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Welcome to St. Xavier Catholic School's 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.

The Forensics/Drama Team Sharpening Their Skills



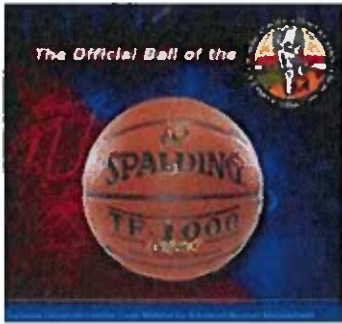
The members of the St. Xavier Forensics/Drama Team participated in their first tournament of the year on Saturday, January 28, at St. Thomas Aquinas in Overland Park.

They performed in several categories including prose, duet acting, and impromptu speaking. Miguel W. placed 6th in prose, and Sierra S. and Crissy S. placed 5th in duet acting.

The team is planning to attend tournaments in Beloit, Wamego, Rock Creek, Sacred Heart, and more. They will be performing at the Fine Arts Night in May at Saint Xavier. –Mrs. Becker

Salina Diocese Motto for this School Year:
"Lord it is good that we are here." –Matthew 17:4

Basketball Teams Preparing for Sub-State Action!



KSHSAA Sub-states will begin the week of February 20. The bracket information will be announced on February 20 for the games later that week.

The first games of sub-state may be played on the home court of one of the paired teams; the final games will be played at Burrton High School. The teams do not know where they will be seeded yet; the final placements are not known because the regular season is not finished yet.

The KSHSAA Sub-state bracket for our school consists of these schools: Burrton HS, Hutchinson-Central HS, Junction City-St. Xavier HS, Lost Springs-Centre HS, Peabody Burns HS, Southern Cloud (Miltonvale/Glasco) HS, and Wakefield HS. Both our boys and girls high school teams will be playing in this year's Sub-state.

St. X Brings Back a Favorite Tradition!



American Red Cross

The last time St. X hosted a blood drive was in 2015. Now, St. Xavier Student Council and the Parish have decided to bring it back once again!

The Red Cross Blood Drive is a "Charity that collects and donates blood to those in need of it." The St. Xavier Parish is sponsoring the event, but it was originally proposed by the Student Council in recognition of all the good the blood drive brought all those years ago, previously hosted by Mrs. Becker and FBLA. Though there is no exact date decided yet, St. Xavier is hopeful to host this event in the gym sometime in April.

Parishioners and anyone willing to donate are invited to participate, including high school students 16 years old with parental consent. St. Xavier is excited to host this incredible event once again! –Casey S.

It's a Roaring Good Time



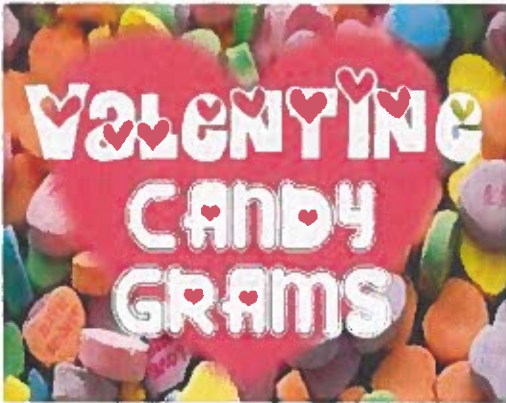
It's almost time for the largest fund raiser for our school this year. The Saint Xavier Annual Auction theme is--"It's a Roaring Good Time."

It will take place on April 29 in the school gym from 5:00 PM to 9:00 PM. The goal is to raise over \$100,000 for our school.

Many items will be donated for the auction. So far some of the items donated are a convection rotisserie oven, a flat screen TV, and an AutoZone tool set. If you would like to donate to the auction, please contact Mrs. Jahnke at St. Xavier.

It will definitely be a “Roaring Good Time!” –Jakob B.

Purchase a Candy Gram for Someone You Appreciate!



