



Wednesday News

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ANOTHER YEAR OFF TO A GREAT START!

Dear Parents and Children,

The school year is off to a great start! I am looking forward to a year of learning and praying and playing together!

I would like to call your Attention to some important information and upcoming events:

- A reminder to our parents, that we will begin prayers each morning around 8:16am in the Multipurpose Room. I know this is an opportunity to talk to other parents and to teachers, but I kindly ask you to refrain from talking once prayers have begun. We need our children to know that prayer time is to be respected and reverent. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding of this important time of day for the faculty, students and families.
- If your child arrives between 7:45am and 8:10am each morning, I wanted to remind you of our process when the teachers take the students outside. If the teachers on morning duty take the children out to the playground area there will be a **RED** sign on the doors stating that they are to go directly to the playground. There will be a designated area for them to place their belongings, but they should not enter the school building because they will be unattended in the Multipurpose Room. If parents are staying with their child to pray with us, we ask that you still take your children to the playground and not to the Multipurpose Room. I thank you for your cooperation!
- **8th grade graduation parent meeting** will be held Thursday, September 1st at 6:30pm in the 8th grade classroom. We ask that every 8th grader be represented by a parent/adult.
- Our first, **First Friday Mass** will be held on Friday, September 2nd at 8:45am. Mass will be prepared and led by our 8th grade class. All are welcome to join us.
- We will also have an **Early Dismissal** Friday, September 2nd as we prepare for Labor Day Weekend. There will be **NO LUNCH, NO AFTERNOON BUSES AND NO AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAM!**
- **Back to School Night** will be held on Thursday, September 8th. Our Volunteer Fair will be held from 6:00-6:30pm, our General Meeting will promptly begin at 6:30pm, followed by an opportunity to visit your child's classroom and meet with their teachers. Please plan to join us. No babysitting will be available.
- **Grandparents Day** will be held on Monday, September 12th. All students are encouraged to invite a grandparent or other special adult (grand person) to visit our school for this day. Information regarding Grandparent/Grand-Person Day was sent home with each family today. We ask that you kindly complete the RSVP, and return to your child's teacher so we can plan accordingly for the day. We will have an early dismissal at 1pm on Grandparents Day. If your child is to go home with his/her guest, please send a note into their teacher giving them permission. All other students, not leaving with their grandparent/grand person, must be picked up by a parent/guardian no later than 1pm.

As always, my door is always open if you ever have any questions or concerns!

Very Truly Yours,
Mrs. Rebecca Sieg

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

Your Back to School Picnic packets included information regarding our new free After School Program, thanks to a grant held by Respective Solutions. I want to assure you that this new program was modeled around the SFXCS After School Program, the difference is that we will now be able to add academic assistance to the students in attendance and academic games and resources will be provided through the grant that will focus on STEAM (Science Technology, Engineering, Art and Math) and Reading and will be used by all students. Respective Solutions will provide an After School Program Coordinator so someone consistent will be present every day, but there will also always be 2 faculty or staff members from SFXCS each day. Every student who uses our After School Program must have completed registration packet (was included in your Back to School Picnic packets). If you have any questions, please do hesitate to ask.

PTO Information

The Saint Francis Xavier Catholic School Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) would like to welcome you to the 2016-17 school year. We hope you have enjoyed your summer and are excited about this school year. We have continued to plan a calendar full of great school activities/events and fundraisers.



Every school year, we need volunteers to assist us with any of our activities/events and fundraisers. Everything we do is based on volunteers and because of this we are always looking for help from our school families to make a difference in the lives of the students and to help improve our school. Volunteer hours also count toward fulfilling the ATP volunteer hours if you selected that as a choice for ATP.

Below is a list of some of our activities/events and fundraisers. If you are interested in helping with any of our events, please check the Wednesday News each week for information on the event and volunteers that are needed.

Box Tops for Education
Gertrude Hawk
Santa's Workshop
Field Day
Room Parent
Paint Event

Campbell Soup Labels
Race for Education
Health Fair
Bingo
Trunk or Treat

The PTO meets once a month to discuss events, plan fundraisers and share ideas. PTO meeting dates are listed on the school calendar. Please join us. We look forward to getting to know you.

