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Welcome to St. Xavier Catholic 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. Xavier Catholic School.

St. Xavier Auction
Run for the Roses!—April 20, 2024, 5:00 pm

**Perfect Practice Makes Perfect—
Heaven Earns 4th in State Wrestling**



Heaven, 5th grader at St. Xavier, participates in wrestling through Chapman Kids Wrestling. The Chapman wrestling team has practice every weekday; they get to listen to music and are able to play games at the end of practice.

Heaven has been wrestling since 2019--five years. Last year, she placed third and this year she placed fourth at state. Heaven likes many things about wrestling but especially enjoys getting medals and being able to hangout with friends and to listen to music.

Heaven plans on participating next year with the wrestling team. Heaven said, "Smile when you lose and when you win; they will never know when you lose." – Dani E.

Closing Out the Year with a Prom to Remember!



The school year is coming to a close, and Prom is rapidly approaching.

It will be held on April 13th from 7:00 pm to 11:00 pm and will be in the school gym. This year's theme is "Sunset Over the High School."

All students in 9th through 12th grade will be allowed to attend; a student must purchase a prom ticket.

This year's prom is being planned and will be setup by the junior class and is sponsored by Mr. Becker.

The Juniors hope that everyone who attends has a great time!

–Miguel W.

New Students for Saint Xavier Catholic School



Saint Francis Xavier Catholic School is excited to announce that we will be hosting an open house event for prospective students. It will be on Monday, April 8th at 6:30 pm, and is a chance for prospective students and parents to come to the school and learn about what we have to offer. It will begin with a meet and greet with teachers and Mr. Augustine. The families will get the chance to hear some speakers including parents, teachers, and alumni who will share their experiences with our exceptional school.

Parents will get the opportunity to get informational packets, ask questions and enjoy refreshments during the night.

Anyone looking into St. Xavier for their children in PreK-12 are welcome to attend. There will also be door prizes for those who attend. Mrs. Jahnke says, "This is a great way for people to come in and get a feel for our school and decide if it is right for their families." –Jayden L.

St. X PTO Sponsors Hawaii Luau Dance for Students

A Hawaiian Luau Dance will be held on April 12th in the school cafeteria. Students in PreK through Grade 8 are invited to attend.

PreK through 4th will be participating from 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm and 5th through 8th will be participating from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm.



The theme of the dance is Hawaiian Luau; its purpose is for the students to have fun dancing and socializing with their friends. Mrs. Baseley stated, "The students have fun at the yearly dance." The St. Xavier PTO is sponsoring the dance. Come and enjoy. –Taylor S.

Much to Learn on Law Day!



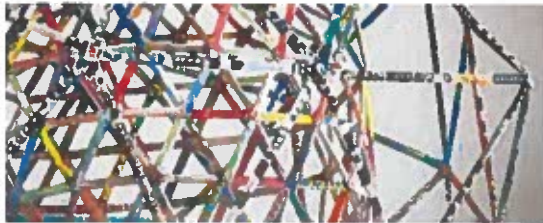
Juniors and seniors from St. Xavier are invited to participate in Law Day on April 11, 2024, at 10:00 am. They will be traveling to the Geary County District Court.

This activity is meant for people interested in law and involved citizens to view "real world" court proceedings. The session will be followed by a question and answer session to learn more about what goes on in the courtroom.

The students participating will be watching actual court where they'll see people interacting with the eighth judicial district court.

–Alyssa E.

Having a Beachy Day



This year 7-12th grade art students and members of Art Club will be traveling to the Beach Museum of Art in Manhattan, KS, on May 3rd.

The purpose of the trip is to explore the museum and what it offers for the public and families. It is also to experience the different collections of artwork displayed.

We hope that the students gain an appreciation of others' art works and what the art museum means to the public.

Mrs. Coughlin, St. Xavier art teacher, stated, "Art is not what you see, but what you make others see." –Hana M.

"There is No Party Like a Senior Party!"

The graduating class of 2024 will be taking their "Senior Trip" on Friday, April 26th. The senior class is going to be traveling to Omaha, Nebraska.



The main event of the senior trip will be visiting the Omaha Zoo. Mrs. Dinsmore will be sponsoring this trip.

This will be one of the last group activities for the seniors. On to graduation! –Noah F.

Rounding up New Family Members



On Tuesday, April 30th, from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm there will be a PreK and Kindergarten Roundup in Building B. The purpose of this event is to allow the parents and children to meet their teachers and view the classrooms. Enrollment papers will also be available during this event.

There are two PreK options available for the coming school year. PreK3 is available for 3-year olds that are 3 by August 31st of this year. PreK4 is for 4-year olds that are 4 by August 31st of this year. Both will be full days, Monday through Friday. The price is \$650 per month.

Our early education programs at St. Xavier help prepare students socially and academically for their future in education. –Sierra S.

Keep Calm and Bid On



St. Francis Xavier is hosting the annual school auction, “Run for the Roses,” on April 20th from 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm. The proceeds from the auction will be used for the purpose of “Supporting Catholic Education.”

The goal for the auction is to raise over \$100,000. The itemless item this year is student scholarships.

Some items in the auction are K-State football game tickets, meat package, Chief’s fire pit, furniture, donated art, dinner with Father Kerry, trips and much more.

There will be drinks and a catered meal, followed by the opportunity to bid on silent and live auction items. During the evening, there will be raffles, games, as well as a photo booth for guests to enjoy.

Please come join the fun and support St. Xavier Catholic School.

–Naythan H.

St. Francis Xavier Watches St. Francis Cabrini Movie



On March 20th, the 7th-12th grades of St. Francis Xavier Catholic School headed to the Manhattan AMC theatre to watch the Cabrini movie. The movie was very enjoyable and covered St. Francis Cabrini and how her dedication and call to serve God helped others and made her the first American saint.

