



Wednesday News

3.8.17

Dear Parents and Children,

After 3 years of preparation by faculty, staff and several parents on various committees within our school, the time has finally arrived for our Middle States of Elementary Schools Re-Accreditation Visit. On Tuesday evening, we will welcome Mr. Ed Tray, Ms. Jessica Susan Munscher and Mrs. Lisa Orff to our school. They will be visiting with our school family all day Wednesday and Thursday, and Friday morning. Just as a reminder, we will have an early dismissal at noon Friday, March 17th, so that our Middle States team may read their report of their visit to the faculty and staff before leaving. We will serve lunch prior to dismissing at noon. There will be no afternoon buses or afterschool program that day.

Over the last week and half we held our Spelling Bee, Faith Bee and students in Grades 6-8 took the Pennsylvania Math League Test to determine which scores would qualify for our team of 5 to be sent to the Math League Contest. Congratulations to the following students in Grades 4-6 who participated in our SFXCS Spelling Bee:

GRADE 4

Leah Babst
Denae Bello
Zachary Eichelberger
Colby Mackle
Megha Makkenchery
J.D. Sieg
Elizabeth Smith
Sophia Willard

GRADE 5

Roger Delmoe
Evan Glass
Kalina Hart
Katelyn Keller
Michael Kelly
Ella Knox
Daniel Niederrerr
Neil Rozario

GRADE 6

Caryn Biesecker
Eden Brown
Kennedy Brown
Jacob Fleming
Jeremiah Lua
Katie Norris
Kyle Repp
Lily Shriner
Keefer Stiles
Anna Willard

Congratulations to Leah Babst who was our Runner-up and to Caryn Biesecker who won our SFXCS Spelling Bee. Caryn will represent SFXCS at the Diocesan Spelling Bee in a few weeks.

Congratulations to our Faith Bee Contestants from Grades 7 & 8:

GRADE 7

Tyler Hillson
Griffith Kotlinski
Rebecca Norris

GRADE 8

Griffin Kibler
Emily Malesky
Ben Martin
Leanna Myers
Danny Sautter
Austin Stiles
Andrew Warthen

Congratulations to Danny Sautter who finished 3rd, Andrew Warthen who finished 2nd and to Griffith Kotlinski who won the SFX Parish Faith Bee and will represent our parish at the Diocesan Faith Bee in a few weeks. Congratulations also go out to Dylan Staub (Gr7) and Zachary Parr (Gr8) who will compete in their home parish faith bee with a chance to represent their parishes at the Diocesan Faith Bee as well.

Students in Grades 6-8 also took the Pennsylvania Math League Test to see who would post the top 5 scores to be entered into the contest to represent SFXCS at each grade level. Pa Math League tests is a very challenging timed test that, on average, most students do not get more than 15 out of 35 questions correct. The SFXCS teams are as follows (with their score out of 35):

GRADE 6

Caryn Biesecker (31)
Keefer Stiles (31)
Kennedy Brown (30)
Katie Norris (26)
Kyle Repp (26)
Lily Shriner (26)

GRADE 7

Dylan Staub (32)
Tyler Hillson (31)
Vincent Sefcheck (31)
Griffith Kotlinski (28)
Rebecca Norris (27)

GRADE 8

Danny Sautter (34)
Emily Malesky (31)
Ben Martin (31)
Leanna Myers (30)
Andrew Warthen (30)

By April, we should know how the teams performed against other teams throughout the state of Pennsylvania.

Don't forget, Monday is our Spring Picture Day. All students are invited to "Dress-up" for these pictures. No jeans, sweatpants, shorts, t-shirts, sweatshirts, backless sandals or sneakers may be worn. These pictures do not need to be pre-purchased. In a few weeks, a picture package will be sent home and families will have the opportunity to purchase sheets of their child(ren)'s photos or send the entire package back to school to be returned to LifeTouch. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Mrs. Rebecca Sieg

Do you know the definition of bullying?

