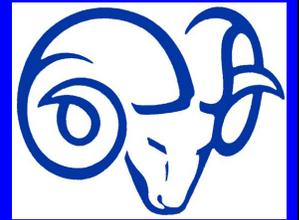




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Welcome to St. Xavier Catholic Schools' Newsletter published by the High School Mass Communication Class. The Newsletter will be published several times a year with our purpose to inform you concerning personnel, students and events at St. Xavier Catholic School.

Pre-K Talks With Farmers and Firemen

Ms. Tanguay, Teacher



Ms. Tanguay's Pre-K class members have completed many different activities, projects, and units this year.

In August, they studied "All About Me & Preschool Here We Come." In September, they worked on "Feelings & 5 Senses." In October, they completed "Community Workers" and "The Fall Season." In November, they learned about "Families" and "Thankfulness." In December, they will be studying "Baby Jesus" and "The Joy of Christmas."

The Pre-K has also been on a field trip to the Milford Nature Center to observe the changes of nature during the fall season and to learn about the day and life of a turtle. They also took a stroll down to the Junction City Fire Station where they learned all about the station and the emergency vehicles.

The Pre-K has had guest speakers this year. They had a parent come read to them about a place they were moving to. Anna from RS MMA also came in and spoke about martial arts. Becky from Farm Bureau came to talk to them about her farm and all the things a farmer does. The Junction City Firemen came in and read them a book and talked to them about fire safety.

The Pre-K has had celebrations or activities for several holidays or special events. For Halloween, they played games, had goodies, and paraded in costumes around the school. For Veterans Day, they had an amazing soldier come in and talk to them about his uniform and all of the equipment he carries and why. Then, they went to the gym to hear a performance by Kindergarten through 6th grade.

The class will continue to be very busy next semester with many learning experiences. –Conner W.

Pre-K is Eager to Learn Mrs. Cerna, Teacher



Pre-K has been busy this year; they have been learning the alphabet and have learned the numbers 1 through 5. They have also learned about stranger danger, 911, and fire safety.

The students learned how to use their manners and how to use their words instead of their hands. They created bubbles, tornadoes, and oceans and traveled to Milford Nature Center to learn about turtles and owls. The group also enjoyed a nature hike.

Pre-K has had two speakers. The Junction City Fire Department came to talk about fire safety. The other speaker was an army soldier who came and showed them the unique uniforms during Veterans Day. They enjoyed a great Thanksgiving snack with their friends.

The class will be learning so much more during the remainder of the year.
– Joanna C.

Kindergarteners Learning from Many Activities Mrs. Lutz, Teacher



Thanks to Mrs. Lutz, Kindergarten is having tons of fun and enjoying every minute of it. Several units they studied were “Their Five Senses” and “Bugs.” They went on a bug hunt when studying bugs.

Another activity was visiting a pumpkin patch. Going on hay rides and picking pumpkins were all the students could talk about when they got back from their trip. They all had matching hand print designed shirts, so they could look more like a class. A day that all enjoyed was

when the firemen came to school!! The firemen talked about fire safety and how to keep your house safe.

In class, Mrs. Lutz threw the kids a Halloween Party and the class participated in the Halloween Parade. Snakes, drinks and candy were involved so the kids definitely had a good time. Afterwards, they celebrated Priella's, Luke E.'s, and Teagan's birthdays.

Becoming an author at ages 4 to 5 seems impossible, but again, the Kindergarteners have proven us wrong. As a class, they made a book called "Turkey Talk" through the program Student Treasures. It has been an exciting year for the Kindergarten class. –Tamia S

Grade 1 Learns from a Blackhawk Pilot **Mrs. Copeland, Teacher**



This year, the first grade class and Mrs. Copeland have been working on multiple activities/projects including saint reports, pumpkins, bats, and spiders.

The first graders took a field trip to Britt's Farm to visit the Pumpkin Patch.