Mr. Keating stated it was valuable for our students and staff to see the movie because we are a Catholic School; and it is important to know about such an influential and important saint, especially one of the 20th century, and one with “St. Francis” in her name.

Mr. Keating added, “It depicted a good portrayal of Mother Cabrini and was a valuable experience for all students.” Miguel W. said that, “It is empowering to people of faith.”, and Dani E. said that, “The movie was inspirational and memorable.” A great experience for all. –Janis C.

Outstanding Rams—March



Congratulations to our March teacher of the month, Mrs. Whitaker! Parents shared that Mrs. Whitaker is an upbeat, patient, and passionate individual with a lion sized heart, making her an excellent role model for the littles of St. Xavier Catholic School. Each day parents drop off their children knowing that they will be safe and cared for in the hours that follow. Mrs. Whitaker doesn't just manage chaos but uses the energy of the classroom to make learning both fun and engaging. We are so blessed to have Mrs. Whitaker teaching PreK! Way to go, Mrs. Whitaker!

Congratulations to our March middle school student of the month, 8th grader, Kaydence Wood! Kaydence has really picked up her studies, is focused, and pays attention in class. She is very helpful and kind to her classmates and has always been super polite and respectful to teachers. Kaydence gets involved in many activities outside the classroom, and she is a voracious reader, as well. Keep up the good work, Kaydence!

Congratulations to our March high school student of the month, senior Tobias Guthrie! Tobias is intelligent, works hard, and can have respectful, fruitful discussions even when he disagrees. He has the gift of putting himself into another

person's shoes and is willing to see things from new perspectives. Tobias not only excels in the classroom but also was an integral part of cheer and has qualified for state forensics with his solo. Nice job Tobias! –Mr. Augustine

**Salina Diocese Motto for this School Year:
"Lord it is good that we are here." –Matthew 17:4**

St. Xavier Catholic School's Photo Gallery



6th grade busy at work.



AR party kids being creative!



1st grade hanging out!



11th grade working on a science project!



Mia presenting her science fair project!



The Saint Xavier track team warming up.



Band preparing for their concert.



2nd grade playing Duck Hunt.



Students celebrating their accomplishments.



Having fun while learning!



My favorite time--reading time!



Looking at different items at the Book Fair.



Concentrating during study time.



It's SNACK TIME!



Lathan N. doing his Spanish assignment.



Charles Q. enjoying band.



Students receiving gold honor roll awards.



MS Scholars Bowl preparing for a round.



The Juniors are proud of their Controlled Chaos Pendulum!



Drawing Pictures with Shadows!



Students enjoying their AR party.



The 8th grade visits 10th Grade Wax Museum.



Current events students discussing recent events.



Studying Spanish.



Reward Time!



Enjoying a movie.

FBLA at the Junction City Opera House—a great field trip.



Making a book fair purchase.



MS Scholars Bowl team at a meet.

**EDUCATING FOR ETERNITY
THROUGH
FAITH & REASON**

APRIL 2024

Religious Theme: Blessed Sacrament

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 *No School	2 *11:00am – HS Track @ Valley Heights	3 *5th Grade Math State Assessment *8th & 11th Grade Science State Assessment *Spring Picture Day – Out of Uniform	4 *5th Grade Math State Assessment *8th & 11th Grade Science State Assessment *8:20am – StuCo meeting *10:00am – MS Track @ Rural Vista	5 *7:50am – Rosary Club *8:30am – Mass Followed by Adoration *3:00pm – HS Track @ Wakefield	6
7	8 *4:00pm – HS Forensics @ Wamego *6:30pm – Open House for Prospective families	9 *6th Grade Math State Assessment *7th, 8th, & 10th Math State Assessment	10 *7:40am – Junior Optimist Club *6th Grade Math State Assessment *7th, 8th, & 10th Math State Assessment *Papa John's Pizza Fundraiser *3:45pm – Activities Meeting *5:30pm – Auction Meeting *5:30pm – Confirmation Mass	11 *8:20am – Class Meetings *9:45am – Law Day for Juniors and Seniors *12:30pm – HS Track @ Northern Heights	12 *7:50am – Rosary Club *8:30am – Mass *5:00pm – PreK-4 Hawaiian Luau Dance *7:00pm – 5th-8th Hawaiian Luau Dance	13 *7:00pm – Prom *KSHSAA District Competition for Solos and Ensembles at Tabor
14	15	16	17	18 *8:20am – Art Club	19 *7:50am – Rosary Club *8:30am – Mass *3:10pm – Ice Cream Friday *4:00pm – HS Track @ Solomon	20 *5:00pm – School Auction
21	22 *ARK Assessment (2nd-12th) *1:00pm – MS Track @ Herington	23 *ARK Assessment (2nd-12th)	24 *7:40am – Junior Optimist Club *ARK Assessment (2nd-12th) *4:00pm – Freddys Fundraiser	25 *ARK Assessment (2nd-12th) *8:20am – FBIA Meeting *8:30am – 3rd & 4th Grade Field Trip to Rolling Hills Zoo *9:00am – Freshmen Attending Manhattan Tech Open House *3:30pm – HS Track @ Manhattan *5:00pm – Recruitment Meeting *5:30pm - School Council Meeting *7:30pm – Fire and Ice Event @ K-State	26 *NO SCHOOL – Professional Development *Senior Trip	27
28 2:00pm – First Communion Celebration	29 *MAP Reading Assessment	30 *MAP Reading Assessment *9:00am – PreK and Kinder Field Trip to Hill Time Farms *3:00pm – HS Track @ Tescott *6:00pm – PreK and Kinder Round Up				



