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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.

A Knight to Remember: The Fairest of Knights Promenade

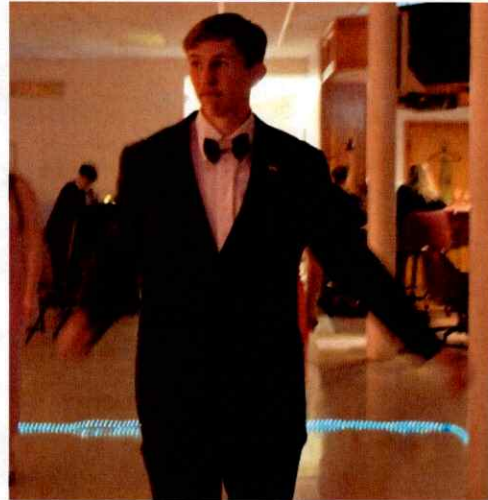
Hear ye, hear ye, the *Fairest of Knights* promenade hath ended just before the 30th, during the month of March. On the eve of March 29th, the finest members of Saint Xavier's High School gathered at the ren faire promenade to celebrate an enchanting night of valor, camaraderie, and an unforgettable memoir.

Donning their fine attire, the finest knights and fair maidens of Saint Xavier's High School danced and participated in various amusements at the Knights Hall, reveling in the beauty of friendship and laughter. The knights and fair maidens engaged in contests of skill such as ring toss, washer toss, shut the box, left right center, skill ball, connect 4, and cup pong for which they vied for the most esteemed accolade of being hailed king and queen.

Orchestrated by the junior class in conjunction with Mrs. Guthrie the Resourceful, this year's promenade proved to be a most resounding success! The drinks provided by the junior class were most astounding, with Madam Dana, Noble of the World Tree, stating that "the punch is but a memory, for I have drunk it all!" Though the theme of the soirée was most unorthodox, it did indeed provide a refreshing alteration in tempo, thus kindling a spirited anticipation among all for the grand promenade.

As per great tradition, this season the king and queen were announced. After many tests of skill Queen Danika the Bold and King Josh, Owner of the Fields, ascended to the pinnacle of competition.

Hear ye, hear ye! The queen's first decree! "The Promenade was a most exhilarating adventure, wherein individuals contended for the crowns through diversions, and experienced a plethora of joyous merriment." —Lord Scott, Master of the Cards (AKA Scott W.)





FBLA Travels to Pilsen and the Parish of Venerable Father Kapaun



On March 12th, FBLA members and several adult sponsors traveled to Pilsen and Herington. The purpose of the trip was to learn more about Father Kapaun and his journey to sainthood. Mrs. Becker said, “I’m glad the students were able to visit Father Kapaun’s home church and museum and learn so much about him. I appreciate all the hard work that Mrs. Weigel put in to making this trip possible.”

In Pilsen, students toured the St. John Nepomucene Church and Chaplain Kapaun Museum. Then in Herington, students were treated to ice cream at Kay’s Pharmacy and learned about the history of the pharmacy.

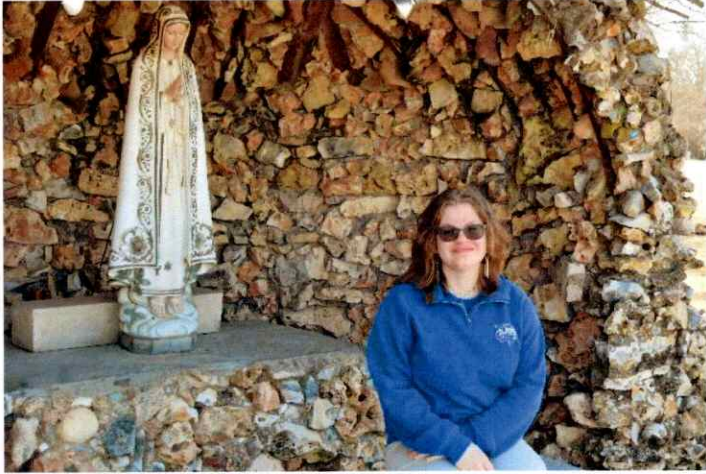
Mrs. Weigel said, “I think our guides did a wonderful job of telling a story of a saint that was real, authentic, and relatable.” A junior, Madison D., said “It was a fun and enjoyable trip. Favorite trip of the year.”

