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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.*

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## **St. Xavier Congratulates Our September Honorees**



Congratulations to our September teacher of the month, Mrs. Coughlin! Colleagues shared that Mrs. Coughlin exudes happiness and patience with students daily. She brings fresh ideas to the students allowing them to explore their creativity. Mrs. Coughlin also utilizes different techniques and mediums giving the kids unique experiences. She is very enthusiastic about art and has awesome classroom management skills with all the different age groups. She has done a wonderful job with the school bulletin boards and the art projects in the hallways. Mrs. Coughlin works long hours organizing the teachers' closet making it more accessible. She is very supportive and has really inspired art in

students. Many students have also shared how much they enjoy art class and the variety of projects that get to be completed. Way to go, Mrs. Coughlin!

Congratulations to our September middle school student of the month, 7th grader, Max Cerna! Max encourages others, has an upbeat personality, and his enthusiasm for learning is contagious! He mentors younger students that need a boost in morale and comes along side those in need of extra support in their academics or even their organizational strategies. Max is willing to help others in any capacity! He is always willing to lend a hand to elementary teachers who need help with something. He takes initiative to clean classrooms without being asked and is always polite and tries his best. Keep up the good work, Max!

Congratulations to our September high school student of the month, junior Casey Sexton-Snow! Casey is an excellent student. He is always willing to help in any way he can in the classroom, at school events, and with students and faculty. He works hard to do the very best he can in his classes and more. He is showing outstanding leadership in StuCo as well as in yearbook and scholars bowl. He is truly an asset to the school and community. Nice job, Casey! --Mr. Augustine

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## Boooooktacular--Our Book Fair



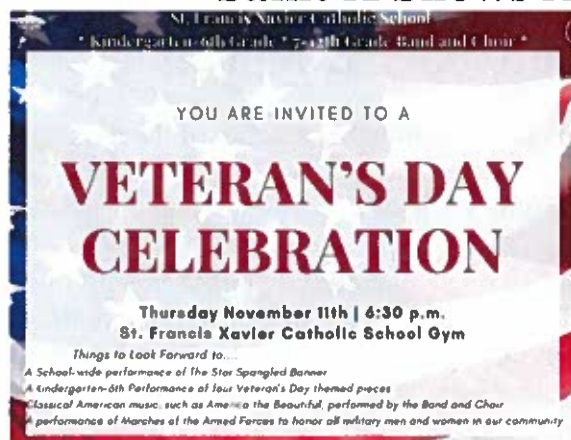
St. Xavier hosted its annual book fair. Many parishioners, parents and students came to the book fair. The purpose of the book fair was to make books available to all the students, so they can build their own libraries. Another goal of the book fair was to get kids excited about reading. The book fair was also a good opportunity for teachers to build their classroom library since many parents donated books to teachers.

The book fair made \$3,994 in sales for the school. The book fair raised \$1,997 in Scholastic Dollars which can be used by our school to add books to our library. Some of the most popular books were Cool Bean, Bad Seed, We Don't Eat Our Classmates, and Ground Zero. One of the most popular non-book items was the finger pointers.

It was exciting for everyone to stop in and seeing the kids excited to read. It was nice to have FBLA students helping Mrs. Jahnke as part of their community service project and for parents and students to see them volunteering. --Clarissa O.

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## Saint X Shows Appreciation for Our Veterans



The week of November 8-12, we will celebrate our veterans with many activities.

A special flag raising ceremony will be held on November 11. This is a very important day to celebrate with our large military community.

There are many activities planned, such as, military guest speakers, an American flag mural to color by K-6, a wall of heroes, groups leading the Pledge of Allegiance, a writing contest, and a Veterans Day concert.

We hope you can join us for many of these events. --Jakob B.

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## Your Opportunity to Participate in #iGiveCatholic



#iGIVECATHOLIC

This is an opportunity for you to support St. Xavier Catholic School by participating in #iGiveCatholic. The advanced giving begins on November 15<sup>th</sup> and will continue through November 30<sup>th</sup>. Whether you are near or far, you have an opportunity to donate online to help support the needs of our remarkable Catholic School.

The mission of #iGiveCatholic is to unite all donors to give back in support of our parishes, school, and ministries through this time of generosity and kindness.

Thank you for your continued support!!! --Mrs. Becker

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## Our Leaders Lead to a Better Future!



St. Xavier's FBLA members have had the privilege to be more active than we thought possible this year with COVID-19 precautions in place. Compared to last year, FBLA has had many great experiences that they will take with them for many years to come.

One of the main exciting events that FBLA took part in were visits to the K-State Football Stadium and Manhattan Area Technical College. These private tours allowed our students to experience things that they will find in the modern, post-secondary world. Manhattan Tech showed FBLA not only a new college opportunity, but also new technological opportunities which

interested many of our students. The K-State Stadium visit showed FBLA the amazing history and work that went into the Stadium and allows the students to appreciate it even more. They also were able to investigate possible education and career choices.

