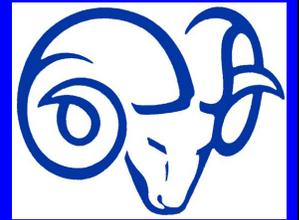




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Welcome to St. Xavier Catholic Schools' Newsletter published by the High School Mass Communication Class. The Newsletter will be published several times a year with our purpose to inform you concerning personnel, students, and events at St. Xavier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

2018 Prom—Making Memories



Prom is a big event for high school students; it is held near the end of the school year. The 2018 Prom (April 21, 2018) theme is “A Night in Las Vegas.”

Some of the activities at Prom will be dancing, card games, poker, and karaoke. The music will be a variety of types: country, hip-

hop, 70’s, disco, and more.

The Junior Class has spent many hours planning the event. They expect to be hosts to about 40 individuals.

This year there will be an After Prom from 11:30 pm until 2:30 am at the school; guests will enjoy playing basketball, watching movies, and playing video games.

Mr. Jones, Junior Class Sponsor, stated “This Prom will create many memories for the guests.” --Ashley D.

New NHS Members Honored During Induction Ceremony



NHS (National Honor Society) is a high school organization that selects members based on several

criteria. A prospective member must have at least a 3.5 GPA to be considered for membership. Then a student may be invited to join NHS depending on the student's scholarship, leadership, character, and service.

Sophomores at St. Xavier can be inducted at the end of their 10th grade year. Students can be reevaluated during their junior year and new juniors may be inducted too.

A student should strive to be in NHS because membership means a student is well rounded, involved in school activities, a leader, and an overall good individual.

The projects that NHS have completed this year include sponsoring a middle school dance, donating money to the Wounded Warrior Foundation, raising money for Army Emergency Relief during the month of the military child, and cleaning up after the St. Xavier School Auction.

The current members of MHS are Jioh P., Teresa B., Chloe A., Joshua K., Yujin S., Minseo P., McKayla G., and Cameron A. The newest members inducted this year were Nara M., Griffin P., Audrey L., and Youngmin J.

Ms. Cronander, NHS Sponsor, said "It has been an honor to serve as the NHS sponsor for the past four years. Our St. Xavier National Society students are amazing young leaders who will continue to serve our school community in a positive manner." --Jacob B.

St. Xavier Forensics Team Members Take The Stage



Forensics is an activity that is open to all high school students. Eligibility guidelines are set forth by the Kansas State High School Activities Association (KSHSAA). Forensics offers opportunities for individual participation in competitive speaking as well as group opportunities. The competitive events are: extemporaneous speaking, original oration, informative speaking,

humorous and serious solos, duet acting, and interpretation of poetry or prose. Participants are given the opportunity to participate in up to 8 tournaments during the spring semester.

A student involved in Forensics must be willing to work on his/her selections in order to prepare for tournaments. Some of the positive outcomes of participating

in Forensics include improving the ability to speak in front of people, thinking on your feet, and organizing your thoughts.

The Forensics team members are: Julian A., Teresa B., Dejohn W., Griffin P., Vasco M., Nara M., Yeseul K., Minseo P., Youngmin J., Yujin S., Jacob K., Fernando R., and Chloe W. Some of the tournaments they competed in this year were at Rossville, Minneapolis, Centre, Hillsboro, Abilene, Marysville, and Rock Creek.

At this point in the season, Julian, Chloe, Dejohn, Griffin, Vasco, Nara, Minseo, Yujin, and Fernando have placed in at least one tournament.

The coaches are Ms. Brown and Mrs. Becker. Mrs. Becker said “The students had outstanding performances this year; it is a privilege to be their coach. I am so proud of them.” --Dejohn W.

Class of 2018—Stepping Into A New World



The St. Xavier Senior Class of 2018 is graduating! It will be a time of celebration for them as they progress from high school forward in their lives to new adventures and new experiences.

Graduation is the receiving or the conferring of an academic degree or diploma. There are two parts to the graduation celebrations. Baccalaureate (St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church, 11 am, May 20) honors the graduates on their success through Mass. Father will mention them in his homily and give them a special message. Commencement (St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church, 2 pm, May 19) honors seniors who have completed their academic career at St. Xavier Catholic School. The speaker for Commencement is Mrs. Dinsmore; the speaker for Baccalaureate is Father Kyle. Ms. Cronander will announce scholarship recipients during Commencement.

Mr. Augustine stated “I am really proud of the 2018 graduating class. They have done great things in life and school, and I know they will move on from here and be very successful.” --Conner W.

