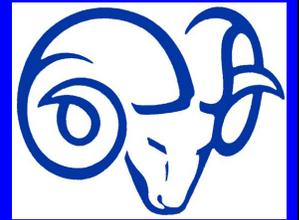




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Fr. Kyle Berens, Priest/Superintendent...Shawn Augustine, Principal

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.

Order a Yearbook and Plant a Tree



The yearbook staff has several goals during the school year: PowerPoints, newsletters, and yearbook. The yearbook staff completes a weekly PowerPoint that is displayed in the main hallway consisting of pictures of different events happening at school. The staff also produces a monthly newsletter to keep everyone informed of St. Xavier events. To finance some of the expenses of the yearbook, they have been going out into the community seeking support for the yearbook by selling ads.

The theme for this year's yearbook hasn't been decided yet, but the staff is considering the theme "Leaving Your Mark at St. Xavier." Art students will be helping design the cover of the yearbook with the approval from the yearbook staff.

You can order a copy of this year's yearbook by going online to treering.com. If you want a copy of a previous year's yearbook, you can still order it at the same website; that is one of the features of the website.

Another good thing about this website is that for every yearbook they sell, they plant a tree to replace the paper they used for it. –Chloe A.

The Many Drills of Safety Week



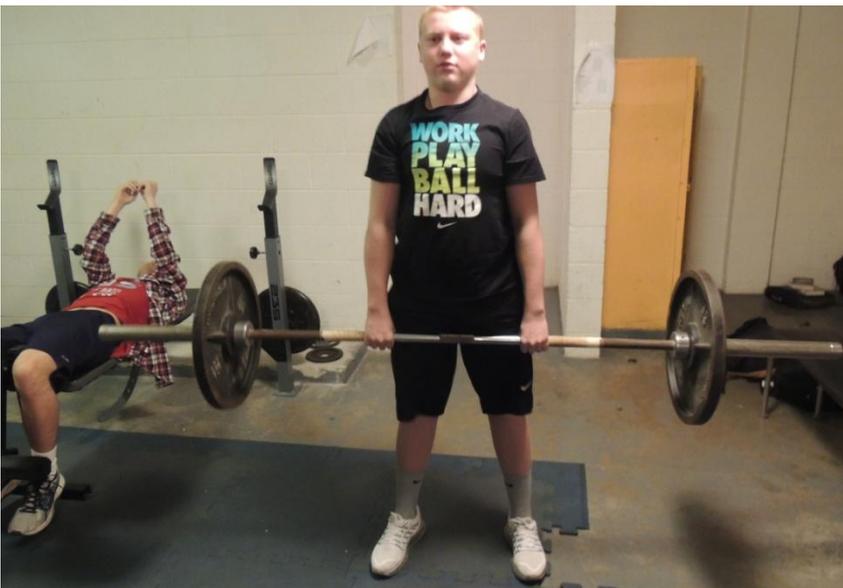
The purpose of Safety Week was to prepare students and staff what to expect when different emergency situations occur. Many projects have been completed in the recent years to ensure safety for students in a variety of situations. (safety buckets, coverings on all window and doors, etc.). The safety buckets have been filled with emergency items and class rosters to

be taken when leaving the classroom for emergency situations including fires, tornadoes, lock downs and evacuations. Teachers also have curtains or paper to cover classroom doors or windows when emergency situations occur. The biggest part of ensuring safety is that students and staff know exactly what is expected if and when an emergency arises.

These drills during Safety Week helped us better prepare for different events. Students and staff are much more prepared with the opportunity to practice. We hope that no emergencies ever occur, but it is best to practice and always be prepared just in case.

The plan was to run through the same drills as last year: tornado, fire, evacuation, lock down, and lockout. We feel confident these drills helped us be more prepared. –Ashley D.

2017-18 Basketball Conditioning in Session



The purpose of this year's conditioning sessions is to help prepare the athletes' bodies and mentality for the upcoming basketball season. Coach Vinent is expecting similar results to last year's conditioning sessions: a preparation for the task of competing at a high level throughout the course of the

high school season and creating a consistency with the players to push themselves.

