

St. Francis School Newsletter

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Dear Families of St. Francis Xavier School,

The 3rd quarter marking period ends on Friday, March 21st and Spring Break begins on Friday, March 28th. There are lots of things going on at this time of year; the end is similar to the beginning-both times are really busy!

Lent is the perfect way to slow down, pray, and reflect on our blessings. Alms-giving, prayer and fasting are three ways that Pope Francis has urged us to grow in our faith this Lent. Students and teachers have worked hard this 3rd marking period to improve our grade point averages; we observe silence in the hallways and attend Stations of the Cross on Fridays; and we give monies to those who need help, including Colonel Kuchar's orphanage in India.

The busy time during the last two months of school will affect all of us, but we focus on prayer and repentance during Lent, hoping to have an increase of faith as we try to finish the 2013-2014 school year on a positive note.

Yours in Christ,

Jim Kanine

ENROLLMENT FOR 2014-2015

Watch your mail for the enrollment and financial support agreement forms which are due to the office by May 2nd. **Our school wide open house including Pre-K and Kindergarten Round Up will take place April 17th from 5-6pm.** Tell your friends about our great school and take this opportunity to tour the classrooms and speak with staff. If you need financial assistance to help with next year's tuition, please pick up a P.S.A.S. application at the SFX School Office or Parish Office.

ENTRANCE POLICY

With warm weather hopefully around the corner we are reverting back to our morning entrance policy on April 8th, 2014. As a reminder children will wait outside their assigned doors until their teachers let them through the doors at 7:55am.



SPRING ATHLETIC BANQUET

On March 6th Mrs. Carlson hosted the St. Francis Annual Athletic Banquet. Allison Hoffman (8th) received the Sr. Hannah Johncheck award for dedication to girls basketball. Danny Kolp and William Coveyou (8th) received the Fr. Wilbert Hegener Award for dedication to boys basketball. Madison Spencer received the Eric Greyerbiehl Memorial Scholarship award- an award given for exemplary character, spirit and dedication to girls basketball. Madison also received a \$100.00 scholarship to attend a summer basketball camp.

Volleyball awards- MVP awards go to Allison Hoffman (8th) and Kira Collins (7th) and Most Improved Awards go to Lauren Gietzen (7th) and Emily Connaughton (7th).

Boys Basketball: MVP Awards go to Gabe Whitmore (6th) and Danny Kolp (8th). Most Improved Awards go to Trevor Shuman (6th) and Hunter Collins (8th).

Girls Basketball: MVP awards go to Megan Kolp (7th) and Allison Hoffman (8th). Most Improved Awards go to Genevieve Kromm (7th) and Lauren Gietzen (7th).

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CDC NEWS

CDC will be closed March 28th-April 7th

As the end of the school year is quickly approaching, it is time to plan for the 2014-2015 school year. We are now taking enrollment for Childcare, Pre-School, Latchkey, and our Infant Program. Call now (347-3860) as enrollment is filling up quickly

“WHAT MAKES A GOOD PARENT”

Congratulations to the following 2nd and 3rd grade students for winning the “What makes a good parent” drawing and essay contest sponsored by the Child Abuse Council of Charlevoix and Emmet County: Payton Beckering, Caroline Robinson and Piper Krug (2nd grade), Mary Catherine Gengle and Sofia Bacigalupi (3rd grade).

NWEA TESTING

5th- 8th grade will begin NWEA testing starting Tuesday, April 22nd. 2nd-4th will begin NWEA testing April 28th. Please remember to help your students succeed with their testing by providing a healthy breakfast, plenty of sleep and lots of encouragement.

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHY BEE

Congratulations to William Coveyou, who has qualified to compete at the state level of the National Geography Bee for a second year in a row! The statewide competition takes place at Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo, MI on April 4th. Good luck William!

AMERICA AND ME-ESSAY WINNERS

Three 8th grade students from St. Francis have been named local winners in the 45th annual American and Me Essay Contest, sponsored by Farm Bureau Insurance. The topic for this year was “My Michigan Hero”. The winners were William Coveyou (1st place), Seth Izzard (2nd place) and Allison Hoffman (3rd place). As our schools first place essay winner, William Coveyou advances to state level competition, from which the top ten essays in Michigan will be selected. Williams name will also be engraved on a plaque for permanent display in our school. Congratulations!

OLESONS RECEIPTS

Thank you for turning in your Olesons receipts. The school just received a check for \$200.25 from Olesons. Please continue to turn in these receipts, participate in Glens cash for class as well as dropping off Box Tops, Spartan labels, Campbell soup labels and used ink cartridges. Our school receives money or useful school items in exchange for participation with these groups.

LOOKING AHEAD

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| 3/25 | St. Michael the Archangel Regional Catholic Academy Open House- 6:00pm-1170 Bay View Rd. |
| 3/28-4/7 | No School-Spring Break |
| 4/8 | Return from Spring Break |
| 4/11 | Silence in the Halls |
| 4/13 | Early Bird Raffle Drawing |
| 4/15 | 7 th Grade to Chrism Mass at the Diocese of Gaylord-11:00am |
| 4/17 | All School Open House-Including Pre-K and Kindergarten Round Up- Time change-5-6pm. |
| 4/18 | Good Friday- No school |
| 4/22 | NWEA Testing begins
Non-Uniform Day-Wear your Earth Day Shirts and 6 th Grade Bake Sale |
| 4/24 | St. Michael the Archangel Regional Catholic Academy Open House- 6:00pm-1170 Bay View Rd. |
| 4/25 | 5 th Grade popcorn Friday- .50 cents a bag |
| 4/27 | SFX 1 st Communion and Confirmation |
| 4/29 | Middle School Collage Band Concert- 7:00pm-PHS Gym |