Mr. Andrews, Superintendent of the Salina Diocese commented, “Making the pilgrimage to Pilsen with students from St. Xavier’s was very uplifting. Learning about Venerable Fr. Kapaun and witnessing the students grow in their faith will last with me forever.”

Danika E., a senior, said “It was a fun, worthwhile trip; we learned so much about our faith and how if our faith is strong enough, we can do great things like Father Kapaun.”

This is a trip that we will all remember. –Taylor S.





St. Xavier Students go to Court



On April 24th, the upper classmen of St. Xavier's are going to have the opportunity to participate in 2025's Law Day.

Being held at the Geary County District Court House, students will be provided with the opportunity to cultivate a deeper understanding of the legal system. This will be done through being able to watch actual court proceedings, though it is smaller cases.

Though perhaps mundane for some, this opportunity provides insight into the world of law, and is beneficial for the future of everyone with it being a staple of society. But especially in the chance that someone might be considering being a lawyer, like myself, or maybe it'll convince me not to go to court for any not so good reasons. –Janis C.

An Evening with the Arts



The annual St. X Fine Arts Showcase will be on May 13 in the Bradley Auditorium. It will feature group, duet, and individual performances from Band, Concert Choir, and Forensics.

Attendees will also get a chance to see artwork of students during intermission. "I hope people will enjoy the creative talents of our students." –Mrs. Coughlin.

"The Fine Arts Showcase is a wonderful time of year when we can gather together and celebrate the many gifts and talents our students have been given. Everyone should join us for this evening of creativity and expression, as many of our 7-12 graders put so much preparation into this event." –Mrs. Wiley. –Madison D .

**Salina Diocese Motto for this School Year:
"Together let us be disciples of Jesus on Mission."**



Roundup for PreK and Kindergarten

PreK and Kindergarten will be having a roundup on April 28th at St. X from 6:00-7:00

pm. The event will be held in the hallway where their classrooms are.

The purpose is to show the school, meet the teachers, and answer any questions. Parents will also get a tour of the classrooms and pick up enrollment packets that evening.

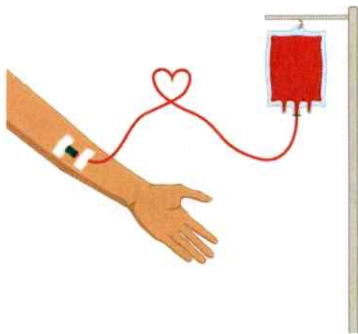
People might not know about this school, so it's important that we let them know and give them a chance to learn about the Christian values. The event will be an hour long, and anyone is welcome to see how great this school is. Mrs. Whitaker said, "There are a lot of families that are military, and we want to help serve them in any way."

Mrs. Darrow says that she is "Hoping to see people come and stay for the school year." Mrs. Hagge is also "Really excited to see a bunch of new families come and enjoy what this school has to offer."

Mr. Augustine says that this will be an "Opportunity for parents interested in enrolling their children in PreK 3, 4, and Kindergarten."

We look forward to seeing new and returning faces come and be part of our Ramily. –Lathan N.

Fill the Bag



St. X is hosting a blood drive in the gym on May 14th, which has been planned by the Red Cross with a goal to increase blood donations!

Blood can be given by anyone over the age of 18, as well as by 16 and 17 year olds who have a signed form. The school will be posting a link on Facebook for donors to sign up in advance, or they are free to walk in.

Our staff and students value this event greatly because it helps us make an impact in others' lives as well as help our community. –Dana D.

The Ramily Opens its Doors!

