



Wednesday News

8.31.16

WARM WELCOME

Dear Parents and Children,

I would like to extend a very warm welcome to **our new students and families**:

Andre Babst (2), Leah Babst (4), Jonah Barajas (1), Caleb Boccabella (K), Gage Cordero (1), Caylee Deardorff (K), Roger Delmoe (5), Angel Diaz Castenada (7), Alexandra Diaz Castenada (5), Juliet Diaz Castenada (1), Sasha Escobar-Aviles (K), Xiomar Estrada Hernandez (K), Gabriel Fleck (K), Hali Gonzalez (K), Joshua Hernandez (5), Morgan Kershaw (K), Benjamin Kittelberger (4), Jeremiah Lua (6), Jaedyn Miller (K), and Tyler Saynuk (K).

Also, a very special welcome to all of our **Pre-Kindergarten 4** students:

Isaiah Ambris, Sophie Biggins, Violet Carr, Armando Gonzalez, Fiona Hallinan, Luca Hernandez, Estella Jolin, Tristan Jordan, Vanessa Lakkis, William Langville, Gracie Parr, Anderson Rarrick, August Rarrick, Calan Schiefer, Josephine Schultz, Savanna Stewart, Teresa Strauss, Parker Tokar, Vincent Waller, and Noelle Wilson.

A reminder that Friday will be our first First Friday Mass at 8:45am in the Multipurpose Room at Xavier Center. Our 8th grade students will lead the Mass.

Friday will also be our noon early dismissal to prepare for the Labor Day Holiday Weekend. **All students must be picked up as car riders between 11:55am and 12:10pm.** There will be no lunches served, no after-school program and no afternoon buses. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.



I hope everyone has a wonderful Labor Day weekend!

Very truly yours,

Mrs. Rebecca Sieg

All proceeds from next week's Pay to Dress Down Day will be going to the families of St. Francis Xavier Catholic School in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. According to the school's principal, Ms. Paula Fabre, recent flooding in the area did not damage the school itself, but the homes of at least 25 students' families were significantly impacted. During this Year of Mercy, we are going to be reaching out to our fellow Catholic School students in Baton Rouge by sending Walmart gift cards so that they can buy school supplies, clothes, and other essential items that the flood destroyed. All students need to bring in \$1 to participate in the dress down day on Tuesday, September 7, but please consider sending in a little extra this month. And please keep the faculty and students of SFXCS, Baton Rouge in your prayers. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Fleming at jfleming@sfxcs-pa.org.

CYO REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN!

Does your son or daughter want to participate on this years' boys or girls basketball team OR the boys or girls volleyball team OR the girls cheerleading squad? If so, please read **attached** letter regarding CYO Registration for the 2016-2017 season.

Information can also be found under the Resource Tab of our school website www.sfxs.org.

Sign up now so we can plan our teams accordingly.



The Book Fair starts Tuesday, September 6th!! There is a pirate theme this year: Bookaneer Book Fair, Where Books are the Treasure.

I hope you will be able to come in, and spend some time looking at some amazing books with your student (or without, some early Christmas shopping). You can also shop online. A letter with all the information came home with the students and is attached here.\

If you are able to help at the Book Fair, please contact me at bmurphy@sfxs.org. Thank you. I hope to see you here.

Mrs. Murphy
Librarian

PTO Information

The PTO meets once a month to discuss events, plan fundraisers and share ideas. The next meeting is Tuesday, Sept 13th @ 6:30pm Xavier Center. Please join us. We look forward to getting to know you.



Upcoming PTO events

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

Room parents opportunities are still available for Pre-K, Kindergarten, 3rd grade, 5th grade and 8th grade. Being a Room Parent is a volunteer opportunity for you to be involved in your child's classroom. As a Room Parent, you would work with another Room Parents and the classroom teacher to coordinate class parties, keep parents informed of special events/projects, provide support for our school events and communicate important information to parents.

If you would like to volunteer to be a Room Parent please email Bozknox@comcast.net Please include your name, email, your child's name, and the grade you would like to volunteer for.



