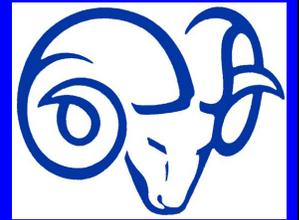




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## **Art Students Enthralled During Visit To The Beach Museum**



Grades 7-12 Art Classes and Club were given the opportunity to visit the Beach Museum, Manhattan, KS, with Ms. Vieyra. The Marianna Kistler Beach Museum primarily focuses on the presentation of Kansas and regional artists and their work. With its connection with Kansas State University, its main missions are education and research. One

particular point of pride is its Dale Chihuly chandelier sculpture which hangs over the main staircase. Chihuly (a Southwesterner) drew inspiration for the sculpture from the controlled burns of native Kansas prairies and gifted the museum with this work.

The purpose of the trip was to develop the understanding of artistic ideas and works within sociopolitical contexts—in addition to the museum's permanent collection, the two newest traveling exhibits on display were “Celebrating Heroes: American Mural Studies of the 1930s and 1940s from the Steven and Susan Hirsch Collection” and “Pete Souza: Two Presidents, One Photographer.”

Ms. Vieyra said that students represented St. Xavier well, demonstrating respect for the museum staff and the artwork and showing creativity and curiosity; they asked questions and discussed the art work with the guide and with each other. She also said that they interacted with the artwork by sketching pieces that they enjoyed and even created their own individual artwork in their galleries. There were many two-dimensional works in a variety of media, including acrylic, oil, fiber, and photography. The collections included work from not only the region but from around the globe.

Ms. Vieyra said that the students showed quite a range of interests. The Robert Shimomura and Thomas Hart Benton paintings drew more than a few students, and the large suspended metal sculpture Kansas Meatball also sparked interest perhaps for its cacophony of color, large size, and the seemingly-bizarre allusion it made to food. Students engaged in discussion, appreciation, and sketching activities while in the galleries. Students all made an effort to identify and sketch at least one art work that they enjoyed most from the galleries. During this trip, the students learned how different artists around the world used materials in new ways. For example, in *Voices: Art Linking Asia with the West*—which collected work that highlighted art created through travels between Japan, Korea, China, and US—students were surprised that a sculpture of a plastic bag and a Styrofoam container was actually made from traditional rice paper and porcelain. Yujin S. preserved the trip for posterity, taking hundreds of photographs.

Ms. Vieyra said some of her favorite pieces of art were *Heart Teapot: Internal Combustion*, glazed stoneware by Richard Notkin (b. 1948); 21, painted cardboard sculpture by Jesus “Jessie” Manuel Montez (b 1938); and presidential photographer Pete Souza’s photographs of Ronald Reagan and Barack Obama each humbly bending down to speak small children at the White House—taken over 20 years apart.

Ms. Vieyra has planned another trip for later in the semester. In May, the seventh-hour Art class will have the opportunity to visit and experience Lucas—the Grassroots Arts Capital of Kansas. –Yujin S.

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## **Class of 2019 Have Many Memories From Senior Pilgrimage**

The members of the Class of 2019 went on a Senior Pilgrimage to Denver, Colorado. On the Pilgrimage, the Seniors were able to be closer to God, family, and friends. They also had an opportunity to develop further both spiritually and personally.



These are some of the memories/special moments that the members of the Class 2019 will remember from the Senior Pilgrimage:

Jacob B.—The best part of the Pilgrimage for me was the time spent with my mother and being filled with religious activities. I also enjoyed traveling around Colorado since I had only been there a few times. I especially enjoyed bonding with people I have been with since middle school. Another great memory was growing in my faith for me and with my mother.

Cameron A.—Going on the Pilgrimage helped our class grow together. Being able to visit the mountains was my favorite part of the trip. I always enjoy going to the mountains; so being able to experience this as a class was a great experience. I was also thankful for the time we spent playing ping pong and spike ball. It was just like going on a vacation with family.

Jacob K.—One of my more memorable moments that occurred on our Pilgrimage was when Vasco tackled me into a giant snow pile. This, of course, resulted in our class getting into a giant snow fight. I feel this was a strong bonding moment for our class. After that, our class was more talkative with each other and more willing to have fun with each other. And, for the rest of the trip, you could see the difference.

