



# News & Notes

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## Dear Xavier Family,

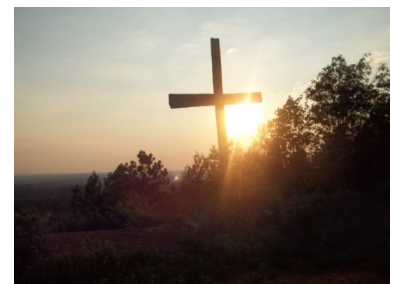
One of my earliest memories of Xavier comes from the late 80's and early 90's. As a student at St. Mary Catholic, I would eagerly find my way into the Xavier gym for basketball games. When our boys team was good, somehow Xavier was really good. When we were really good, Xavier was great. It was like the one hill we could never climb – and it was made worse by that quirky, demonstrative and accomplished coach who roamed the Xavier sideline, Bob Biebel. Now, almost forty years later, Mr. Biebel is retiring after a storied career in education and as a legendary piece of Xavier history. Who would have guessed that my feelings for him would have changed so significantly? When I was hired as a teacher at Xavier in 1996, I was completely clueless. I knew my theology, but I didn't know anything about classroom management, lesson planning, or basically anything else. In the classroom next door, Mr. Biebel was teaching business (truth be told, I am not sure what he was teaching – but I digress). It was immediately evident that he was far more than a coach. He had such enthusiasm for the students and his colleagues. He was always energetic, always engaging students in questions about life and sports. He invited a group of young teachers to help chaperone his team at the WISAA state basketball tournament as a way of welcoming us to the many Xavier traditions. I can still hear the fans on the "Hawk Walk" and still remember wondering what kind of coaching strategy he was employing when we had the traditional evening meal at the Sizzler!

Fifteen years later, it was Mr. Biebel who convinced me that I was called to a leadership position. He was the president at Lourdes Academy at the time, and he invited me down to interview and to tour the schools in the system. I'd give anything for a video of that afternoon. We strolled the halls and he introduced me to the teachers, stopped to ask individual students about their grades or their attendance, and made a point to celebrate the custodians, secretaries, lunch staff, and all of the other crucial people who too often go overlooked in a school. When we went to the elementary schools, he was mobbed by adoring kids in every classroom. Every single kid knew who he was – Mr. Biebel! – and if he didn't know every single one of them, he sure faked it well. I walked away thinking this was the kind of leader I wanted to work with and I will be forever grateful that he lived up to that standard every single day we worked together at Lourdes. At the end of every day, he would call or come over to my office to check in and ask how he could support me and our staff. I think I grew more over those two years than at any other time in my career.

Finally, life has brought us full circle. For the last several years, as vice-president of advancement, Mr. Biebel has been connecting with parents, alumni and benefactors to secure a future for the school we love. His work is difficult and challenging, yet if you come during the school day, you're just as likely to find him cooking paella with the foods class, talking baseball with the guys in the commons, or sharing his newest kernel of knowledge from a book or documentary. He is fond of telling me that he "watches channels you don't even get" and I promise no truer statement has ever been spoken. Join me in congratulating Bob Biebel on a career in service to Catholic education, generations of young people, and especially Xavier. We have been blessed to have him represent us for decades and his leadership will continue to inspire the better angels among us well into the future. Something tells me his retirement will still include plenty of times in the Torchy Gym and the Xavier halls. We will always be privileged to have him. He has left a legacy that few can match.

For God's Greater Glory,

Mike Mauthe  
Principal



## From the Business/ Attendance Office

### Lunch Accounts:

All **lunch accounts** are expected to have an available balance at all times. Funds remaining in an account at the end of the school year will carry over to 2024-25. We will refund account balances to families of seniors who have neither outstanding financial obligations nor younger siblings in the system.

### Attendance:

Your cooperation in reporting absentees is sincerely appreciated. If you are planning a vacation that does not coincide with the vacation that is scheduled in our school calendar, it is your responsibility to notify school, stating the days your student will be missing. It is also your responsibility to contact your student's teachers. See the school web site for an "Anticipated Absence Request Form", this form is then turned to the Attendance office. *You are reminded that although the absence is considered excused, the number of days missed is counted as part of the maximum of five days allowed per term.*

## Term 3 Final Exams

Final Exams will take place on March 20 and 21. Students are required to be in attendance and must remain in class until the exam period is over.