Coach and Vera Bradley Purse Bingo

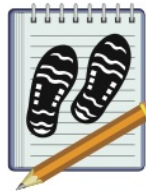
Saturday September 10, 2016

Bring your family and friends to play purse bingo featuring purses and bags by Coach and Vera Bradley! If you register by September 1st for an advanced cost of \$20 per person. You must be in 6th grade or older to attend this event. We are still looking for volunteers to help set up on the day of the event. Please contact bozknox@comcast.net.

Fall Yard Sale

Don't forget to register for the first SFXCS Yard Sale on Saturday, August 17th, 2016.

Registration and payment is due by Thursday, September 8th. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer for this event please email bozknox@comcast.net.



Race for Education

Each family should have received a race for education packet last Wednesday.

In order for your student(s) to receive a dress down day, 15 labels were due by August 29, 2016. All labels and T-shirt orders are due by Tuesday, September 6. We will not be able to accept late t-shirt orders.

New Event Coordinators needed!

This year we would like to try a Florida Fruit Sale. They would offer seasonal fruit in cartons. This sale would coordinate with our Gertrude Hawk sale. If you are interested in helping us try this new fundraiser please contact Bozknox@comcast.net



SAINT OF THE WEEK

“If we pray, we will believe; If we believe, we will love; and If we love, we will serve”

~Blessed Mother Theresa Calcutta



SFXCS DEVELOPMENT.....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)

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.



Active Tuition Plan (ATP) Reminders

Families who chose PEDS: When you provide, donate or supply an item to the school please make sure you first seek approval and also 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 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.

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 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.

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



Cut it Out!



With the beginning of each new school year, our administration is met with the challenge of staying within their annual budget. To meet these budget parameters, families are asked throughout the school year to participate in a variety of fundraisers. One easy way to involve family members, friends, co-workers, and parish members is to ask everyone to "Cut it Out". Box Tops for Education are found on hundreds of everyday products including food items, household materials, and school/office supplies. Students will be bringing home a complete list of items that contain Box Tops, as well as a starter sheet to begin clipping and saving. Additional sheets can be found by visiting the Box Tops website at www.boxtops4education.com. You may send filled sheets or plastic Ziploc baggies full of Box Tops through backpack mail to school. The first Box Tops turn in deadline will be **October 5, 2016**. There will be an incentive for the class that turns in the most unexpired Box Tops by the deadline. A second turn in deadline will be **February 1, 2017** also with an incentive for the class turning in the most unexpired Box Tops. Help us meet our goal of \$2,000.

Also, for those parents who are looking for volunteer hours to satisfy ATP requirements, the program's coordinators will be in need of helpers to organize and ready all of the Box Tops collected by each turn in deadline. There will be a table at Back-to-School Night on September 8 beginning at 6:00 p.m. for anyone who would like to volunteer or to gather more details, product lists or collection sheets. Thank you, in advance, for your willingness to participate in this easy fundraising opportunity. If you have any questions or are unable to attend Back-to-School Night, feel free to contact the Box Top Coordinators via email at millers1627@yahoo.com or deebie_12@yahoo.com.

Life Quote

"I truly believe that everything that we do and everyone that we meet is put in our path for a purpose. There are no accidents; we're all teachers - if we're willing to pay attention to the lessons we learn, trust our positive instincts and not be afraid to take risks or wait for some miracle to come knocking at our door."

~Marla Gibbs

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IMPORTANT DATES FOR 2016-2017

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

SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER CYO 2016-17
BASKETBALL CHEERLEADING VOLLEYBALL

[2016-17 CYO Registration](#) Link

Welcome to a new year for the Saint Francis Xavier Athletic Association! We are looking forward to another year of healthy activity and Christian fellowship for our youth and families. CYO (Christian Youth Organization) involves students in parish life through athletics. Any student enrolled in the St. Francis Xavier School or St Francis Xavier School of Religious Education, and students who are active members of other parishes that do not offer CYO Basketball is eligible and encouraged to participate in CYO.

CYO provides our youth with the opportunity to develop new skills, new friends, healthy habits, and a great opportunity to enjoy St Francis Xavier Parish.

