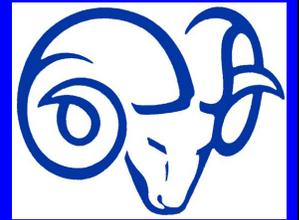




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Welcome to St. Xavier Catholic Schools' Newsletter published by the High School Mass Communication Class. The Newsletter will be published several times a year with our purpose to inform you concerning personnel, students and events at St. Xavier Catholic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

St. Xavier Welcomes Ms. McConnell Back!!



St. Xavier welcomes Ms. Susan McConnell back!! Ms. McConnell taught at St X for 8 years (Grades 3 and 4) and then taught in a public school. Now she is back at St. X teaching Grades 4-5-6 Social Studies and Religion.

She attended Emporia State University and Fort Hays State University.

Ms. McConnell, who lives in White City, has a daughter, Abigail, who is a senior. She loves to sing and play volleyball in her free time.

One of her favorite trips was to Germany; she traveled with the choir from Emporia State University. She also enjoys spending time in Colorado with her daughter.

She is very excited to get to know the students and be able to include some art with their lessons. She notes that one of her favorite things about St. Xavier is the closeness of the faculty—it feels like family here.

Her advice to St. Xavier students is “Enjoy your school years, be involved and have fun! Also, listen to your parents; someday you will realize they were right!”
--S. Becker

Our New Saint Xavier Kindergarten Teacher



The new Saint Xavier Kindergarten Teacher, Mrs. Sheila Marie Hooshmand-McVicker, is from Jefferson City, MO. She graduated from Lincoln University of Missouri with a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education and a Minor in Child Psychology. She lives in Topeka with her husband, Wesley, and her dog, Darius. The rest of her family lives in Missouri.

She loves making jewelry, reading books, playing fetch with her dog, and hanging out with her family. She has been a teacher for 4 years; she taught for 2 years in Missouri and then 2 years in Topeka.

Some of her favorite places that she has visited are Mountain View MO, Hilton Head Island SC, St. Thomas VI, Bonner Springs, KS. She can also speak two different languages.

She loves teaching with a purpose and bringing God back into the classroom, her co-workers who are so helpful and kind, and her boss and Parish who are always so supportive. She is most excited about teaching kindergarteners to read.

--Austin Hogsett



Welcoming Mrs. Long to the St. Xavier Family

This school year we welcome Mrs. Long to the ever-growing St. Xavier family. She is from Broken Arrow, OK. She went to college at Western Governors

University. Her degree is in Educational Studies. She has four children. Some of the things she likes to do in her free time are sewing, knitting, camping, hiking, watching movies, and dancing. Prior to teaching here, which is her first full time teaching job, she was a substitute teacher for two years in California. Some of her favorite places she has visited are Disney World and San Francisco.

One of her favorite things about St. Xavier is that it's a small community-- everyone knows each other and there's no drama. The things Mrs. Long is most excited for this school year is seeing students grow and learning new things, and watching students grow in their education and their faith. Two interesting facts about her are she enjoys musical theater, and she used to practice ballet and tap dancing.

Her advice to St. Xavier students is: "Do not get distracted from your goals, and have fun in school."

--Cheyenne S.

New Math Teacher Added to the Staff



Ms. Colwell is the teacher for Grades 7 through 12 math. She is originally from Osage City, KS. She earned her Bachelor Degree in Mathematics with a Minor in Economics from Baker University. Afterwards, she proceeded to get her Masters in Statistics from Kansas State University.

Before coming to Saint Xavier, she taught college level statistics for three

years at K-State.

In her free time, when she's not grading papers, Ms. Colwell enjoys listening to music and playing sports such as sand volleyball, basketball, golf, and more. Two interesting activities she enjoys are playing her violin, which she has played for twenty years, and participating in the Heart of America Conference Champion in the 3K Race Walk.

--Logan M.

Saint Xavier Welcomes Ms. Buyle!



This year, we have several great new people joining our St. X family. One person is Ms. Buyle, the second grade teacher, who enjoys the family atmosphere and small classes that Saint Xavier brings. She's coming to Junction City with her family, but her hometown is Topeka, Kansas.

Ms. Buyle is currently in her first year of teaching, but has an Associates Degree as a Physical Therapy Assistant, a Bachelor Degree in Elementary Education and a Masters in Education with a Minor in Library and Media. During her school career she attended Washburn University, KSU, Benedictine College, and Ashford University. In her free time, she enjoys crafting, being a diehard KSU fan, watching their football games, and being with her Yorkie named Chewie!

The advice she gives to the students of St. Xavier is to "Be you: Everyone else is already taken so be you and Rock you!"

--Meagan F.

Welcome Ms. Klebe to the Saint Xavier Family



Ms. Klebe, the new third grade teacher, taught first and fourth grades prior to coming to Saint X. Her hometown is Ulysses, KS. Ms. Klebe attended Minot State University - Bottineau. She has earned an Associates in Floral Design at Minot State University. At Kansas State University she earned a Bachelors in Elementary Education with an Emphasis in Science.

Her family includes her daughter, MacKenzie, and Asuka, a foreign exchange student from Japan. Ms. Klebe likes working in her yard, attending her

daughter's events, and exercising. Ms. Klebe's favorite places that she has visited are Niagara Falls and Disneyland.

She loves Saint Xavier because she enjoys working with the students and staff. She is looking forward to seeing her students learn this year.

She had learned some during college but she wants to become fluent in American Sign Language (ASL). She also loves to attend K-state sporting events.

Ms. Klebe's advice to Saint Xavier students is "Always try and don't be afraid to ask questions."

--Dante J.

Welcome to St. Xavier, Ms. Baird



The new first grade teacher, Ms. Sarah Baird, is from Middleville, MI, and attended Grand Valley State University. She earned a Bachelors in Integrated Sciences. Her parents are Kathleen and Kevin Baird; she has one brother name Josh. She also has a furry child named Winter (her dog). Her hobbies are playing Ultimate Frisbee at K-State Rec and reading.

This is her first year as a full time teacher. However, she substituted in schools in Michigan and Kansas. She also taught in New Zealand as a 4-year extension teacher.

Some of her favorite places she has visited are Queenstown, New Zealand (most beautiful), Mackinac Island, MI (most fun), Estes Park, CO, and Detroit; MI.

Her favorite thing about St. Xavier is the comradery among her colleagues; it is wonderful. She loves seeing her students smile every day. She is most excited this year to see the growth in her students. Two interesting facts are she is diagnosed as mildly allergic to everything; and she dislikes the Kansas heat.

Her advice to St. Xavier students is "Appreciate the days that you have here. Once it's gone, you'll miss it forever (you may not think so now, but you will). Do something different for once. Be daring, you won't regret it."

Ms. Baird would love extra help in her room. If you have a chance, come visit 1st grade. They see you in the hallway, and they look up to you. To these kids, you are superheroes. Be a hero.

--Kailee C.

St. Xavier Catholic Schools' Photo Gallery



Trombone Rams!



Mrs. Berry and library time.



Mrs. Tanguay talking to her middle school volleyball team at the pep rally.



Mrs. Rubash helping a student.



Preschool ready for a nap.



Adam C. studying for Trig.



Adam C. concentrating on his drum performance.



Cheyenne S. and Kadi L. working hard in physics.



Tyler T. working on a math problem.



Simon E. having fun in band.



Ms. Colwell at the Pep Rally.



Ms. Baird reading to her students.



A break from selling yearbook ads. Middle School VB in action.



High School VB competing at FHC.

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