



Wednesday News

12.21.16

Dear Parents and Children -

As we complete our Advent collections of clothing for children staying in our local shelters, we are reminded of the Holy Family, away from hearth and home and welcoming the Savior of the world in mean circumstances. This Christmas, let us pray for all those for whom there is no room at the inn: those who have lost homes, livelihoods, dreams, parents, children, those who will spend this season away from those they love and for those who have no one with whom to share their love. Let us make room for them in our hearts and our lives.

I wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Holy New Year. Enjoy a well-deserved break from your everyday activities to celebrate the Love that was born into our world on that first Christmas morning.

Merry Christmas!

Mrs. Rebecca Sieg

CYO CORNER

There will be no CYO games over the holiday break. Games will resume the weekend of January 7th!

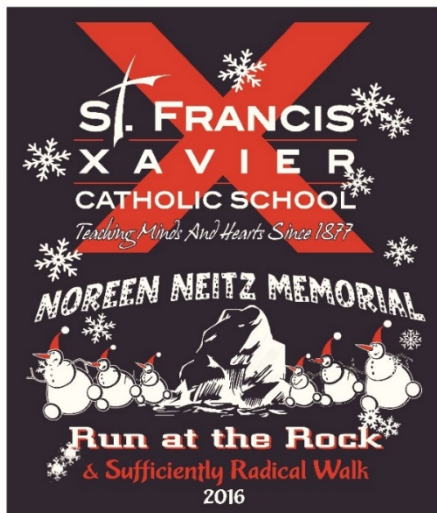
BIDDY BASKETBALL

will begin on Saturday, January 7 at Xavier Center. This program works to develop your child's basketball skills through fun games and drills and is open to any child in Pre-K, Kindergarten, and Grades 1-2. We meet from 8-9 AM each Saturday from early January through mid-March (depending upon gym availability). *If you would still like to sign up for our Biddy Basketball program or would like more information, please contact Tim Staub at tjstaub@hotmail.com.*



ATTENTION PLEASE!

After consultation with one of our bus companies and documented footage from their video surveillance cameras, it has been brought to my attention that some of our children and families are not paying attention to the buses when dismissing in the afternoon. On several instances children or entire families are walking in front of moving buses as they attempt to leave Xavier Center in the afternoon. Due to this, we will not be calling our car riders until those buses have left, in an attempt to keep all families, children and bus riders safe. I please ask that for the safety of everyone that parents be cautious when crossing from Xavier Center.



SFX DEVELOPMENT NEWS

Dear Noreen Neitz Run at the Rock supporters,

We would like to take a moment to thank everyone that signed up to participate in the Noreen Neitz Run at the Rock and Sufficiently Radical Walk. We are saddened and disappointed that we had to cancel the event on Saturday due to the icy road conditions. But at the same time very grateful that we made the right decision and our participants were not out on the icy roads driving.

By now you may have seen the note posted on our school Face Book page or our school website that the race was cancelled and that you may pick up your race packets Tuesday - Thursday this week from 8am-3pm. If you are unable to pick up your packet/shirt during those hours please contact me and we can make other arrangements.

St. Francis Xavier Catholic School would like to thank you for your support this year and for the support you have shown all our school events, our students, our faculty and our staff. We are looking forward to next years event and beautiful weather!

Merry Christmas and a Very Happy New Year!

-the Noreen Neitz Race Committee

Santa's Workshop Raffle Prize Winners:

- Lunch Lady Crafts #1:** Anna Strauss – Grade 2
- Lunch Lady Crafts #2:** Lia Fleming – Grade 2
- Dog Head Pillow:** Maia Niedererr – Grade 4
- Cat Head Pillow:** Mark Grenchik – Grade 8
- Traveling Desk (Superman):** Alex Staub – Kindergarten
- Traveling Desk (Trolls):** Sophie Biggins – PreK 4's
- Disney Princess Cinderella Carriage:** Aubree Balderson – Kindergarten
- Barbie Holiday Collection:** Addison Herr - Kindergarten
- Plush Mickey and Minnie Mouse:** Makenzie Flickinger – Grade 4
- Catch the Thief Crime Solving Kit & Johnny's Bone Yard Game:** Gabriel Fleck – Kindergarten
- Family Game Night Basket:** Hailey Stone – Grade 4
- Super Hero Dinner and a Movie:** Shayla Russo – Grade 6
- Harry Potter Dinner and a Movie:** Grace Willard – Grade 1
- Huffy Scooter (Frozen):** Arlene Sandoval – Grade 6
- Huffy Scooter (Spiderman):** Luca Hernandez – PreK 4's
- 8" Nextbook Ares 8 Android Tablet (blue):** Evan Glass – Grade 5
- 8" Nextbook Ares 8 Android Tablet (red):** Jordan Clyburn – Grade 2
- Table Top Foosball:** Anna Perry – Grade 1
- 32" Darth Vader Figure:** Travis Eichelberger – Grade 4
- 32" TCL Roku Smart TV:** JD Sieg – Grade 4
- Huge Plush Dinosaur:** Cody Eichelberger – Grade 3
- Air Powered Hockey Table:** William Smith – Grade 1



Santa's Workshop was a great success! Thanks to all of Santa's Elves! We had a record amount of volunteers this year which made set up, break down and sales go very smoothly. The kids all seemed to really enjoy it and buy more than ever. Everyone showed such holiday spirit and a fun time was had by all!