Upcoming PTO events and volunteer opportunities available

Room parent are still need for the 2016-2017 school year

The room parents help to co-coordinate class parties, assist when needed with school events and communicates with parents. Each year we ask for at least 2 room parents for each grade level. If you are interested in helping with Pre-K, 2nd, 3rd, 5th or 8th grade please email Donna at bozknox@comcast.net. Room parent hours count toward the ATP requirement also.

Below is the list of the room parents for the school year.

Thank you for volunteering! I will be contacting everyone soon.

Pre-K	Katie Langville	
1 st	Andrea Switzer	Jen Myers
2 nd	Ellen Sites	
3 rd		
4 th	Karin Palmer	Sheila Eichelberger
5 th	Amy Sefcheck	
6 th	Priscilla Barahona	Tracy Biesecker
7 th	Heather Hillson	Sara Kotlinski
8 th		



Coach and Vera Bradley Purse Bingo

On Saturday, September 10 we will have our second purse bingo event. We will need a few volunteers that day to help set up tables and chairs and tear them down after the event. We will also need a few volunteer during the event to check guest in, sell extra bingo items, to record numbers called and anything else that we may need assistance with. If you cannot attend the event, we will be selling baked cookies at the concessions area. If you would like to donate baked cookies for us to sell please let us know. To volunteer for this event please email Donna at Bozknox@comcast.net.

Fall Yard Sale

On Saturday, September 17th from 7am-12 we will have our first school family yard sale. The yard sale information and the registration form was placed in your back to school packets. We are looking for a few volunteers that morning to help check-in families that registered and help guide them to their spaces. Set up will begin at 6am. Please contact Donna at Bozknox@comcast.net if you are able to help with this new fundraiser.



Information for our annual race for education is coming home this week. Please mark the important dates on your calendars. As the event approaches we will need volunteers. Keep an eye on the Wednesday News for volunteer opportunities. We hope to see you there!

DEVELOPMENT

Welcome Back! We have a great year of fundraising events ahead this year. Please see [attached flyer](#) for a complete list and description of each event.

Volunteer Opportunities

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)

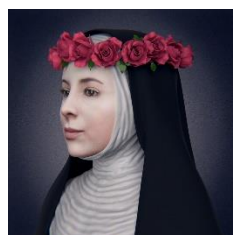


Volunteers will be need for all school fundraising events. The Volunteer Corner is a great way to find various opportunities to volunteer at the school. If you are looking for other opportunities please contact Kelly Brainard 334-4221 or email me at kbrainard@sfxcs-pa.org.

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.

SAINT OF THE WEEK

"Apart from the cross, there is no other ladder by which we may get to heaven."
~ St. Rose of Lima



Active Tuition Plan (ATP)

Most families by now have chosen whether or not to participate in our school Active Tuition Plan. If you have not, forms were sent home on Tuesday with your Child and must be returned by this Friday, August 26, 2016.

Families who chose PEDS: When you provide, donate or supply an item to the school please make sure to turn in a copy of your receipt to the school office for our records.

Families who chose Scrip: When you fill out an order form for your gift cards make sure that you, friends, relatives etc. put your family name on the order form so that you get credit for the scrip card purchase.

Families who chose Volunteer Hours: When you volunteer either in the classroom, lunchroom, office or at a school event please make sure to log your volunteer hours for our records.

This year you can log your hours in the yellow binder in the Development Office (next to Mrs. Sieg) Find your family name and log your hours on the sheet provided

OR

Go online and complete the Volunteer form which can be found on the school website www.sfxs.org, click on resources and select Active Tuition Plan (ATP). Each time you volunteer you must log your hours.

Families who chose to provide Race for Education names/ sell Drop at the Rock

Tickets: We will keep a record of the number of names you turn into the PTO event coordinators. When you receive your Race for Education Labels just return them to school with your 15 or more names/addresses.

Each trimester when the students receive their progress reports we will also send home an ATP Progress Report informing each family where they are in completing their requirements.

