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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.

Art By Me Sparks Creative Genius!



As the year progresses, the school has found different ways to engage the students and raise money for the school. This year, St. X will be participating in Art by Me once again!

The purpose of Art by Me is to raise money for PTO to continue supporting activities in our school! St. X has been participating in Art by Me for seven years, this being the eighth year. If someone is doing an Art by Me project and wants to put their art on something, all artwork and orders are due to Mrs. Berry by October 5. After the items are ordered, they will be delivered by December 9. The types of things you can put your art on consists of coffee mugs, change purses, Teddy Bear T-Shirts, Christmas ornaments, and so much more!

Everyone from Pre-K to 8th grade is encouraged to make an Art by Me, but everyone is allowed to make one. Every class is different, some classes let their students choose what to create, and some go by a theme. Art by Me is very enjoyable so even if you don't order something, go see Mrs. Berry or stop by the office for an Art by Me sheet and show off your creative talents! –Casey S.

St X Celebrates National Grandparents Day with a Breakfast



The Goodies for Grandparents Day was on September 13, 2021. Grandparents of the students and grandparents from the parish were welcome.

PTO sponsored and helped with this event. The goal for this event was to celebrate grandparents and everything they do.

Another goal for this event was to have fellowship at the school. Fruit, muffins, doughnuts, coffee, and juice were served to the grandparents and grandchildren from the school.

This date was chosen because it was the closest date to National Grandparents Day. This was the second time the school has hosted this event. What a great event for St. Xavier grandparents and grandchildren.
-Clarissa O.

Father G, Students, and Staff Participate in Blessing of the School



The students and staff of St Xavier gathered under the leadership of Father G and Mr. Augustine for prayers and a blessing of the school ceremony. After opening prayers, students were led in The Rosary by several members of the school staff. Father G and Mr. Augustine blessed each room and area of the school. This ceremony was a very inspiring way to begin the school year. -Mrs. Becker

From Carnivorous & Vascular/Non-Vascular Plants to Scientific Discoveries--5th and 6th Graders are Seeing “Scientific Phenomenons” everywhere!



Fifth and sixth grade students in Mrs. Mohr’s science class have been discovering the similarities and differences in plant species and the different scientific inventions that have impacted daily lives in the last 100 years.

Students in Grade 5 began their journey in science this year by discovering the differences and similarities in plants. They learned about a pitcher-plant and how plants can be carnivorous. They also looked at how tropical trees adapted their bark to prevent bacteria and fungi from destroying their nutritional intake. Students explored the differences between vascular and nonvascular plants and learned that there are significant differences between plant species and how they obtain the nutrients needed to flourish.

Students in Grade 6 took an amazing journey through the last 100 years and looked at the different scientific discoveries that have impacted our lives in various ways. Mya Black opened her presentation with the television (c. 1927) and how Philo Taylor Farnsworth II progressed the process of moving pictures and animation. While Ellie Connelly explored the “Scrunchie” (c. 1986), and what inspired the inventor, Rommy Revson, to develop the idea--because, “. . . her hair was not healthy from rubber bands.” From Fanta to the garbage disposal, all the discoveries presented have impacted lives in often monumental ways. Thank you, 6th-graders for forging a fabulous trip through history and presenting how science is everywhere and in everything!

If you would like to join us, please feel free to spend a class period with us. We are always willing to share our learning with you! —Mrs. Mohr

Saint X Students Swimming through Water Safety Course



Mrs. Mohr’s and Mr. Cavitt’s classes will be learning water safety on October 11 – 14. Students will be taught by YMCA swim instructors how to be safe around water and how to rescue others from drowning.

Water safety helps develop safety skills and improves children's knowledge of how to survive in water if they fall in. The simple skills of floating and how to rescue someone from drowning are very important.

The students will learn the skills to be safe whenever they are around water. –Jakob B.

Saint X Feeds the Hungry Ramily



The Ramily showed strong support for the Saint Xavier Activities Committee when they attended the Taco Feed on Friday, September 24. Many also enjoyed the tacos while watching the volleyball games.

