

St. Francis Xavier School Newsletter

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Dear St. Francis Xavier School Families,

As the season of Christmas quickly approaches, we are aware that the world seeks to hide the presence of Christ. We are blessed to embrace him and say "Christ is the reason for the season". Our students continue to practice their faith in many ways by service and donations to Brother Dan's, and acts of encouragement and support for our families. As you purchase your final gifts, bake and decorate, keep Christ in your heart.

MERRY CHRISTMAS
James Kanine

SECURITY UPDATE

To increase safety for students and staff, all doors to the school will be locked on Wednesday mornings during Mass. If you are a late arrival, please drop your student off at church. The Michigan St. door will be unlocked once staff have returned from Mass.

P.E. SNOW/SKI DATES SET

The dates have been set for our Winter Sports Park and Boyne Highland Ski Outings. The K-3rd Winter Sports Park date is Jan 29th. Sue Levitte needs 10 volunteers for this day. The Boyne Highlands ski day for 4th -8th is Feb. 13th at 11:00am (the bus will leave SFX at 10:30am) and the cost is \$15.00 per student which includes lift ticket, rental and lesson. Students may bring their own equipment, but the cost is still \$15.00. There will be no transportation back to SFX at end of day. Students can be picked up by parents between 4:00 and 4:30 at Boyne Highlands. Sue Levitte is in need of Chaperones for ski day and the adult chaperone cost would be \$21.00 if you would like to ski. Please check your calendars to see if you are able to help out on these days.

5th GRADE POPCORN FUNDRAISER

The 5th grade class will be holding their popcorn fundraiser once a month to help defray costs of going to the History Night at Fort Michilimackinac this spring. Popcorn will cost 50 cents a bag. Turn your money in Friday morning and popcorn will be delivered right to your class for snack. 5th grade will be selling popcorn the following dates.

Friday, Jan. 10th, 2014
Friday, March 7th, 2014
Friday, May 9th, 2014

Friday, Feb. 7th, 2014
Friday, April 11th, 2014

LUNCHTIME VOLUNTEERS

The school year is almost half over, how are you doing with your 4 required lunchroom hours? We especially need your help in January and February so stop by the school office and sign up for some shifts.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

Thanks to all the families that shopped at the SFX book fair, hosted by Scholastic, in November. \$1,769.00 was raised towards new books for our school library.

BOB SCHULZE POETRY CONTEST WINNERS

Congratulations to Alex Graham for winning Runner Up and (\$25.00) for her poem entitled "The Eraser" and Jacqueline Budnick for winning Honorable Mention and (\$10.00) for her poem entitled "1,000 miles".

UPCOMING EARLY BIRD RAFFLE DATE

Congratulations to Leo Flynn for winning the Dec. 8th early bird drawing. The next early bird drawing will be Sunday, April 13th, 2014.

PLAYGROUND BRICK

Looking for a great idea for a Christmas present for a loved one? Purchase a brick in their name for the SFX Playground. Please contact Marie Law at 330-2835 to order your brick today!

LOOKING AHEAD

- 12/23 No School-Christmas Break Begins
- 12/25 Christmas
- 1/6 School Resumes
- 1/10 5th Grade Popcorn Day
- 1/16 7th Grade Bake Sale- All School Non-Uniform Inside/Outside/Backward Day.
- 1/23 2nd Quarter Ends
- 1/24 No School for Students-PD Day for staff
- 1/26 Catholic Schools Week Begins
Coffee Hour after mass hosted by SFX staff and families
- 1/28 PTO Chili Dinner
Middle School Retreat- St. Augustine Center
- 1/29 K-3rd Winter Sports Park