If you have a question on ATP please contact Development Director Kelly Brainard at 334-4221 or email kbrainard@sfxcs-pa.org

IMPORTANT DATES FOR 2016-2017

- August 25 Kindergarten Gentle Start for Group 2
Pre-Kindergarten 4's Easy Start Group 1
- August 26 All Kindergarten
Pre-Kindergarten 4's Easy Start Group 2
- August 29 All Pre-K
- August 30 Orientation for new School Advisory Board Members 6:30pm
- September 1 8th Grade Parent Graduation meeting 6:30pm
- September 2 First Friday Mass 8:45am
Noon Early Dismissal for Labor Day Weekend (make-up day for 9/21
Diocesan Education Conference)
- September 5 No School - Labor Day
- September 8 Back to School Night 6:30pm
- September 10 PTO Purse BINGO
- Sept 6-12 Scholastic Book Fair
- September 12 Grandparent's Day 10am (all students will be dismissed with
Grandparents by 1pm)
- September 13 PTO meeting 6:30pm
- September 21 Diocesan Education Conference - NO SCHOOL
- September 27 SAB meeting 6:30pm
- October 6 School Picture Day - Uniforms Required
- October 7 Family Race for Education
Noon Early Dismissal for Columbus Day weekend
- October 10 No School - Columbus Day
- October 11 PTO meeting 6:30pm
- October 12 Parent Teacher Conferences 7am-7pm for Grades 4-8 - No School
for these students
- October 13 Parent Teacher Conferences 7am-7pm for K-Gr3 - No School for
these students
- October 18 SAB Finance meeting 6pm
- Oct 23-25 SFX Parish 40 Hours
- October 27 Health Fair
- November 3 Science & Engineering Fair
- November 8 PTO meeting 6:30
- November 11 Veteran's Day Assembly
- November 12 Trivia Night
- November 20 8th Grade Parent & Child Class 6-7:30pm
- November 22 SAB meeting 6:30pm
- Nov 23-28 NO SCHOOL - Thanksgiving Break
- December 3 Confirmation Retreat
- December 6 Christmas Program 7pm (snow date 12/15)
- December 13 PTO meeting 6:30pm
- December 17 Noreen Neitz Memorial 5K Run at the Rock
- December 20 SAB Finance meeting 6pm

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 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)



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St. Francis Xavier Catholic School

Development Fundraising Events:

Annual Appeal mailed to school families in September, mailed to parish families in November and then mailed to alumni families during February during catholic school's week. Usually a letter mailed to families.

Scrip Gift Cards

Sold during school hours, as well as the first weekend of each month after masses. Part of ATP.

We offer gift cards to over 100 businesses. We always have Giant, Weis, Kennies, Kohls and Sheetz available at the school office. If you would like a gift card to any other business, please see the school office as we order additional gift cards every Tuesday for Thursday delivery.

Halloween Parade

Tuesday October 25, 2016 7:30pm we hope to have a float in the parade this year!

Trivia Night

Saturday, November 12, 2016

friends and family gather a team of 6-10 people and come to Xavier Center ready to compete against other teams in several rounds of trivia. Some teams go all out and dress up and pick a theme for their team. Snacks and soda provided, teams are welcome to bring their own food and beverages.

Noreen Neitz Run at the Rock and sufficiently Radical Walk

Saturday, December 17, 2016

Proceeds benefit St. Francis Xavier Catholic School and the Noreen Neitz Scholarship Fund. This is an event for the whole family. Table Rock Rd is closed to all traffic for the 5K and 1 Mile Walk. Holiday pies are awarded to the top runners in each age category.

Christmas Wreaths and Tree Sales 2 weekends following Thanksgiving

Locally grown beautiful Christmas Trees, wreaths and garland.

Night at the Races **Saturday, March 4, 2016**

Night at the Races is an event where the fun and excitement of thoroughbred horse racing is delivered to you in the form of high quality, professional video and emceed live at the event. Join the excitement of cheering your favorites on to the finish line! Attendees bet on their favorites of each race to win the payoffs.

Drop at the Rock

DATE TBD

Up to a maximum of 1000 sequentially numbered golf balls will be dropped by helicopter onto the Drop Zone, held outside Xavier Center on the SFXCS field beside the school. The golf ball closest to the prize flag wins!

Golf Tournament

Thursday, May 4 2017

Our annual golf tournament. Spend a day with friends and family playing golf, enjoying great weather and competing for prizes while supporting our school. This year's tournament will be held at Carroll Valley Golf at Liberty Mountain Resort

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Development activities we site www.sfxs.org/development.html