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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.*

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## **"We Don't Know Them All, But We Owe Them All"**



Veterans Day is a day dedicated to honoring our nation's veterans. However, many people view Veterans Day no more than just another day off. It is much more to twenty million plus people who live among us. Veterans Day is a time set aside to honor all who have served in the Armed Forces of the United States. For those twenty million plus veterans, it is also a time of

reflection and remembrance. Veterans Day is not the same as Memorial Day when those who have passed are remembered. Who is considered to be a Veteran? Title 38 of the Code of Federal Regulations defines a veteran as "a person who served in the active military, naval, or air service and who was discharged or released under conditions other than dishonorable." In addition, under special circumstances, National Guard ND Reservists may also be deemed veterans.

Veterans Day is intended to honor and thank all military personnel who served the United States in all wars, particularly living veterans. It is marked by parades and church services and in many places the American flag is hung at half mast. A

period of silence lasting two minutes may be held at 11am. Mr. Case is the only veteran in our school. We should show appreciation to him for his service.

Veterans Day at Saint Xavier is scheduled to be observed on November 9, 2018. The day will include several school activities (Military Police Dog Demonstration, short musical program, and others). Additionally, various individual classrooms will have special events. Speakers may be available to the students and staff.

A "Wall of Heroes" will be constructed with pictures of Saint Xavier family members who are veterans--past and present--as part of the observation. (Thanks to Mr. Case and other members of the staff who contributed to this article.)  
--Sungpil M.

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## Dedicated Service Activities Of FBLA Members!



reporter for KSNT, Topeka, and spoke about career preparation.

This year, FBLA has one major service project: the members have been painting the bleachers in the gym and adding "RAMS" to the student seating section. This service project will update the appearance of the gym seating. FBLA members worked hard to complete this project.

FBLA Sponsor Mrs. Becker has a goal to get the students involved in their school/community and knowledgeable in the area of vocational/business opportunities.

Students should join FBLA because it broadens their knowledge so much. Also, it will help shape their future. --Minseo P.

In 2018-2019, FBLA will be doing a service project, taking trips to various schools/businesses, hosting guest speakers, and participating in District and State Meetings. FBLA stands for Future Business Leaders of America. The last few weeks, FBLA members traveled to the Manhattan Area Technical School. At Manhattan Area Technical School, they learned different career paths.

The first FBLA speaker was Brooke Lennington. She is a

## Students Learn From Nature At Milford Eco-Meet



Some of the science students, accompanied by their teacher, Ms. Pfeifer, participated in the 2018 Milford Eco-Meet. The meet gave them the opportunity to gain valuable information in a nature setting.

The students placing in the events were: Herpetology—Team A—4th—Jacob K., Tyler E., Tamia S., Brady S.; Team B—8th—Griffin P., Audrey L.,

Youngmin J. Woodlands—Team A—2nd. Interpretation—Team A—8th; Team B—6th. Scavenger Hunt—Team A—1st; Team B—10th. Compiled Team Scores—Team A—5th; Team B—7th.

Tamia S. said “It was a great learning experience—meeting new people and learning more about our environment.” --Mrs. Becker

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## St. X Library Is Enchanted With The Book Fair



The Enchanted Forest Book Fair was held October 11-18 in the St. Xavier School Library. They had a wide variety of books for children and adults including picture books, chapter books, graphic novels, Christian books, creative fun books, science books, and video game books. They also had items other than books including pencils, pens, erasers, note pads, bookmarks, sticker

books, journals, and more.

The profit from the Book Fair will be used to purchase new books and replace damaged ones. Total sales were \$2165; the school earned \$864 in Scholastic Dollars to spend. Pre-K through 6th grade students had a chance to visit the Book

Fair during library classes while middle school and high school students were able to come in during Mrs. Dinsmore's class or on their own.

Online orders ended on October 19. The St. Xavier School Library plans to have another Book Fair in the spring. Notification about the next Book Fair will be on the library bulletin board in the hallway.

Students can look at their Enchanted Forest photos and find out what their unicorn name would be. The Book Fair was a great success because many people came to support the library fundraising efforts. --Yujin S.

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## **The Smartest And Brightest Begin The Scholars Bowl Season**



Joanna C., Youngmin J., Griffin P., Brady S., D.J. S.,  
Tyler E., and Jaely P. Griffin P. is the captain of the varsity team.