### Wednesday, March 20

Block 1 Exam – 8:00 – 9:30

Block 2 Exam – 9:50 – 11:20\*

### Thursday, March 21

Block 3 Exam – 8:00 – 9:30

Block 4 Exam – 9:50 – 11:20

*\*Classes taught in skinnies do not have exams until the end of Term 4.*

## Campus Ministry

### Lent 2024

During Lent, our focus is both inward and outward: what can we do to better share Jesus' love with one another? Lent began with Ash Wednesday Mass on February 14 at 10:45 at St. Bernard, and students will have the opportunity to attend Reconciliation on March 5, 7, or 12. Thank you to our priests and pastoral leaders for all they do for us.

### Weekday Mass Opportunities

Join us during X on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and Fridays at 7:15am for Mass!

### "Duncan Donuts"

Join us from 7:20-7:40am Thursday mornings in the Commons to share a faith moment from your week. Informal. Free doughnuts. All are welcome.

### Bible Study

Students are invited to join Ms. Wesolek in Room 134 Wednesday morning at 7:25 for a bible excerpt and reflection.

### Service Hour Opportunities

Every Tuesday, students receive a "SPIRIT Stuff" email update with new service opportunities as well as updates on the MobileServe app and Instagram (*xhscampusministry*).

### All-School Retreat Day

Students will get to participate in an all-school retreat day on Friday, April 12. Please avoid scheduling appointments or time away from school that day. With any questions, please contact Mr. Parish or Mrs. Geenen.

### 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](mailto:kwesolek@xaviercatholicschools.org)).

## Senior Events

**PROM** - Prom will be held on Saturday, April 27 from 7-midnight at Butte Des Morts Country Club. Xavier juniors and seniors are invited to purchase tickets. Each Xavier student may bring one guest. No freshmen are allowed and non-Xavier students must have a dance pass on file. Details on tickets will be available in April.

**SENIOR AWARDS** - Awards will be held on Sunday, May 19 at 7pm in the Xavier Theatre. All award winners will be contacted in advance that seniors know that they are receiving an award that evening.

**BACCALAUREATE MASS** - Baccalaureate Mass will take place on Tuesday, May 21 at 10:50 am in the Theatre. Family members are welcome to attend.

**SENIOR EXAMS** - Senior exams will take place on Thursday, May 23 and Friday, May 24. Seniors will be done after Block 2 on Friday, May 24.

**GRADUATION** - Graduation is scheduled for Wednesday, May 29 at 7 PM at the Fox Cities Performing Arts Center. Each family will receive an allotment of tickets for the first level and general admission tickets will also be available for the upper levels.



## German Trip 2025

There will be a German trip meeting for parents and students on Monday, March 11th at 7:00 PM in room 112. The German trip will be June 13th-28th, 2025.

Any student in German classes at Xavier High School that is a sophomore, junior or senior during the 2024/2025 school year may participate in the trip. The itinerary for the trip, costs and other important information will be shared at the meeting.

## Orchestra

Congratulations to the students who performed today for the first of three Solo and Ensemble events. It was an absolutely PERFECT Day!

### Middle School:

Ryan Judd, 7th grade - cello solo 1\*  
Cricket McKinley, 8th grade - violin solo 1\*  
Scotty McKinley - 5th grade - violin solo (comments only because of age)

### High School:

McKenna Andrews, 12th grade - viola solo 1\*  
Emily Bakey, 10th grade - viola solo 1\*  
Keaton McKinley, 10th grade - violin solo 1\*

### Chamber Ensembles:

McKenna Andrews, Nolan Henckel, Alayna McKinnon, Gabby Schreiter, Sophi Nevarez-Padilla - Quintet 1\*

McKenna Andrews, Alayna McKinnon, Gabby Schreiter, Sophi Nevarez-Padilla - Quartet 1\*

Good luck to all of the performers playing on Friday, March 1st and Saturday March 2nd.



## Mock Trial

The Xavier Mock Trial Team is headed back to state after winning their regional tournament on February 3rd. The state tournament will be held in Madison March 1-3.

Mock Trial is an extracurricular sponsored by the State Bar of Wisconsin allowing high schoolers to get a taste of the legal system. The State Bar provides a fictional case for all Wisconsin students, usually about sixty pages in length, complete with evidence, six witnesses, and relevant Wisconsin law. Each high school divides its team in two, six students on the plaintiff, and six students on the defense. These groups are further divided into three attorneys and three witnesses. Attorneys prepare opening statements, direct and cross-examinations, and closing arguments while the witnesses work to memorize their affidavits so they can spin the case in their side's favor and play their fictional character's role. At tournaments, students compete in four rounds against another school's opposite side of the case, pitting, for example, the Xavier plaintiff against another team's defense.