With not even half the year gone, FBLA can expect many more exciting adventures to come. 2021 will be a year for St. Xavier's FBLA team to remember. --Casey S.

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## Drug Free Looks Like Me



During the week of October 25<sup>th</sup>, the students and staff celebrated Red Ribbon Week showing their support of living a drug free life.

On Monday, October 25<sup>th</sup>, the students dressed up as the occupation they wanted to be when they enter the world of work. On Tuesday, October 26<sup>th</sup>, they dressed in their assigned class colors. On Wednesday, October 27<sup>th</sup>, the students wore red in honor of Red Ribbon Week. On Thursday, October 28<sup>th</sup>, they dressed in outfits from their favorite decade. On Friday, October 29<sup>th</sup>, the students wore their Sunday Best for School Mass.

Red Ribbon Week was sponsored by StuCo. The purpose of Red Ribbon Week was to encourage students to make healthy choices. Making healthy choices will help you achieve your goals in life. --Clarissa O.

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## Saint X Brings Home the Bags (Trash Bags)



This year was another successful year for trash bag sales. The total income for sales this year was \$3700.

The money raised will be used on technology, curriculum, and also went toward the purchase the two \$100 Visa Gift Cards as the reward for the students who sold the most trash bags in PreK-6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>. Selling trash bags has been a part of our school fundraising activities since before 2012 and will continue to be for the foreseeable future.

Thanks to all who supported the school and students by purchasing trash bags! --Jakob B.

## Meet Our October Teacher and Students of the Month



Congratulations to our October teacher of the month, Mrs. Whitaker! Colleagues shared that Mrs. Whitaker is such a positive person and does a fabulous job managing her students. She is a great person to be around, is so passionate about what she does, and is always so willing to help others. Mrs. Whitaker really loves the kiddos that she teaches, and you can see her love for what she does every day! She is a true super teacher! Way to go, Mrs. Whitaker!

Congratulations to our October middle school student of the month, 8th grader, Kassidy Jahnke!

Kassidy is always willing to help. She's respectful to teachers as well as her classmates. She can always be counted on to help in many ways such as being a reader or a server at Mass, even if it's on a last-minute basis. Kassidy is an excellent student who works hard in the classroom as well as on the court and encourages others to do their best. Keep up the good work, Kassidy!

Congratulations to our October high school student of the month, junior Grace Lichtensteiger! Grace always tries her very best. She's not afraid to make a mistake and this allows her to be successful. She's responsible, respectful, hard-working, and can always be counted on with whatever is needed. Grace is a leader who works well with her fellow classmates. She does an excellent job both academically and in extracurricular activities. Nice job, Grace! --Mr. Augustine



## Speech Students Sharing Halloween Reads with Younger Students

The speech students were eager to read some Halloween books to the students in PreK through Grade 3.

It is always a great opportunity for our older students to spend some quality time with the younger students at St. Xavier. The mentoring is a special time for all. --Mrs. Becker



## St. Xavier's Harvest Fest Success

It's that time of year again! St. Xavier hosted the annual Harvest Festival! We had many people come out to enjoy a night of fun, candy, and so much more!



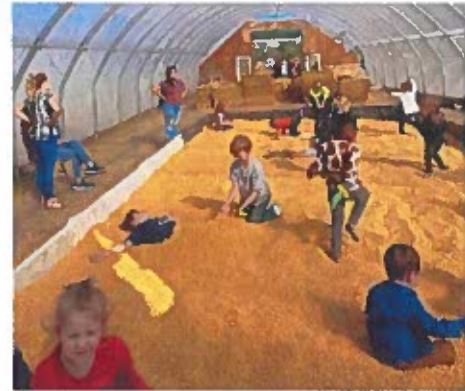
The Harvest Fest was a major success! It was located in the gym on October 29<sup>th</sup> from 6-8 P.M. Since it was around Halloween, students, and even some adults, came out in their costumes to celebrate this extraordinary event. Every class held their own booth such as the Sophomores' Plinko, StuCo's snow cones, and the very famous Bouncy House.

Everyone was able to come out and have an amazing time as well as raise funds for the St. Xavier PTO and 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> classes. The night will be remembered for a long time. Everyone is looking forward to next year!  
--Casey S.

## St. Xavier Catholic School's Photo Gallery



Students learning water safety at the YMCA.



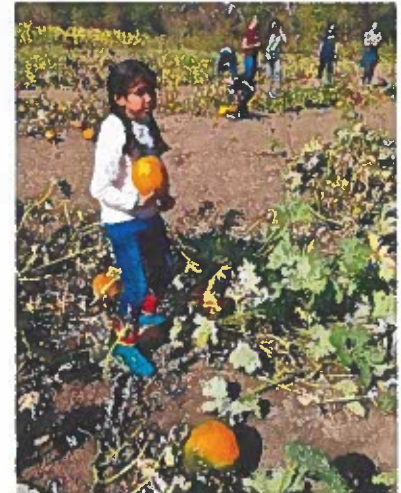
Students playing in the corn pit on field trip.



