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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.

This edition is dedicated to the St. Xavier Class of 2022.

Jacob Copas



What are your plans for next year?

I plan to attend Manhattan Area Technical School. After that, I will be attending Kansas State University.

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

I will have a good job somewhere in the state of Kansas. I hope to be established in a career in either IT (Information Technology) or veterinarian medicine.

What is your favorite St. Xavier memory (any year--not just senior year)?

My favorite memory was getting to play with the St. Xavier basketball team. Another memory was watching my sister take the step into junior high.

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

Don't let anything stop you from what you want to achieve.

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

I had 2 favorite classes: English and Physical Education.

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

Don't give up—even if it's hard. Ask questions when you need to.

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

I really enjoyed the senior trip. I also enjoyed creating my own form of government—Copasilism.

Clarissa Okara



What are your plans for next year?

I plan to go to college and study to become a teacher.

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

I see myself having a family and living in a converted school bus (a dream of mine for several years).

What is your favorite St. Xavier memory (any year--not just senior year)?

I really enjoyed helping plan the prom my junior year.

I also enjoyed being a St. Xavier cheerleader.

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

Try to not get behind—don't procrastinate. Put your best work forward.

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

I had 2 favorite classes—Yearbook and Art.

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

I will always remember how important it is to not procrastinate for everything!

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 being part of the cheerleading squad.

Lawryn Peterson



What are your plans for next year?

I am undecided at this time. I'm considering going to Neosho County Community College to run track. Otherwise, I will be starting my college career at Cloud County Community College.

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

In 10 years, I hope to have completed college with a degree in accounting or business management. I don't know where I will be. I see myself being an accountant.

I also see myself, possibly, starting a family. But plans do change.

What is your favorite St. Xavier memory (any year--not just senior year)?

I don't really know what my favorite St. Xavier memory would be. I have had so many.

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

Learn to laugh. Don't take everything too seriously. Take your schoolwork seriously.

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

I've always enjoyed English. But I think my favorite would be music classes (Band and Choir).

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

No matter what life situation you find yourself in, God will always be there for you.

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 getting to perform in district for band. I have enjoyed working on all the projects for the concerts because they are the last ones I will have with these groups.

Congratulations!

St. Xavier Class of 2022

St. X Library Benefits from Class of '61 Donation

The class of '61 desired to donate toward a need in the St. Xavier library as a way to honor their classmates who have passed away. The memorial project chosen was the purchase of a new, and much needed, library management system.

The Alexandria Library Management System offers a web-based platform to manage our inventory, patrons, and check outs. This platform allows students, staff, and parents to view all of our library information from any device and utilize a scanning system for quick and easy checkout.



It will be quite a process to enter all our books to get the system up and running. Several parents have volunteered to help with the process. It is my goal to have it ready for use for the 2022-23 school year.

As an alum myself, I am thrilled to see fellow St. Xavier graduates taking an active interest in our school. Their support is truly appreciated and important to continuing the mission of St. Francis Xavier School: Educating for eternity through faith and reason. –Mrs. Jahnke

Graduation Ceremony for the Class of 2022



Graduation is almost here for the Class of 2022. Graduation ceremonies will take place on Saturday, May 21, 2:00 pm, at Saint Francis Xavier Catholic Church.

The ceremony will include the announcement of several scholarships for the class members. Mr. Culbertson, St. Xavier Theology Teacher, will be delivering the commencement speech.

Principal Augustine commented, “The Class of 2022 is a quiet and calm class. Whenever asked to help, they are always willing to help and do what’s best for the school.” Best Wishes to the Class of 2022. –Jacob C.

Honoring St X High School Students with Activities Banquet



Our St. Xavier high school students who have been involved in activities this year will be honored at the annual Activities Banquet on Thursday, May 5, at 6:00 pm.

Following a potluck meal, many different activities will be recognized. These include band, choir, basketball, track, volleyball, scholars bowl, FBLA, forensics, cross country, cheerleading, and more.

Please join us to honor these individuals. –Mrs. Becker

St X Presents FINE ARTS SHOWCASE!



Please join us on Tuesday, May 17, 7:00 pm, for our annual 7-12 Fine Arts Showcase. See our talented students showcase their talents in the choir, band, forensics, and art departments.

The students have been working under the leadership of their teachers/sponsors including Mrs. Coughlin (art), Ms. Moeller (band/choir) and Mrs. Becker, Ms. Hay and Ms. Serpan (forensics).

