

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. March 24th, 2016

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Dear Families of St. Francis Xavier School,

The 3rd quarter marking period ends on Thursday, March 24th and Spring Break begins on Friday, April 1st. We return from Spring Break on Tuesday, April 12th.

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 have participated during Lent and all are encouraged to keep up their own personal journeys. Our staff and students have observed "Silence in the Hallways" and Stations of the Cross on Fridays, attended Reconciliation and the staff has been participating in a Lenten study Tuesday nights using Symbolon. It has proved to be very insightful and the feedback has been very positive and hopeful.

The last part of the school year can be kind of crazy. There are many events and happenings that are important and significant. Sometimes that feeling is about whether we can get "everything in" before school is out. Please continue to pray for our school. Your prayers are important to our success!

Yours in Christ,

Jim Kanine

ENROLLMENT FOR 2016-2017

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, Developmental Kindergarten and Kindergarten Round Up will take place April 21st 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 around the corner we are reverting back to our morning entrance policy on April 12th, 2016. 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: Hailey Tanis (8th), Mary Fran Forton (6th), Andrew Coveyou (8th) and Jack Izzard (8th)

On February 26th Mr. Michael Smith hosted the St. Francis Annual Athletic Banquet. Hailey Tanis (8th) received the Sr. Hannah Johncheck award for dedication to girls basketball. Andrew Coveyou and Jack Izzard (8th) received the Fr. Wilbert Hegener Award for dedication to boys basketball. Mary Fran Forton (6th) received the Eric Greyerbiehl Memorial Scholarship award- an award given for exemplary character, spirit and dedication to girls basketball. Mary Fran Forton also received a \$100.00 scholarship to attend a summer basketball camp.

Volleyball awards- 8th Grade Team MVP Award: Mamie Scholl (8th) and Most Improved Award: Sophie Waldvogel (8th) and 7th Grade Team MVP Award: Alexis Glaser (7th) and Most Improved Award: Lily Tarachas (6th).

Boys Basketball: 8th Grade Team MVP Award: Andrew Coveyou and Jack Izzard (8th) and Most Improved Award: Seamus Nolan (8th). 7th Grade Team MVP Award: Nolan Spadafore (6th) and Most Improved Award: Raymond Greimel (6th).

Girls Basketball: 7th and 8th Grade Team MVP Award: Hailey Tanis (8th) and Most Improved Award: Lia Iacoangeli (6th).

ST. FRANCIS CATACHISM BEE

Congratulations to Liam Nolan who won the St. Francis Xavier 6th grade Catechism Bee. He will be competing against other 6th graders at the Diocese of Gaylord on April 28th.

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AUCTION NEWS

This year we are marketing and selling auction tickets through MyNorth Ticketing. MyNorth is similar to Ticketmaster, but for our region. Here is the link to our event: <https://mynorthtickets.com/events/25th-annual-spring-fling-gala-auction>. They have an audience of over 84,000 people, we are hopeful that we will capture some of their audience. Please visit us on Facebook too, our user name is Spring Fling. The more you "like" and "share" our posts, the greater exposure we get and the more money we can raise for our school...so please like and share to your hearts content! Our last raffle ticket incentive for the year is underway and ends on April 12th. Raffle ticket turn in by parents of the top two classrooms will compete in a scavenger hunt, the winning class wins a Kilwins ice-cream treat and a non-uniform day! Parents sell those tickets! Lastly, some amazing acquisition items are arriving daily and are on display in the school office, feel free to stop in and check them out.

CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER NEWS

CDC will be closed April 1st-April 11th

As the end of the school year is quickly approaching, it is time to plan for the 2016-2017 school year. Enrollment for our Summer Program, Childcare, Pre-School, Latchkey, and Infant Program is filling up fast! Call now (347-3860).

"WHAT MAKES OUR FAMILY STRONG?"

Congratulations to the following 2nd and 3rd 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: Ely Pethers and Natalie Overton (3rd) Honorable Mention: Korbin Sulitis, Gabby Cesario, Breanna Wcisel and Mitchell Eberhart (3rd) Honorable Mention-Meg Gietzen, Margaret Mercer, Liam Cleary and Danny Murphy (2nd).

NWEA TESTING

5th-8th grade will begin NWEA testing starting Monday April 18th and 2nd-4th grade will begin Monday, April 25th. Please remember to help your students succeed with their testing by providing a healthy breakfast, plenty of sleep and lots of encouragement.

AMERICA AND ME-ESSAY WINNERS

Three 8th grade students from St. Francis have been named local winners in the 47th annual American and Me Essay Contest, sponsored by Farm Bureau Insurance. The topic for this year was "My Michigan Hero". The winners were Hailey Tanis (1st place), Colleen Cesario (2nd place) and Sophie Waldvogel (3rd place). As our schools first place essay winner, Hailey Tanis advances to state level competition, from which the top ten essays in Michigan will be selected. Hailey's name will also be engraved on a plaque for permanent display in our school. Congratulations!

5TH GRADE USED BOOK SALE

Thank you to all of the families that supported the 5th grade used book sale. The profits will go to help send 5th grade students to Fort Michilimackinac for an overnight educational adventure. The 5th grade class raised \$353.50 towards their trip to the fort.

LOOKING AHEAD

4/1-4/11	No School-Spring Break
4/12	Return from Spring Break
4/14	Father/Daughter and Mother/Son Dance sponsored by PTO-6:00-7:30 at the Parish Hall
4/18	NWEA testing begins
4/21	4 th Grade Raffle- All school out of uniform day (80's day). All School Open House- Including Pre-K, DK and Kindergarten Round Up-6-7pm.
4/22	Earth Day (Wear your earth day t-shirt with uniform bottoms) 8 th to Diocese of Gaylord
4/23	Holy Childhood 1 st Communion and Confirmation
4/24	St. Francis 1 st Communion and Confirmation
4/27	4 th Grade trip to Lansing
5/3	Middle School Collage Band Concert- Petoskey High School-7:00pm
5/5-5/7	8 th Grade Class Trip to Chicago