For this year's Valentine's Day, Student Council will be delivering Candy Grams to individuals at the school. There are five options available on the Candy Gram order form. This activity has been a favorite at St. Xavier for several years. The goal of this activity is to be a fundraiser for StuCo as well as to show appreciation for individuals on Valentine's Day.

1 Corinthians 13: 4-13, 4 “Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. 5 It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. 6 Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. 7 It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.”

Purchase your Candy Grams for all that you want to recognize! –Hana M.

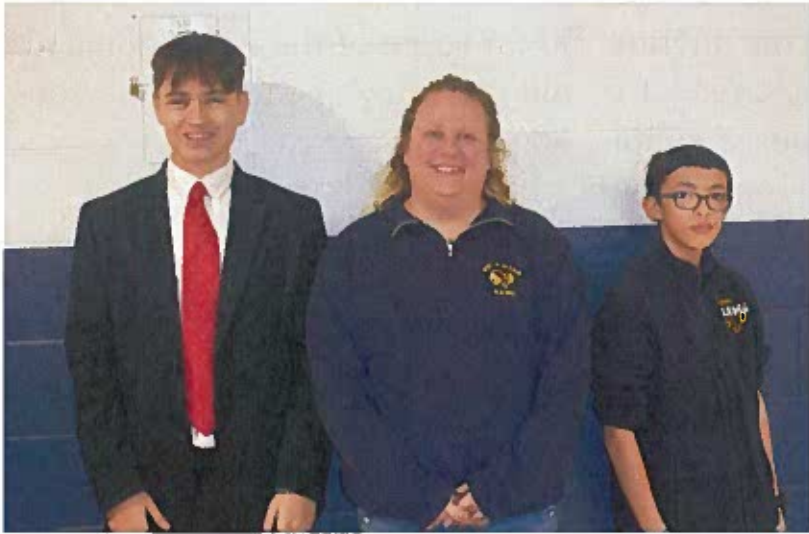
Saint Xavier has a New Club!



Phann B., a student at St. Xavier, wanted to create an origami club to teach other students the art of the Japanese paperfolding. The club members will meet every Monday from 3:30 to 4:30.

The students' projects will be displayed at the Fine Arts Showcase in May. They will be making beginners to intermediate projects. Mrs. Coughlin is very blessed to be working with Phann and is happy that students are interested in this art form. –Sierra S.

January Honorees—Congratulations!!



Congratulations to our January teacher of the month, Mrs. Rushen! She has been there over and over for teachers who have needed her most. She has a relationship with students and parents alike. Mrs. Rushen shows dedication and pride in her work daily and has a unique relationship with each coworker. She provides support, creativity, and resources

in times of need. She decorates our hallways, provides one on one work with students, and shares creative ideas for school projects. Mrs. Rushen is a great support system for the PreK/Kinder hallway and is always ready to sub when needed. Our school would not be the same without her! Excellent work, Mrs. Rushen!

Congratulations to our January middle school student of the month, 8th grader, Phann Boon. This month Phann really shined from a scholarly perspective and in his willingness to help others. One way he has done this is by taking on Origami Club as the instructor. He does an excellent job of using common sense, “with-it-ness,” and is a great demonstration of virtuous conduct at school. Phann will go out of his way and go above and beyond to do the very best that he can in everything that he does. Way to go, Phann!

Congratulations to our January high school student of the month, Sophomore, Sean Connelly! Sean is quiet, but reliable, and he has a get it done attitude. He works hard academically and genuinely puts forth his best in class. Sean is also a strong student outside the classroom and is involved in the arts and sports as well as other activities. Nice job, Sean! –Mr. Augustine

St. Xavier Catholic School's Photo Gallery



Band and choir performing during their concert.



Shawn Robison talking to FBLA members.

Middle school basketball players show their Ram Spirit!



Cheer Clinic group picture. Go Rams!



The Cheer Clinic performance at the basketball game.



Sean C. reading to a class.



Grace L. conducting the band.



High School Scholars Bowl team--having a successful season.



High school cheer ready for the Cheer Clinic.



Linley H. and her mother during parent recognition.