St. Francis Xavier's first Open House was a great success! On March 31st, St. X hosted an open house to promote the school and to let prospective families get the St. Xavier experience. "This was the first year that we had an open house. We had a really good turnout, and we will continue to host open houses for years to come,

making them better each time!" –Mrs. Jahnke.

There was a Q & A for new families, as well as many student



exhibits! There were plenty of science exhibits from every grade, and a little bit of social studies, art, and music! The students really made sure to bring a welcoming, academic atmosphere to the open house.

In addition to activities, there was also a Barbeque dinner offered. Approximately 120 dinners were sold, leading to \$1,041.66 in profit! These proceeds will go to supporting our St. X Rams through the track season, paying for meet fees.

All in all, the open house was a rousing success, with a few new prospective families attending. Hopefully, many of these families will become part of the Ram family and join us at St. Xavier! –Miguel W.

Time to Race with Track Season



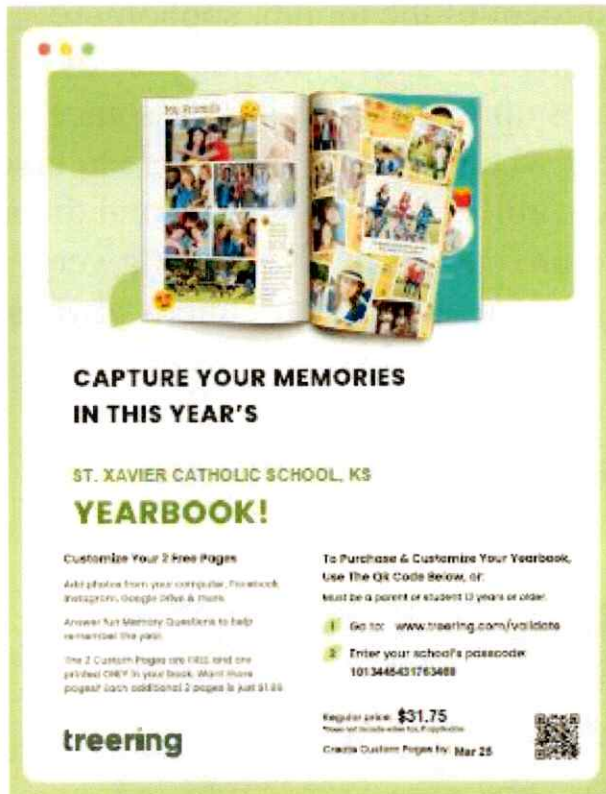
Track season has started here at Saint Xavier. Both middle school and high school have begun the race to compete at the meets. Upcoming meets for middle school are April 15th at Cottonwood Falls, April 22nd at Holton, April 28th at Valley Heights, and May 7th at Mankato; for high school April 7th at Chapman, April 11th at Wakefield, April 25th at Solomon, May 1st at Manhattan, and May 6th at Tescott.

Some of the events that our middle school and high school team compete in are the mile and 100 meter dash, 200 meter dash, 400 meter dash, 800 meter dash, long jump, shot put, discus, javelin.

A couple of our athletes on the middle school team had something to say about track season. From Savannah E., "Believe you can and you're halfway there." From Julian H., "I want to at least try to medal at the last meet."

A quote from our AD, Mrs. Skucius, about this track season is, "I am excited to hear that we already have kids PR'ing in their events, that they have goals set, and are ready to surely pass their goals to be the best track runner and or thrower they are. Our athletes work hard every day at practice and are improving each day." –Dani E.

Capture this Year's Memories by Purchasing your 2025 RAMS Yearbook



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The yearbook has been “put to print.” Now is the time to order a yearbook, so you receive it in May.

Your yearbook will be shipped at no charge to St. Xavier in May. (You can always order a yearbook, but you will have to pay shipping costs after the April 20 deadline.)

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You can still customize 2 pages in your yearbook if you order by April 20. Hard back yearbooks are \$38.82+tax; soft back yearbooks are \$31.75+tax.

