



News & Notes

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Xavier High School is a proud member of the St. Francis Xavier Catholic School System, and has been accredited by AdvanceED (formerly the North Central Association) since 1970.

Dear Xavier Family-

"You keep us waiting. You, the God of all time, want us to wait for the right time in which to discover who we are, where we are to go, who will be with us, and what we must do. So thank you for the waiting time." -John Bell

Waiting is miserable. We live in a time of instant gratification. The website doesn't load immediately and you're refreshing the screen. There are two cars in front of you in the drive thru and you're frustrated. We check our watches when the concert starts 5 minutes late or our freshman doesn't emerge from the school until 3:15. It feels like the development of immediate and disposable satisfaction of our needs and wants makes patience harder to practice and rare to find in others. Maybe that's why Advent always seems to come just in time.

It's like Advent is a microcosm of life. We know that Christmas is coming. The manger is filled in just a few weeks. Still, we wait for the joy we know is to come. The experience reminds us of the same sort of waiting that we do as we anticipate eternal union with God in Heaven; we wait for the immeasurable joy that comes with eternal life. Still, the promise of the future doesn't always make the waiting any easier. We tend to dread the wait, not to savor it. Have you ever waited in line at the grocery store and thought "How fortunate that I have a few moments to take some deep breaths, relax and contemplate the wonders of Creation!?" I have not. Have you ever been stuck at a train and thought "Here's a chance to roll down the window and get some beautiful fresh air, clear my head, and hum my favorite tune.?" Me neither. When I am enduring a meeting that lasts too long, waiting for the commercials to end, or wondering whether it takes longer for water to boil when I am hungry, my reaction to waiting is typically not gratitude. John Bell would be disappointed.

So thank God for Advent. Thank God for the reminder that there's beauty in the anticipation. Thank God that we are given the waiting time to prepare ourselves for what is to come, both in the season and in the future. It is the waiting which magnifies the wonder of the arrival of Christmas. We remind ourselves with every Advent calendar or every lighting of the candles of the Advent wreath that our waiting has purpose, as it points us to the arrival of the Messiah. As we near Christmas, let's put ourselves in the Advent state of mind, maximizing our anticipation to always bring us closer to Jesus, the one we await.

*"God grant you the light of Christmas,
which is faith;
the warmth of Christmas,
which is purity;
the righteousness of Christmas,
which is justice;
the belief in Christmas,
which is truth;
the all of Christmas,
which is Christ."
- Wilda English*

Merry Christmas,

Mike Mauthe
Principal



From the Business/ Attendance Office

Thank you to all parents for reporting **all absences by 8:15 a.m.** Our telephone system allows you to call in as early as convenient, leaving a voice message for attendance (be sure to use the 6903 extension or dial 882-6903 directly.)



The policy at XHS for any type of early dismissal is to write a note specifying the time your student must leave class or a phone call to Attendance. That note is exchanged the Attendance Office for an early dismissal slip. Students are asked to bring their parent notes in either before school or during X period.

Reminder- when a student will miss school for an appointment, the student is expected to return an "appointment note from the provider, to the attendance office to be filed with the absence records.

From the Counseling Office

Seniors & Scholarships

Seniors are reminded to regularly check the scholarship list on Naviance Student. Log in and click 'college', then 'scholarship search' to see local scholarships. Students may also visit the scholarship portion of the Community Foundation of the Fox Valley web page. In addition to Naviance, we have most scholarships posted on a bulletin board in the Counseling Suite.

College Fair

Xavier's annual Spring College Fair will be taking place on Tuesday, March 12, 2024 from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM. Visit our website (<https://tinyurl.com/CollegeFairXHS>) for more details. This site will be updated regularly leading up to the event in March. Browse through our growing list of colleges and universities that will be joining us or search by keyword to find schools offering the major in which you're interested. It's going to be a fantastic event!

ACT Fee Waivers Available

ACT allows eligible students to take up to two ACT tests free of charge. If you believe your family might qualify for a fee waiver, please contact your child's counselor or have your student stop in the counseling suite.

Sophomore Parent Conferences

Sophomore parents and guardians should look for information via mail and email in late January about the meeting that will occur with you, your child, and your child's counselor. In this conference, which is tailored to address the needs of students at the midpoint of high school, we will discuss your child's talents, educational development, and career interests. We will also share information helpful in your planning for the rest of high school, including graduation requirements, standardized testing, course selection, and post-secondary options.

The conferences generally last 45 to 60 minutes and occur during the school day. Your involvement is very important and we hope for 100% participation by the parents/guardians of our current sophomores.

When you receive the letter in late January with details about scheduling your conference please contact Beth Carpenter, our registrar, to set up a meeting sometime during the second semester. We look forward to seeing you.

Junior Parent Night

All parents of juniors are invited to Junior Parent Night on Wednesday, January 17th at 6:30 PM in the XHS theater.

We will cover junior course selection, graduation requirements, college visits, creating the college application list, and extras like placement exams (ACT/SAT), faith exploration opportunities, and using Naviance to manage their college applications.

Your students do not need to attend because they will receive this information in school over the course of second semester. Counselors also discuss these topics individually with students during their junior visits. We look forward to seeing you!

Host Families Needed

We are currently looking for a few Xavier families to step up and provide a home for a couple International Students who are studying at Xavier High School. Not only do these students bring a global feel to our campus, they help our students make connections around the world. These students are in huge need of a place to feel safe and loved - you could be that family! If you are at all interested in hosting, please reach out to Matt Parish (mparish@xaviercatholicschools.org 920-882-6902).