Minseo P.—My best memory from the Pilgrimage was when we prayed at night before we went to sleep. That time was very quiet and peaceful so that we could be more focused when we prayed, connecting with God in my heart. Another memory I have was beating Fr. Kyle ONCE in a ping pong game (I lost five games!).

Damon S.—I had many interesting memories of the Pilgrimage but one that stood out the most to me was on the second day in Colorado when we went to the mountains. On the way down the mountain, Cameron, Jacob, and I decided to go down an alternate way to try and catch up with the others who were really far ahead. On the way down, I fell and was sliding down the side when I landed on a cactus.

Tamia S.—A fond memory I have from the Pilgrimage was our last dinner—a pile of snacks and Vasco's noodles that he brought for the trip. That and the entire ride were great—there was never a dull moment. Our class as a whole really bonded

and now we're closer than we've ever been. I was glad for the opportunity to get out there with my friends and take a trip that I'll never forget.

Vasco M.—I think the most memorable moment during the trip was when we went to the Little Sisters of the Poor. We visited individuals during lunch. When I was talking with two ladies, they reminded me of my grandmother. It really touched my heart. Mass service at the church everyday was amazing! Fr. Kyle and Katherine were amazing as our spiritual guides. I remember when we had Ramen one night, and everybody enjoyed it! I want to go back to Colorado if I have a chance. I will miss all the hours and seconds we spent in Colorado.

Yujin S.—The best memory from the Pilgrimage was hiking and visiting the elderly. We went to the Little Sisters of the Poor and talked to the elderly while having lunch. Even though hiking was rough, I enjoyed the view of Colorado from the top of the mountain. Also, I enjoyed Estes Park where I got to see some beautiful souvenirs.

Throughout this Pilgrimage, the Class of 2019 made many memories and experienced many moments that they will never forget. Also, they, as a class, really bonded; they became a "family" instead of just being "friends." They will not lose their faith in the big world due to the spiritual blessings they experienced during the trip. —Minseo P.

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## Saint Xavier's Cruising With Christ Auction



On Saturday, April 13, from 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm, Saint Xavier Catholic School hosted their annual auction. This year's theme was "Cruising with Christ . . . Sail Away with Us in Support of Our School!" To raise money for the school, they have organized this event for 33 years. Their hope this year was to reach \$100,000 to help the school wherever it is needed.

There was a large crowd at the event-- approximately 250 people. Although the event was not catered, there was food for the buffet that was provided by local businesses, parishioners, staff, and parents. There were many individuals that helped make this

evening possible lead by the Auction Committee. Each St. Xavier class made a basket as part of the auction items to be bid on.

There were many ways to help with the auction including bidding on silent and live auction items throughout the evening. High school students helped by setting up the food and desserts and helping clean up after the event. Thanks to all for their support of our school! –Tamia S.

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## Dancing The Night Away At Prom 2019



"Masquerade"--the 2019 Prom--was a magical night! Prom was from 7:00 pm to 11:00 pm. The decorations were very festive. The dress code was formal attire. The color scheme for Prom was black and gold. Prom King, Jacob K. and Prom Queen, Yujin S. were announced. They were both presented with fancier masks.

The seniors received special gifts as remembrances; a T-shirt and a personalized water bottle. During the planning and execution, the Junior Class all worked together and had many great bonding experiences along the way. Members of the faculty were wonderful sponsors for the event.

The Junior Class is very thankful for the extra help they got from Ms. Klebe and Mrs. Dinsmore to make Prom 2019 a memorable occasion for all. –Joanna C.

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## Blue & Gold Market Celebrates 5th year



The purpose of the Blue and Gold Market was to raise money for the school and to provide an entertaining time for all at St. Xavier. The Market was on Saturday, March 23, from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. Saint Xavier has hosted

the Blue and Gold Market for five years.

There were many items sold at the market including Catholic religious items, jewelry, Mary Kay, arts and crafts. Our market had a total of 22 vendors. Mrs. Berry and Mr. Augustine were very pleased with this attendance! Mrs. Beck also

helped coordinate the event. The food served for customers included BBQ pork donated from Holy Smoking BBQ, hamburgers, chips and salsa from La Fiesta, and more. We are thankful for all donations and the support.

There were also many activities including Plinko, bake sale, bounce house, and much more. A variety of items were raffled off throughout the event. Mrs. Berry stated that another market is planned for the fall. The event raised funds for PTO and activities at the school. –Vasco M.

