

St. Francis 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 January 23, 2015

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Dear St. Francis School Families:

On behalf of the entire staff at St. Francis Xavier Catholic School, I want to thank you for your kindness and generosity. The Christmas gifts were awesome and greatly appreciated. The staff was stunned by the heartfelt gifts from our school family. There was no expectation and this kind gift was very much appreciated for Christmas 2014. Thanks for caring and thinking of us. Our staff does this work as part of our faith, but it is still a human response to be valued and appreciated. The united effort of PTO and our School families to recognize all of our staff this Christmas was outstanding. Thank You!

The first semester of the 2014-2015 School Year has just ended and we are eagerly looking forward to the next. Our students have been successful in their studies and we are looking forward to many fun upcoming activities including 3rd-5th intramural basketball, K-8th at Winter Sports Park and 4th-8th Ski Day at Boyne Highlands.

Enjoy Catholic Schools Week and participate in the family events that are offered. We are blessed and are grateful for the support of all.

Yours in Christ,

James J. Kanine, Principal

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

Please join us this Sunday, after the 8:00am and 10:00am masses for an all school coffee hour to celebrate Catholic Schools Week. Catholic Schools Week begins Jan. 25th. Tuesday, Jan. 27th is a big family event day. K-8th are going to the Petoskey Winter Sports Park and we will need many parent volunteers to keep the kids safe. Also, don't miss the SFX Chili Dinner in the Parish Hall (school cafeteria) at 6:00pm Tuesday night. Please see the full schedule of events on the calendar attached to this newsletter.

OPTIONAL TEACHER CONFERENCES

Teachers will be contacting parents before the week of February 23rd if they wish to have a parent teacher conference with you. As always, if you have any questions or concerns for your child you may contact your teacher to set up a meeting at any time.

LET'S STAY HEALTHY!

Our absence numbers are up lately and it reminds us of some practical advice to stay healthy. Remind your children of hand washing—the best way to keep bacteria away. Also, physicians in the area state that students who have been ill should stay home until they have a non-medicated normal temperature for 24 hrs or more. If your child is not well enough to be in their classroom, performing regular duties and participating with outdoor lunch recess, they should be home.

GEOGRAPHY BEE



Our 2014-2015 4th-8th grade Geography Bee took place on Jan 14th. Congratulations to our winners: left to right: 3rd place: Aiden Mailloux (4th), 2nd place: Seamus Nolan (7th) and 1st place: William Gagnon (6th)

SKI DATE SET

The date has been set for our 4th-8th grade Boyne Highland Ski Outing. The Boyne Highlands ski day is Feb. 20th. If you are able to chaperon the ski day at Boyne Highlands, please contact Michael Smith.

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INTRAMURAL BASKETBALL

A big thanks to our volunteer intramural basketball coaches: Julie Izzard and Jeff Sulitis (3rd), Mark Hoffman (4th) and Nick Spadafore (5th) for stepping up to coach our younger crusaders. Practice begins the week of Feb. 2nd. 4th grade will be Tuesday after school, 3rd grade will be Wednesday after school and 5th grade will be Thursday after school. Come support these young athletes at their upcoming games.

ARELY FUND

Heidi Kendziorski would like to thank all those students who donated to the Arely Fund recently. Arely is a child from Mexico that we financially support as a school. We have collected **\$39.63 so far this year. This is down from previous years. We need a total of \$325.00** to continue to sponsor her so please continue to bring in your change.

FIRST LEGO LEAGUE TOURNAMENT

Lakeside legends of the LEGO league (L4) teams 1 and 2 recently attended FIRST Lego league qualifying tournament at Lake Superior State University on Dec. 6, 2014. FIRST stands for: for inspiration and recognition of science and technology. FIRST is a national organization that inspires young people in the sciences while building self confidence, knowledge and life skills. St. Francis students who participated were L4 team #1 Audrey Gietzen, Grant Gietzen and Patrick Coveyou. They won the engineering category for designing their robot. L4 #2 team included Nigel Allum and Hammond Law. They won in the categories of judges choice and presentation.

GLENS CASH FOR CLASS

The Glens cash for class is now linked to your Glen's Markets 'yes' card. Last years' information has been erased so you will need to reenter our school code again this year. If you already have an online account go to www.myyesrewards.com enter your e-mail address and password under "returning members" and go to your "My Profile" page to link our group name. If you are a "Yes" member but don't have an account; go to the website, click on 'First-Time to Site' and follow the steps to complete your on-line account registration. If you are not a member yet, go to the website and click "join yes" and fill out the on-line form. Our school code is **87817**. Once you link your card-it will automatically calculate the rebate for our school.

GLENS CASH FOR CLASS CONTINUED

The next cash for class weeks are as follows:

January 18-24, 2015
February 15-21, 2015
March 15-21, 2015

Our School Code is: 87817

KENDALL COLLEGE AWARD

Congratulations to Alex Graham (8th) for receiving the Kendall College of Art and Design Silver Key Award for one of her pieces and Honorable Mention for several other pieces of her artwork. Alex submitted artwork to the competition and will be presented her awards at a reception ceremony on Saturday, February 28th in Grand Rapids.

LOOKING AHEAD

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| 2/2 | Middle School Information Night for 5 th grade parents and students- 6:30pm –Music Rm. 309 |
| 2/12 | 8 th Grade Raffle- All School Non-Uniform-Favorite Color Day-wear your favorite color Regional Spelling Bee-1:00pm Harbor Springs PAC. |
| 2/13-16 | No school for students-Winter Break P.D. for staff 2/13/15 |
| 2/18 | Ash Wednesday-Silence in the Halls |
| 2/20 | 4 th -8 th Grade Boyne Ski Day
Silence in the Halls |
| 2/23-24 | Auditions for "Magic Tree House" Play for 3 rd , 4 th and 5 th graders at Central School from 3-6pm. More information to follow. |
| 2/23-28 | Custodian Appreciation Week |
| 2/27 | Jump Rope for Heart Day |

Don't forget to order scrip. The scrip box is in the school office or you can place your orders with payment on Monday mornings at 8:00am for Thursday delivery.