Saint Xavier students and parents helped serve with choices of either a soft-shell taco, a hard-shell taco, or nachos with churros as dessert. There was a great crowd for the event.

Later in the school year, there will be a similar event featuring Basketball and BBQ. The proceeds of the events

will be used to support Saint Xavier athletic and academic activities throughout the year. Thank you for all your support! –Jakob B.

Knights of Columbus Serve Up Breakfast in Support of St. Xavier



The Knights of Columbus hosted a breakfast fundraiser recently. After the event, Dan Culbertson presented a check to the school on behalf of the Knights of Columbus.

Money raised from this fundraiser will be used to assist St. Xavier teachers in purchasing classroom supplies. We appreciate the support of the Knights of Columbus.

And thank you to all of those who came out and attended the event! –Mr. Augustine

Cafeteria Staff Prepare a Special Event Celebrating Mary's Birthday



On September 8, Mrs. Berry and her staff helped us celebrate Mary's Birthday with a special center as well as a special treat. Catholics celebrate the Virgin Mary's birthday, the Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

It is not the day on which Mary conceived Christ, but the day on which the Virgin Mary herself was conceived in the womb of her mother. The day on which Jesus was conceived is the Annunciation of the Lord, March 25.

We appreciate all the effort of the cafeteria staff supporting the school! –Mr. Augustine

Come to this Year's Spooktacular Book Fair



This year's theme for the book fair is "Spooktacular Book Fair." It is a Halloween theme. The dates are October 11-October 17.

One of the most popular items that is usually purchased is new books that come from a series. Some other popular items include non-book items such as pencils, pens, erasers, bookmark, and squishies. This is a fundraiser to raise money to buy new books for the library.

Many people are helping with this event. Mrs. Jahnke is asking for parent volunteers. The Art Appreciation Class is designing the bulletin

board for the Book Fair. FBLA is going to help staff the event. There are special times when parents and parishioners can join us at the event. The book fair will be open during CCD on Wednesday, October 13, as well as on Sunday, October 17, during Mass times. Come have a spooktacular time! –Clarissa O.

Through Fire and Tornadoes, Our Family Pushes On!



To keep our Family safe, we must know what to do in certain situations. To prepare for these situations, St. X participated in Safety Week.

Safety Week's purpose was "To make sure students and staff are aware of procedures for events if and when they happen." This event

was held by the school, but we had several guests helping including the Fire Department and the Police Department. Though the event is over, all year round the students and staff will be continuing to practice different events including fire drills and tornado drills.

High school students were also very involved in Safety Week. Not only did they participate in the drills, they helped with the younger students in the drills such as pairing up with a buddy for the evacuation drill. "As the older students, it was their job to lead more and by example because the younger students look up to them," stated Mr. Augustine.

One of the main things for students to know is that it is very important to "Stay calm and flexible; the events could always be different than the drill so be open to change." St. X has officially succeeded in another year of safety drills! –Casey S.

St. Xavier Catholic School's Photo Gallery



Students listening to Mrs. Coughlin in Art Club.



Preschoolers study the letter D—
D is for donuts.



Freshmen in Mr. Culbertson's Theology Class.



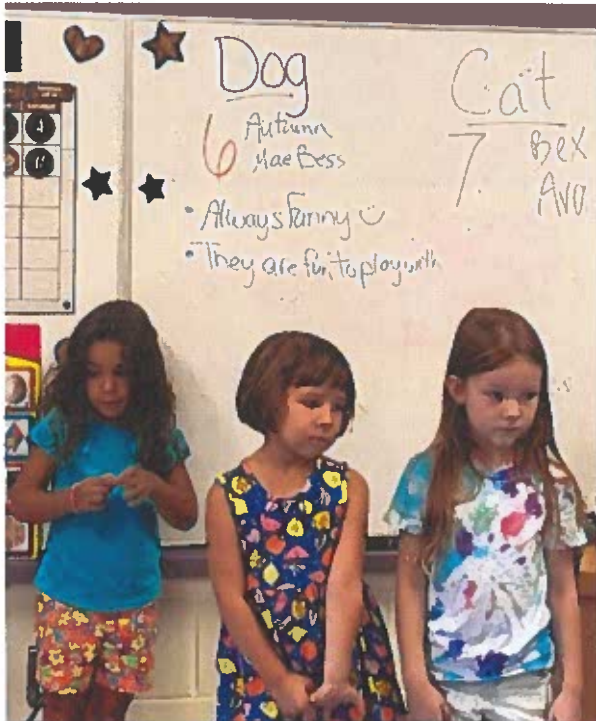
Kindergarteners working together.