Mr. Becker is returning to coach this year's team. He conducts practice by using questions from previous years and also by working on example problems which resemble those likely to appear in tournaments. Practice is usually twice a week at lunch; they will be adding two after school practices soon.

The team has already attended meets at Northern Heights and Douglass. They are also scheduled to attend meets at Centre, TMP-Marian, Onaga, Valley Heights, Clay Center, Cair Paravel, Beloit-St. John's, Wamego, Flint Hills Christian, and will participate in our home meet.

Good luck at the rest of your meets, Scholars Bowl Team. GOOOOO  
RAMSSSS!! --Tamia S.

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## **Fun Fun Harvest Festival**

The Harvest Festival was held October 26, 6 to 8 pm, in the St. Xavier School Gym. The Harvest Festival is a fun activity for the entire school with games, food, and fun.



Some of the Harvest Festival booths were Pre-K-- Rubber Duck Races/Coffee, Kindergarten--Fishing for a Treat, 1st Grade--Ping-Pong Toss, 2nd Grade--Bean Bag Toss, 3rd Grade--Cake Walk, 4th Grade-- Lollipop Tree, 5th Grade--Soda Pop Ring Toss, 6th Grade--Darts, 7th Grade--What's in the Box Game, 8th Grade--Face Paint/Hair Spray, 11th Grade--Plinko, 12th grade--Nerf Gun Shooting

Gallery, StuCo--Haunted House, and Art--Community/Group Art Project.

Tickets were 50 cents each. There were pre-sales which offered a bundle plus 10 free tickets. The money grades 7-12 made goes back to their classes; PTO uses the rest for their activities. StuCo hosted the Haunted House; they made the most money from this Festival. The Haunted House and The Cake Walk were the most popular booths. The amounts earned were: 7th grade \$45.00; 8th grade \$81.00; 9th grade \$155.00; 10th grade \$21.50; 11th grade \$64.00; 12th grade \$54.50; Student Council \$225.00; Library \$54.50.

The Harvest Festival was successful because of all the students and staff efforts. Most of students attended and volunteered to work at their booths; teachers and other school staff members also participated. The goals for the Harvest Festival were making money for students, so they can go on field trips, buying more supplies for library, and purchasing art supplies. (PTO will also hosting other activities planned for this school year.) --Nara M.

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## Having A Spooky Time At The Halloween Dance



The Halloween Dance was on October 27 at 7 pm. The Student Council planned this wonderful dance. The cost

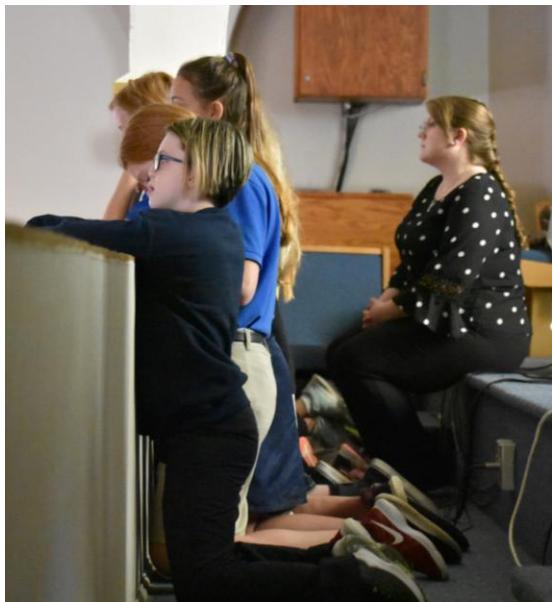
to go to the dance was \$5 per person.

There was a costume dance; the first place award was a \$20 Visa gift card. There was pizza, soda, chips, candy, and desserts. Students were able to buy raffle tickets to win homework passes for English and Science classes. There also was a Guess How Much Candy Is In The Jar Contest.

StuCo will be sponsoring the homecoming and winter dances later this year. -  
-Joanna C.

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## Sweet Symphony From St. Xavier Students



Music students are currently learning everything from rhythm, instrument names, how to describe and discuss music, and elements of music. Grades 5 and 6 are learning the intricacies of how to read music, how to play instruments, and music history. Grades 7-12 are working on reading music, key signatures, rhythms, balance, and are improving themselves musically while learning a variety of selections.

