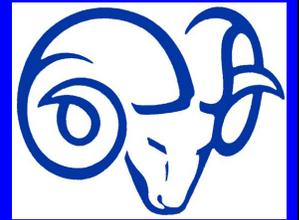




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## **Healthy Topics for Freshman Class**



Mr. Vinent isn't just the High School Boys Basketball Coach, he's also the Health Teacher for the freshman class. Mr. Vinent has started a new unit with his health class. They have started the unit "Adolescence." Mr. Vinent has decided to go about this unit in a very fun and entertaining way.

They will be using the Quizizz App on the iPads to take their assessment on the adolescence unit. They also followed it up with a coinciding project where the students worked in a group to take and create different identities for kids going through adolescence and how they would react to situations amongst each other if these fictional characters they created were on a reality game show.

The students enjoyed this unique way of studying this unit. –Conner W.

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## **Mardi Gras Extravaganza**

Mardi Gras is the Carnival Celebration beginning on or after the Christian Feasts of the Epiphany; it is also the day before Ash Wednesday.

Mardi Gras can be traced to Medieval Europe, through Rome and Venice then to the French House of the Bourbons. French-Canadian explorer Jean Baptiste Le



Moyne Sieur de Bienville found a plot of land near New Orleans and named it "Pointe du Mardi Gras." His men realized that the evening of a festive holiday was almost upon them so they had "Mardi Gras" on that land.

This year Mardi Gras is on Tuesday, February 13, also known as Fat Tuesday. For Mardi Gras, the PTO will be hosting dances for grades K-5 at 6:00 pm and 7:30 pm for 6-8 on February 9. –Jalyn D.

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## English Made Fun



English class, taught by Mrs. Dinsmore, always has something new going on; here are some of the interesting things going on in middle and high school English.

In 12<sup>th</sup> grade, the seniors are learning about Shakespeare's work. Juniors are taking a more patriotic turn in English reading about American Revolutionary War Literature. From Olympus to the Underworld, sophomores are learning about Antigone-Greek Tragedy. Freshmen are reading about the man that changed the view on racism, from his writings to his speeches; they are learning more about Martin Luther King Jr. Last, but not least, the 8<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> graders are reading poems and discussing them as a class. –Tamia S.

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## Learning that Helps Develop Life Skills



Students in Mrs. Becker's classes learn a variety of skills and information. The Computer Applications Class learn the basics of word processing, spread sheets, and presentation tools; they then learn to integrate these application into projects. This knowledge will be useful to them as they continue their education or enter the

business world.

The Economics students not only study concepts but learn to analyze everyday events and make decisions based on their knowledge and information. This includes discussing current events and watching trends in the business world including the stock market. The Economics Class continues to enjoy their sessions with Marilyn Smith from the Sunflower Bank. Recently the guest speaker was Mr.

Dinkel, Junction City's City Manager. They will be using the information they have gained in their studies as well as information from the guest speakers to complete a writing assignment for their concluding project for the Community Ambassadors Program.

The students in the Business Communications Class work in class to complete their major projects for the year: the yearbook, the newsletters, and the digital presentations that keep students up to date on activities. Order your yearbook!!

These classes help students develop life skills which will be important to their success as they transition from high school to other post secondary activities.

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## Homecoming Week—an Annual Tradition



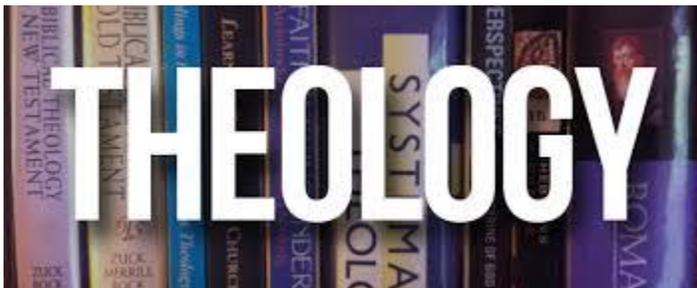
Homecoming is an annual tradition that will be celebrated at St. Xavier February 12-17. February 8, during seminar, will be the day the high school students vote for the Royal King and Queen. StuCo will announce the finalists the following day. The finalists will be taking pictures that day in the gym. The final voting day will be February 13 during seminar.

