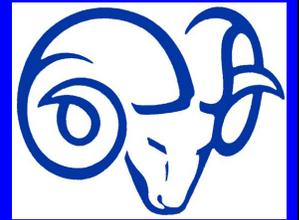




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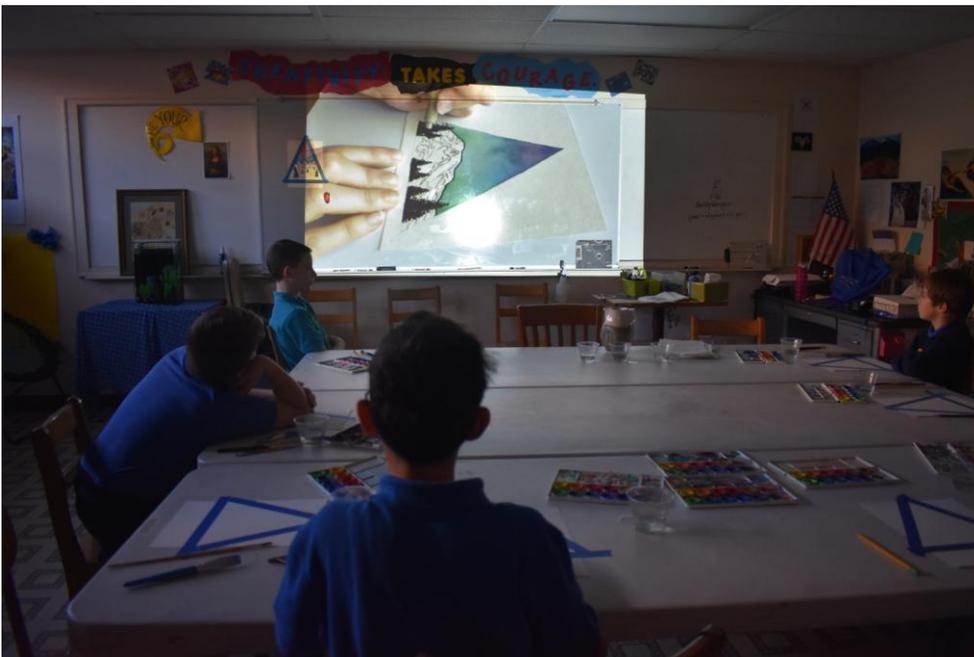


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Fr. Kyle Berens, Priest/Superintendent...Shawn Augustine, Principal

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 Students Explore New Mediums



The art students and members of the Art Club are exploring new mediums and planning some trips to learn more about different types of art. The Art Club will be visiting the Mariana Kistler Beach Museum of Art in Manhattan on March 20. Our Club will be one of the first groups to tour the American WPA Mural

Studies Exhibition. This exhibition celebrates all kinds of laborers, as well as an exhibition of Reagan and Obama photography. They will also view the museum's permanent collection. The tour will begin at 9:00 am.

The members will be able draw individually during their visit in pencil, charcoal, pastel or crayon. While on the tour, the students will be discovering new

art forms and techniques, learning about the history of art making and how art impacts our opinions, beliefs, etc.

The Club will also show work at the C.L. Hoover Opera House after Spring Break. At the end of the year, the members will be part of the Fine Arts showcase along with Forensics and Band/Choir students.

The high school art students have been working on linoleum block prints, graphite drawings, collages, acrylic paintings, mixed mediums, and more including mask making. They are also working on a collaborative watercolor piece for the School Auction. The elementary students have been enjoying painting activities (from tree silhouettes to snowmen using lines of symmetry), origami (paper folding art), and more. --Mrs. Becker

Rams Preparing To Dominate Second Half Of The Season



Coach Vinent stated that the basketball team's most challenging game coming back from Christmas break will be Veritas Christian, one of the best non-KSHSAA schools in the state of Kansas. Some of the most exciting games the Rams have played this season, according to Coach Vinent, were at the SHEA tournament because each game came down to the wire and was extremely exciting wins for the team.

Coach anticipates having a strong second half of the season for the team with many games remaining on the schedule he feels his team can win. After February 12, the Rams will learn the sub-state bracket; February 12 is the last day of the regular season.