FBLA students with FBLA speaker, Shawn Robison.



Scholars bowl members at our meet.



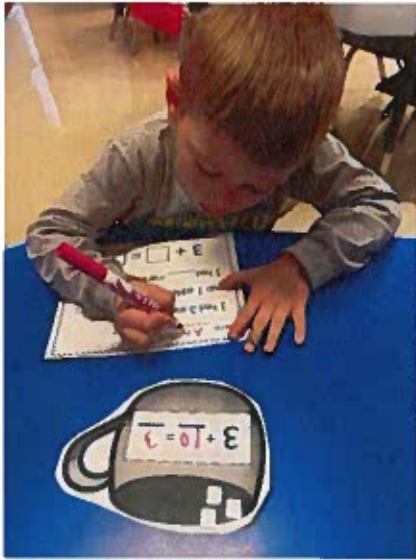
A PreK student's paper mache mask.



Origami displayed at the Origami Club.



The Origami Club at their first meeting.



A math lesson.



St. Xavier Choir singing at the Lutheran Church.



The Scholars Bowl JV team preparing for a match.



Mrs. Jahnke preparing for a basketball concession stand.



Art Club gathering for a group picture.



Preschool painting paper mache masks.

**EDUCATING FOR ETERNITY THROUGH
FAITH & REASON**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<p>1</p> <p>*1:30pm- Mass with Bishop Vincke *2:45pm- Faith Relays *5:30pm- Auction Meeting</p>	<p>2</p> <p>*8:20am- StuCo Meeting *3:10pm- Divine Mercy Chaperlet *4:00pm- Regional Scholars Bowl @ St. John's Beloit</p>	<p>3</p> <p>*7:45am- Rosary Club *8:30am- Mass & Adoration *9:15am- Coffee & Donuts</p>	<p>4</p> <p>*9:00am- K of C District Free Throw Contest</p>
<p>5</p> <p>*National FBLA Week</p>	<p>6</p> <p>*1:30pm- FBLA Luncheon at Nicos *3:30pm- Origami Club</p>	<p>7</p> <p>*4:30pm- MS & HS Basketball @ SVHE</p>	<p>8</p> <p>*Papa John's Pizza Fundraiser *FBLA Casual Business Dress Day *7:40am- Junior Optimist Club Meeting *12:25pm- Instagram Meeting *3:45pm- Activities Committee Meeting</p>	<p>9</p> <p>*8:20am- Class Meetings</p>	<p>10</p> <p>*FBLA Professional Business Dress Day *7:45am- Rosary Club *8:30am- School Mass</p>	<p>11</p> <p>*HS Forensics at Rock Creek *8:00am- Confirmation Retreat *9:00am- Chess Tournament @ Concordia *5:00pm- Parents Night Out</p>
<p>12</p>	<p>13</p> <p>*3:30pm- Origami Club *4:15pm- MS Scholars Bowl @ St. Xavier</p>	<p>14</p> <p>*Valentine's Day</p>	<p>15</p> <p>*4:30pm- Auction Decorating Meeting</p>	<p>16</p> <p>*8:20am- Art Club Meeting</p>	<p>17</p> <p>*7:45am- Rosary Club *8:30am- School Mass *6:00pm- HS Basketball @ FHCS</p>	<p>18</p>
<p>19</p> <p>*12:30- Bingo hosted by St. Xavier Music</p>	<p>20</p> <p>*8:30am- Professional Development Day</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p> <p>*8:30am- Ash Wednesday Mass *5:00pm- PTO Meeting</p>	<p>23</p> <p>*8:20am- FBLA Speaker *5:00pm- Recruitment Meeting *5:30pm- School Council</p>	<p>24</p> <p>*7:45am- Rosary Club *8:30am- School Mass *3:15pm- Ice Cream Friday</p>	<p>25</p> <p>*HS Forensics @ Sacred Heart *9:00am- Chess Tournament @ Hutchinson</p>
<p>26</p>	<p>27</p> <p>*3:30pm- Origami Club</p>	<p>28</p>				