We are so proud of these students representing St. Xavier as they have worked on projects and in tournaments this school year. See you there! –Mrs. Becker

St. Xavier Auction–Exploring Our Faith– a Success!!



The St. Xavier Auction Supporting Catholic Education was April 30, 2022, at 5 p.m. Guests filled the gymnasium and had a festive time.

Some of the interesting items in the auction were a \$500 Dollar Bill, Floating with Father: A River Adventure, Niagara River Oasis Gift Basket, Cinnamon Rolls from Delores Vollenweider, Pac-Man Pinball Machine, Dessert-a-Month for One Year, Hildebrand Dairy Meat Package, and Ring-Necked Pheasant Guided Hunt.

The auction raised approximately \$95,000. Thanks for all your support of our school! –Clarissa O.

Roll the Dice St. Xavier Style

This year's prom, "Hollywood Casino," was a great success. It was hosted by the junior class on the 23rd of April at the Knights of Columbus Hall.

Class sponsor Ms. Robison said, "There was a great turnout for this. Many more students danced than previous years. Everyone enjoyed the food and drinks as



well as silly and serious pictures taken by the yearbook team. The junior class did an excellent job.” Many of the guests enjoyed dancing with The Rock, Dorothy and Toto, and Elvis Presley in the Hollywood themed hall.

All Saint Xavier high school students were invited as well as their guests.

–Jakob B.

Strength Within, Ram Pride Throughout!



Every school year, the Student Council selects a project to make our school even better than it was before. This year’s project is a refurbishing and cleaning our school’s weight room.

The funds for the project come from StuCo’s budget; StuCo decides and plans each project. The idea came from Student Council Vice

President Casey S. knowing how many students and faculty use that room. The team completing this project consists of StuCo members as well as Mrs. Justin and Mr. Stramel. The project includes cleaning, painting, and rearranging the room.

This project has already started with the colors for the paint being chosen. A diagram of the weight room helped determine how much paint to purchase. The actual painting and cleaning will take place May 24th after the 7th – 12th trip to the bowling alley. The students will return to the school and work for a couple hours. For any extra time necessary to complete the project, the students have agreed to come in for a couple days after that and help.

This is a big project and will help improve our school, not only by providing a more sustainable space for exercise, but also teaching the students participating about responsibility in planning and completing a project like this. The aspirations are high, and we look forward to a completely new-looking weight room for the 2022-2023 school year! –Casey S.

We Support our St. Xavier Military Children



April was the “Month of the Military Child.” On Friday, April 29th, to celebrate our students at St. Xavier that have military connections, there were several events.

The students were able to wear a shirt from their parent’s unit. The staff and remaining students wore purple to support the military children. The day began with a blessing for all military kids at Mass. Following Mass, a short video was played celebrating these kids.

During lunch, the Grade 7-12 military kids received a special item. PreK teachers were provided with special crafts for the day. In the afternoon K-6 military kids met in the cafeteria for a craft project. Other students worked on their special craft project during this time.

We appreciate all our military families and students. –Mrs. Becker and Mrs. Justin

St. X Music Students Participate in “Sousa’s March Mania”



“Sousa’s March Mania” is an annual competition in which students and fans around the globe rally behind their favorite marches as they advance through a series of match-ups and on to a championship game. Each day, two marches compete head-to-head, while votes for favorite marches determine which one advances to the next round.” – U.S. Marine Band, The “President’s Own”

hosts this competition.

Students in Grades 5-12 were given a bracket and invited to participate.

*Grace Lichtensteiger’s bracket got the farthest, giving her 1st place.

*Christian Moon placed 2nd.

*Crissy Sexton-Snow won the award for highest percentage of correct guesses (the “most accurate bracket” award), along with 3rd place.

“Sousa’s March Madness” is named after the March King himself, John Phillip Sousa. Sousa was also the first director of the U.S. Marine Band.

–Ms. Moeller

April Honorees—Teacher and Students of the Month



Congratulations to our April teacher of the month, Coach Connie White!

Colleagues shared that Coach White is amazing and goes above and beyond for all her students from PreK-12th grade. She motivates students to do their best, develops relationships with each of them, and genuinely cares about each of them. She is creative and introduces a variety of

sports/activities to students. Most importantly, though, she is active with the students by always participating with them during PE. Way to go, Coach White!

Congratulations to our April middle school student of the month, 7th grader Joy Copas! Joy works hard during class, turns her assignments in on time, and is always respectful towards staff and students. She is involved in a variety of activities and does a nice job of focusing on her academics. Keep up the good work, Joy!