If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Becker. —Mrs. Becker

Outstanding Rams—March



Congratulations to our March teacher of the month, Mrs. Weigel! Mrs. Weigel did an amazing job helping to organize, facilitate, and chaperone our trip to Pilsen. She is a solid Catholic theology teacher who is very knowledgeable and an embodiment of the faith. I have also heard from many teachers and students that Mrs. Weigel is always

willing to come into their classrooms and have a discussion when someone has a question, and that these discussions are informative and fun. Mrs. Weigel is intelligent, kind, helpful and entertaining and is an inspiration to be around. Wonderful job, Mrs. Weigel!

Congratulations to our March middle school student of the month, 7th grader, Anabelle D. Anabelle does a good job academically, participates in class, and works well with others. She is also active in scholars bowl, band, and choir. Way to go!

Congratulations to our March high school student of the month, sophomore Dana D. Dana has improved immensely academically and shows the qualities of kindness, service, and respect for others. Dana steps up when needed for instance when she helped out at a scholars bowl tournament where she was only there to take pictures. She quickly came out of her shell and was able help with scoring and did a great job. Dana not only works hard in the classroom, but she has been doing very well in forensics and placed 6 th at Manhattan's tournament in poetry and is always willing to take extra photos for the yearbook team. Nice job, Dana!

St. Xavier Catholic School's Photo Gallery--Memories



Dana D. and Madison D. enjoy a sweet treat of ice cream at Baskin Robbins.



Kadence W., Irelyne S., and Savannah E. say the "Our Father."



The monstrance glows in the sunlight during adoration.



Stations of the Cross.



James E., the fireman, during a science experiment.



Taylor S. hard at work.



Hanging out in the choir loft.



Dramatic Rams forensics team at a tournament awards ceremony.



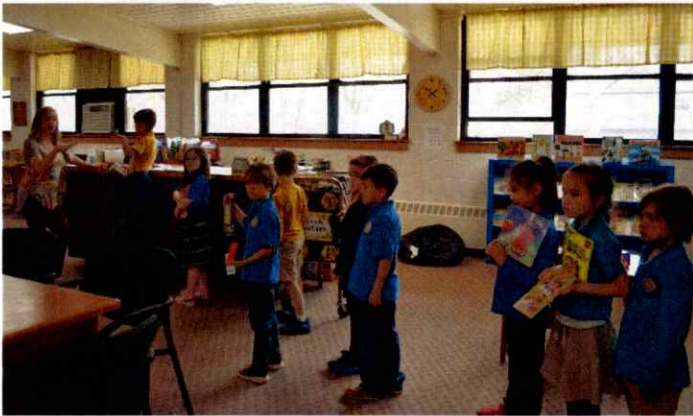
Here comes the airplane.



Dr. Seuss reading time.



The junior class getting ready to launch their paper lanterns!



Waiting patiently to check out a book! Grades 5 & 6 showing off their crazy socks!



Waiting for the perfect moment....



Meeting Smokey Bear!



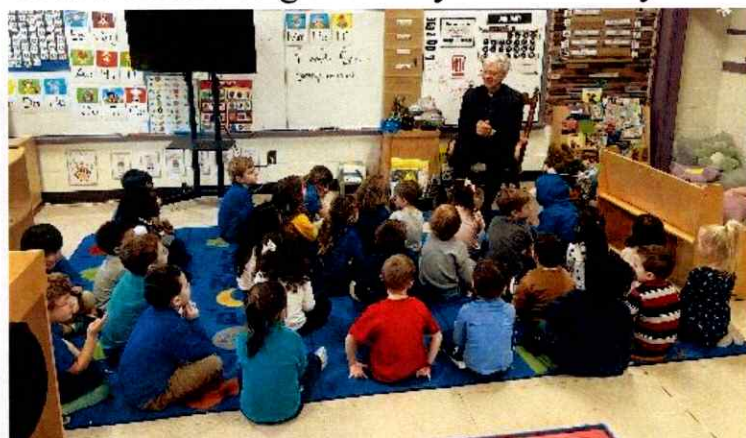
Matching red is the best!