Bullying is defined as unwanted, aggressive behavior among school aged children or adults that involves a real or perceived power imbalance. The behavior is repeated, or has the potential to be repeated, over time. In order to be considered bullying, the behavior must be aggressive and include:

-An Imbalance of Power: People who bully use their power—such as physical strength, access to embarrassing information, or popularity—to control or harm others. Power imbalances can change over time and in different situations, even if they involve the same people.

-Repetition: Bullying behaviors happen more than once or have the potential to happen more than once.

Bullying includes actions such as making threats, spreading rumors, attacking someone physically or verbally, and excluding someone from a group on purpose. For more information visit the following website.

<https://www.stopbullying.gov/what-is-bullying/definition/>

This Saturday will be the last Bidy Ball practice! Thank you to all the coaches for your time and dedication!



Life Quote

"You're never too old, too wacky, too wild, to pick up a book and read to a child." ~ Dr. Seuss



SFXCS MOVIE DAY

Please save the Date for Saturday April 1, 2017 at 10:00am to see The Boss Baby at The R/C Gateway Theatre. Please see the flyer about our PTO Sponsored Movie Day. We hope to see all of our SFXCS families there!

Reminder- Attention Moms and Sons!! Join us for the PTO's inaugural event, a Mother-Son Fun Night, on [March 25th](#) from 6-8:30 in the SFXCS Multipurpose Room. Information is attached to this week's Wednesday News!

SAINT OF THE WEEK

"When I think of Christian homes, I like to imagine them as being full of the light and joy that was found in the home of the Holy Family." ~ St. Josemaría Escrivá



NIGHT AT THE RACES

THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU

To all the attendees who had a great time at the Night at the Races event on **Saturday!** We had a wonderful turn out and hopefully everyone went home winning a few dollars.

Thank you to all our wonderful volunteers Jessica Lupian, Danielle Snyder (and her helper Aubree), Heather & Eric Hillson, Denice & Tim Staub, Christine Biggins, Kristy Fleck, Walt & Rita Tuchalski, Jim Biesecker, Donna Knox, Andrea Switzer, Kim Reiner, Kathy Adams, Matt Brainard and those who helped clean up afterwards. Without your help we would not have had an event.

A BIG thank you to Ben Schneider of Boneyard BBQ for a delicious dinner, To all our Sponsors including Conewago Valley, Confederate Woods Veterinary Hospital, Megan Cellucci ReMax Realtor, Rarrick Orthodontics and CRS Insurance.

Congratulations:

- ~ Kindergarten for winning the Class Horse Race and \$100.
- ~Thomas & Mary Jean Sedlacko for winning the 50/50
- ~Sean Umbenhouer who won the winners circle drawing
- ~Sieg/Long/Trimmer Family who won the Auction race winnings

St. Francis Xavier Parish will host its sixth annual Lenten Fish Fry Dinners on Friday, March 10, 17, 24, 31 and April 7, 5 - 7 P.M., Xavier Center, 465 Table Rock Road, Gettysburg. Dine in or Take out. There will be Adult, Children and Reduced portions available. Children under 5 eat free. 334-4048, www.stfxcc.org



IMPORTANT DATES FOR 2016-2017

March 12	2 nd Grade Parent & Child Class 9:30-10:45am	April 18	SAB Finance meeting 6pm
March 14	Tommy's Pizza Fundraiser	April 28	Confirmation 7pm
March 14-17	Middle States Visiting Team at SFXCS	May 6	1 st Holy Communion 10am
March 17	<u>Noon Early Dismissal</u> (faculty meeting with Middle States Team)	May 9	PTO meeting 6:30pm
March 19	4 th Grade Parent & Child Class 9:30-10:45am	May 13	PTO Paint Event
March 20-22	CoGAT Testing	May 16	SAB meeting 6:30pm
March 25	Mother/Son Fun Night (6-8:30)	May 23	8 th Grade Graduation (tentative)
March 26	6 th Grade Parent & Child Class 9:30-10:45am	TBA	Pre-K Graduation
March 28	SAB meeting 6:30pm	TBA	Kindergarten Graduation
April 1	PTO Movie Day	May 26	Noon Early Dismissal for Memorial Day Weekend
April 3- 7	ITBS Testing Grades 3-8	May 29	NO SCHOOL - Memorial Day
April 11	PTO meeting 6:30pm	May 31	Last Day of School Closing Mass (tentative)
April 13-17	NO SCHOOL - Easter Break		



