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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.*

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## **X Fest 2020: Be Part Of The Mission**



St. Xavier's annual live auction in the spring is always a large fundraiser that supports the operating costs of our school. However, we were unable to have an in-person auction in the spring of 2020 due to Covid-19 restrictions.

X Fest 2020 is a way to bring in needed revenue while also trying out an

online auction platform. If the Auction Committee is pleased with the results from the upcoming virtual auction, the school may include an online element to our annual spring auctions in the future. This would give us the opportunity to include our alumni and expand our fundraising efforts beyond our local community.

The virtual auction will be held November 29 beginning at 10:00 am and closes December 6, 2020 at 5:00 pm. Hansen Auction and Realty is the company that was chosen to host our auction. Auction details can be viewed at [hansenonlineauction.com](http://hansenonlineauction.com) in the coming weeks.

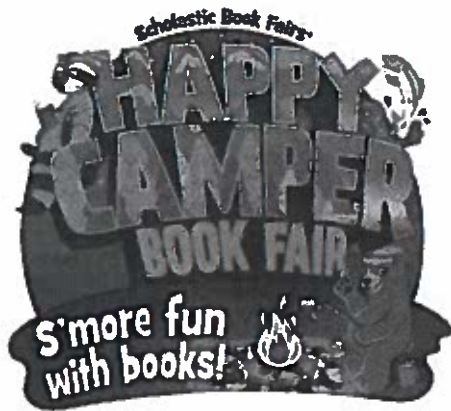
Some of our featured items include: a guided pheasant hunt; a Kansas City Chiefs Superbowl LIV commemorative football; a Bud Light grill; a dinner for 6 with Father G and Bishop Vincke; a Budweiser smoker; a variety of gift cards from

golf courses, restaurants and other businesses; a handmade quilt; homemade desserts; and so much more! The proceeds from the X Fest 2020 will go towards the school.

The auction name was chosen in honor of our parish and school patron saint-- St. Francis Xavier--whose feast day falls during the week of our auction. St. Francis Xavier was a missionary who shared his faith with many people; we continue his mission through our parish school. All those who support the school become part of the mission. –Mrs. Becker

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## Book Fair for St. Xavier Happy Campers



Saint Xavier Catholic School successfully held its book fair during Halloween week, October 26 to November 1. The goal, according to Mrs. Jahnke, for the book fair this year was raising money to buy more books for our library.

Mrs. Jahnke said that the book fair made approximately \$2900; the most popular items (and book series) that primarily contributed to the event were the new series of *I Survived*, *Diary of a Wimpy Kid*, and several school supplies. The money will be used to buy books from "Scholastic" for our school library.

Mrs. Jahnke would like to thank all the students (and FBLA members) who worked hard at the event, and all the staff and families who came and supported the book fair. –DJ S.

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## Congrats To Our October Honorees—Staff and Students



Congratulations to our October teacher of the month, Mrs. Isabel Cerna! Colleagues and parents shared that Mrs. Cerna has a positive, upbeat personality and take charge attitude. She is an innovative teacher who works hard to meet the needs of her students. Mrs. Cerna is helpful to new teachers and works well with others. She is dedicated to our school and puts in many hours of work outside the classroom. Way to go Mrs. Cerna!



Congratulations to our October middle school student of the month, 8th grader, Bryson N! Bryson's teachers stated that he has gotten off to a great start this year! He is turning everything in on time and complete, and his quality of work continues to improve. He is also a very helpful student—always volunteering to help out. We are proud of what you have accomplished so far this year. Keep up the good work, Bryson!



Congratulations to our October high school student of the month, Junior, Lauryn P.! Lauryn is devoted to St. Xavier. She is off to a great start this school year, earning excellent marks, and representing our school well in cross country, cheerleading, band, forensics, student council, and serving as FBLA president. Lauryn is hard working and helps out wherever and whenever she can. We are happy that she is a part of our Ramily. Nice job, Lauryn P.! --Mrs. Becker

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## Grade 6 Completes Interesting Writing Projects

Mrs. Mohr's class completed two very interesting assignments this week. She picked two individuals' work to showcase the assignments.

The first assignment the 6th grade class completed was for theology. For their theology assignment, they had to retell the story of Esau and Jacob. The other assignment that the 6th grade class did was a science essay on hurricanes. Their class had to write an essay on how they would stop cities from being affected by hurricanes.

Thank you to the 6th grade class for contributing these projects for our newsletter. --Kenzie G.

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## Son Deceives Father!



You think your siblings fight? Well let me tell you about Jacob and Esau....

