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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 Schools.*

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## **FBLA's School Spirit (RAMILY) Project**



The St. Xavier Future Business Leaders of America Chapter selects several community service projects each year. One of the projects for this year was selected to create more school spirit.

Several members of the Chapter created a RAM stencil. They used the stencil to paint blue Rams on the concrete in front of the entrances to the school.

This activity, as well as other activities, helps to create a special feeling in the school—creating our own special RAMILY (Ram Family). —Meagan F.

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## **Take a Chance and Ask Someone to the Dance**

As a welcome back to school from Christmas Break, StuCo is hosting a Sadie Hawkins Dance on Saturday,

January 9, 2016, from 7:30-11:00 PM. The cost of admission is \$5.00 which pays for decorations, food, drinks, and door prizes. This is the first time the school has had a winter dance. The entire high school and their guests are invited to attend this dance. Guests cannot be in middle school or above the age of 21 and must be approved by administration.

The dance is being held because StuCo feels that we need more social events this year other than the Halloween Dance and Homecoming. StuCo also wants to have the dance because the Halloween Dance was a huge success; about 77% of high school students attended.

The dance will have a winter theme. There will also be a gaming area set up for students that don't want to dance. They might also have a Christmas movie showing.

What is a "Sadie Hawkins Dance?" This is a dance where girls ask the boys to dance. Come and join the fun. --Cheyenne S.

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## **The Saint Xavier X-treme Makeover: The Transforming Love of Christ Edition**



Mrs. Breidenstein coordinates the annual retreat with K-State students who are active at St. Isidore's Catholic Church in Manhattan. She presents a theme for the retreat; and then the college students meet to plan the talks and activities around that theme. Each year there is a new

theme, and according to Mrs. Breidenstein, it is a great way to get off of the school campus and have an activity that everyone participates in.

The hope is that the students use this opportunity to self-reflect and examine their life choices that they make and will make later in life.

The purpose of the retreat is to help students strengthen their relationship with God and to become aware of how much they are loved so that God's love will transform them to be the best version of themselves that they were created to be.

--Dante J.

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## St. Xavier's Baby Jesus Shower



The Baby Jesus Shower was created over 25 years ago by two elementary school teachers. They wanted their students to learn how to share with those less fortunate than themselves. Students and their families, as well as faculty, will be involved with this year's St. Xavier Baby Jesus Shower. If you were invited to a baby shower, you'd bring items that a new baby would need: clothes, diapers, formula, bottles, and even toys; that is what we want our students to bring.

The gifts should be brought to school on or before Friday, December 18. There will be an all school Mass. The students will enter the church; they will take the gifts up to the altar and place them on the steps in front of the altar. This represents our gift offering to the Baby Jesus.

After Mass, the students will help take the gifts to the school cafeteria where they will open the gifts and enjoy donuts provided by the PTO. After the shower, the gifts will be collected, boxed, and delivered to Birthline.

The gifts from the Baby Shower will be donated to Birthline of Junction City, located on South Washington; Birthline is a pregnancy resource center that supports pregnant women and mothers with young children. Birthline provides the women with emotional support, material assistance, and referrals to other community resources.

The Baby Jesus Shower reminds us that Christmas isn't just about getting presents, but also giving presents, especially to those in need. It allows us to follow in the footsteps of Saint Nicholas. He lived in the third century with his wealthy parents; they raised him to be a devout Christian. Unfortunately, they died in an epidemic while Nicholas was still young. Obeying Jesus' words to "sell what you own and give the money to the poor," Nicholas used his entire inheritance to assist the needy, the sick, and the suffering and dedicated his life to serving God. The Baby Jesus Shower is one way for us to serve God our Father and honor His beloved son, Jesus. –Kailee C.

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## Phone-A-Thon—“Continue the Tradition”



The Phone-A-Thon is a part of our “Continue the Tradition” campaign. We are working to continue to fundraise this year by contacting alumni to pledge to give back to the school so our school can remain strong and continue for years to come.

The Phone-A-Thon took place on Sunday, November 15, from 1:00 pm-7:00 pm. Both juniors and seniors helped including Kailee C., Kasea Q., Dante J., Cheyenne S., and Logan M. Through their efforts, these students raised \$4,650. The money raised will be going towards paying down debt that has accrued over the past few years. Another Phone-A-Thon is planned for next year.

As well as the students, Mrs. Breidenstein and Mr. Augustine were present while the calls were being made. A big thank you also goes out to Kim Coy who organized/created the pledge forms. –Logan M.

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## Pink Out Day at St. Xavier – A New Tradition



Mrs. Sunley organized the Pink Out Day activities. Activities done for the Pink Out Day included a Pink Out Cheer Clinic on Saturday, November 14, for Pre-K thru 7th.

Pink Out shirts were sold for students to dress out in and donations were accepted so students could wear a pink shirt to school. \$560 was raised through the Pink Out Day activities.

The money that was raised from the Pink Out Day was donated to an Alumni from St. Xavier’s Class of ’95 Tiffany Junghans (Tiffany Taylor). Mrs. Sunley is hoping this will become an annual event at St. Xavier. –Austin H.

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## St. Xavier Catholic Schools' Photo Gallery



**Cheyenne S. and Adam C. having fun preparing for the Middle School Dance.**



**Tyler T. and Adam C. dancing.**



**Scholars Bowl posing for a picture.**



**Spiritual Retreat conferencing.**



**St. Isidore's Leaders at Spiritual Retreat.**



**Cheyenne S. and Adam C. Middle School Dance.**



**Discussions during Spiritual Retreat.**



**StuCo members planning activities.**



**Enjoying the night at the Middle School Dance.**



**Father Peter at the Cheer Clinic.**



**Tia W. using her DJ skills.**



**Students having fun at the Fall Dance.**



**The cheerleaders dressed in their pink shirts for pink out day and performing at half-time of a Middle School Basketball Game.**

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