Jacob C. and Jakob B. visit after lunch.



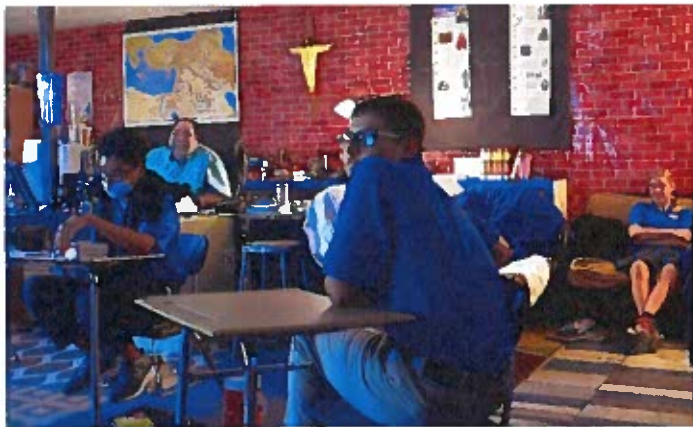
Sophomores hard at work in Ms. Sherpan's class.



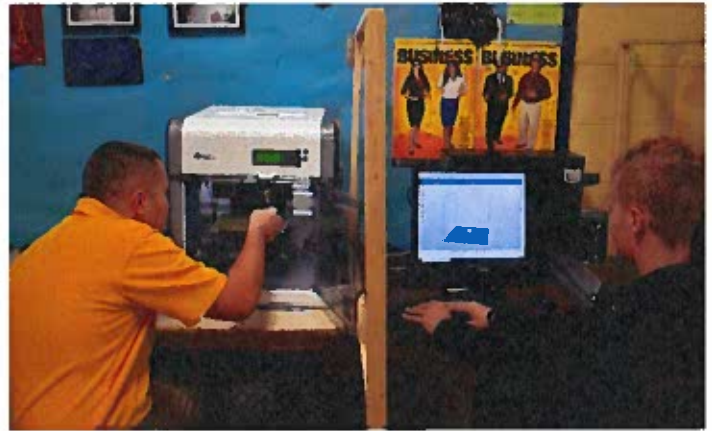
Pre-K's poll on Dogs vs. Cats.



High school volleyball team playing hard.



The 8th graders in Mr. C's classroom.



Casey S. and Jakob B. working on the 3D Printer.



High school volleyball team in a team huddle—GO RAMS!



Third grade working with the parachute in PE class.



Grade 5 students working on the computers.



Crissy S. congratulating the middle school volleyball team.



Important decision making during the StuCo meeting.



St Xavier welcomed many for the Goodies for Grandparents event.



Construction workers working on a school improvement project.



Volunteers helping at the taco feed.



