



Wednesday News

10.12.16

Dear Parents and Children-

Thank you to everyone who joined us Friday for our Annual Race for Education. We had beautiful weather and the students did an amazing job continuing to move for the entire hour. A HUGE thank you to our Race Coordinators Kara Flickinger and Donna Knox for all their time and preparations. See inside for more thank you's! This Saturday is our Annual Trunk or Treat event, there is still time to sign up and to volunteer to help.

Please mark your calendars to join our Parish in celebrating its 40 Hours. Father Sawicki will be preaching each night -

Sunday, October 23 (in English) at 7pm at Church on High Street. All 7th & 8th grade students who will be receiving Confirmation this year or next are asked to join us on Sunday.

Monday, October 24 (in Spanish) at 7pm at Church on High Street.

Closing of this year's 40 hours will be held on Tuesday, October 25th (English) at 7pm at Xavier Center.

We hope you will join us!

Very Truly Yours,
Mrs. Rebecca Sieg
Principal

A meeting will be held to present the results of the study on Catholic Education in the Adams Deanery. Bishop Ronald W. Gainer; Very Rev. Edward Quinlan, Secretary for Education; Livia Riley, Superintendent of Schools, along with local representatives of the Deanery Committee will announce the plan for the future of Catholic Education in the Deanery. We will meet at Delone Catholic High School in the Sheppard Gymnasium on Wednesday, **October 19, 2016** from 7-8pm. This is for all parents of students who attend Annunciation BVM, Immaculate Conception BVM, Sacred Heart, St. Francis Xavier, St. Joseph Schools and Delone Catholic High School. **This is an adult only meeting, please no children.**

Please let me know if you have any questions regarding the time and location of this meeting.

Mrs. Sieg



Adams County Bag the Bounty Food Drive

SFXCS is participating in the Adams County Bag the Bounty Food Drive. Each student who brings in 3 canned goods or non-perishable items will receive a free dress down day on a date to be announced. A flyer of suggested items was sent home with last weeks Wednesday Folders. You can also find a list of suggested items on the collection boxes in the lobby. Please make sure you turn your items into your homeroom teacher to be included in our dress down day list.

OPEN HOUSE

SHARE with friends, neighbors and family members!

St. Francis Xavier Catholic School
OPEN HOUSE

We invite you to join faculty, staff and students of St. Francis Xavier Catholic School for donuts and coffee, morning prayers and a school tour to learn about our academic programs!

WHEN: Monday, October 17, 2016 8:15am
WHO: All families of preschool - 8th grade students who are interested in enrolling their child for the 2016-2017 or 2017-2018 school year.

St. Francis Xavier Catholic School
465 Table Rock Road
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717-334-4221 to schedule a tour



Christmas Program audition results are posted on Ms. Silvestri's webpage www.sfxs.org/music.html - More information will be coming home soon!



Race for Education

We had a beautiful day for our Race for Education. We would like to congratulate all of the students, teachers and family members for walking or running around our quarter mile loop. We would also like to thank everyone who helped punch lap cards during the race. A special thank you to John Flickinger, LeeAnn Benamati, Pricilla Barahona and Annie Yeingst for helping behind the scenes. This year the students received a post-race snack bag. We would like to thank the following donors for making that possible: UTZ for the pretzels, McDannells for the apples, The Arnold Family for the apple juice and LeeAnn Benamati for stamping all of the bags. We would also like to thank Mr. John Zeigler for providing the music and The Ragged Edge for providing beverages.

~~Donna and Kara



OUR FALL FESTIVAL AND TRUNK OR TREAT IS THIS SATURDAY OCTOBER 15TH.

PLEASE BEING ENOUGH CANDY/TREATS FOR 100 STUDENTS.



Our schedule for the evening:

4:30-5:00 Xavier Center parking lot opens to cars. You must enter through the bus entrance. You will check-in and receive your car number. Families can decorate their cars and enjoy the food and music.