This year's case involves high school senior Flynn Forrester consuming a hallucinogenic mushroom given to him by his friend, Sam Sargent. However, a few days later, Flynn becomes ill, visiting the hospital with near-lethal amatoxin poisoning. It turns out that Flynn had consumed poisonous mushrooms. Rumors then go around the school and local community that he is a drug dealer, harming his reputation. Flynn Forrester thus brings suit against Sam Sargent on two claims: negligence and defamation. Did Sam Sargent have the responsibility to ensure the mushrooms she gave her friend were safe to consume? Or was it Flynn Forrester's duty to identify the mushrooms? Did Sam Sargent spread defamatory rumors? Or is Flynn Forrester really a covert drug dealer?

Xavier Mock Trial's all-senior team is excited to get one last shot at the state championship and the right to go to the national tournament held in Wilmington, Delaware, this May.



Our genuine and heartfelt appreciation to all who sponsored, donated, attended, volunteered, or helped in some way to make Celebrate 2024 another success. Everyone came together once again to help our students soar higher!

**Thanks to the generosity of our many amazing supporters, we were blessed with another record-breaking year and a preliminary net amount of \$645,000 raised at Celebrate 2024! We are beyond grateful to everyone for making this night such a tremendous success.** Note: Employer matches are still coming in and are an additional great source of revenue for Xavier Catholic Schools. Did you make a gift at Celebrate that could be matched by your employer? [Click here](#) to be directed to our Giving page to enter your employer to see if there is a match available. Thank you!

Save the date now for Celebrate 2025! We look forward to "Celebrate"-ing with you again next year on February 1, 2025!



## Technical Theatre Class

Technical Theatre class worked on Christmas Stars this year. In the photos, they are hanging drops and painting some bell towers for a special scene.



The class visited the Grand in Oshkosh to learn some local theatre history. They toured the theatre, which was built in the 1800's, and met with the management staff to learn about how a professional theatre is run and the types of careers that are available. The same day, they toured the Fox Cities Performing Arts Center and met with two stage managers to hear about their career paths.



If you were at Celebrate, you couldn't miss the tower on the stage. This 12 foot flight control tower was designed and created by Ms. Milbach's Technical Theatre class in the month of January. The challenge for the class was to design something light and portable enough to be moved from Xavier to the Exhibition Center. It also had to be stable, look good, and have some fun lighting. The teams of students used a lot of math, engineering skills and collaboration in order to successfully complete the project. And, it was for a good cause!





Tuesday, March 12, 2024  
Xavier High School  
6 PM - 8 PM

*Free admission!*

#### Arizona

- Grand Canyon University

#### Colorado

- University of Denver

#### Illinois

- Knox College
- Lewis University
- North Park University
- Rockford University

#### Indiana

- Butler University
- DePauw University
- Indiana University
- Purdue University

#### Iowa

- Cornell College
- Drake University
- Loras College
- Luther College
- Upper Iowa University

#### Louisiana

- Tulane University

#### Michigan

- Kalamazoo College
- Lawrence Technological University
- Michigan Technological University
- Northern Michigan University

#### Minnesota

- Bethel University
- College of Saint Benedict & Saint John's University
- Gustavus Adolphus College
- Hamline University
- Minneapolis College of Art & Design
- Saint Mary's University of Minnesota
- St. Catherine University
- St. Cloud State University
- St. Olaf College
- University of MN - Morris & Crookston
- University of MN - Rochester
- University of St. Thomas
- Winona State University

#### Missouri

- Saint Louis University

#### Nebraska

- Creighton University

#### North Dakota

- North Dakota State University

#### Ohio

- Xavier University

#### Wisconsin

- Bellin College
- Carroll University
- Carthage College
- Concordia University Wisconsin
- Fox Valley Technical College
- Lakeland University
- Lawrence University
- Marian University
- Marquette University

#### Wisconsin continued...

- Milwaukee School of Engineering
- Mount Mary University
- Northeast WI Technical College
- Ripon College
- St. Norbert College
- UW - Eau Claire
- UW - Green Bay
- UW - La Crosse
- UW - Madison
- UW - Milwaukee
- UW - Oshkosh
- UW - Platteville
- UW - River Falls
- UW - Stevens Point
- UW - Stout
- UW - Superior
- UW - Whitewater
- Viterbo University
- Wisconsin Lutheran College
- Wisconsin's Private Colleges (WAICU)