The Royal Court will be announced during half time of Tuesday's basketball game. The homecoming dance will be held Saturday, February 17, from 7:30 pm to 11:00 pm.

Other activities will include spirit week and a pep rally. –Ashley D.

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## Learning Theology in Different Ways



Mrs. Breindenstein teaches theology to grades 10-12. This year, sophomores are studying the Old Testament Scriptures from Genesis along with some key historical figures like Adam and Eve. They are currently studying about Joseph, Jacob's son, who became the Governor of Egypt and saved the people from the Great Famine.

The juniors are learning about the life of Jesus Christ from His birth up to his crucifixion. For this quarter, they are using the book called "Case for Christ" that will help to explain and defend our Christian faith when challenged by non-Christians.

The seniors are using the book entitled "Building Your Own Conscience" that talks about the five-stage reasoning process that humans use to determine their truth, and the six-stages of moral decision-making that will help in making the right decisions in the future. The students learn theology in a variety of ways. – Chloe A.

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## St. Xavier Celebrating Catholic Schools Week



**Catholic Schools**  
**Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed.**  
should wear school uniforms.

The Catholic Schools Week theme is "Learn, Serve, Lead, and Succeed." The activities will be held January 28 through February 2.

Some of the activities that will be held are a student led Mass on Sunday, January 28 at 11:00 am. The students will be involved in the Mass as the servers, offertory leaders, lectors, and participants in the Spark Youth Choir. For this event, all students

Another event is "Dress as a Saint Day," where we, of course, dress like a saint of your choice. Students will write letters to seminarians in K-4 religion classes, and there will also be a morning group discussion/panel on vocations in cafeteria (K-4, 5-8, 9-12). Many more events will take place during Catholic Schools Week.

During this week, catholic faith and education will be combined to expand our knowledge in all these areas. –Dejohn W.

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## Future Business Leaders of Saint Xavier



FBLA is Future Business Leaders of America. FBLA has their own week which starts February 4 and lasts to February 10.

During this week, St. X FBLA members will enjoy a Business Lunch Meeting on the 6<sup>th</sup> as well as a Professional Dress Day on the 7<sup>th</sup>.

The students in FBLA will also work on their community service project—helping clean up different areas in the school. –Jacob B.

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## Religion Classes Learn About Saints

Ms. Donart teaches religion to grades 7, 8, and 9. She teaches all the classes about different

Saints. She has an area in her room that shows a picture of a Saint each week. They also have to guess what Saint it is from the facts she gives.

For 7<sup>th</sup> grade, she has taught them the Ten Commandments, the Sacraments, and the Rosary. For 8<sup>th</sup> grade, they have made movies on imovie about the spiritual works of Mercy. For 9<sup>th</sup> grade, they have read the 5 Loves of St. Pope John Paul II. They have also created and presented posters about them.

They will be completing more projects the rest of the year. –Joanna C.

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## Spanish Classes Learn in Different Ways



Ms. Robinson's classes have been completing many projects. Grade 7 will be learning how to add a hyperlink to their document and inserting and formatting tables. They will also learn about Excel, email

etiquette, and coding.

The Spanish I classes are learning about the differences in regular and irregular verbs and how to tell time. They have been translating Spanish sentences to English and added to their Spanish vocabulary beyond "Hola." Whenever time permits, they play Spanish games online giving them a chance to use what they have learned in class.

The Spanish II classes continue to work online independently. They are learning to write in the past tense and also record their writings, which are then graded by their online Spanish teacher, Mrs. Alves. They learn new vocabulary words each week and play games where they can earn online game money to buy different things in the online store. They have 5 lessons a week to complete, and every Friday, they have to take a test. The Spanish II students have learned to be disciplined and to stay on task in order to complete their course.

Both Spanish classes learned last month about the Day of the Dead (Día de Muertos) and this Christmas season they learned how the Hispanic culture celebrates Christmas. –Sungpil M.

