

St. Francis School Newsletter

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Dear St. Francis School Families,

After a very busy first quarter of the school year, the season of Advent is especially joyful. This is a time for students, staff, and parents to reflect on our blessings and gifts of God. As a school family, we look for opportunities to share our time and talents to help others. Our Prayer Services on Mondays and Fridays and our weekly mass on Wednesdays are inspirational as the children participate, lead and pray for special intentions. These communal prayers are powerful and effective and instill God's love and presence into each and every child.

Yours in Christ,

James Kanine

KEEPING YOU INFORMED

In order to improve communication between parents and staff, you can find a complete list of **staff e-mails** on our school website at school.petoskeysfx.org under the staff tab at the top of the site.

With the weather getting colder, **students are now allowed to wait in the foyer of school until the first bell. School starts at 8:00am.** Students arriving after 8:05am must stop in the school office for a tardy slip. Parents of students with frequent tardies will be contacted by the Principal.

Did you notice the **artwork hanging in the lobby** of the school? New art teacher, Sara Tisdell, will be showcasing student's artwork in the main entrance so that everyone can see the amazing artistic talent at SFX.

Thanks to Diana Mailloux for volunteering to run the Nubs Nob School Ski Night. The ski nights start in January. Information and sign-up sheets will be in the school office before Christmas break.

Thanks to **Beckie Wimmer** and Scholastic for hosting a fabulous Book Fair this year for the children of St. Francis.

Julie Laur, our music teacher, is reminding all parents and students of the **Christmas music concert on Thursday, December 5th at 7:00pm.** Students are to report to church and be in their assigned area by **6:40pm** dressed in their Sunday best.

Brooke Carlson, athletic director, is looking for **parent volunteers to coach 3rd-5th intramural basketball** starting in January, after Christmas break. The commitment would include practice one night per week and a couple of evening games in January and February. If you are able to help, please contact Brooke Carlson at 347-3651.

We are in need of lunchtime monitors, and what a great way to connect with your kids to find out how their day is going. Please help us by choosing a day-the time is 11:15-12:15. Help us keep the students safe on these icy, snowy, colder days ahead! **WE NEED YOU!**

STUDENT OF THE QUARTER

Congratulations to our three student's of the quarter: Madylin Wieman (2nd), William Gagnon (5th) and Libby Waldvogel (6th). These students were nominated by SFX staff for displaying kindness, citizenship, respect, manners, and strength of character.



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ANNUAL TALENT SHOW

The 15th annual talent show will take place on Monday, November 25th in the assembly room at 6:30pm. Mrs. Meier and SFX students have put together some great performances, so don't miss the show.

HONOR ROLL

Congratulations to the following students for making honor roll for the 1st quarter: Gold: William Coveyou, Seth Izzard, Allison Hoffman and Aria Klooster (8th), Jacqueline Budnick, Kira Collins, Lauren Gietzen, Abigail Kendziorski, Megan Kolp, Genevieve Kromm, Nathan Spadafore, Brett Vandermus and Taylor Whitman (7th). Ashley Lamb, Mamie Scholl, Hailey Tanis, Libby Waldvogel and Sophie Waldvogel. (6th). Silver: Daniel Kolp (8th), Gillian Gagnon, Kaitlin Gunnell, Matthew Hoffman, Faith Kulbieda, Madeline Law and Madison O'Leary (7th), Jack Izzard and Seamus Nolan (6th). Bronze: Hunter Collins and Nick Spencer (8th), Emily Connaughton, Katherine Ledig, Peter Molosky and Ben Taylor (7th), Hailey Greimel (6th).

PERFECT ATTENDANCE

The following students earned perfect attendance for the first marking period. Kindergarten: William Cleary, Jerome Fate, Ethan Fettig, Meg Gietzen, Samaya Guthrie, Blair Kline, Simon Licata, John Rasmussen and Leah Sulitis. 1A- Bradley Flynn. 1B- Adam Nguyen, Korbin Sulitis and Breanna Wcisel. 2A- Shane Izzard, Victoria Kavanaugh, Lillian Schoenborn and Madylin Wieman. 2B- Payton Beckering, Aidan Cleary, Kristin Holzschu, Ariel Nguyen and Brian Pike. 3rd- Peter Connaughton, Zak Helton, Amelia Holzschu and Katelyn Winter. 4th- Marek Beckering, Caleb Gosiak, Christopher Kavanaugh, Lilian Tarachas and Aimee VanSlembrouck. 5A- Ashley Nguyen, Genovanni Oprisiu, Drew Smith and John Wieman. 5B- Meghan Brown, Patrick Coveyou, Garrett Flynn, Tanner Helton, Hammond Law and Jack Wieman. 6th- Jack Izzard and Madison Spencer. 7th- Emily Connaughton, Abigail Kendziorski and Megan Kolp. 8th- Seth Izzard.

Christmas is around the corner and scrip gift cards make great gifts! There will be no scrip order placed on Nov. 25th due to Thanksgiving Break. Scrip will be available at all weekend masses. The next order date will be Monday, Dec. 2nd.

COLD WEATHER IS HERE!!

Please send your children to school with appropriate clothing-- jackets, snow pants, boots, gloves and hats! Students will be outside during recess and lunch. The only exceptions to the "outdoor" rules are rain or very cold conditions (below 10 degrees wind chill). **Please note that parent supervision is required on the playground before and after school hours.**

MCLEAN AND EAKIN

Thank you for mentioning SFX school when you make purchases at McLean and Eakin. When you do, 10% of the sale returns to SFX School for purchasing books for our library. We just received a check for **\$100.93 for new books.**

LOOKING AHEAD

11/25	All School Talent Show Assembly Room-6:30pm
11/27-29	No School-Thanksgiving Break
12/4	7 th and 8 th Grade Winter Band Concert- 7:30pm-PHS Gym
12/5	SFX School Christmas concert- SFX Church at 7:00pm. Students are to be in their seats at 6:40pm.
12/8	Early Bird Raffle Drawing
12/12	Pre-K bake sale- Non-uniform day-crazy hat day
12/13	School Spelling Bee-12:15pm
12/17	5 th Grade-Ellis Island
12/18	SFX Church-1:00-2:00pm 3 rd -8 th Reconciliation
12/20	All School Non-Uniform Day-wear red and green
12/23	No School -Christmas vacation begins. Return to school on Monday, Jan. 6th.