The sessions are Monday through Friday, 6:30 am to 7:45 am; the last session is on November 3. Approximately 6-9 students have been showing up, depending on the day. The sessions are available to both girls and boys; but as of now, only boys have come due to volleyball season activities. There are some major differences this year from last year; for instance, Coach Vinent has switched up the workout routine to a more jumping, explosive, and agility based routine.

The turnout consistency is not as high as he would like so far. Coach Vinent feels that last year the conditioning helped them progress as a team tremendously; he felt that the team's results were "monumental" and that it helped them play quickly and more athletically.

He would tell the students to make sure that they are truly dedicated to what they are doing not only for themselves, but also for their teammates that count on them to do their job. –Jalyn D.

The Carnival of the Year



The Harvest Fest is on Friday, October 27, from 6:00-8:00 pm. The purpose of the Harvest Fest is an opportunity for students and families to come out and be a part of a variety of games/activities and enjoy food from concessions. Students can dress up in costumes as well, if they want, but it is an entertaining night for people of all ages.

Some of the favorite booths in the past have been fishing, plinko, ski ball, bouncy house, cake walk, miniature golf, face painting, toilet paper basketball toss, etc.

Attendance has been better and steadier by having it on Friday evening instead of Saturday afternoon.

Last year the Harvest Fest raised approximately \$1,600. PTO made \$900 and the 7th-12th grade classes made about \$700.

The funds that are raised at the Harvest Fest go to good causes. The PreK-6th grade funds go to PTO, and the money raised by the 7th-12th grade classes go to each class.

Come to the Harvest Fest and enjoy the festivities. –Conner W.

FBLA Begins Active Year



The goal of FBLA is to encourage high school students to become involved in an organization which can help them develop many skills that will be useful as they pursue post secondary avenues (schools as well as

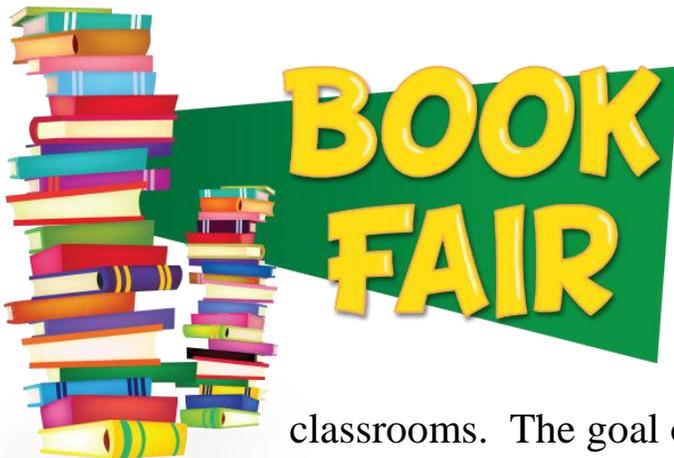
careers).

Any student can join FBLA (Future Business Leaders of America). After joining, a student's responsibilities are to provide a guest speaker, attend District, assisting with a concession stand, and have the opportunity to attend State.

There are 18 members this year. The officers are Teresa Balderrama, President, and Jioh Park, Vice President/ Secretary/Treasurer. FBLA will have lunch meetings once a month as well as a monthly meeting. Guest speakers are invited to the monthly meetings. The speakers are invited to discuss topics that will help the group meet their goals.

FBLA will have a Dress Professional Day as well as a business luncheon during FBLA Week February 4-10. –Jacob B.

Scholastic Book Fair Coming to St. Xavier



The Scholastic Book Fair is coming to St. Xavier October 12 through October 19. It will be open after Sunday Masses on October 15 and during parent teacher conferences on October 18 and 19.

The purpose of the Book Fair is to keep students interesting in reading while earning money for the school library and classrooms. The goal of the Book Fair is to sell \$2500 worth of

books and products.

There are 3 ways that our school gains from the Book Fair. First, all of the money we earn is used to purchase books for the library and for our classrooms.

