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Welcome to St. Francis Xavier School's 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 School.

This section of the newsletter is dedicated to this year's St. Xavier graduates—Class of 2026.

We Celebrate our 2026 Graduates



Janis Cwirit

What are your plans for next year?

I plan on preparing myself to go to one of the military academies and commission as an officer in the military.

What do you envision for yourself in ten years?

Where will you be, what will you be doing. . . .

In ten years, I imagine I'll still be in the military and hopefully in a beautiful duty station such as in Hawaii.

What is your favorite St. Xavier memory?

My favorite St. Xavier memory would have to be, throughout all of school just joking around with friends in classes and being dumb. I know I will never be able to do such things again.

What advice would you like to give to St. Xavier underclassmen?

The advice I would have to give to St. Xavier underclassmen are to never do anything in a way that is halved or be lazy. As in, always give the most effort in whatever you do, no matter what it is. The more you do now will make sure there is more of what you want to do later.

What was your favorite class (not just this year but all the years you were here)?

My favorite class for all of my years of Saint X, from 6th grade to Senior year would be anything with Mr. Cavitt in 6th, Mr. Culbertson's religion class from 7th to Freshman year, yearbook for Sophomore and Junior year, and Anatomy for Senior year.

What information did you learn at St. Xavier that you will remember all your life?

A key thing that I have learned at St. Xavier, that I will remember all my life is that small beginnings, such as at a small school like St. Xavier's' does not determine your future. Any base someone starts at, if they utilize all their resources such as the small class sizes here at St X, can do whatever they want. As a whole, there is always a path forward.

What has been the favorite part of your senior year (and not just that you are graduating!)?

My favorite part of my senior year would have to have been the various trips we all went on. In November first to New Orleans with the guys, and then a whole class trip to Branson in March.

Madison Deacon

What are your plans for next year?

I plan to attend Bellas Academy and study cosmetology.

What do you envision for yourself in ten years? Where will you be, what will you be doing. . . .



In ten years I imagine myself working full time as a Hairstylist.

What is your favorite St. Xavier memory?

My favorite St. Xavier Memory was when Eco Meet went to the Cheyenne Bottoms and were fighting for our lives against the intense mosquitos at the wetlands.

What advice would you like to give to St. Xavier underclassmen?

I would advise St X underclassmen to start looking at future careers now, so you can know if you want to start taking college classes during your junior and senior years.

What was your favorite class (not just this year but all the years you were

here)?

My favorite class is a tie between science and choir. I love both so much!

What information did you learn at St. Xavier that you will remember all your Life?

I learned that people can change for the better. Who someone starts out is not always the person they will end up being.

What has been the favorite part of your senior year (and not just that you are graduating!)?

My favorite part of my senior year was our senior trip! It took a lot of planning and fundraising, but was worth it; we had so much fun!

Nick Fields

What are your plans for next year?

My plans after high school are to enlist into the United States Marine Corps.

What do you envision for yourself in ten years? Where will you be, what will you be doing. . . .

In ten years, I envision myself to either still be in the Marine Corps or in a midwest emo band.



What is your favorite St. Xavier memory?

My favorite St. Xavier memory is going to the pharmacy with Coach Sands after a middle school track meet.

What advice would you like to give to St. Xavier underclassmen?

Advice I would give them would be to not worry so much about the future.

What was your favorite class (not just this year but all the years you were here)?

My favorite class would have to be either current events or geography with Mr. Stramel in my 7th and 8th grade year.

What information did you learn at St. Xavier that you will remember all your life?

I learned how to write good English papers thanks to Mrs. Dinsmore.

What has been the favorite part of your senior year (and not just that you are graduating!)?

My favorite part of my senior year was going to Branson.

Kassidy Jahnke



What are your plans for next year?

Next year I will be attending Kansas State University. I will be working on my bachelors degree in Animal Science.

What do you envision for yourself in ten years?

Where will you be, what will you be doing. . . .

In ten years, I imagine that I will be working on the family farm and ranch alongside my brother and dad. I will still be in Kansas.

What is your favorite St. Xavier memory?