Of all the schools in the sub-state assignment, Coach Vinent believes Burlingame will be the most challenging due to their dominance at the 1A level for

quite some time, making Burlingame the favorite to win in the Ram's sub-state assignment. In sub-state play, it is a win or out situation--meaning the Rams have to win every game they play or their season will be over. Go Rams!! --Jacob B.

Upcoming Events For St. Xavier! Mark Your Calendar!



St. Xavier has several events coming up from January to March. These will be good opportunities for service hours as well as chances to support your school.

The first event, we will be hosting a Scholars Bowl Meet on Monday, January 22. Students and adults are needed for this event. Catholic Schools Week begins on January 27. The Blue and Gold Market will be held on March 23 this year. If you intend on helping with setup or clean up for one of these any events, please contact Mr. Augustine.

Finally, chess tournaments are just about every weekend at this point. State is March 9; a student needs to place in two tournaments to qualify for State. Talk with Mr. Becker for more information about practices, tournaments and state.

--Julian A.

Fun And Interesting Activities For 2019 FBLA Members!



In 2019, FBLA members are planning several field trips. They plan to visit the TV station of KSNT in Topeka, KS, to see how they produce their programs. Also, FBLA members will be taking a trip to Kansas State University Polytechnic in Salina to learn about their educational opportunities.

Members will be participating in an Escape Room event at the Manhattan Public Library on Thursday, February 21. FBLA members are getting ready for FBLA District in Herington on Monday, January 21.

Dress code for most of these events will be business professional. The local chapter will also observe FBLA Week February 11-15. Events will include a Professional Dress Day as well as a Business Lunch.

Additional comment from our FBLA advisor, Mrs. Becker: Participation in FBLA can be a very valuable extracurricular activity for any high school student.
--Minseo P.

#Homecoming



It's time for school spirit to shine! St. Xavier High School is celebrating Homecoming with many familiar traditions and welcoming in some new traditions. The Pep Rally is on February 5 at 2:50 pm and the Homecoming Dance is on February 8 begins at 7:00 pm. Student Council is in charge of organizing Homecoming and Homecoming Week. Grades 9 through 12 will be able to attend the

Homecoming Dance. Each ticket costs \$5; students need to wear formal attire.

The Homecoming King and Queen will be selected by the high school students. They will also choose a Homecoming Court. Then, they will vote again and select the King and Queen. Homecoming will have a Court consisting of one boy and one girl from each class. The King and Queen will be announced at the game on Tuesday, February 5.

Homecoming Week Spirit Days will be Monday-Pajama Day, Tuesday-Sports Day, Wednesday-Twin Day, Thursday-Decade Day, and Friday-Color Day. Join in the fun!! --Nara M.

Amazing Alumni Game And Other Activities

To bring alumni back to the school for an evening of fun as well as a fundraising event for the school, St. Xavier held the Alumni Game on December 22, 2018. There were school tours from 3:30 to 4:30 pm, Mass celebrated with Bishop Vincke at 5:00 pm, a Free Will Donation Chili Feed at 6:00 pm, and an Alumni Basketball Game at 7:30 pm. There was also a 50/50 Raffle, a Free Throw

Competition between Father Kyle and Bishop Vincke, and cheer routines and dances.



At the event, a video that Ms. Albers created was shown; it highlighted both past and current events and activities of our school. The Knights of Columbus presented the colors and Heather Augustine sang The National Anthem.

To contact alumni concerning the events, Kathryn Hermes designed an invitation which Sir Speedy in Junction City produced. It was mailed out to all alumni along with options to RSVP by mail or online. An alumni newsletter was included along with the invitation. It was also posted on our Facebook page with videos shared by Dan Zoeller of several well-known people advertising the alumni game. Alum Dan Zoeller has helped with organizing the alumni games in both 2014 and 2018. He is planning to step down from organizing this event but is hopeful that someone will take this task on in the future.

We had approximately 200 people attend the Alumni Game. As a result, approximately \$1,563 was raised which will be matched by St. Xavier Foundation for a total of \$3,126. There are also few donations that have been mailed in that will add to this amount. The money raised will go towards the operational costs of the school. --Yujin S.

St Xavier Continues The Tradition Of The Baby Jesus Shower



The purpose of the Baby Jesus Shower is similar to the Wise Men bringing gifts to baby Jesus; we encourage our students/families to bring gifts to be given to new mothers who are in need! Students bring in wrapped baby gifts to donate to the Junction City Pregnancy Center.

