



Wednesday News

2.8.17

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK A SUCCESS!

Dear Parents and Children,

Thank you to everyone who helped to make our celebration of Catholic Schools Week 2017 a success! Special thanks to our Student Council, our faculty and staff, Father Mitzel, Father Kuchinski, all our students, and everyone who participated in our celebration. Thank you to our PTO for providing the faculty with a wonderful and delicious lunch last week and to both our PTO and School Advisory Board for the Teacher Appreciation event.

Thank you to those who donated at least 8 inches of hair for our Pantene Hair collection this year: Haley Blust (K), Bryanne Keller (Gr2), Valeria Lepiz-Cardenas (Gr2), Esme SanJuan-Miranda (Gr5), Marcy Marquez (mother of Rafa-Gr2 & Sofi-Gr4), Mayra Hernandez (mother of Xiomar-K), Deb Williams (mother of Rebecca-Gr3), Deborah Flake (mother of Evelyn-Gr8), Katrina Hochard (mother of Kai-Gr2, Ava-Gr6 and Harley-Gr8), and Laticia Hernandez (mother of Armando-PK, Hali-K, Joshua-Gr5, Jeremiah-Gr6). Also, thank you to this year's hair stylists who gave our hair donors a brand new look, Miss Tammy, Miss Sherry, Miss Mellie and Miss Crystal .

Thank you to everyone who brought in Slippers for Slippers, supported our penny wars (results are on page), who attended Donuts with Mom & Dad and Family Bingo Night, those who celebrated Holy Mass with us on Sunday and Friday, all those who braved the noise to join us for our special gym games and Pep Rally and those who joined us for our Spaghetti Dinner. It was truly a St. Francis Xavier Catholic School Family-centered week. God bless you for your support of our school.

A very special thank you to Priscilla Barahona for all of her behind the scene prep work for many of our events and activities last week.

Please see inside for information on our upcoming Information & Registration Night, encourage your friends who are considering SFXCS to attend!

Mrs. Rebecca Sieg

2017 SFXCS Spirit Stick Winners Are:

After a three-way tie between 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade following our whole school Spirit Stick cheer-off, the judges still were not convinced of the winning class and asked to hear (for a third time) 4th and 5th grade. After the final deliberation, they declared 5th grade the 2017 SFXCS Spirit Stick Winners. Congratulations 5th Grade!

10th Place: Grade 1 with -89,775

9th Place: Grade 4 with -34,078

8th Place: Grade 8 with -28,343

7th Place: Grade 7 with -25,051

6th Place: Kindergarten with -25,049

5th Place: Grade 6 with -24,670

4th Place: Grade 5 with -24,656

3rd Place: Grade 3 with -4,794

2nd Place: Pre-Kindergarten with +901



And the WINNERS of this year's Penny Wars is....[GRADE 2 with +3,098](#)

Thank you to all of our students and families who donated pennies, coins and bills to support this year's Penny Wars! Thank you to our 8th grade counters and Mrs. Hughes for keeping our classes up to date with penny war results each day.

Congratulations to our individual class Musical Chairs Winners!

PK - Isaiah Ambris

K - Jonah Barajas

Grade 1 - Luke Myers

Grade 2 - Kai Hochard

Grade 3 - Katherine Kelly



With Isaiah winning w\Yb the 5 faced off to determine the overall individual class winner!

Congratulations also to the Winner of the BIG PK - Grade 3 round - Jack Biggins (Gr2)!



A HUGE Thanks to Priscilla Barahona and Julie Stanley for preparing the fantastic Spaghetti Dinner last Wednesday evening. Thanks also go out to the following for generously donating their time to assist in making our Family Dinner run smoothly:

Griffith Kotlinski (Gr7), Tessa Rill (Gr7), Hannah Brainard (Gr7), Ben Martin (Gr8), Cole Biesecker (Gr8), Kelly Brainard, Andrea Switzer, Kaitlin Repp (DCHS), Heller (DCHS), Laticia Hernandez, Mark Grenchik (Gr8), Ana Norris, Rebecca Norris (Gr7), Katie Norris (Gr6), Debbie Williams, Kathryn Adams, Maddie Siegler (Gr6), Kyle Repp (Gr6), Kaleb Repp (Gr6), Keefer Stiles (Gr6), Allison Baldwin (Gr4), Makenna Brainard (Gr2) and Dakoda Brainard (K).