#### Overseas

- Pacific Discovery
- Queen Mary University of London

#### Military

- Air Force ROTC
- Army National Guard
- U.S. Coast Guard
- U.S. Military Academy at West Point

#### Other

- College Essay Boot Camp

A student barcode will be required to enter the Fair.  
Find registration info and learn more about  
each school at <https://tinyurl.com/CollegeFairXHS>



XAVIER JAZZ PRESENTS:

# DAN'S HOUSE OF HOPE

**BENEFIT DINNER**  
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13TH

*TASTE A DELIGHTFUL SPAGHETTI DINNER  
LISTEN TO LIVELY JAZZ MUSIC  
SUPPORT A GREAT CAUSE*

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**XAVIER HIGH SCHOOL COMMONS  
DOORS OPEN AT 5:30PM  
DINNER AND MUSIC BEGINS AT 6:00PM  
SUGGESTED DONATION - \$10**

*TABLE SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE  
STARTING AT \$100 - SEE REGISTRATION FORM FOR DETAILS*



PLEASE RESERVE YOUR TICKETS BY SCANNING THE QR  
CODE AND FILLING OUT THE FORM

LIMITED SEATING, TICKET REQUIRED FOR ENTRY

DONATIONS CAN BE MADE AT EVENT CHECK-IN  
(CHECKS MADE OUT TO DAN'S HOUSE OF HOPE)





# ALL RISE!

## THE NORTHEAST WISCONSIN PASSION PLAY 2024

*An original, uplifting dramatic musical based on the ministry,  
Passion and Resurrection of Our Lord featuring  
contemporary Christian music, dance and drama*

**7:00 pm March 21, 22, 23**

**1:00 pm March 23, 24**

**\$14 Adult • \$12 Senior Citizen • \$9 Student**  
(age 60 & above) (college & under)

**Family Night Discount: 7:00 pm March 21 only**  
**Adult & Senior \$10 • Student \$6**

Ticket prices do not include service fees on credit card purchases.  
These fees are established by Showtix4u, our box office vendor, and are non-refundable.

[www.newpassionplay.org](http://www.newpassionplay.org)  
(920) 733-8840

Box office hours: noon - 3:00 pm  
Mondays & Wednesdays  
March 11-22: Monday - Friday  
Also open one hour before each performance

**Xavier Fine Arts Theatre, 1600 W. Prospect Avenue, Appleton**

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## Athletics

### Spring Sport Starting Dates

**Baseball** – Monday, March 18

Head Coach: Tim Harikkala  
[harikkala@new.rr.com](mailto:harikkala@new.rr.com)

**Golf, Boys** – Monday, March 25

Head Coach: Ross Visocky  
[ross.visocky@gmail.com](mailto:ross.visocky@gmail.com)

**Soccer, Girls** – Monday, March 18

Head Coach: John Meyer  
[jmeyer@mortonsafety.com](mailto:jmeyer@mortonsafety.com)

**Softball** – Monday, March 11

Head Coach: Courtney O'Connor  
[coconnor95@comcast.net](mailto:coconnor95@comcast.net)

**Tennis, Boys** – Monday, March 25

Head Coach: Evan Kubiak  
[evanmkubiak@gmail.com](mailto:evanmkubiak@gmail.com)

**Track & Field** – Monday, March 4

Head Coaches: Luke Frommelt & Sarah Nortman  
[lfrommelt@xaviercatholicschools.org](mailto:lfrommelt@xaviercatholicschools.org)  
[snortman95@gmail.com](mailto:snortman95@gmail.com)

**Lacrosse** – Monday, March 11

Boys Head Coach: Danny Rafalski – Appleton East  
[coach@aulax.org](mailto:coach@aulax.org)

Girls Head Coach: Kollen Kellner – Hortonville

[kollenkellner@hasd.org](mailto:kollenkellner@hasd.org)

## ATHLETIC CALENDARS

Our available on the [Bay Conference website](#) or by downloading the ASMobile Activity Scheduler app. There can be many postponements and reschedules in the springs athletics season due to the weather. Subscribe to our calendar to receive updates for your team!

## SPRING SPORT ELIGIBILITY

The athletic video should be watched first.

1. The video should be watched on a computer. There are questions that must be answered alongside the video, so a computer is best. If you absolutely need to complete the video on a mobile device, you'll be prompted to install the EdPuzzle app. \*The video is 25 minutes, so please watch it when you have time to get all the way through it.
2. **Please enter all your first and last name** at the start of the video.