The Baby Jesus Shower is our school's tradition to keep our faith by helping others in need. After the Baby Jesus Shower, the St. Xavier PTO provided donuts for students and staff, and K-4 students unwrapped the Baby Jesus Shower gifts while K-4 staff organized items to be delivered to the Junction City Pregnancy Center.

Because of our school tradition, people who need our help receive diapers, wipes, lotion, shampoo, bottles, toys, and all kinds of items for their baby! An abundance of items was collected. Ms. Klebe and Mr. Stramel, who organized this event, delivered the items to the Junction City Pregnancy Center after the event! "Whatsoever you do to the least of my people, that you do unto me." Just like Mary and Joseph provided for baby Jesus, we should share our generosity with others.

--Vasco M.

A Day In The Life Of Mr. Augustine

Mr. Shawn Augustine is a 1992 graduate of Buhler High School. He attended Hutchinson Community College for three semesters, and then transferred to Kansas State University where he graduated in 1996 with a Bachelor of Science in Secondary Education.



After teaching in middle schools for 14 years, he went on to earn his Masters of Science in Educational Administration from Emporia State University in 2013. For 21 years, Mr. Augustine has been in the educational field. Elkhart Middle school had the privilege of having Mr. Augustine teach 7th through 8th grade Language Arts for three years in 1997-2000. In 2001 through 2012, he taught Language Arts at Hugoton Middle School to the 8th grade. Finally, coming to Saint

Xavier Catholic School, Mr. Augustine started as the assistant principal and activities director from 2012-2015. Then in 2015, he became the principal and the activities director. At the beginning of the 2016 school year, he became the principal.

Some of principal's daily tasks are "putting out fires" throughout the day, building relationships with students and teachers by being in the hallways and classrooms, completing purchase orders, diocese and state paperwork, participating in meetings with students or disciplining them, mentoring teachers, and completing phone calls and emails. Sometimes it is a difficult task to balance everything. He has learned the importance of prioritizing and asking God to help intervene with this on a daily basis. Sometimes it is difficult, of course, working above and beyond school hours and still not being able to make everyone happy at the same time. Mr. Augustine also has the opportunity to help lead others in a way so that they cannot only be successful but live out their Catholic Faith and be Christ for others.

"With God's help, building a positive family environment where all staff and students can grow stronger personally and spiritually" is what Mr. Augustine feels is his biggest accomplishment while being principal. Something that he's learned that has helped him become a successful educator is patience, grace, and being a good listener, hearing everyone because they deserve to be heard, and knowing that everyone deserves mercy. He enjoys seeing students that have not only grown in their personal life but as well as in their faith life and watching them applying what they learned at Saint Xavier. One of his favorite memories is having former students and staff come back to the school frequently to visit.

Several things that Mr. Augustine would change about our school is the number of students attending and growing in the Catholic Faith, being more and more consistent every year with staff and students, along with finances to provide

materials for students, and salary raises for the staff. But the thing he is the most proud of is the loving staff and community at Saint Xavier Catholic School.

There are so many people who work hard every single day to make us who we are. This school is important to the Junction City and Fort Riley areas. We should all be proud of St. Xavier Catholic School. --Tamia S.

St. Xavier Catholic School's Photo Gallery



Middle school boys basketball players-- pep rally introduction.



Nara M. and Yujin S. enjoying a bit of free time.



The scholars bowl team practicing for upcoming meets.



The 1st graders making some cookies.



After learning cheers and dances at the Cheer Clinic, these Rams performed.



Members of the Ramilly at a Pep Rally.



The choir giving an amazing performance. A beautiful performance from the band.



4th grade getting ready for their Christmas concert.



The cheerleaders are getting the basketball boys pumped for the game.



Cheerleaders cheering on the basketball boys.



The middle school basketball boys working on their game plan.



4th grade waiting in line to get some donuts after the Baby Jesus Shower.



1st graders looking outstanding in costume.



Mrs. Cantiello enjoying her coffee.



Choir working hard on their music.



5th grade in art class drawing a string of lights.



Jacob K. working on a problem in physics.

Educating the whole person—body, mind, & spirit—in Christian values in accordance with our Catholic faith tradition.