MISSION STATEMENT

THE MISSION OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER CATHOLIC SCHOOL IS TO PASS ON THE GOSPEL VALUES AND RICH HERITAGE OF THE CATHOLIC FAITH, TO ASSIST PARENTS IN THE SPIRITUAL, MORAL, AND ACADEMIC EDUCATION OF THEIR CHILDREN, AND TO PREPARE OUR STUDENTS TO BE FAITH-FILLED MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH, COMMUNITY, AND NATION.

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Belief Statements

WE BELIEVE...

...that the Creator has made parents the primary educators of their children, and that our school works in partnership with them.

...that St. Francis Xavier Catholic School shares the Church's mission to pass on the Gospel values by example and instruction.

...that all children can learn and should experience success.

...that education helps students discover their talents and equips them to achieve their highest potential.

...that parents, teachers, and students recognize that higher expectations yield higher achievements.

...that the appreciation for learning is taught by example.

...that Catholic education promotes the formation of positive personal values.

...that children have the right to learn in a safe environment.

...that self-esteem is important for success in life.

Profile of a Graduate

A Saint Francis Xavier School graduate will be a:

Faith Driven Individual who

- Understands and follows through with Catholic beliefs
- Believes in the dignity of every person as created by God
- Has strong role models and is a mentor to others
- Is prayerful
- Exemplifies virtues
- Lives the Gospel values
- Is accountable for his/her actions

Life-Long Learner who

- Take on new challenges
- Is thirsty for new knowledge

- Applies his/her knowledge to new situations
- Is a creative thinker and problem solver
- Has developed writing, study, and communication skills
- Has an appreciation of the arts
- Has disciplined work habits and a strong work ethic

Globally Aware Decision-Maker who

- Is aware of current events
- Has an appreciation of other cultures and traditions
- Celebrates differences and embraces diversity
- Is committed to service
- Recognizes that he/she is part of a global community

Digital Citizen

- Is responsible, ethical, and competent in the use of technology
- Is knowledgeable about laws governing technology, e.g. copyright, plagiarism
- Knows how to protect his/her privacy
- Will never engage in cyberbullying and will protect others
- Leaves a responsible digital footprint

Tommy's Pizza Fundraiser Event

Present this flyer along with your order on
March 14, 2017

Tommy's Pizza will donate a portion of your
receipt to

*Valid all day. Take out and eat-in only. Not valid on delivery.
Cannot be used in combination with any discounts/coupons.*



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Amount: _____

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Mother~Son Fun Night

Date: March 25th

Time: 6~8:30

Where: SFXCS Multipurpose Room

Cost: \$20 per mother/son (and \$5 for each additional son)

This is a special event just for the young men of SFX and their moms. We will have pizza, games, relay races, Minute to Win It Challenges, an ice cream sundae bar, and PRIZES!!

Please return the bottom portion of this form with your check payable to SFXCS PTO.

Mom's Name: _____

Son's Name: _____ Grade: _____

Son's Name: _____ Grade: _____

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Son's Name: _____ Grade: _____

Email or Phone Contact: _____

Please return this form with payment by March 10th via backpack mail to:

Jillian Dittrich (PTO/Mother-Son Fun Night)

The PTO would like to invite you to
SFXCS Movie Day

Please join us on Saturday April 1, 2017
at 10:00am to see The Boss Baby
at the R/C Gateway theatre.

To join us at the theatre, each student must have a
movie pass from our school for admission.

The pass for each student is \$1.00.

Passes will be sent home on March 29th.

All other family members will cost \$5.00
and can pay at the theatre.

An adult must attend the movie with the student(s).
Concessions are not included in the cost of the movie.

Please return the bottom portion of this flyer with \$1.00
per student by Friday March 24, 2017.

The Boss Baby Movie day tickets

Name of student(s)

grade

Tickets are \$1.00 per student

total included \$ _____