The band will not be participating in any parades this year; however, Ms. Moeller intends to host six concerts and two programs. The first concert will be held November 9 at 7 p.m. There is also a drum line this year; although they are not participating in any parades, they will be performing for the concerts.

When asked about some of her personal favorites, Ms. Moeller stated that her favorite instrument is the piano; she finds it "so versatile." She also plays the flute, saxophone, oboe, and bells.

Ms. Moeller's favorite piece is "Overture from Candid" by Leonard Bernstein. Her favorite kind of music is decided by the corresponding setting in which she might find herself, depending on the hour and mood of the situation.

Her preferred way to practice is the start up with both ends of her range, followed by some technical studies or scales to get her brain in motion. Next, she starts slow and practices the parts that are recurring. Next, if she should stumble on a measure, she stops and replays that part about a dozen times until it is easy, and then integrates it back into the rest of the piece.

Ms. Moeller has been interested in music since the age of three; she learned how to play the piano from her grandfather and played duets with him. She has

been teaching music for three months and is enjoying teaching these wonderful kids. Everyone experiences music differently, and she enjoys watching them all work together while coming from their own perspectives. --Julian A.

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## HS Basketball Rams Ready To Turn Heads This Season



Before the basketball season starts, the team has been spending many hours conditioning. Conditioning is an hour, 3:30 to 4:30 pm, that consists of running and basketball designed strength and conditioning, as well as team bonding exercises to prepare for the upcoming season. The goal of conditioning is to make sure the athletes are able to be on the basketball court and perform at a high level for a longer period of time.

The 2018/2019 season for the High School Rams begins at home against Cair Paravel followed by the SHEA tournament at Flint Hills Christian. Coach Vinent's thoughts going into the season are "more work will be

put into skill development rather than scheme and strategy this year in order for us to be able to play more players this year and compete. This will be an interesting year for the Rams as they have an interesting blend of youth and experience; the low numbers create greater pressure for the returners to advance their games and perform at a higher level."

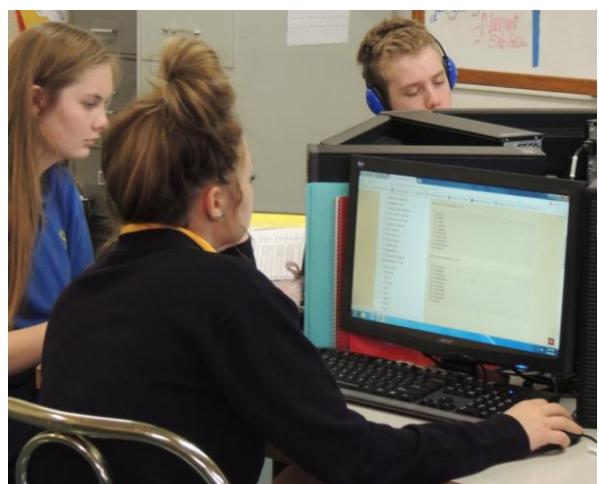
The team's areas of concerns are the lack of depth with a low amount of players along with the lack of 3-point shooting. The strengths of the team are the returning players who played meaningful minutes last year in big games. Coach Vinent's goal this year is to help improve the players' games and attitudes in regards to the game of basketball and life. --Jacob B.

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# St. Xavier Catholic School's Photo Gallery



The Cross Country Team introducing themselves at Pep Rally—Go Rams!!



The Spanish Class working hard to learn another language.



Cameron A. and Tyler E. leading the student section cheering for the volleyball game.



FBLA's guest speaker, Brooke Lennington, sharing with students the career opportunities for a news anchor.



FBLA Members learning about career paths while touring MATC, Manhattan.



Minseo P. cooking it up in the science lab.



Alyssa E. receiving her Student of the Quarter award from her teacher, Ms. McConnell.



FBLA working hard to paint the bleachers for their service project.



The Kindergarteners drawing very creative pictures.



Elementary school students are very excited to go outside for fun activities.



Audrey L. and Tamia S.--part of the Ramily.



Preschoolers excitingly playing on the playground.



Ms.Pfeifer updating the science bulletin board.



6th graders playing with parachute.



St. Xavier students helping move tables after an event.



Where words fail, St X music speaks.



St. Xavier Future Business Leaders of America members listening to Brooke Lennington, KSNT, about interviewing President Trump.

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