

St. Francis School Newsletter

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Dear St. Francis School Families,

CONFERENCES

I can't believe that I am going to write this. We are very close to ending our first quarter in school, which is referred to as the first marking period. Camp Daggett, the Haunted House, Farm Raiser, Baby Bottle Fundraiser, sign up for Altar Serving, NWEA, and Volleyball have all come and gone! Whew! What a busy time the beginning of the year is for SFX students and parents. Thanks for a great beginning to the 2015-2016 school year!

Our first marking period officially ends on Friday, November 6th. Parent Teacher Conferences are scheduled for Wednesday, November 18th (3:30-5:30 p.m.) and Thursday, November 19th (5:00-8:00pm).

A couple of little reminders that you can help us with. Remember to follow our calendar. We have a few days that are different from the Public Schools of Petoskey calendar. One of those days occurs on Wednesday, November 4th, where Petoskey Public is not in session, but St. Francis Xavier will be in session and have classes. You probably are well aware of this already. The other small matter that we ask your cooperation with concerns our All-School mass on Wednesdays at 8:30a.m. More and more students are not sitting with their classmates because they sit with parents or grandparents. Father Denny has repeatedly said that parents are the first (and most important) teachers of their children. We get that! However, our All-School mass is an opportunity to go to mass as a school and a class. We are asking parents and grandparents to allow the children to remain as a class at this mass. There is a beautiful tradition where the children greet parents, grandparents and siblings right after the mass before returning to class. We're happy to keep that tradition for our children. Thanks for all you do and please continue to pray for our school.

Yours in Christ,

James Kanine

Parent teacher conferences are Wednesday, November 18th from 3:30pm-5:30pm and Thursday, November 19th from 5:00pm-8:00pm. If you have not signed up please contact your homeroom teacher to schedule your time. If you can't remember your conference time slot, a reminder note will go home a week before. Middle school teachers will meet with parents on a first come basis in their classroom. Enrichment teacher's schedules are as follows:

Sara Tisdell-Art-Nov. 18th from 3:30-5:30pm
Julie Laur-Music-Nov. 19th from 5-7pm
Michael Smith-PE-Nov. 19th from 5-7pm

SCHOOL WEBSITE

Just a reminder to use our school website to access the school calendar, news and events, RenWeb link, FACTS link, NWEA link and Diocese of Gaylord link. The website also has tabs for PTO, Auction and SCRIP. The web address is: school.petoskeyfx.org.

INCLEMENT WEATHER

As the rainy days of October head toward the icy days of November we remind parents to have your students dressed for the weather. We will be outside each day unless it is raining or the wind chill drops below 10 degrees.

SAFETY AWARENESS MEETING

Just a reminder that on Monday, November 2nd at 6:30pm in the Assembly Room, Jim Kanine will be hosting a Safety Awareness Meeting to inform parents of the many safety procedures we have in place to keep your children safe at St. Francis Xavier School. All are welcome to attend!

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FAMILY SCHOOL SERVICE

All school families are required to provide only 10 hours of service to the school. 4 hours are to be dedicated to the lunchroom/playground. The remaining 6 hours are to be to Auction/PTO events. Remember to log your time in the school office for family credit.

LOST AND FOUND

The lost and found bucket by the Kindergarten door is overflowing. Please check to see if your student is missing any items. Please label your students clothes, lunchboxes, etc so we are able to return them to your students before items land in the lost and found.

2015 HOME BASKETBALL GAMES

Show your support of SFX athletics by attending some of the upcoming girls and boys home basketball games at the NCMC gym.

Girls:	7th team	8th team	Opponent
Thurs. Nov. 5 th	4:30pm	5:30pm	Pellston
Mon. Nov. 16 th	4:30pm	5:30pm	Inland Lakes
Tues. Nov. 24 th	4:30pm	5:30pm	St. Mary
Mon. Nov. 30 th	4:30pm	5:30pm	Bellaire
Tues. Dec. 1 st	4:30pm	5:30pm	Onaway

Boys:	7th team	8th team	Opponent
Weds. Nov. 4 th	4:30pm	5:30pm	Pellston
Wed. Nov 11 th	4:30pm	5:30pm	Inland Lakes
Tues. Dec. 8 th	4:30pm	5:30pm	St. Ignatius
Fri. Dec. 11 th	4:30pm	5:30pm	Onaway
Mon. Dec. 14 th	4:30pm	5:30pm	St. Mary

MCLEAN AND EAKIN BOOK FAIR

Our McLean and Eakin Book Fair is coming soon. On Nov. 17th students will be able to preview the books and make purchases after school. Nov. 18th they can purchase at lunchtime till 5:30pm. Nov. 19th they can purchase after school until 8:30pm and Nov. 20th purchases can be made before and after school.

NUBS NOB SKI NIGHT ORGANIZER

St. Francis Xavier School is in need of a volunteer to run the Nubs Nob School Ski nights. If you are interested please contact the school office and we can assist you with getting information on running the program.

MCLEAN AND EAKIN

Please don't forget to mention SFX when making purchases at McLean and Eakin, as 10% of the sale goes back to SFX in a check which is used to purchase new books for our school library.

BABY BOTTLE FUNDRAISER

Thanks to all of the families that contributed to our baby bottle fundraiser and Michigan/Michigan State Non-Uniform Day to collect funds for the Pregnancy Care Center. With the added donation from the Knights of Columbus we raised \$1,280.00!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

11/2	PTO Meeting-8:15am Safety Awareness Meeting-6:30pm in the Assembly Room. National Vocations Week
11/4	Picture retake day No Band-No Petoskey Busing
11/6	1 st Marking Period Ends
11/13	Turkey Trot
11/17-20	McLean and Eakin Book Fair
11/18	Parent Teacher Conferences 3:30pm-5:30pm
11/19	Parent Teacher Conferences 5:00-8:00pm 7 th Grade Raffle/Non-Uniform Day (Occupation Day)
11/25	½ Day of School-Dismissal at 11:40am
12/26-27	No School-Thanksgiving Break
12/3	SFX Christmas Concert-6:30pm
12/4	8 th Grade Pop Can Drive