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## **Graduation Is Right Around The Corner**

A graphic featuring the year '2019' in large, bold, yellow 3D-style numbers. A black graduation cap is positioned above the '1'.

Graduation is Saturday, May 18, at 2:00 pm in the St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church. The Class of 2019 Valedictorian is Minseo P. and the Salutatorian is Yujin S. Mrs. Cantiello, counselor, will present scholarships along with other individuals from the community.

Fr. Kyle and Mr. Augustine, principal, are in charge of the presentation of diplomas, prayer, and presentation of the Class of 2019.

The Baccalaureate will be Sunday, May 19, at the 11:00 am Mass at the Church.

Saint Xavier's graduation is different from others because it includes prayer in the ceremony along with scholarship recognition, and a slide show highlighting the Class of 2019 members.

Come and congratulate the graduates! –Jacob B.

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## **The Fine Arts Showcase in May**



The Fine Arts Showcase will be held on Thursday, May 9 at 7:00 pm. Several students will be presenting their projects including, paintings, murals, drawings, Forensics pieces, and music selections. The Fine Arts teachers this year are Mrs. Becker, Ms. Vieyra and Ms. Moeller. They have provided and dedicated much guidance and many hours towards their students; their students' hard work will be evident at the Showcase.

The students presenting their Forensics pieces are excited and prepared to show Saint Xavier's dedication and desire to perform and excel in all mediums of art, in this case, performing presentations of characters and scenes. All grade levels' art pieces will be represented in the showcase. From pencil, to charcoal, to

paint and plaster, these sculptures and paintings are ready to be displayed. Art is intended to be shared and celebrated; the Showcase provides the appropriate venue to communicate and express our God-given talents!

All choir and band students will be involved in the choral and instrumental performances. The musical performers have worked hard and are excited to share their long-awaited performances.

Please attend the Fine Arts Showcase, and show your support of our school and artists. –Julian A.

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## O Captain, My Captain!

Mr. Case has been teaching at St. Xavier Catholic School for more than 22 years. He will be retiring at the end of the school year. He began teaching at St. Xavier by chance. A future student and her mother (St. X teacher) came in to the store where he was working a part-time job to buy purple paint. She told him about a job opening at the school. He applied and was hired to teach at the school. Overall, Mr. Case said teachers who were your peers became your friends and treated you like family through life's good and bad moments.

He mentioned some of his good memories. Some of these memories were being selected as an honorary member of the National Honor Society, requested by a graduating class to co-speak at their commencement, and many more.

His immediate plans after retiring are to work around the house and take his wife back to Okinawa, Japan, for a family visit. A part-time job is in his future to keep him active so he will not become a “couch-potato.” However, teaching is not in his future plans. Kansas is his home and he has no plans to move.

He talked about his favorite parts of being a teacher at St. Xavier. He said seeing students after they move to the upper grades and seeing the positive changes from a distance is a good thing. Another is seeing another generation of the St. X family walking the halls. He mentioned these thoughts about some of the best features of St. Xavier. He said, “The sense of family and that has been displayed over my time at St. X. Each person has his part in the family with it good and bad times.” In that same thought, he feels that it is like the coming home sense as displayed in ‘The Waltons.’

Advice that Mr. Case has for St. X students is to keep looking ahead no matter your current view or situations; the outcome will be positive for your time here.

– Nara M

# St. Xavier Catholic School's Photo Gallery



Jacob B. receiving his first place prize in the Knights of Columbus Essay Contest.



Students taking in their surroundings while at the Beach Museum.



Caleb P. and Jacob P. help a Pre-K student read a Dr. Seuss book.



Pre-K through middle school students smiling after receiving awards during the Student of the Quarter presentations.



Students reading one of their favorite Dr. Seuss books.



Preschoolers learning in music class.



Economics class enjoying discussions during their trip to Sunflower Bank.



Damon S. scoring for the Rams during memorable season.



Prom masks ready for all.



Dancing the night away at Prom 2019.



Art Club members working on a project.



Members of the St. Xavier Forensics Team—winners at the Moundridge Tournament.



Prom goes learning game rules.



Winners of the Elks Essay Contest.



Julian A. helps Regan M. with her mask at the Masquerade Prom.



The Inquisitive Quintuplets pose at Prom 2019.



Another group of students who earned honors at Student of the Quarter Assembly.



The Forensic Team warming up at the Wamego Tournament.

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