Thanks again to everyone who joined us for dinner, we will be donating \$900 to the Gettysburg Soup Kitchen.

CYO CORNER

Saturday, February 11

BIDDY BALL 8-9am

3rd & 4th Grade Girls: at Sacred Heart @ 11am

3rd & 4th Grade Boys: at Annunciation @ 12pm

5th & 6th Grade Boys: at Lebanon Catholic @ 1pm

7th & 8th Grade Boys: HOME vs Corpus Christi @ 10am

Sunday, February 12

7th & 8th Grade Boys: HOME vs ' ' @ 2pm



SFXCS TO HOLD INFORMATION & REGISTRATION NIGHT

St. Francis Xavier Catholic School will sponsor Pre-Kindergarten 4's & Kindergarten Parent Information and New Student Registration Night on Thursday, February 16, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. at Xavier Center. Parents interested in the full-day PreKindergarten 4's and Kindergarten programs for Fall 2017 are invited to attend. Registration materials for Pre-Kindergarten through Eighth Grade will be available that evening.

St. Francis Xavier Catholic School offers a full-day Pre-Kindergarten program for children ages four and five is offered five days a week during regular school hours. To qualify for this program children must be 4 by October 1, 2017. SFXCS also offers a full-day Kindergarten program for children who will be age 5 years by October 1, 2017 and who are prepared for an academic Kindergarten experience. Enrollment in the academic program for students in grades 1 – 8 is offered on a space available basis.

All programs are offered in a safe and caring, child-centered, family-oriented Catholic environment. Before and after school care is available for children in Pre-Kindergarten through 8th grade.

Parents must bring copies of birth and baptismal certificates, immunization records, and the required \$100 registration fee.

St. Francis Xavier Catholic School, an elementary school fully accredited by the Middle States Association of Schools and Colleges and the State of Pennsylvania and operating under the direct auspice of the Catholic Diocese of Harrisburg, is part of the educational mission of St. Francis Xavier Parish. Families from other faith communities are welcomed and valued members of the St. Francis Xavier Catholic School community.

For more information, please contact our principal, Mrs. Becky Sieg, at 334-4221 or bsieg@sfxs.org.

Life Quote

"You have not lived today until you have done something for someone who can never repay you."

~ John Bunyan

SFX PTO NEWS

Purse Bingo

Tickets are now available for our SFXCS PTO Bingo event featuring Coach and Vera Bradley bags. To purchase tickets you can either complete the attached registration form and tickets will be sent home in the Wednesday folders or you can stop by the school or church office to purchase tickets. Tickets purchased by February 10th are \$20 per ticket.



If you would like a few additional tickets to sell or a flyer to post in the community please email me at bozknox@comcast.net.

Thank you for your help in making this a successful fundraiser for our school.



Father Daughter Snowflake Ball

The Snowflake Ball is this Saturday!

SAINT OF THE WEEK

"Three things are necessary for the salvation of man: to know what he ought to believe; to know what he ought to desire; and to know what he ought to do."

~St. Thomas Aquinas



SADDLE UP!!! Its time to HIT THE JACKPOT and have some FUN!

It is time to get your spot reserved for the SFXCS Night at the Races event on March 4, 2017.

Boneyard BBQ will be catering the event with delicious bbq favorites. Beverages will be provided. Hang out with friends while you watch fast paced pre-taped video horse racing. Throughout the night, there will be a small games of chance and a 50/50 raffle.

All you need to do is register, show up and enjoy the festivities

Registration and rules attached to WN.