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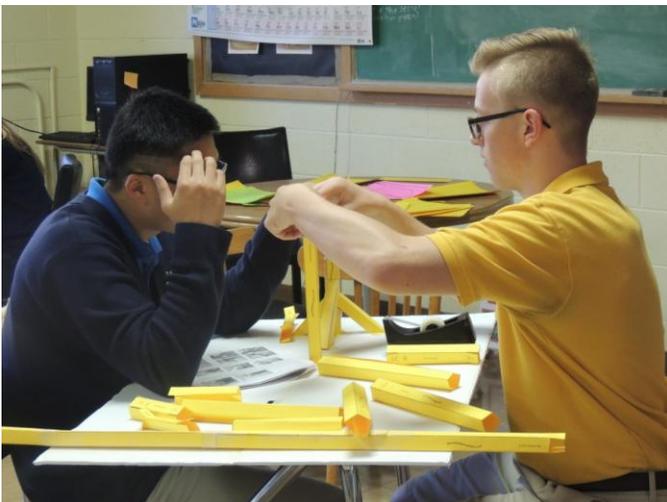
# St. Xavier Catholic School's Photo Gallery



Tournament Winners Again!!!



Middle School Girls Basketball in action.



Science class project-- building a rollercoaster.



A visit from Mr. Workman during the band and choir concert.



Members of the Band performing an outstanding concert.



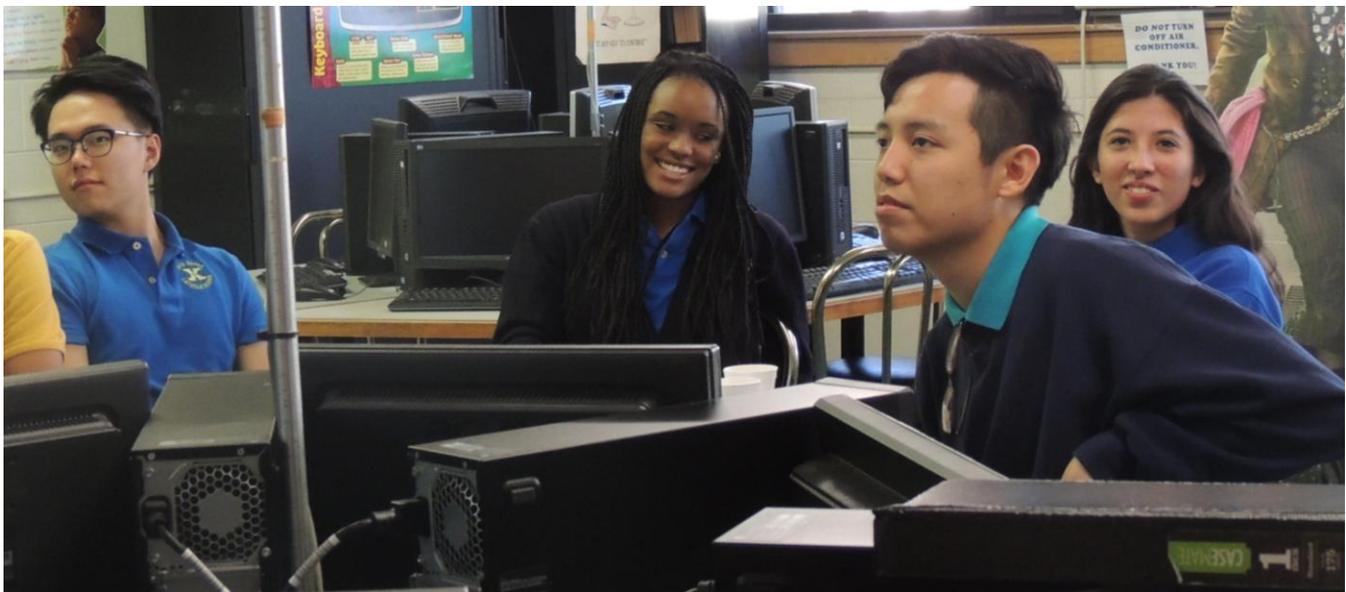
Grade 3 celebrating Our Lady of Guadalupe Feast Day.



Daniel W. playing defense during a boys basketball game.



Students proclaim "How Will You Become A Saint."



Spanish Class members listening intently in Spanish Class.



Sophomores playing chess.



Chloe W. enjoying reading time.



Concentrating during a class presentation.



Conner W. shooting a free throw in the game against Saint Mary's.



Mr. Vinent playing spikeball with his gym class.



MS basketball girls coming together.



Listening to the game plan.



Proud of their project.



Listening to the coach's plan.



Preparing to take the presents to the Baby Jesus Baby Shower.

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