Two twin brothers were born, they never got along and they were very different. One brother was very hairy and he loved the outdoors, their father Isaac favored him, the

other young man had nice smooth skin and loved the indoors, their mother favored him. Esau was the older hairy son, Jacob was the younger smoother skin one. One day when the boys were older Esau came back from a long hunt starving, Jacob offered him stew in exchange for Esau's birthright. Esau agreed, Jacob was very pleased with this.

When Esau and Jacob's father were blind and about to pass away he called Esau to him. Isaac told Esau to go out and hunt a deer and cook the meat the way he liked it, so they could sit down and eat together and after Isaac would give him his blessing. Esau went out to hunt but little did they know Rebekah, Jacob's mother, heard all this. She knew when Jacob was born he was supposed to get the birthright. She went to him and told him "You have to go out and get two goats from the pen and bring them back. I will prepare a stew just the way your father likes it and you will take it to your father and get him to accidentally give you the birthright." Jacob did these things and when he came back and put the goats fur on his arms and legs and he wore Esua clothes so when his father touched or smelled him he would think it's Esua!

Jacob brought his father the stew, his father asked him how he got back so quickly Jacob told him "It was because God was with me." Isaac believed him. Isaac and Jacob ate their food and Isaac asked if he was truly Esua, Jacob replied "Yes father I'm Esua." Isaac began the blessing, he said "May the Lord God of heaven give you the rains you need pastures green and may He give you abundant harvests of grapes and wheat. Isaac continued "May you have many servants and may all nations respect you and your descendants. May your brother respect you as the firstborn. Cursed be anyone who curses you and bless anyone who blesses you. The double portion is now yours."

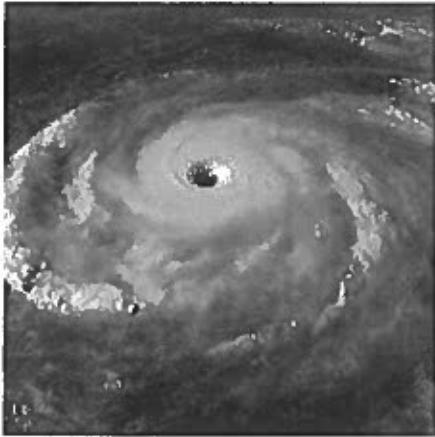
It had been done. Jacob deceived his father and got the birthright. Esua was very angry about this and Rebekah told Jacob to run away before Esua could kill him! Jacob left as soon as possible. When Jacob left he went to live with a man named Laban. Jacob fell in love with Laban's daughter at first sight. Laban offered to let him marry her if he worked for him for seven years! Jacob did so, at Rachel and Jacobs wedding Laban switched Rachel and her sister because where they lived the oldest had to get married first. Jacob couldn't tell the difference and married Leah. Jacob was angered by this and Laban told him he had to work for him another seven years to marry Rachel. Jacob did so and he got to marry Rachel at last.

Jacob took his family and returned home. When he was alone one night a strange man attacked Jacob and wrestled him till dawn. Jacob said something both of most faith and importance of God's blessing. The stranger saw this and gave him the name "Israel" which means "he who wrestled with God." Jacob now had a new

mission. To save God's people, the Israelites. --Alyssa E. (Submitted by Mrs. Mohr)

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## How To Save A Town From A Hurricane!



**Summary:** There is this town known as Beachtown. Beachtown was struck by a hurricane, and flooded by the overflow of the river next to it. There is a map that shows which historical buildings got hit. We are supposed to build things for the historical buildings that got wrecked so they don't get wrecked again. You can use stilts, levees, seawalls, and wetlands. Each seawall costs \$300,000. Each wetland costs \$200,000. Each building on stilts costs \$150,000, and each levee costs \$50,000. The levees protect against the river

flooding. The wetlands protect the storm surge. The stilts protect both river flooding AND storm surge, and seawalls protect against storm surge. Here is my plan...

My plan can save all of the historical buildings. I would use 5 levees. I would put one levee near the left side of the river between where the river meets the ocean and the regular building on the right of River Road. I would put another levee 4 buildings up from, the regular building closest to the ocean to the RIGHT of River Road. I would put another levee 1 ½ buildings UP from the 2nd levee. Then I would put another levee 1 more building up from the levee on the mouth-shaped space River, road, 1st Ave., and 2nd Ave. This would cost \$300,000.

I would need 5 stilts. I will put the City Hall on stilts, the historical building to the RIGHT of City Hall. I would put the building right on the corner of Beach Street and River Road on stilts. I would put the Famous Hotel on stilts, and I would put the only historical building to the right of the river on stilts. This will cost \$750,000.