*If you registered for the pumpkin decorating contest please check your pumpkin in at the table in front of the school.

5:00-6:45 Families can continue to enjoy the food and the music. Also during this time all of the games and the hayride will be available. **Students must be with a parent at all times. Voting is also open for the best decorated car and the best pumpkin.**

6:45 All of the games and events will be closed. We will gather around the DJ to do the monster mash and for a few announcements.

7:00 Families Trunk or Treat. Please make sure you have candy/treats available at your car for the students. All cars must participate. Students will walk with a grown up from trunk to trunk. **Please have enough candy or treats for at least 80 students.**

The DJ will announce when the event is over so that parents can gather children and clean up your area. We want to make sure everyone is safe when cars begin to leave. **If you did not send it your registration, you can still register for \$15.**

We hope to see you there!

SAINT OF THE WEEK

"Good, better, best. Never let it rest. 'Til your good is better and your better is best."

~St Jerome



SFX DEVELOPMENT NEWS

Giant A+ School Rewards

Beginning October 7, St. Francis Xavier Catholic School - (ID#: 21182) has the opportunity to participate in and earn CASH from A+ School Rewards, a great fundraising program run through your local GIANT!

PLEASE NOTE:

*You **DO NOT** need to re-register your card if your school selection(s) remains the same as last year.*

To participate:

- Visit www.giantfoodstores.com/aplus and scroll down to the center of the page to select **REGISTER YOUR CARD** from the red box on the right marked **FOR CUSTOMERS**;
- or,
- Call the A+ School Rewards Hotline at [1-877-275-2758](tel:1-877-275-2758) for assistance; or,
- [Email the A+ Hotline](mailto:askaplus@cranecommunications.com). Please include the last name associated with your BONUSCARD®, your 11-digit BONUSCARD® number and our school name and school ID number* of our school (or the name, city and state in which the school is located)) to askaplus@cranecommunications.com.

** If you are supporting more than one (1) school, please include the ID numbers for both schools, or the names, cities and states of your schools.*

To earn points:

- Use your registered BONUSCARD® each time you shop at GIANT, and you will earn CASH for our school. You can track the number of points you are earning for our school by checking your grocery receipt.
- At the end of each month, your points are calculated and converted to CASH rewards for our school. These CASH rewards are updated monthly on the GIANT A+ website beginning in November.
- After the last day of the 2017 program, which is March 17, these same conversions are performed and the final school account total is posted.
- Our school will receive one CASH awards check at the end of the program and can use this cash for any of our educational needs.

Also, please encourage your family members and friends to support our school. This could result in more CASH REWARDS! Thank you for supporting our school!

ATP

The first ATP Progress Reports will go home to families around Thanksgiving.

If you have any questions regarding your ATP options, please contact Kelly at kbrainard@sfxcs-pa.org.

Just a reminder you can **Log your Volunteer Hours Online** this year! Go to www.sfxs.org selected Resources then ATP and click on button **Record your Hours Here**

Report Your
Hours Here



Noreen Neitz 5K, 10K and 1 Mile Walk

Don't forget to register for the Noreen Neitz Run at the Rock and Sufficiently Radical Walk on Dec. 17, 2016. (registration attached)
This is one of our biggest fundraisers for our school and our students.

St. Francis Xavier Catholic School students in grades K-8 who register for either the 5K, the 10K or the 1 Mile Walk will receive a Noreen Neitz t-shirt dress down day. To receive the dress down day students must register by December 2nd, only this year's race shirt may be worn for the dress down day. The Noreen Neitz Race shirt dress down will be Monday, January 23, 2017, when we return from Christmas Break.

*Check out our race website at [Noreen Neitz Run at the Rock](#)
You can also register online through [PA Runners](#).
Who knows, you may win a delicious pie!*

HALLOWEEN PARADE

St. Francis Xavier Catholic School will once again participate in the Gettysburg Halloween Parade on Tuesday October 25, 2016. The parade begins at 7:30. If you are interested in participating in the Halloween Parade with St. Francis Xavier Catholic School float please complete the attached form and return to the school office. The deadline to sign up to walk in the parade will be Monday, October 17.