My favorite St. Xavier memory has to be of walking down the volleyball court with my mom and dad on

parent night for the last time. Something about this moment was different than the times before. It just felt special.

If I could choose another favorite memory of St. X, it would be getting to play basketball with my mom and brother at the school's student and alumni basketball scrimmage.

What advice would you like to give to St. Xavier underclassmen?

You can do anything so long as you have the determination to see it through.

What was your favorite class (not just this year but all the years you were here)?

One of my favorite classes that I have taken throughout my years at St. X is Concert Band. Not only have I learned so much in the 8 years of playing the flute, but it has also helped me develop skills that I will use in my future.

What information did you learn at St. Xavier that you will remember all your life?

Out of everything that I have learned at St. X, I think the most important life lesson that I will remember all of my life is that it's okay to step outside of your comfort zone and try new things.

What has been the favorite part of your senior year (and not just that you are graduating!)?

My favorite part of senior year was when we went on our senior class trip to Branson, Missouri. It was so much fun!



Toby McKinney

What are your plans for next year?

My plans for next year are to probably stay with my parents for another year and then move on to tech school to further my education to become an engineer.

What do you envision for yourself in ten years? Where will you be, what will you be doing. .

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I envision myself in tech school working on getting an engineering degree. I'll probably be in Texas.

What is your favorite St. Xavier memory?

My favorite memory from St. Xavier is when we went on our senior trip.

What advice would you like to give to St. Xavier underclassmen?

I would like to inform them not to procrastinate like I did. If they have a book and have questions for each chapter and already have the chapter their working on completed, that they should move on to the next chapter as it will save them plenty of time to get other things done.

What was your favorite class (not just this year but all the years you were here)?

So far, my favorite class would have to be Anatomy because of all the fun things we get to do and how much help is given; the slides were really helpful as well as most of the information on the slides would be on the test and we got to use our notes which helped us succeed throughout the class for the year. (I would've put P.E. just because we got to go outside and enjoy ourselves and participate in activities but Anatomy had similar things.)

What information did you learn at St. Xavier that you will remember all your life?

The memories that St. Xavier has given me is the belief that all teachers are on your side and that they are trying to help and are willing to go the extra mile to make sure that you can succeed throughout school. Another memory is making friends along the way, the friends that can call out what you are doing wrong are the best kind of friends to have.

What has been the favorite part of your senior year (and not just that you are graduating!)?

My most favorite part of my senior year is the friends I made along the way. I don't think that I could have succeeded without them or my teachers as well as having my parents push me to get my work done on top of working and being able to enjoy what I like. I wish that no matter what, that everyone can succeed and be able to be kind and strive to do their best.

Lathan Ngiraidong



What are your plans for next year?

I plan on going to Barton County Community College on base.

What do you envision for yourself in ten years?

Where will you be, what will you be doing. . . .

In ten years, I envision myself getting a law degree and becoming a lawyer.

What is your favorite St. Xavier memory?

My favorite memory was when I was crowned as Homecoming King.

What advice would you like to give to St. Xavier underclassmen?

My advice to the underclassmen would be to respect your teachers and turn in all assignments.

What was your favorite class (not just this year but all the years you were here)?

My favorite class was Chemistry.

What information did you learn at St. Xavier that you will remember all your life?

I learned that even if you don't like something, you still have to do it in order to receive a grade.

What has been the favorite part of your senior year (and not just that you are graduating!)?

My favorite part of my senior year was when I went to the State Capital.

Charles Quinton

What are your plans for next year?

I plan to go to Kansas State University to get a Bachelor's degree in PreK-12 Physical Education/Health.

What do you envision for yourself in ten years? Where will you be, what will you be doing. . . .



Ten years from now, I'll hopefully be in my own place (no promises). I plan to be teaching in either a school in Northeast Kansas or the Denver area. I also plan on coaching basketball at the high school level.

What is your favorite St. Xavier memory?

Some of my favorite St. Xavier memories would have to be winning the league tournament in basketball my 8th grade year and hanging out with my friends at different school events. If I had to give an absolute favorite, it would be doing the dunk tank at Harvest Fest and getting dunked by my nephew.

