

St. Francis Xavier School Newsletter

St. Francis Xavier School, with family partnership is dedicated to the development of the whole child through the spiritual and academic excellence of Catholic education.

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Dear St. Francis Xavier School Families,

I have been saying this over and over again at Prayer Service, and I have decided to address this issue in our December Newsletter. We don't go around bragging about our children at SFX, but that doesn't mean we're not proud of who they are and what they accomplish. We are a family and we love every single one of our children! I want to acknowledge one group at this time, and that group is our 8th graders. Every year at graduation, we are blessed with a graduating 8th grade class that makes us all proud. Inevitably, the question comes up, and rightly so based on the accolades of the graduating class, "How will we replace this class?" Well, it's not easy, but by the grace of God, we can and do replace one great graduating class with another incredible class. This year's 8th grade class is remarkable! Really!! They have everything one could want in a class. They are not perfect, and they don't want to be perfect! But, they are together, and they are a loving group. Their record of "service" to our school is utterly extraordinary. Their leadership has made this year one of the most satisfying of my career. I look forward to what lies ahead! Our 8th grade is 15 students strong. Here are the leaders of our school: Colleen Cesario, Andrew Coveyou, Hailey Greimel, Jack Izzard, Ashley Lamb, Connor Mailloux, Madelyn Mays, Seamus Nolan, Mamie Scholl, Madison Spencer, Hailey Tanis, Tripp Thomas, Elizabeth Waldvogel, Sophie Waldvogel and John Wroblewski.

James Kanine

MCLEAN AND EAKIN FAIR

Thanks to all the families that shopped at the SFX book fair, hosted by McLean and Eakin, in November. \$694.97 was raised towards new books for our school library.

FARM RAISER FUNDRAISER

Thank you to all the families that ordered products through our farm raiser fundraiser. Our school raised \$863.30 towards a new drinking fountain for the fourth floor of our school!



SPELLING BEE

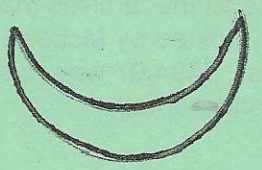
Our 2015-2016 4th-8th Grade Spelling Bee took place on Dec. 9th. Congratulations to our winners 1st place: Ella Bacigalupi (7th) 2nd place: Lily Tarachas (6th) and 3rd place: Seamus Nolan (8th).

LOOKING AHEAD

12/23	Half day of School-Dismissal at 11:40am-Christmas Break Begins
12/24-1/3	Christmas Break
1/4	School Resumes
1/8	8 th grade pop can drive
1/14	Geography Bee- 12:15pm
1/21	5 TH grade raffle- all school non-uniform day (Neon Day)
1/22	1 st semester ends-No Petoskey Busing or Band
1/29	Report cards go home
1/31	Catholic School Week begins

On the back side of this newsletter is the artwork of Aidan Cleary (4th) and a Christmas message from Saint Francis staff.

Christina
Mark
Francis
St. Joseph



Shirley
Gene Merritt

Miss Hall
Michael D. Smith
Kathy Gaffney
Kathleen
Barbara Wimmer
Kathleen
Susan
John Hoffman
Sara Swick
Kurtin
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