Our first thank you goes out to all the wonderful volunteers that showed up for set up, we know this is an especially hard time to donate because it means you are taking time away from your family.

Thank you Richard Wajda, Trinity Wajda, Regina Kosh, Julie Stanley, Ashley Stanley, Juan Lopiz, Patricia Cardenas, Veronica Sandoval, Kristin Miller, Carol Stiles, Austin Stiles, Deborah Flak, Denice Staub, Marcy Marquez, L. Salazar, Ana Norris, Rebecca Norris and Katie Norris. Without you all set up would have been impossible.

Thank you to all those volunteers who showed up with their Christmas Spirit and were very hard working elves: Carol Stiles, Kara Flickinger, Kylee Myers, Ellen Sites, Dawn Mackle, Dawn Glass, Jennie Knox, Ann Beard, Nadia Marchak, Katherine Rarrick, Tara Assi, LeaAnn Benamate, Sandy Snyder, Marcy Marquez, Stacey Sheads, Laticia Hernandez, Denice Staub, Ceceli J. Miller, Amanda Kershaw, Nicole Wilson, Kelly Rill, Katie Langville, Regina Kosh, Ashley Cordero, Nicole Herr, Stephanie Repp, Nathaly Vergil, Sarah Kotlinski, Veronica Sandoval, Mayra Hernandez, Andrea Switzer, Deborah Flake and Becky Sieg. Thank you all for Wrapping, Helping Children Shop and Running the Raffle, all these, when done well make a wonderful Santa's Workshop just like we had. A special thank you to Priscilla Barahona and Julie Stanley for providing all the volunteers with lunch. And to Mr. Todd and the students for all the tote juggling and to Kara Flickinger for providing the Hopping Holiday Tunes.

A special Thank You to **Paulette Otto** for stepping in last minute as the Santa's Workshop Co-Chair and working as if she had been doing it for years. We hope you all had as much fun as we did and that the children enjoyed themselves. Have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

See you next year at Santa's Workshop!

Karin Palmer

The next Wednesday News will be January 4th

**Merry
Christmas**

Life Quote

"God never gives someone a gift they are not capable of receiving. If he gives us the gift of Christmas, it is because we all have the ability to understand and receive it."

~ Pope Francis

IMPORTANT DATES FOR 2016-2017



Dec 23- Jan 2 NO SCHOOL - Christmas Break
 January 10 PTO meeting 6:30pm
 January 16 NO SCHOOL - Martin Luther King, Jr Day
 January 23 Joint Parish & SAB Finance meeting 6:30pm
 January 23 Race Dress Down Day
 January 24 SAB meeting 6:30pm
 January 28 PTO Paint Event
 Jan 29 - Feb 4 Catholic Schools Week
 February 7 PTO meeting 6:30pm
 Feb 17&20 NO SCHOOL - Presidents Day Holiday
 February 21 SAB Finance meeting 6pm
 February 25 PTO Purse BINGO
 March 4 Night at the Races
 March 12 2nd Grade Parent & Child Class 9:30-10:45am
 March 14-17 Middle States Visiting Team at SFXCS
 March 17 Noon Early Dismissal (faculty meeting with Middle States Team)
 March 19 4th Grade Parent & Child Class 9:30-10:45am

March 20-22 CoGAT Testing
 March 26 6th Grade Parent & Child Class 9:30-10:45am
 March 28 SAB meeting 6:30pm
 April 3- 7 ITBS Testing Grades 3-8
 April 11 PTO meeting 6:30pm
 April 12-17 NO SCHOOL - Easter Break
 April 18 SAB Finance meeting 6pm
 April 28 Confirmation 7pm
 May 6 1st Holy Communion 10am
 May 9 PTO meeting 6:30pm
 May 13 PTO Paint Event
 May 16 SAB meeting 6:30pm
 May 23 8th Grade Graduation
 (tentative)
 TBA Pre-K Graduation
 TBA Kindergarten Graduation
 May 26 Noon Early Dismissal for Memorial Day Weekend
 May 29 NO SCHOOL - Memorial Day
 May 31 Last Day of School Closing
 Mass (tentative)

SAINT OF THE WEEK

“Be who God meant for you to be
 and you will set the world on fire”
 ~St. Catherine of Siena

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~ Sacrament of Confession ~

Sunday, December 18

at Historic Church 6:00pm (English & Spanish) ~ With many Priests Available

~ Christmas Schedule ~

Saturday, December 24

Mass (Children's Mass) at Xavier Center 5:00pm (English)

Mass (Music @ 6:30pm) at Historic Church 7:00pm (English)

Mass (Vigilia de Navidad) at Xavier Center 9:00pm (Spanish)

Mass (Music & Lessons @ 11:15pm) at Historic Church 12:00 Midnight (English)

Sunday, December 25

Mass at Historic Church 7:00am (English)

Mass at Historic Church 10:00am (English)

Mass at Historic Church 12:30pm (Spanish)

~ New Year's Schedule ~

Saturday, December 31

Mass at Historic Church 5:30pm (English)

Sunday, January 1

Mass at Historic Church 7:00am (English)

Mass at Xavier Center 8:30am (Bilingual)

Mass at Historic Church 10:00am (English)

Mass at Historic Church 12:30pm (Spanish)



Xavier Center

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