What advice would you like to give to St. Xavier underclassmen?

Life is a one-time thing and no one is perfect. Go out, be who you are, have fun, and don't be afraid to make mistakes. NORMAL IS JUST ANOTHER WORD FOR BORING!

What was your favorite class (not just this year but all the years you were here)?

My all time favorite class would have to be sophomore P.E. This class started my interest in teaching Physical Education and it was always the highlight of my day (unless we were playing Tchoukball).

What information did you learn at St. Xavier that you will remember all your life?

Some things I learned at St. X that I'll probably remember for my whole life is to cherish all relationships, no matter if you have a million friends or just a few close ones.

What has been the favorite part of your senior year (and not just that you are graduating!)?

This is probably like the 4th time this event has been mentioned, but my favorite part of senior year would have to be our senior trip. We made a bunch of memories as a class, and if there was like a Senior Trip Part 2, I'd 100% sign up. Hanging out with my friends during lunch and having some good conversations would have to be a close second.

Taylor Szimandel-Saporita



What are your plans for next year?

I plan to attend Washburn University and pursue a degree in medical imaging.

What do you envision for yourself in ten years?

Where will you be, what will you be doing. . . .

I envision myself working in a hospital taking x-rays.

What is your favorite St. Xavier memory?

Anatomy trip to the cadaver lab.

What advice would you like to give to St. Xavier underclassmen?

People aren't lying when they say time goes by fast, so believe them.

What was your favorite class (not just this year but all the years you were here)?

Global issues because I like watching videos about things happening in other countries.

What has been the favorite part of your senior year (and not just that you are graduating!)?

The senior trip.

Scott Weber

What are your plans for next year?

Next year I plan on attending K-State or Cloud County Community College.

What do you envision for yourself in ten years? Where will you be, what will you be doing. . . .

In ten years, I will hopefully be instituted into a proper law firm or taken in by a company as a lawyer.

What is your favorite St. Xavier memory?



Finally seeing our prom (2025) come together was absolutely incredible. The theme was on point, and all I can do for this memory is thank Mrs. Guthrie and my classmates for making it possible.

What advice would you like to give to St. Xavier underclassmen?

Don't settle in the shadow of another person. You have your own trait that makes you special, you just have to find it.

What was your favorite class (not just this year but all the years you were here)?

Definitely Chemistry class in my sophomore year. We had labs every week the first semester with Mrs. Winstead, and then Mrs. Guthrie finished out

the year strong for us.

What information did you learn at St. Xavier that you will remember all your life?

I learned that despite being at St. Francis Xavier for 5 years, it's still possible to forget everything you learned and remember nothing.

What has been the favorite part of your senior year (and not just that you are graduating!)?

My favorite part of my senior year would definitely have to be on the senior trip. At Silver Dollar City, Janis and I got to see the drop of Time Traveler, an absolutely insane experience that I would never try again.

Outstanding Rams—April



Congratulations to our April teacher of the month Ms. Hagge! Ms. Hagge provides a loving, caring, and supportive environment for her students. She has genuine relationships with each one and communicates with families to provide updates and fun anecdotes. Ms. Hagge's students feel loved and safe

every day. She takes extra time to help the kiddos academically and socially. Ms. Hagge is on a variety of school committees, and she provides extra help when

needed. Also, a parent stated that they are grateful for the love and encouragement that Ms. Hagge gives each day and for providing a fun and meaningful experience for children. Excellent work, Ms. Hagge!

Congratulations to our April middle school student of the month, 7th grader, Claire-Mae M.! Claire-Mae is a respectful student who does well academically. Not only does she strive to do well in the classroom, but she also participates in other activities such as volleyball, scholars bowl, band, choir, and chess club. Nice Job, Claire-Mae!

Congratulations to our April high school student of the month, Senior Charles Q.! Charles is a positive student who has good relationships with students and staff. He does well in the classroom and is involved in FBLA, scholars bowl, and track. Charles also does an amazing job in advertising design class as a writer and photographer, and he created the cover for this year's yearbook. When he graduates in May, he plans to attend Kansas State University working on his bachelors toward being a physical education teacher and coach. Way to go, Charles!