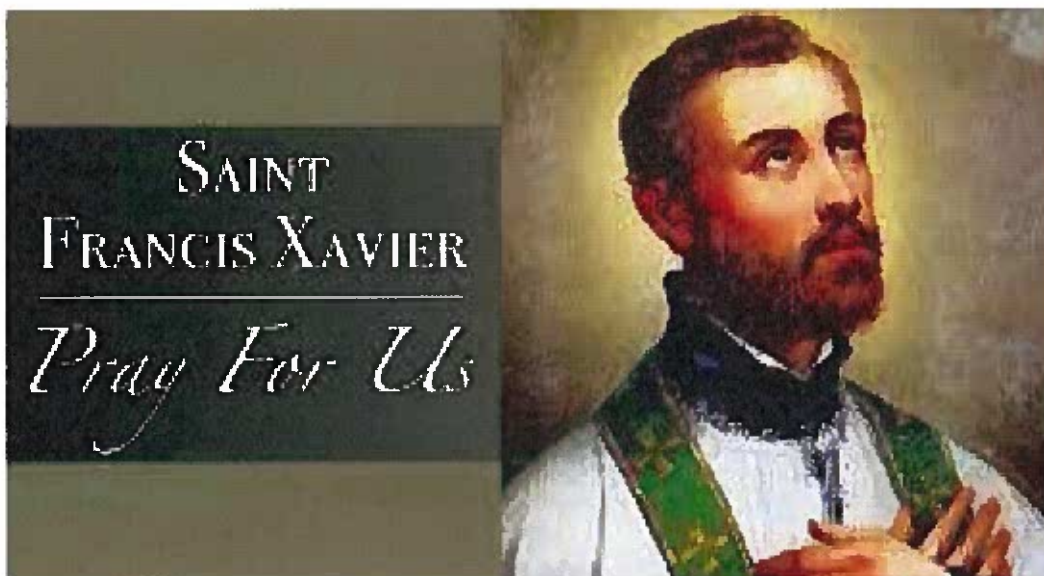
Band playing at the pep rally.



High school volleyball team member, Annabelle, serving the ball.



Students completing drill for Safety Week.



**EDUCATING FOR ETERNITY THROUGH
FAITH & REASON**

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 *8:30am- School Mass & Adoration	2
3 *1:00pm- Blessing of Pets	4 *4:30-5:15pm- MS Boys Basketball Condition Begins	5 *Champions Car Wash *Art By Me Drawings Due *4:30pm- MS & HS Volleyball vs Chief	6 *9:00am- Respect Life Mass for Juniors and Seniors in Salina	7 *Feast of the Rosary *Modified Schedule *8:20am- StuCo Meeting *Parish Groups' Luncheon *2:45pm- All School Rosary	8 *End of 1 st Quarter *No School *Professional Development *4:30pm- MS & HS Volleyball @ SVHE	9
10	11 *8:30am-4:00pm- Spooktacular Book Fair *9:00am- 1 st & 2 nd Grade Field Trip *1:30pm- 5 th & 6 th Grade Water Safety Grade Water Safety *4:30pm- MS & HS Volleyball vs FHCS *Senior/8 th Grade Recognition Night	12 *8:15-11:30am- FBLA trip to K-State *11:30am-4:00pm- Spooktacular Book Fair *1:30pm- 5 th & 6 th Grade Water Safety	13 *8:30am-PSAT *8:30am-4:00pm & 6:00-8:00pm- Spooktacular Book Fair *1:30pm- 5 th & 6 th Grade Water Safety *3:45pm- Activities Committee Meeting	14 *8:20am- Class Meetings *8:30am-8:00pm Spooktacular Book Fair *1:30pm- 5 th & 6 th Grade Water Safety *4:00-8:00pm- P/T Conferences	15 *No School *8:00am-4:00pm- P/T Conferences *8:00am-4:00pm- Spooktacular Book Fair	16
17 *8:30am-12:30pm Spooktacular Book Fair	18 *9:30am- 1 st Grade Kansas Corn Presentation	19 *10:00am- PreK Field Trip to A & H Farms *12:30pm- CCCC College Visit	20 *8:30am- Student of the Quarter Ceremony	21 *8:20am- Art Club *Picture Retakes in Uniform	22 *7:45am- Rosary Club *8:30am- School Mass *2:15pm- AR Party	23
24	25 *Red Ribbon Week *MS Basketball Practice Begins	26	27 *3:45pm- PTO Meeting	28 *8:20am- FBLA Guest Speaker- Dr. Sharon Sullivan *12:30pm- Forensics Lunch Meeting *5:00pm- Recruitment Meeting *5:30pm- School Council Meeting	29 *7:45am- Rosary Club *8:30am- School Mass *6:00-8:00pm- Harvest Fest	30
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