Benefits of hosting

Get to know a student from a different culture and understand our global commonality

Inspire new language opportunities

Give a student love and safety when they are away from home

Get into new routines as a family

Eat new foods

Monthly stipend for hosting

Xavier offers a Tuition credit for families who host

STRENGTH AND CONDITIONING

At our Homecoming Pep Rally, we honored 21 females and 36 males for their performance during our annual "The X Factor" metrics testing.

These are Xavier's fastest, strongest, most powerful, and most dedicated athletes!

To see this year's testing results and award winners, please click on the following links:

[Young Women](#)

[Young Men](#)

RECORD-HOLDERS:

[Young Women – All Time](#)

[Young Men – All Time](#)

[More about the "The X Factor"](#)



Campus Ministry

Ethel Moehring Help Your Neighbor Day - THANK YOU!

Thank you to all of our students and chaperones for an excellent day out serving in the community. We have received so many wonderful compliments about your students and couldn't be prouder of how hard they worked and how well they represented XHS. Well done, Hawks!

All-School Mass

Our next, all-school Mass is Friday, December 8 for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conceptions at 10:45am at St. Bernard. All are welcome!

Advent Reconciliation

All students will have the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation during Advent. A huge thank you to our parish priests for sharing their time with us.

Eucharistic Adoration

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is held the first Friday of each month in the Chapel from 7:45am - 3:00pm. Please contact Katie Wesolek to sign up. (kwesolek@xaviercatholicschools.org).

Service Hour Opportunities

New parish and community service opportunities are emailed to students every Tuesday and are posted on MobileServe and on Instagram (xhscampusministry).

Spring Retreat

Students will get to participate in an all-school retreat on Friday, April 26, 2024! Please avoid scheduling appointments or time away from school that day - this will be a day your student won't want to miss! If you should have any questions, please contact Mr. Mauthe.



Spectacular holiday fun for the whole family!

CHRISTMAS STARS



7:00 pm Nov 30, Dec 1, 2, 7, 8, 9

1:00 pm December 2*, 3, 9, 10

**An American Sign Language Interpreter will be provided at the 1:00 pm performance on December 2nd.*

Purchase your tickets on the website, www.christmasstars.org, or visit the box office, (920) 733-8840 Monday through Friday from noon - 3pm.

Join in the fun by volunteering at a show!

Help support our fundraiser for Fine Arts by ushering, selling concessions or greeting patrons before or after the show.

[Sign up here](#)

Please note: When viewing the Signup Genius on a smaller device the date selections appear in a list instead of tabs. Select a date from the list and tap "Go".

www.christmasstars.org

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ALL RISE!

THE NORTHEAST WISCONSIN PASSION PLAY 2024

Auditions for ***ALL RISE! The Northeast Wisconsin Passion Play***, an original, musical drama based on the life of Christ, will be held by appointment on Thursday evening, January 18th and Saturday morning, January 20th, at the Xavier Fine Arts Theatre.

Adults of all ages and students, grades three through twelve, are invited to audition. Applicants will be asked to do a vocal audition and a simple movement/ dance assessment.

Fill out a cast application at www.newpassionplay.org

Click or tap the “Join Our Cast” button near the top of the home page.

Performances for the 2024 season are March 21-24.
Ticket sales open on January 15th.

Auditions, rehearsals and performances are at the Xavier Fine Arts Theatre.

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Catholic School System
FOUNDATION

Apply starting Jan. 1 for
2024-25

**XAVIER HIGH SCHOOL
FOUNDATION AND PARISH
SCHOLARSHIPS**

**Multiple scholarships available for
students entering grades 9-12.**

**Scholarships also available for seniors
entering College.**

New online application process.

Details and Applications on our website.

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Admissions / Scholarships

Foundation Scholarship Applications
due March 1, 2024

Upcoming Events

December 5, 7, 12	Class Reconciliation Services
December 6	Half Day – Parent-Teacher Conferences (4-7pm)
December 8	All School Mass – 10:50AM (Immaculate Conception)
December 13	Band Christmas Concert (7:00 at XHS)
December 20	Choir Christmas Concert (7:00 at XHS)
January 10	All School Mass – 10:50 at St. Bernard's
January 12	XSC Blood Drive
January 19	No School – End of Term 2
January 28-February 3	Catholic Schools Week
January 29-30	Incoming Freshmen Registration Nights
January 31	All School Mass – 10:50 at St. Bernard's (Catholic Schools Week)
February 3	Celebrate!
February 7	Orchestra Concert (7:00 at XHS)
February 8-13	Valentine's Revue
February 14	All School Mass (10:50 at St. Bernard's) – Ash Wednesday
February 21	Half Day – Parent-Teacher Conferences (4-6pm)

ACT Test Prep

Attention Class of 2025 Parents and Students: ACT Test Prep will be offering a class at Xavier to prepare students for the upcoming test on December 9th.

The prep class is scheduled for December 4-7th from 4pm-7:15 pm. A practice exam, teacher-led instructional sessions, and materials will be provided to participating students. If you are interested in signing up for the **prep class**, please visit: www.act-testprep.com

This is a great opportunity for students who took the October exam to improve upon their scores. Any questions should be directed to Mrs. Jones.