<https://edpuzzle.com/open/fawanur> (CLICK ON THE ASSIGNED VIDEO)

Here is the link to the online paperwork for eligibility. Typically, parents will fill this out or help the student, because info about doctor, insurance, etc are needed.

<https://forms.gle/gUgBtC9NJAckHPRGA>

Before you begin, you'll need insurance info, contact info, last physical date, and emergency contact info to complete the forms. \*The password is XavierHawks23-24.

Please also make sure to get with Greg Schultz, our trainer, to schedule your Sportgait test.

## Athletic Trainer Update

It is finally the best month of the year! Snow starts to melt, temperatures start to increase, days become longer, and we get to recognize all the hard work that Athletic Trainers do! Happy National Athletic Training Month! Every year during the month of March, we as Athletic Trainers like to shine a light on everything that we do and give a glimpse into our profession. Athletic Trainers can help with a variety of injuries and issues, from head to toe, and everything in between.

Athletic Trainers deal with 5 main domains, that being; Injury Prevention, Clinical Evaluation and Diagnosis, Immediate and Emergency Care, Treatment and Rehabilitation, and Organization/Professional Health and Well-being. Athletic Trainers work in a multitude of different fields and are able to help people of all different ages and skill sets. You can find Athletic Trainers in K-12 schools, colleges, professional sports, hospitals, clinics, factories, police and fire stations, and even in the military. While the Athletic Trainers you may be familiar with usually work with students and athletes, we are able to help with all ages and with more than just orthopedic injuries.

In our Ascension Wisconsin Sports Medicine - Fox Valley schools, Athletic Trainers provide a variety of services to our student athletes and others Athletic Trainers are responsible for: injury diagnosis, creating team workouts, individual rehabilitation programs, summer strength programs, teaching American Heart Association First Aid, CPR and AED, teaching Stop the Bleed, concussion baseline testing, cover major tournaments, and assisting with/in the hospitals.

Athletic Trainers pride ourselves on being able to juggle all of our responsibilities, while being a personable and bright spot for our athletes and patients every day. We love our athletes, schools, and communities. We enjoy the time that we get to feel a part of all of our teams, through the ups and downs, the late nights and early mornings, and through hot summers and the cold winters. Please take this month as an opportunity to get to know us and who we are and what we do. We look forward to getting to know new people and growing our communities.

## Athletic Trainer Update cont....

Here at Xavier, we have Greg Schultz who has been with us throughout the 2023-2024 school year and is in his 6th year of Athletic Training. His room is located between the boy's and girl's locker room by the weight room. Greg is in most days from 2:30-6:00 PM or until the end of home sporting events. We encourage anyone with sports injuries or orthopedic questions to reach out to us and we can help.

Thank you to everyone at Xavier for your continued support and happy Athletic Training Month!

## Upcoming Events

|                 |   |
|-----------------|---|
| March 6         | Fine Arts Night   |
| March 8         | XSC Blood Drive   |
| March 12        | College Fair  |
| March 13        | All School Mass (10:50 at St. Bernard's)                      |
| March 13        | Jazz Benefit Concert  |
| March 14        | Xavier Acting Showcase (7:00 in theatre)                      |
| March 20-21     | Half Days – Final Exams                                       |
| March 22        | End of Term 3 – No School                                     |
| March 28        | Half Day – Beginning of Easter Break                          |
| March 29        | No School – Easter Break                                      |
| April 1-7       | No School – Spring Break                                      |
| <b>April 12</b> | <b>Xavier Retreat Day (New Date)</b>                          |
| April 24        | KaBoom! (7:00 in theatre)                                     |
| April 27        | Prom  |
| April 29–May 3  | Blue & White Week   |
| May 3           | Xavier Day  |
| May 6           | No School – Teacher Inservice                                 |
| May 8           | Spring Choir Concert (7:00 in theatre)                        |
| May 15          | Spring Band Concert (7:00 in theatre)                         |
| May 17          | Theatre Production Class Public Performance (7:00 in theatre) |
| May 19          | Senior Awards Night (7:00 in theatre)                         |
| May 20          | XSC Blood Drive   |
| May 21          | Baccalaureate Mass (10:45 in theatre)                         |
| May 22          | Spring Orchestra Concert (7:00 in theatre)                    |
| May 29          | Graduation (7:00 at PAC)                                      |
| June 3-4        | Half Days – Final Exams                                       |