Students jumping into a hay pile at the Pumpkin Patch.



Students learning how to rescue a drowning person.



Students picking pumpkins at the Pumpkin Patch.



Rowdy helps Ms. Mohr with a science experiment.



Jakob B. adds to the Rosary.





1<sup>st</sup> grade learns about Kansas Corn.



PreK working with pumpkin seeds.



Mrs. Jahnke helping at the book fair.



Mr. Augustine beginning an assembly.



K-State Football Stadium view on the FBLA Trip.



Mrs. Berry welcomes a student to a special breakfast.



Kindergarten dresses up as what they want to be when they grow up.





Ella M. working on an art project.



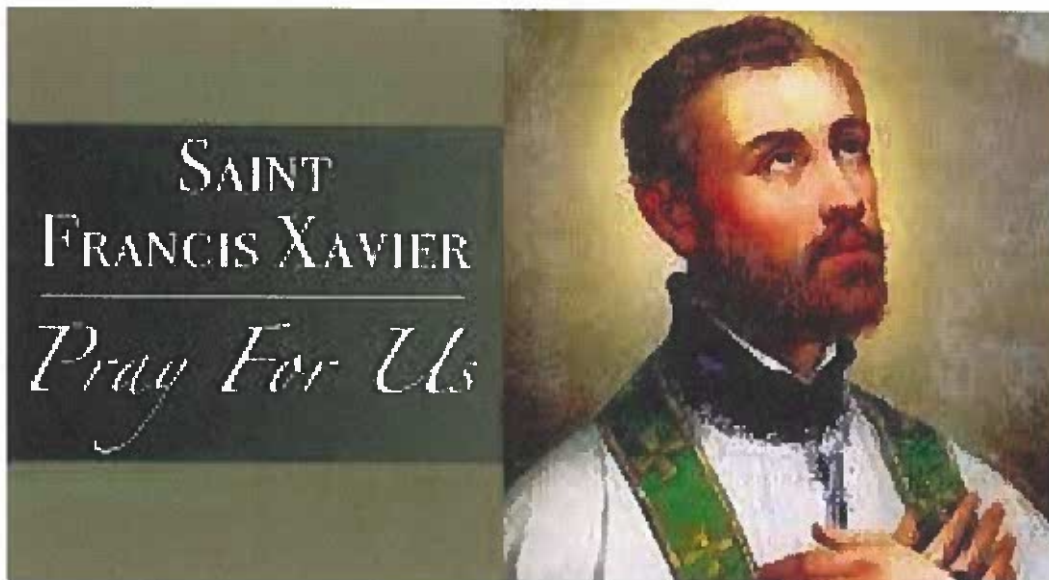
Spanish class with their Day of the Dead cookies.



Mrs. Coughlin welcomes guests to the Harvest Fest.



FBLA learning about the KSU Football Stadium.



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# November 2021

## Religious Theme: Poor Souls in Purgatory

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b> *Feast of all Saints	<b>2</b> *7:45am-4:00pm- College Visit to Fort Hays *Champions Carwash Fundraiser	<b>3</b> *8:15-11:30am- FBLA Manhattan Tech College Visit *12:30-1:00pm- Benedictine College Rep	<b>4</b> *7:45am-7-12 Staff Meeting *8:20am- StuCo Meeting *12:30pm- Choir Practice	<b>5</b> *7:45am- Rosary Club *8:30am- School Mass & Adoration	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b> *Daylight Savings Time	<b>8</b> *ITBS Testing *5:00pm- MS Basketball @ Rural Vista	<b>9</b> * ITBS Testing * Papa John's Pizza Fundraiser *3:00pm CPR Training for Coaches	<b>10</b> * ITBS Testing *3:45pm- Activities Committee Meeting	<b>11</b> *8:20am- Class Meetings *6:30pm- Veteran's Day Concert	<b>12</b> *No School *Teacher Professional Development at Salina	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> *#GiveCatholic Advance Giving Begins *4:30pm-MS Basketball vs. Wakefield	<b>16</b> *12:15pm- Emporia State University	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> *8:20am- Art Club Meeting *5:00pm- Recruitment Meeting *6:30pm- School Council Meeting	<b>19</b> *Champions Car Wash Fundraiser *7:45am- Rosary Club *8:30am- School Mass	<b>20</b> *Champions Car Wash Fundraiser
<b>21</b> *Champions Car Wash Fundraiser	<b>22</b> *Thanksgiving Break	<b>23</b> *Thanksgiving Break	<b>24</b> *Thanksgiving Break	<b>25</b> *Thanksgiving Break	<b>26</b> *Thanksgiving Break	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> *#GiveCatholic Giving Day	<b>1</b> *Winter Sports Pictures	<b>2</b> *8:20am- StuCo Meeting	<b>3</b> *7:45am- Rosary Club *8:30am- School Mass & Adoration *5:30pm- St. Francis Xavier Feast Day Mass *6:30pm- St. Francis Xavier Feast Day Celebration	