St. Xavier Catholic School's Photo Gallery Memories of 2025-2026

















After Rowdy, Jr., was accepted entrance onto the forensics team, he turned his attention towards the track field. Somehow, whether it be through sheer luck or pure skill, he managed to make it onto the track! Rowdy, Jr. stated that he “was going to run as fast as [he] can for gold!” His story doesn’t end here, as he may even end up in the Olympics!

**Salina Diocese Motto for this School Year:
"Together let us be disciples of Jesus on Mission."**

**EDUCATING FOR ETERNITY THROUGH
FAITH & REASON**

May 2026

Religious Theme:
Mary/May Crowning

Important Dates:

May 4-8: 7th-11th MAP Math Assessments

May 4-8: Teacher Appreciation Week

May 7: Modified Schedule

May 12-13: K-6th Grade Library Books Due

May 12: Papa John's Pizza Fundraiser

May 14-15: 7th-12th Grade Library Books Due

May 15: Last Day for PreK3/4 & 8th Grade

May 16: High School Graduation

May 21: Last Day of School (1/2 Day) Dismissal at 11:00am

Birthdays:

- 3-David Gill (8th)
- 4-Alexander Ou-Preston (6th)
- 5-Jodi Testa (2nd Teacher)
- 6-Scott Weber (12th)
- 8-Scarlett Vaughan (2nd)
- 11-Amanda Szimandel-Gonzalez (2nd)
- 13-Hope Rainone (1st)
- 16-Gabriel Perez (1st)
- 16-Claire-Mae Mangefel (7th)
- 18-Charles Weigel (5th)
- 19-Rowen Epperly (3rd)
- 22-Emma Davis (2nd)
- 25-Krista Skucius (PE Teacher)
- 31-Juliet Deacon (6th)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	29	30	1 No School Professional Development	2 State Champs Forensics @ McPherson
3 Governor Scholar Award Presentation @ Washburn University	4 2:50pm- Harp Performance in Church (1 st -6 th Grade)	5 3:00pm-HS Track @ Tescott 3:30pm-Children's Choir Practice	6 9:00am-MS Track @ Beloit, St. John's 12:25pm-Junior Optimist Club 3:30pm-Chess Club 3:45pm-PTO Meeting	7 <u>Modified Schedule</u> 8:20am-StuCo Meeting 3:00pm-School Rosary 6:30pm-4 th Grade Recorder and Beginner Band Spring Concert	8 7:50am-Rosary Club 8:30am-Mass 9:00am-PreK & Kinder Field Trip to Hill Time Goat Farm 5:00pm-PreK-5 th Grade Dance 7:00pm-6 th -8 th Grade Dance	9
10  11:00am-Children's Mass Choir	11	12 <u>Papa John's Pizza Fundraiser</u> 3:30pm-Children's Choir Practice 7:00pm-Fine Arts Showcase	13 8:20am- 7 th -12 th Grade Yearbook Signing 8:30am-1 st -6 th Grade Field Trip to Discovery Center 3:30pm-Chess Club 3:45pm- Activities Meeting	14 8:20am-Class Meetings 9:00am-K-6 th Grade Field Day 1:00pm-PreK3 Water Party 1:30pm-HS Graduation Practice 3:15pm-HS Seniors Parade Through Hallway	15 <u>Last Day for PreK3/4 & 8th Grade</u> 8:30am-Mass 2:00pm-PreK4 Graduation 2:30pm-PreK4 Graduation Reception 6:00pm-MS & HS Awards Banquet & 8 th Grade Promotion	16  2:00pm-High School Graduation
17 11:00am- Baccalaureate Mass	18	19 2:00pm-6 th Grade Promotion	20 3:30pm-Chess Club	21 <u>End of 4th Quarter Last day of School (1/2 Day).</u> 8:30am-Mass 9:15am-Trip to Bowling Alley 9:15pm-K-6 th Grade Awards in the Church 12:00pm-Teacher Lunch in the Library	22 <u>No School Work Day</u>	23 6:15pm-Alumni Banquet
24  31	25  *MEMORIAL DAY*	26	27	28 	29 	30 