. This program allows KU and the KU Alumni Association to create more scholarship opportunities for students.

Youngmin J. was this year's honoree from St. Francis Xavier Catholic School. After graduation, he hopes to attend the Georgia Institute of Technology or University of Illinois—Urbana Champaign and major in computer science.

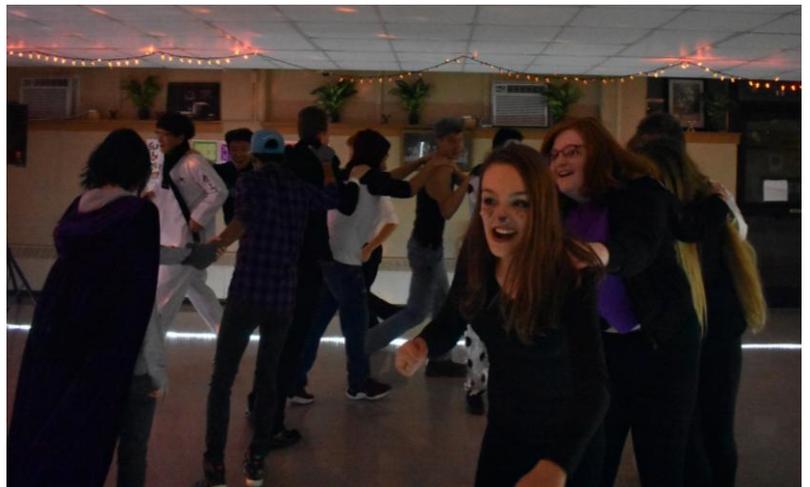
Youngmin J. attended the presentation program at Manhattan High School along with Principal Shawn Augustine, Counselor Kevin Sullivan, and Song Lee.

--Youngmin J.

St. Xavier Catholic School's Photo Gallery



Students enjoying Harvest Fest!!



Everyone having a BLAST at the Halloween Dance.



Audrey L. taking Beaker to the Blessing Of the Pets.



Aleric B. and Tyler E. staying fit for sports.



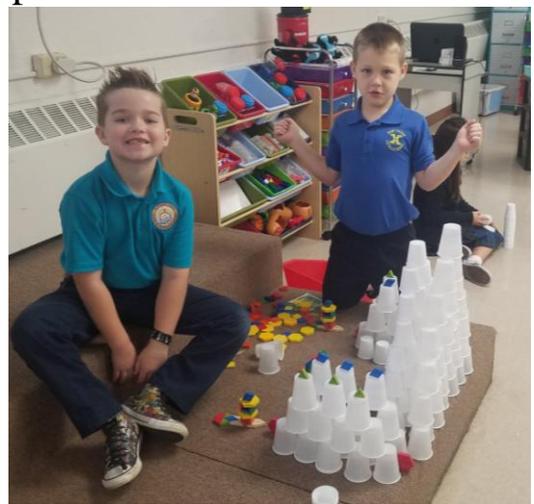
Rocco T. excited to get an award.



Addison F. and John E. counting pumpkin seeds.



The widest smiles in the whole park enjoying Walk A Mile.



Students proud of their STREAM project.



Cheerleaders performing an amazing stunt.



A challenging PE activity.



Audrey L. and Griffin P. on PJ Day during Red Ribbon Week.



Father G. and Bishop Vincke during the the Bishop's visit.



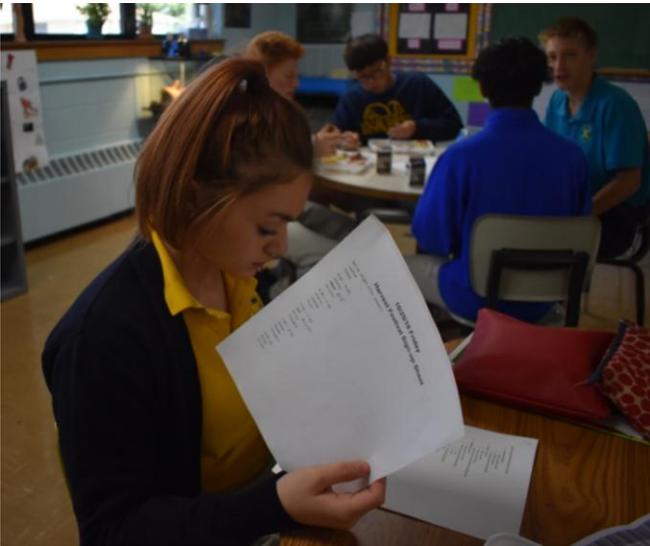
Mr. Augustine and Mr. Culbertson installing the new message board.



Bishop and Father celebrating Mass.



Band members playing for pep rally.



Audrey L. is looking through the agenda for the StuCo meeting.

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