Congratulations to our April high school student of the month, sophomore Tobias Guthrie! Tobias has become a wonderful addition to the sophomore class. He is an excellent writer and a willing participant in class discussions. He really jumped in with both feet when he arrived at St. X and is involved in many activities. Tobias consistently participates in class, is always prepared for class, and is polite and respectful towards others. Nice job, Tobias! –Mr. Augustine

Good luck to all of our forensics students participating in State Champs on May 7 in Salina—Becky P., Tobias G., Lauryn P., and Grace L..

St. Xavier Catholic School's Photo Gallery



Third grade participating in their Easter Egg Hunt.



HS and MS enjoying a game of Ultimate Frisbee.



Kindergarten playing bag toss.



First grade walking the Way of the Cross.



PreK students reading stories in a blanket fort.



Noah F. participating in the long jump at a track meet.



PreK students hunting for Easter eggs.



Preschooler finds golden Easter Egg.



Students learning the basics of soccer in PE class.



Guests at St. X Open House for prospective families.



Grades 1 and 2 observed Earth Day by preparing the soil and planting flowers on the church and school grounds.



Grades 1 and 2 enjoyed their activities on Earth Day!! Thank you for beautifying our campus.



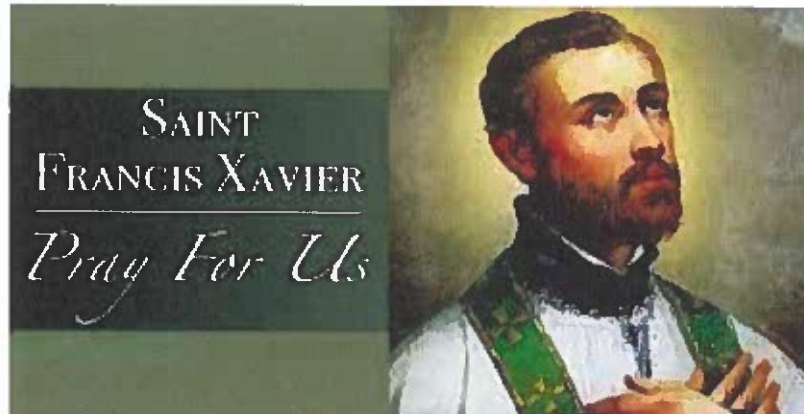
PreK was excited that the Easter Bunny visited them.



Ms. Moeller and students who participated in the Regional vocal and instrumental contest in Hillsboro.



Comfortable Grade 2 students enjoying reading time.



EDUCATING FOR ETERNITY THROUGH FAITH & REASON

May 2022

Religious Theme: Mary/May Crowning

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 *First Communion Celebration	2 *MAP Reading Assessment	3 *MAP Reading Assessment *Champions Car Wash @ 9:00am- MS Track @ Beloit	4 *MAP Reading Assessment *8:30am- School Mass *12:30pm- Forensics Meeting	5 *MAP Reading Assessment *8:20am- StuCo Meeting *6:00pm- HS Awards Banquet	6 *Professional Development *No School	7 *8:00am- State Forensics @ Salina
8 *Mother's Day	9 *MAP Math Assessment *3:30pm- 6 th -12 th Band Practice	10 *MAP Math Assessment *6:30pm- Recorder & Beginner Band Concert	11 *MAP Math Assessment *3:45pm- Activities Committee Meeting	12 *MAP Math Assessment *8:20am- Class Meetings *Math and Reading Club Last Day	13 *MAP Math Assessment *7:45am- Rosary Club *8:30am- School Mass & Crowning of Mary *5:30pm- Spring Fling Carnival	14
15	16	17 *7:00pm- 7 th -12 th Grade Fine Arts Showcase *Prek-6 Library Books Due	18 *9:30am- Prek Field Trip *2:00pm- Prek Graduation *Prek – 6 th Library Books Due *3:45pm- PTO Meeting	19 *8:20am- 7 th -12 th Grade Yearbook Signing *7 th -12 th Library Books Due *Last Day for Seniors	20 *7:45am- Rosary Club *8:30am- School Mass *6:00pm- MS Awards & 8 th Grade Promotion *Last Day for 8 th Grade	21 *2:00pm- HS Graduation
22	23 *K-6 th Field Day	24 *9:30am- 7 th -12 th Bowling Alley Field Trip *Last Day of School/End of Quarter	25 *Teacher Work Day	26 *5:00pm- Recruitment Meeting *5:30pm- School Council	27	28
29	30	31				