Second, you save in the form of scholastic dollars. Third, Ms. Cronander can order library supplies, books and other items for the library from the Scholastic catalogue.

Ms. Cronander always needs some assistance during the setup and tear down of the Fair. Setting up the Fair takes the most time. She also needs adult help during the Book Fair to help run the cash register.

Ms. Cronander commented on several trends. Presently, graphic novels are trending. Our school receives more graphic novels each year. Many students in our school love the authors Dave Pilkey, Jeff Kinney, and Sarah Mlynowski.

Please support the Book Fair. –Vasco M.

Art Club Formed at St. Xavier



The goal of the Art Club is to make it possible for all 7-12 St. Xavier Catholic School students to have more opportunities to get information about art, obtain more creative art time, and be involved in art shows and field trips. It will be the club's responsibility to decorate the school every holiday, season, feast day and during Catholic Schools Week.

The regular meeting schedule for the Art Club will be on the third Thursday of every month during seminar. There will be chances to explore new art mediums, and to work on cooperative paintings. Members will create two pieces of art throughout the semester on their own time to be placed in a portfolio. The art studio will be open before and after school (Monday and Wednesdays 3:30-4:30 pm and Tuesdays 7:30-8:15 am) for students to work on their projects.

Special events/trips that are planned include a museum trip and a visit to a visual arts day at a university.

The requirements to join are creativity and the "want" or drive to learn. Art Club welcomes all levels of artists. The Art Club has 23 artists; their work will be displayed in October to dress up the hallways!

Art competitions will be in action this spring after projects are completed. We will also be holding our Art Show in conjunction with the Spring Band Concert.
–Dejohn W.

St. X Cheerleaders Will Be Spreading Cheer During The Year



The St. Xavier Cheerleaders have a busy year planned. They have been practicing from 7:00 to 7:50 am on Monday and Wednesday mornings.

The cheerleaders are planning a fundraiser for late October and another one in the spring. Part of the proceeds from one of the fundraisers will go to support Saint Jude Children's Hospital.

Carrying on a St. Xavier tradition, the cheerleaders will have a cheerleading clinic for Rams in K-Grade 6 in January. The clinic participants will perform with the cheerleaders at halftime of a basketball game.

The St. Xavier Cheerleaders are supportive of all activities and athletic events throughout the school year. They will be cheering at the basketball games as well as participating in pep rallies and other activities.

The cheerleaders are excited about leading the Ram Family at St. Xavier this year.

Excitement Builds for Chess Club at St. Xavier

This year marks the establishment of the St. Xavier Chess Club. The main goal of the club is to offer an additional intellectual pursuit to the students. Playing chess also fosters critical thinking skills.



Mr. Becker decided to form the club because he believed that there was enough interest in chess to support club activities.

The club will have two short practices per week. Hopefully more practices can be organized during the winter sports season. Plans are being made for a club tournament. It may be possible for members of the club to attend some chess tournaments at other schools.

Any St. Xavier student can join—all skill levels.

As practices progress, Mr. Becker hopes that he can have practice sessions for students based on skill levels. About 20 students attended the informational meeting. Members will join in some fund raising activities also.

Mr. Becker states that it is not difficult to learn to play chess, but practice will help develop playing skills in the members. Several students at St. Xavier with chess playing experiences will help Mr. Becker instruct other members to develop their skills.

If you are interested in the Chess Club, Mr. Becker will be available to answer any questions.

St. Xavier Catholic School's Photo Gallery



Loving the fall band marching weather!



Successful evacuation drill during Safety Week.



The juniors concentrating in history class.



The middle school volleyball team bringing home another win.



The band having fun practicing marching.



Cameron A. running at St. X's last cross country meet.



Mr. Augustine and Mr. Vinent watching St. Xavier volleyball.



Conner W. checking out upcoming events.



Ms. Thompson helping at volleyball.



Ashley D. working on her history assignment.



Jioh P. presenting information about SAT.



Science lab experiments.



FBLA Members working concessions at an athletic event.



Participants in Walk a Mile.



Scholars Bowl lunch practice.

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