I will need 2 wetlands. I can place a wetland in between the beach and the historical building that is furthest to the left, and I would add a wetland between the historical building 2nd furthest to the right. This will cost \$400,000.

This whole plan will cost \$1,450,000. –Max C. (Submitted by Mrs. Mohr)

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## Candy, Costumes, And A Night Of Fun!

St. Francis Xavier  
Catholic School

Fall Harvest  
Festival



Halloween is over but no one can say we didn't have a great time! To celebrate this amazing holiday, St. Xavier held our annual Fall Harvest Festival.

Candy, costumes, and so much fun! "The Harvest Festival went well; I'm happy people were able to come out, have fun, and stay safe" stated Mrs. Berry. Every class had their own fun booths including the Sophomores who held the Ghostbusters booth and the Freshmen with the Plinko booth. To help support our school, donations from Walmart, La Fiesta, and Mah

Aska (Pepsi) were received.

With all the festivities and concessions, our school raised a total of \$713.00 with additional funds for PTO and the high school classes. Some of the most popular booths were Cakewalk (Kindergarten) and Plinko (Freshmen). The money raised goes to our high school classes and also to the PTO who will use the funds to make sure we are able to have more Harvest Fests in the upcoming years.

Congratulations go out to everyone at the school. Teachers, students, parents all made this event possible; the event could not have happened without them. –Casey S.



### PTO Selling Decals Supporting School and Parish

The St. Xavier PTO is selling decals. The decals you can choose from are Our Lady of Guadalupe, Miraculous Medal, and St. Xavier Rams. They are each \$5.00.

The order form is to be turned in at the office by December 4. The PTO would love to see you showing your support. So show your support by buying and displaying the decals on your car, on windows in your house, and more. –Justina C.

## November 2020

## Religious Theme: Poor Souls in Purgatory

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
15 *Champion Car Wash Fundraiser	16 *GiveCatholic Advanced Giving Begins *12:30-Scholars Bowl Lunch Meeting *3:00pm- Rosary led by 2 <sup>nd</sup> grade class *4:30pm-MS BB@ Wakefield	17	18 *Jeans and Spirit Wear Day	19 *8:20am- Art Club Meeting *4:30pm- MS BB @ SVHE *6:30pm- School Council Meeting	20 *8:30- School Mass *12:30pm- Scholars Bowl Lunch Meeting	21
22	23 *8:20am FBIA Guest Speaker *12:30pm-Scholars Bowl Lunch Meeting	24 *Thanksgiving Feast	25 *No School- Thanksgiving Break	26 *No School- Thanksgiving Break	27 *No School- Thanksgiving Break	28
29 *10:00am- X Fest 2020 Virtual Auction Begins	30 * X Fest 2020 Virtual Auction *12:30pm-Scholars Bowl Lunch Meeting					

## December 2020

## Religious Theme: Advent

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
6 * X Fest 2020 Virtual Auction Ends	7 *12:30pm- Scholars Bowl Lunch Meeting	8 *8:30am- Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception Mass *6:30pm- 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade First Concert *7:30pm- 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Christmas Concert *8:00pm- HS BB @ Reno County	9 *3:45pm- Activities Meeting	10 *8:20am- Class Meetings *4:30pm- MS & HS BB @ Heritage Christian	11 *12:30pm- Scholars Bowl Lunch Meeting *6:30pm- Movie Night	12
		1 * X Fest 2020 Virtual Auction *GiveCatholic Giving Day	2 * X Fest 2020 Virtual Auction	3 *X Fest 2020 Virtual Auction *7:45am- PreK-12 Staff Mtg *8:20am- STUCO Mtg. *HS BB Tournament *St. Francis Xavier Feast Day	4 * X Fest 2020 Virtual Auction *HS BB SHEA Tournament *12:30pm-Scholars Bowl Lunch Meeting	5 *X Fest 2020 Virtual Auction *HS BB Tournament







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## ONLINE AUCTION

*Opens:* SUNDAY 11/29 @ 10AM

*Closes:* SUNDAY 12/06 @ 5 PM

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*All proceeds benefit St. Francis Xavier School.*

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# St. Xavier Catholic School's Photo Gallery



Crissy S. helping at the book fair.



Hana M. and Emma J. having a great time at the Harvest Fest.



Students in Physical Education enjoy many different activities!



The students were Happy Campers selecting books and supplies at the book fair.



There were many interesting outfits for our Halloween celebrations.



The Fall Harvest Fest was a huge success. Thanks to all who contributed and participated.



DJ S. presenting awards at the Students of the Quarter Assembly.



Father G preparing for Mass.

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