Seder Meal Is A St. Xavier Tradition

A Seder Meal is the Passover Meal from the Old Testament. It was instituted when God sent the tenth plague that would kill all first born sons. So, in order to save their sons, the Hebrews slaughtered rams and put the blood over the doors so

that their first born son could be “passed over.” When the anger of death came for that plague, they were told, “Always remember every year that was the cost of their freedom so that their children would be saved and would also be free from the slavery of Egypt.”



It's important because Jesus' last supper was a Passover Seder Meal. He took it to a new level by saying his blood would be the blood that would cause the Angel of Death to pass over those who believe in him so that they don't go to Hell but instead go to Heaven and the freedom of slavery of sin.

Passover is always on the 14th day of the first month of the Jewish calendar; we celebrated it on Wednesday, March 28, the day before Holy Thursday. On the Seder meal plate was unleavened bread (it has no leavening because leaven represents sin—so we get rid of sin in our life), an egg (representing new life), parsley (representing the bitterness of slavery), horseradish (making our eyes tear and then cry over the bitterness of slavery), Haroset (representing the moral from making big bricks so that the slaves have to make bricks), and grape juice (representing blood).

The Junior Class hosts the Seder Meal for the benefit of the Sophomore Class (they learn about the Passover in their old testament history study in Theology class), their parents, and other adults (adults who are involved in a bible study class and other guests).

The Passover Meal is one of the highlights of the school year. Jewish music is also part of the event. Mrs. Breidenstein has hosted the event at St. Xavier for 14 years. --Vasco M.

Students Recognized For Accomplishments At Awards Night



At the end of every school year, St. Xavier hosts several awards nights to celebrate all of the students' accomplishments. The High School Awards Night will be on May 11; the Middle School Awards Night will be on May 18.

Students will be honored with awards for the following activities: basketball, volleyball, cross country, track, cheerleading, scholars bowl, forensics, art, band, choir, and chess. In addition to individual awards, some special awards will be presented including most outstanding, most improved, and most inspirational. There will be a few academic awards given as well.

Some of the teachers/coaches handing out awards will be: Mr. Vinent (High School Basketball), Ms. Donart (Middle School Boys Basketball, Cross Country, Track), Mr. Becker (Chess, High School Scholars Bowl), Mrs. Becker (Forensics, FBLA), Ms. Brown (Forensics), Mrs. Breidenstein (StuCo), Ms. Cronander (High School Scholars Bowl), Ms. Thompson (Cheer, Choir, Band), Mrs. Lutz (High School Volleyball), and Mrs. Copeland (Middle School Scholars Bowl, Middle School Volleyball).

Students as well as family and friends are invited to attend. The dress code is semi-formal. Participants will be bringing a variety of dishes for a meal before the awards ceremony.

Mr. Vinent said “Awards Night is important so that we can recognize all of our students for their participation in school activities. We are looking forward to a fun evening rewarding students for their hard work.” --Joanna C.

Electing School Leaders For The Future



Good role models set good examples and demonstrate leadership not only in words but in actions as well. These characteristics will be demonstrated by the next StuCo officers that will be elected on May 3.

President, vice president, secretary, publicity chairperson, and class representatives will be elected for the 2018-2019 school year; these new officers will set the course for next year. Students in Grades 8 through Grade 11 will be voting. Candidates will be giving speeches at an assembly before the voting.

Students must be in Grades 10 or 11 to run for the offices of president and/or vice president. The president will be in charge of running the meetings, gathering other officers' reports, planning events and fundraising, and setting the agenda for the meetings. The vice president takes over whenever the president is not at the meeting; the secretary takes notes and reminds members what they discussed at the

previous meeting. The publicity chairperson creates flyers for StuCo sponsored events.

A helpful tip to everyone from Mrs. Breidenstein is that whoever is running should be active in the organization, do his/her best to improve student life, and be creative in every part of the organization's activities. --Tamia S.

St. Xavier Catholic School's Photo Gallery



The middle school team racing off to a new season of track.



Students performing Stations of the Cross.



DeJohn W. stretching before track practice.



Ms. Thompson giving the choir instructions.



FBIA Members at the 2018 State Conference in Topeka.



A group discussion in Grade 2.



Conner W. taking pictures for yearbook.



Tamia S. reading to Kindergarten students.



Vasco M. checking out items for the St. Xavier Auction.



Jack D. reading to elementary students.



Handing out honors for Students of the Quarter.



Enjoying free time!!



Favorite characters from their favorite books.

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