Night at the Races CLASS HORSES for SALE!!!

There are 10 races with 10 horses in each race. The 10th race is all the class room horses. That means we need to sell 90 horses in order to have 9 races. Horses may be owned if purchased before the event date. Horses are \$25 each and the owners are recognized in the program. Owners can name their horse after their family's name, business or a silly name such as Stuck in the Mud or Raging Red.

Each horse is randomly assigned to one of the 10 races and to a post position. The owners of the winning horses are then entered into the Winners Circle for a chance to win a cash prize which is drawn at the end of the night. You can purchase horses without attending the event.

5th grade is the front runner in collecting donations for their class horse or horses!

The 10th race is the Class Horse race. Each class purchases 1 or more horses to be entered in the various races with the 10th race exclusively for all the class room horses. To involve the students in the fun we would like each grade to sponsor a horse that will be named by the students and represented during the Night at the Races. We are asking families to help your student's grade purchase a horse (or two). Horses are \$25 each. Donations of any amount toward this event would be appreciated. The winning class horse of the 10th race wins a cash prize as well as is entered in to the winner's circle for a chance to win an additional cash prize for classroom supplies or a class party.

At the last Night at the Races event the 4th Grade won the Class Race and won \$100. The Pre-K class purchased additional horses and one of their horses won the Winners Circle and \$250 for their class!

Please send donations into the school in an envelope labeled: Night at the Races Class donation and your Class!

Thank you for all your support with our events at SFXCS and for continuing to help raise funds to keep our tuition costs affordable.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR 2016-2017



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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Help support the
Missionary Childhood Association
and send a
Valentine Candygram
to someone special!

Parents and other family members can send
Candygrams to students and
students can send them to friends and teachers!
The Candygrams will have a Valentine lollipop attached
and be delivered to the students in their classrooms during
our Valentine's Day parties.
Candygrams are 50¢ each.

Fill out the order form below and return it to school by February 6 or
buy them from Student Council members in the school lobby at the
following times:

January 23-27, 7:45-8:10 a.m.
January 30 before Morning Prayers, Music, and Muffins
February 1 during Donuts with Mom & Dad and the Spaghetti Dinner
February 3 during Family BINGO Night

ALL PROCEEDS FROM THE SALE OF VALENTINE CANDYGRAMS WILL BE DONATED TO THE
MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD ASSOCIATION TO HELP CHILDREN AROUND THE WORLD.
THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THIS PROJECT!

VALENTINE CANDYGRAM ORDER FORM

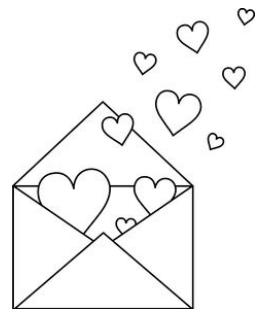
_____ NUMBER OF CANDYGRAMS x 50¢ = _____ (total amount due)

Name of purchaser _____

Name of student _____

Please send amount due in with your order form. Candygrams will be sent home in an unmarked envelope, just in case they are supposed to be a surprise! You will address your Candygrams and send them back to school. Student Council members will attach a lollipop and deliver them in time for our Valentine's Day parties.

Please contact Mrs. Fleming at jfleming@sfxcs-pa.org if you have any questions.





Night at the Races VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!!!!!

Saturday, March 4, 2017

Please help by volunteering during any of the times listed below:

Please return to the school office or if you have any questions email

kbrainard@sfxcs-pa.org

Location: Xavier Center

Saturday, March 4, 2017

_____ Set up for event: 3:00-5:00pm

_____ Check in attendees: 5:30-6:30pm

_____ Bartender: 5:30-7:30pm

_____ Bartender: 7:30-9:00pm

_____ Raffle: 5:30-7:00pm

_____ Raffle: 7:00-9pm

_____ Clean up crew: 9:30pm

_____ Anywhere needed

Name _____ Phone (cell) _____

Email _____