Dani E. struggling to choose what flavor of ice cream to get at Kay's Pharmacy.



All aboard the Preschool Train! Choo Choo!



Fr. Kerry talking to Preschoolers.



Race is awaiting with track season started!



Rewarding yearbook class with a treat.



Hello!



5th Grade learning about history.



Floating air lanterns!



Time for a story!



Making ancient masks in art class!



Triplets it up with the Cat in the Hat!

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ROUNDUP

AGES 3 - 5
YEARS ARE
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- Meet the Teachers
- Tour the Classrooms
- Pick Up Enrollment Packets

6-7PM

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Sunday **Monday** **Tuesday** **Wednesday** **Thursday** **Friday** **Saturday**

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April Fool's Day

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*11:45am- 2nd Grade Field Trip to the Geary Waterfalls
*12:25pm- Jr. Optimist Club Meeting in the Library
*5th, 8th, and 11th Grade Science State Assessment
*5th & 6th Grade ELA State Assessment

3
*Spring Pictures Out of Uniform
*7:45am- Staff Meeting
*8:20am- StuCo Meeting
*1:00pm- MS Track @Tescott
*5th & 6th Grade ELA State Assessment
*5th, 8th, & 11th Grade Science State Assessment

4
Modified Schedule
*7:50am- Rosary Club in the Library
*8:30am- Mass & Adoration
*9:15am- Lenten Penance Service
2:55pm- Stations of the Cross
4:00pm- HS Track @ Chapman

5
*KSHSAA District Competition for Solos and Ensembles

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7
*5th, 6th, & 10th Grade Math State Assessment

8
*3:30pm- Children's Choir Rehearsal
*5th, 6th, & 10th Grade Math State Assessment
*7th, 8th, & 10th Grade ELA State Assessment

9
*3:45pm- Activities Meeting
*530pm- Auction Committee Meeting
*7th, 8th, & 10th Grade ELA State Assessment

10
*Class Pictures in Uniform
*8:20am- Class Meetings
*Forensics @ Wamego
*7th & 8th Grade Math State Assessment

11
Modified Schedule
*8:30am- Mass
*2:55pm- Stations of the Cross
*3:00pm- HS Track @ Wakefield
*7th & 8th Grade Math State Assessment

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14
*3rd & 4th Grade State ELA Assessment

15
Tax Day
Purple Up Day – Wear Purple and Jeans
*1:00pm- MS Track @ Cottonwood Falls
*3rd & 4th Grade State ELA Assessment

16
Modified Schedule
*12:25pm- Jr. Optimist Club Meeting in the Library
*3:00pm- School Reading of the Passion in the Church
*3rd & 4th Grade State Math Assessment

17
*8:20am- Art Club
*12:30pm- HS Track @ Northern Heights
*3rd & 4th Grade State Math Assessment

18
No School
Good Friday

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20
Easter Sunday

21
No School
Easter Monday

22
*ArK Assessment (2nd-12th Grades)
*3:30pm- Children's Choir Rehearsal
*3:30pm- MS Track @ Holton

23
*ArK Assessment (2nd-12th Grades)
*Papa John's Pizza Fundraiser
*8:30am- School Divine Mercy Chapter in the Church

24
*ArK Assessment (2nd-12th Grades)
*9:00am- Law Day for Juniors and Seniors
*8:20am- FBLA Meeting
*5:30pm- School Council Meeting

25
*ArK Assessment (2nd-12th Grades)
*State Assessment Window Closes
*8:30- Mass
*4:00pm- HS Track @ Solomon

26
*KSHSAA State Music Festival
*5:00pm- School Auction

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28
*K-12 MAP Reading Assessment
*9:00am- MS Track @ Valley Heights
6:00pm- Preschool and Kindergarten Round Up

29
*K-12 MAP Reading Assessment

30
Modified Schedule
*K-12 MAP Reading Assessment
*3:00pm- School Rosary in the Church
*5:30pm- Confirmation Mass