

# Rams 'n Ewes

*St. Xavier Alumni Newsletter*

## Save the Date

### St. Xavier Alumni Banquet

Saturday, May 27th, 2023  
St. Xavier School Gym  
4pm-9pm

### #iGiveCatholic

Give back on Giving Tuesday  
November 28th, 2023. To donate, go  
to [iGiveCatholic.org](https://iGiveCatholic.org) and search for St.  
Xavier School

### St. Xavier School Auction

April 20th, 2024  
St. Xavier School Gym  
5pm-9pm

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## From the Principal's Desk

The 2022-23 school year at St. Xavier School is coming to a close. We have been blessed with another amazing year of providing students with a Catholic education where they can grow spiritually and academically. The school mission is educating for eternity through faith and reason. We strive to fulfill this mission with strong faith-based education, family environment, individualized instruction, high academic standards, and athletic and academic extracurricular activities.

St. Xavier's has been educating students since 1871 and remains a place rich in tradition, and heavily invested in faith and family. With the help of our highly qualified, dedicated faculty and staff, we are able to provide a place where children are educated for the world of tomorrow as they grow closer to God through their faith.

Over the past few years, many improvements have been made to our campus including new lighting and paint in the hallways and classrooms. One of our latest upgrades is the installation of central air and heat in the Bradley Gymnasium. This was made possible through auction and #iGiveCatholic donations. Students, staff, families, and parishioners truly appreciate how much more comfortable the gym is for ballgames, physical education classes, athletic banquets, music performances, and for the annual auction.

Our latest project is the renovation of our gymnasium locker rooms. The locker rooms were originally built in the 1960's and have only had minor updates since. The goal of this renovation project is to make them once again functional and welcoming to all. With your prayers and financial assistance and dedication, we can make this dream a reality. We appreciate our supportive alumni, parishioners, parents, and the community. It is with your help that St. Xavier School continues to be an integral part of the Junction City area. We are excited about our future and all we have to offer our students as we grow together in our Catholic faith.  
Shawn Augustine

# School News



## Meet the Class of 2023

**Grace Lichtensteiger** has attended St. Xavier for 10 years and has been active in choir, band, forensics, FBLA, student council, volleyball, track, basketball, and cheer. She plans to attend Barton County Community College in Fort Riley to study criminology.

**Casey Sexton-Snow** has been a part of the St. X family for 9 years and has enjoyed being a part of yearbook, FBLA, student council, scholars bowl, basketball, and track. He will attend Cloud County Community College in JC for one year and then will move onto Kansas State University.

**Jakob Black** is a St. Xavier pioneer having attended St. X since he was in preschool. He has been active in yearbook, student council, FBLA, trap team, and scouts. Upon graduation, Jakob will be attending Manhattan Technical College to pursue a career in information technology.

## Campus Upgrades

- Breezeway built to connect buildings and bypassing gym- 2019
- Lighting & painting of the high school building interior- 2020-21
- Playground additions including adjustable basketball goal, gaga ball pit, and mulch railing- 2021-22
- HVAC system installed in the gymnasium- 2022
- Improvements to weight room including new paint, sinks, and flooring- 2022
- Locker room renovations phase 1- summer of 2024



## Ram Pride

“Rams and Blue Jays Come Together” is the theme of the latest downtown JC statue located on Washington street near Bella's Italian Restaurant in Junction City. Grace Lichtensteiger, St. Xavier senior, joined forces with a Junction City High student to design a statue showcasing the high schools of our community. The unveiling took place Saturday, April 22, the same day as the St. Xavier prom.



# Alumni News

## Alumni Come Together

Former St. Xavier students gathered together on Saturday May 28th, 2022, for the annual St. Xavier Alumni Banquet at the Elks Lodge in Junction City. Events included an alumni Mass, social hour, dinner, and drinks. Alumni coordinator, Karen Eddy, welcomed all the guests, and St. Xavier School Marketing Director, Kristel Jahnke, gave an update on recent school happenings.



## Joint Class Reunion

The classes of 1971 and 1972 had a joint reunion October 14 & 15, 2022. According to Bob Wahle ('72), there was a good turnout, and everyone had a great time visiting with past acquaintances. The weekend reunion included a casual social get-together at the George Smith Library, breakfast at Stacey's, a tour of St. Xavier School, and a gathering at Hoover's home for dinner and socializing.