They had a speaker this year, Mr. Cody, who was here for

Veterans Day. Mr. Cody is a Blackhawk pilot. The students learned all about Army life.

First grade also enjoyed a Halloween party. Learning will continue for Grade 1. –Jacob B

Grade Two Activities **Mrs. Eley, Teacher**

Second grade has participated in many creative and awesome activities. They completed science units on light, heat, sound, weather and seasons, the solar system, and how our body works. They also completed a social studies unit on where we live and the earth.



Second grade completed units in math on sums and differences to 20, measurement, and place value. In reading time, they learned about animals and different strategies to comprehend what they read.

In writing class, they learned how to write a friendly letter, a poem, and a personal narrative. They learned how to use oil pastels in an art project with Ms. Brown.

The class enjoyed a trip to A&H Farms in Manhattan to learn about pumpkins, corn, and animals. Also, they had a guest speaker from Geary County Farm Bureau to teach them about pumpkins. On Halloween, second grade celebrated in their class.

So much more will be happening during the remainder of the year in Grade 2.
– Vasco M.

Grade 3 and Their Fun-Filled Year

Ms. Klebe, Teacher



This year the third grade has participated in multiple activities: some of those were carving pumpkins and learning more about multiplication, division, and fractions. They weren't able to go on a class field trip this year because it was cancelled.

For Veterans Day, they had Mr. Cody come and speak to the class. For a holiday activity, they carved pumpkins for the Harvest Fest Glow in the Dark Cake Walk.

This year they had the firefighters come and teach them about fire safety. A couple of the students got to have their heart hooked up to an EKG monitor, which they found very cool!

The students got to learn about tape diagrams, line numbers, kilograms, grams, milliliters, centimeters, similes, proper nouns, prefixes and suffixes. The students enjoyed their pumpkin pie in a cup and the Canvas Crosses!

What an eventful year!! – Jalyn D.

4th Grade Enjoys Swimming at the YMCA Ms. McConnell, Teacher



Grade 4 has completed many different projects and activities this year. They went swimming at the YMCA. The instructors taught them water safety including how to save someone that can't swim.

In social studies, they have studied the 3 Branches of Government, and they also made a model to finish the unit. They have

not taken any field trips yet, but they will be taking one in the spring.

They enjoy having class parties. Some of the parties they had were birthday parties, holiday parties, and an AR party.

What a way to start out the year!

–Ashley D.

Grades 5 and 6 have been Busy Mrs. Sunley, Teacher



Some different activities, projects, and units that Mrs. Sunley's classes have completed this year are the 6th grade Westing Game novel and project and the 5th grade reading the "Best Halloween Ever."

Mrs. Sunley's 5th and 6th grades have worked on their 13 colonies project for social studies.

Both classes will be having a Christmas party. Upcoming projects or celebrations for Christmas will be reading "A Christmas Carol" for 6th grade and for the 5th grade reading "Shiloh," using interactive notebooks.

Many more activities and projects are planned for second semester.

–Dejohn W.

St. Xavier Catholic School's Photo Gallery



The 7th grade working on an English Project.



Josh K. passing the ball to Cameron A. in the Rams' home win vs. Heritage Christian.



The high school girls bonding at the Spiritual Retreat.



Bailey F. enjoying P.E.



A relaxing moment in PE.



This happy family praying before the Thanksgiving meal.



Fr. Gale sharing his life experiences during the Spiritual Retreat.



A 7th grade group discussing their assignment.



Sharing information and making dinosaur noises at the Spiritual Retreat.



Art Club ready for their next activity.



The Saint Xavier Rams head back onto the court to continue playing against Heritage Christian.



Conner W. getting ready to take the ball up the court.



The pep band entertaining the Rams.



Cheerleaders lead the crowd during an exciting basketball game.



Fun at the Family, Food and Fitness Events with NHS assisting.



Teresa B. placing a call during the annual Phonathon.



FBLA and NHS learning about dining etiquette.

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