

# St. Francis School Newsletter

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Dear Families of St. Francis Xavier School,

The 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter marking period ends of Friday, March 20<sup>th</sup> and Spring Break begins on Friday, March 27<sup>th</sup>. This time of year is busy like any other time of the school year. There are lots of events that take place, and the students and staff continue to work hard as the end of the school year will be here before we know it!

Our Lenten journey at St. Francis Xavier School is a perfect time to slow down and reflect on the blessings that we have received. There are many ways that students and staff can participate in Lent. On the Fridays of Lent we observe "Silence in the Hallways" and go to "Stations of the Cross" at 12 noon. Our staff is participating in a Lenten Prayer/Reflection group on Tuesdays for about an hour after school. In classrooms, teachers have little reminders for the children about the ways that they can participate in this holy time.

As we move toward Spring Break, we focus on prayer and repentance during Lent, hoping to have our personal relationships with Jesus Christ strengthened by these efforts. Please continue to pray for our school.

Yours in Christ,

Jim Kanine

## ENROLLMENT FOR 2015-2016

Watch your mail for the enrollment and financial support agreement forms which are due to the office by May 1st. **Our school wide open house including Pre-K and Kindergarten Round Up will take place April 16<sup>th</sup> from 6-7pm.** 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 7<sup>th</sup>, 2015. As a reminder children will wait outside their assigned doors until their teachers let them through the doors at 7:55am.

## SPRING ATHLETIC BANQUET



Left to right: Ashley Nguyen (6<sup>th</sup>), Nathan Spadafore (8<sup>th</sup>) and Lauren Gietzen (8<sup>th</sup>)

On February 26<sup>th</sup> Mr. Sulitis hosted the St. Francis Annual Athletic Banquet. Lauren Gietzen (8<sup>th</sup>) received the Sr. Hannah Johncheck award for dedication to girls basketball. Nathaniel Spadafore (8<sup>th</sup>) received the Fr. Wilbert Hegener Award for dedication to boys basketball. Ashley Nguyen (6<sup>th</sup>) received the Eric Greyerbiehl Memorial Scholarship award- an award given for exemplary character, spirit and dedication to girls basketball. Ashley also received a \$100.00 scholarship to attend a summer basketball camp.

Volleyball awards- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Team MVP Award: Megan Kolp (8<sup>th</sup>) and Most Improved Award: Faith Kulbieda (8<sup>th</sup>) and 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Team MVP Award: Hailey Tanis (7<sup>th</sup>) and Most Improved Award: Ashley Nguyen (6<sup>th</sup>).

Boys Basketball: 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Team MVP Award: Nathaniel Spadafore (8<sup>th</sup>) and Most Improved Award: Nicholas Spadafore (8<sup>th</sup>). 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Team MVP Award: William Pizzuti (6<sup>th</sup>) and Most Improved Award: Hammond Law (6<sup>th</sup>).

Girls Basketball: 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Team MVP Award: Megan Kolp (8<sup>th</sup>) and Most Improved Award: Alex Graham (8<sup>th</sup>). 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Team MVP Award: Hailey Tanis (7<sup>th</sup>) and Most Improved Award: Sophie Waldvogel (7<sup>th</sup>).

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## AUCTION NEWS

Your commitment to St. Francis is appreciated and we need your support! Help keep tuition affordable at St. Francis by becoming a sponsor for the 2015 Spring Fling Gala. Your tax deductible sponsorship includes advertising and tickets to the Gala. Sponsorship packages are available at the parish and school offices or contact Holly O'Donnell (231) 881-0126 for more information and thank you for considering a sponsorship opportunity.

## CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER NEWS

**CDC will be closed March 27th-April 6<sup>th</sup>.** As the end of the school year is quickly approaching, it is time to plan for the 2015-2016 school year. We are now taking enrollment for our Summer Program, Childcare, Pre-School, Latchkey, and our Infant Program. Call now (347-3860) as enrollment is filling up quickly

## "WHAT MAKES OUR FAMILY STRONG?"

Congratulations to the following 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students for winning the "What makes our family strong?" drawing and essay contest sponsored by the Child Abuse Council of Charlevoix and Emmet County: Winner- Breanna Wcisel (2<sup>nd</sup>) and Honorable Mention- Natalie Overton (2<sup>nd</sup>) and Clara Mailloux (2<sup>nd</sup>). Winner- Lilly Schoenborn (3<sup>rd</sup>) and Honorable Mention- Maddie Daniel (3<sup>rd</sup>), Lily Harris (3<sup>rd</sup>) and Jack Earl (3<sup>rd</sup>).

## NWEA TESTING

5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade will begin NWEA testing starting Monday April 13<sup>th</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade will begin Monday, April 20<sup>th</sup>. Please remember to help your students succeed with their testing by providing a healthy breakfast, plenty of sleep and lots of encouragement.

## ST. FRANCIS CATECHISM BEE

Congratulations to Jacob Tuck who won the St. Francis Xavier 6<sup>th</sup> grade Catechism Bee. He will be competing against other 6<sup>th</sup> graders at the Diocese of Gaylord on April 30<sup>th</sup>.

## 5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE USED BOOK SALE

Thank you to all of the families that supported the 5<sup>th</sup> grade used book sale. The profits will go to help send 5<sup>th</sup> grade students to Fort Michilimackinac for an overnight educational adventure. The 5<sup>th</sup> grade class raised \$261.00 towards their trip to the fort.

## THANK YOU TO STAFF AND STUDENTS

The custodial staff of St. Francis would like to thank the staff and students for all the food, treats, cards and kindness they received during National Custodians Week.

## OLESONS, SPARTAN, CAMPBELL & BOX TOPS

Please continue to turn in Oleson's 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

3/27-4/6	No School-Spring Break
4/7	Return from Spring Break
4/12	St. Francis 1 <sup>st</sup> Communion and Confirmation Early Bird Raffle Drawing
4/13	NWEA testing begins
4/15	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Maturation Program
4/16	All School Open House-Including Pre-K and Kindergarten Round Up-6-7pm. 3rd Grade Raffle-out of uniform-Clash Day
4/16-17	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Aspire Testing-8:00-11:00am
4/17	4 <sup>th</sup> Grade trip to Lansing
4/23/24	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Class Trip to Toronto
5/5	Middle School Collage Band Concert-7:00pm- PHS Gym