## In Memoriam

- Ann Gay Ruprecht ('57) passed away June 6, 2021.
- Dennis McGuire ('73) of Olathe Kansas, passed away August. 18, 2021, from Glioblastoma Brain Cancer. Dennis was married to Maureen Pollock McGuire ('75) at St. Xavier's and would have celebrated 45 years of marriage Aug. 21, 2021.
- Renee Pagano Kern ('62) passed away March 8, 2022.
- Fr. James Hoover ('52) passed away April 5, 2022.
- Daniel "Pat" Boller ('42) passed away May 23, 2022
- Kathlene Gallagher Teply ('41) passed away June 6, 2022.
- Thomas R Mika ('78) of Topeka, Kansas, passed away on June 13, 2022.
- Jim Reno ('79) passed away June 15, 2022.
- Mary Sue (Spittles) Hottman ('61) passed away July 4, 2022, in Abilene, Kansas.
- Nancy Meseke Baize ('68 ) passed away on July 20, 2022, at the age of 71. She was born in Junction City, Kansas on October 11, 1950, to Maurice and Marguerite Meseke, the fifth of seven children.
- Brenda Riley ('80) passed away November 10, 2022
- Larry Francis Devane ('64) passed away November. 16, 2022 in Mustang, Oklahoma of heart failure at the age of 76.
- Myron Klein ('55) passed away on January 3, 2023.
- Iris Spittles Sanders ('46) passed away January 28, 2023.

## Have News to Share?

Send us your information to include in future newsletters.

Karen Eddy: keddy4@cox.net

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## Class of '61 Gives Back

The St. Francis Xavier class of 1961 donated funds to purchase a new library management system for the St. X library. The funds and a plaque were given in memory of their classmate Larry Weians who was a devout Catholic and lifelong supporter of Catholic education.

The Alexandria library management system offers a web-based platform to manage inventory, patrons, and check outs. It allows students, staff, and parents to view all of the library information from any device and utilize a scanning system for quick and easy checkout. The management system will be in full use by the beginning of the 2023-24 school year.

St. Xavier School is very fortunate to have alumni actively involved and their support is truly appreciated!

## Alumni Updates

Howard Wohlfarth, class of 1971 is a retired teacher of 38 years. He is currently enjoying life in San Diego playing in a dodgeball league, playing pickleball, doing yard work, and taking care of his 8 dogs. Howard comments "I'm so thankful for the education I received at St. X way back when that helped get me to where I am today."

Autum Conley was married April 22, 2023, to Adam Kopp. Her maid of honor was Allison Coy. Both from the Class of 2009!

Lisa Deppish, class of 1983, welcomed her first grandchild on December 18th, 2022. Norah Jo Nathan was born to her daughter Alexa Nathan and husband Jeff Nathan of Abingdon, MD.

Nathan Roberts, class of 1992, recently moved from his position at Missouri Western State University as Director of Housing to Manhattan Area Technical College as the Dean of Academic Affairs.

Class of 1963 plan to celebrate their 60th reunion. The reunion is scheduled for September 29th and 30th, 2023 at the Marriott hotel in Junction City.

# ST. XAVIER ALUMNI BANQUET



MAY 27, 2023

St. Xavier School Gymnasium

200 N. Washington Street, Junction City, KS 66441

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_  
Email \_\_\_\_\_

| # of Attendees                | Cost per Person | Enclosed |
|-------------------------------|-----------------|----------|
| _____ Reservation (with meal) | \$30            | _____    |
| _____ Reservation (no meal)   | \$10            | _____    |

Payments can be made in advance or at the door. Please make checks payable to St. Xavier Alumni.

## *Schedule of Events*

**4:00pm**  
*Campus Tours*

**5:00pm**  
*Happy Hour*

**5:15pm**  
*Alumni Mass*

**6:00pm**  
*Welcome*

**7:00pm**  
*Dinner*

## RSVP

Please respond by mail, email, or phone to:

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Kristel Jahnke  
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785-238-2841

## Dinner

Catered by Vathauer Catering

Choice of Slow Roasted Beef or Chicken  
Homemade Dinner Roll  
Cheesy Hash Brown Casserole  
Green Beans with Bacon & Onion  
Fluffy Orange Salad  
White Sheet Cake  
Iced Tea & Water

## Not able to attend?

Support the St. Xavier Alumni by sending a donation.

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& Reason*



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