Catholic Run Series

There will be a series of 4 Races throughout the year: Immaculate Conception, St. Francis Xavier, Sacred Heart, and St. Joseph Catholic Schools.

Must sign up as a Race Series Participant at the Immaculate Conception race on or before Saturday **October 15, 2016** to receive the series discount and run in all 4 races.

Please see attached Flyer for more information.

VOLUNTEERS

Fall Festival and Trunk or Treat – volunteers are needed for Saturday October 15th, please contact Donna bozknox@comcast.net

Raider Rewards Program: Our Raider Rewards program is looking for a couple of volunteers to help with the processing of the gift card orders. Please contact Jim Biesecker at development@sfxs.org for more information.

Xavier Center Grounds Assistance Needed assisting with outside grounds - maintaining the weeds, etc.! The contact for that would be our parish coordinator of the gardening ministry Dorothy (dorothyskalicky@comcast.net)



Life Quote

"Start where you are. Use what you have. Do what you can."

~Arthur Ashe

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IMPORTANT DATES FOR 2016-2017

October 13	Parent Teacher Conferences 7am-7pm for K-Gr3 - No School for these students	Feb 17&20	NO SCHOOL - Presidents Day Holiday
October 15	Trunk or Treat 5pm (New)	February 21	SAB Finance meeting 6pm
October 18	SAB Finance meeting 6pm	February 25	PTO Purse BINGO
Oct 23-25	SFX Parish 40 Hours	March 4	Night at the Races
October 27	Health Fair	March 12 nd	Grade Parent & Child Class 9:30- 10:45am
November 3	Science & Engineering Fair	March 14-17	Middle States Visiting Team at SFXCS
November 8	PTO meeting 6:30	March 17	Noon Early Dismissal (faculty meeting with Middle States Team)
November 11	Veteran's Day Assembly	March 19	4 th Grade Parent & Child Class 9:30- 10:45am
November 12	Trivia Night	March 20-22	CoGAT Testing
November 20	8 th Grade Parent & Child Class 6-7:30pm	March 26	6 th Grade Parent & Child Class 9:30- 10:45am
November 22	SAB meeting 6:30pm	March 28	SAB meeting 6:30pm
Nov 23-28	NO SCHOOL - Thanksgiving Break	April 3- 7	ITBS Testing Grades 3-8
December 3	Confirmation Retreat	April 11	PTO meeting 6:30pm
December 6	Christmas Program 7pm (snow date 12/15)	April 12-17	NO SCHOOL - Easter Break
December 13	PTO meeting 6:30pm	April 18	SAB Finance meeting 6pm
December 14	Santa's Workshop (New)	April 28	Confirmation 7pm
December 17	Noreen Neitz Memorial 5K	May 6	1 st Holy Communion 10am
Run at the Rock		May 9	PTO meeting 6:30pm
December 20	SAB Finance meeting 6pm	May 13	PTO Paint Event
Dec 23- Jan 2	NO SCHOOL - Christmas Break	May 16	SAB meeting 6:30pm
January 10	PTO meeting 6:30pm	May 23	8 th Grade Graduation (tentative)
January 16	NO SCHOOL - Martin Luther King, Jr Day	TBA	Pre-K Graduation
January 23	Joint Parish & SAB Finance meeting 6:30pm	TBA	Kindergarten Graduation
January 24	SAB meeting 6:30pm	May 26	Noon Early Dismissal for Memorial Day Weekend
January 28	PTO Paint Event	May 29	NO SCHOOL - Memorial Day
Jan 29 - Feb 4	Catholic Schools Week	May 31	Last Day of School Closing Mass (tentative)
February 7	PTO meeting 6:30pm		