Again this year, we will offer the following programs:

[Biddy Basketball](#) for boys and girls in Pre-K (4's) through 2nd grade

[Novice](#) Basketball for boys and girls in 3rd and 4th grades

[Junior Varsity](#) Basketball for boys and girls in 5th through 6th grades

[Varsity](#) Basketball for boys and girls in 7th through 8th grades

[Cheerleading](#) for 5th through 8th grades

[Volleyball](#) for girls and boys grades 5th thru 8th (spring season)

[Novice Volleyball](#) grades 3 and 4 (spring season)

Registration is available online. (Link listed below.) This will allow for a quicker turnaround time on registration. Computers will be available for registration during Back to School Night.

You will still need to submit a hard copy of the [Permission to Treat](#) for each participant, along with your payment. The deadline for registration is **September 28th**. Any registration submitted after September 28th may be **SUBJECT TO REJECTION**. **All participants registered by Sept 28th (basketball) and November 18th (volleyball will) receive a free SFX warm up tee shirt.**

As a volunteer organization, we are in need of many volunteers to make our programs available. Please take the time to become involved. Many lasting friendships have been forged through shared work! The clearances required by the Diocese of Harrisburg are required for all volunteers who work with the youth of our parish. These clearances are required for any

volunteer work you might do at the school or parish so it would be benefit for everyone to have them. CYO will gladly pay your clearance fees.

Please watch for information regarding a REQUIRED Parent Meeting at the beginning of the season to meet the coaches and to review our policies. This date will be posted in the Wednesday News and in the bulletin!

Please also complete the 2016-17 Basketball/Cheerleading/Volleyball [Permission to Treat and CYO Code of Conduct](#). Players may not practice until these forms have been submitted. (accessible on SFX forms page)

Please complete and return with the required fees to the Main Office at Xavier Center or by mail to: St. Francis Xavier, Athletic Association, 465 Table Rock Road, Gettysburg, PA 17325.

Please Link to online registration: [St Francis Xavier CYO Registration 2016-17](#) or www.sfxs.org go to the resource page select "CYO registration" link.

Biddy Basketball (Prek4-2nd)

Biddy Ball is an introductory program open to boys and girls in Pre-K4 thru 2nd grade. This program's goal is to teach dribbling, shooting, passing, and the very basic structure of the game. The skill building is low key and fun is a big part of the "Fundamentals." This program starts in early December and runs thru early February on Saturday mornings. [Top](#)

Novice Basketball (3rd and 4th grade)

The Intramural program provides more opportunity to build upon basketball skills and is still an introductory program. For this level, following a few weeks of just skill building and learning teamwork, there will be games with other area parish teams. The games are low key, there may or may not be a score kept, the goal for this program is to build skills and a comfort level with the game. Encouragement is the key to success and all players will play equally. This program starts in early December and runs thru early February on Saturday mornings.

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JV Basketball (5th and 6th grade)

JV basketball is a continuation of the skill development found in intramurals but at a higher level. Regulation games are played on Saturday and Sundays starting on Dec first thru mid-February. Attending practice 2 nights a week is expected. Learning is still the priority at this level but on a more competitive level. [top](#)

Varsity Basketball (7th and 8th)

Varsity Basketball is a competitive level of play. Teams compete for the deanery/ league title. Players are not guaranteed equal playing time at this level. Participation in practice two nights per week is expected of players at this level. Practice begins in October, the season runs thru early February. [top](#)

Cheerleading

Open to students in grade 5 thru 8, cheerleading runs concurrent with the basketball season. The cheer squad cheers at home game and a few away games. Practice is held on weekdays after school. [top](#)

Volleyball

Starting in late February, volleyball becomes the game of choice for the boys and girls of the St Francis Xavier parish. The JV and Varsity girls' volleyball teams have had very successful seasons during the last three years. Attending practice two nights per week is expected. The season is compact ending by early May.

Boys' volleyball teams were started by St Francis and 2 other parish schools in the deanery during the 2013-14 school year. The buzz around this new program has many players looking forward to the fourth year. This season also goes from late February to the end of April. This program is working on building fundamentals of the game and is a team composed of boys in grade 4-8. The St Francis Xavier Boys Volleyball were league champs during the 2014-15 season. [top](#)

Novice volleyball is also offered for girls and boys grades 3 and 4. There will be no games with other schools; this is an in house introduction to the sport.