



Middle School Weekly Newsletter

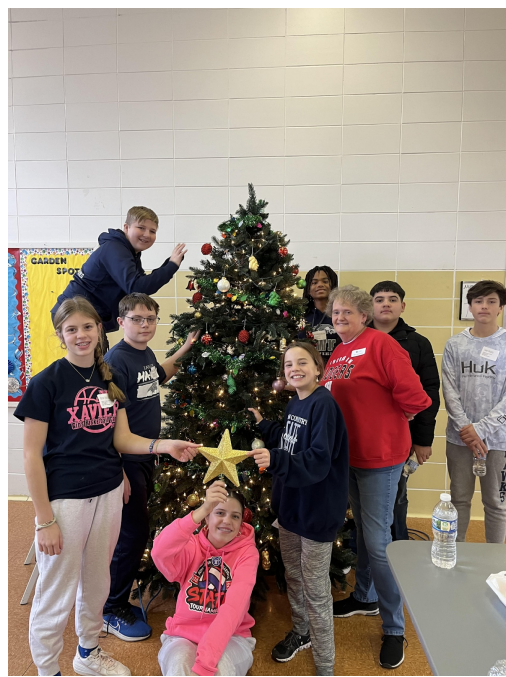
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Heavenly Father, your son, Jesus, is your greatest gift to us, a great sign of your love. Guide us as we strive to walk in that love together as a family this Advent. As we prepare our hearts for Christmas, bring us closer to each other and to your son. Give us the grace and strength we need every day. Help us to always trust in you. Come, Lord Jesus, lead all people closer to you. Come and dispel the darkness of our world with the light of your love. Amen.

St. Francis Xavier, our patron...pray for us

St. Francis Xavier Day

Last Friday was a wonderful day at Xavier Middle School. We honored our patron saint by learning about St. Francis Xavier, celebrating Mass, serving the community, and enjoying time together as a community. We thank Father Aaron Pierre for celebrating Mass and teaching us the importance of friendship. We are also proud of the service our students completed in the community. In a short time, they truly made a difference. Thank you to all involved in making this day happen. St. Francis Xavier, pray for us!



Mass is generally celebrated at 9:26am on Tuesdays at Xavier Middle School. (See the calendar for occasional alternate mass days/times - **This week we will celebrate mass on Friday, December 8th**). We welcome you to join us! Please check in the school office to be directed to the auditorium.

XMS School Day Start Time

Xavier Middle School begins at 8:00 am and every minute of our day is important! We have noticed an increasing number of students arriving 5-10 minutes late. These students miss their valuable KIDS group time. Please make every effort to have your child at school by 7:50 am to allow time to go to their locker and be in class by 8:00 am. Remember there is free care beginning at 7:00 am if needed.

Soon we will have snow to contend with which will add to the challenge of arriving on time. Please know the importance of our full day and make adjustments as needed for our students. Thank you!

Lost and Found

Please [click here](#) to take a look at the Lost and Found items we have collected to see if any belong to your family. Your child can pick their things up from the office lobby. **All lost and found items will be donated after December 22nd!**

Thank you to JD's Drive In

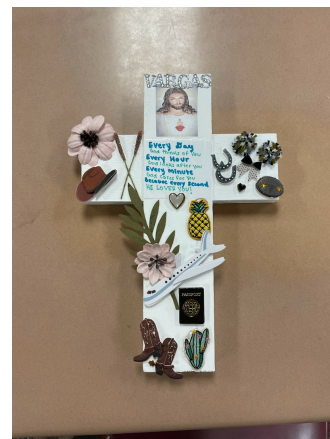
We would like to give a shout out to JD at JD's Drive In for the great deal he gave us on popcorn! All of our students were able to enjoy his generosity as they ate popcorn and watched a movie in community on St Francis Xavier Day. Thanks again!

Xavier Middle School Art

This fall, the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel endeavored to showcase artwork from elementary and middle school students across Wisconsin. Gosia Fuehrer, Xavier Middle School Art teacher, submitted work from our students. You can view these pieces on the [Milwaukee Journal Sentinel website](#). Way to go, students and Ms. Gosia!

Wood Working Help Needed

Attention: The 8th grade class needs your help! Do you like to work with wood? We need 90 wood crosses constructed for our 8th graders. One of our activities at 8th grade camp will be to creatively adorn a wood cross with symbols of our middle school career and our faith development. Please contact Mary Benthein at mbenthein@xaviercatholicschools.org if you would be able to help!



Afterwords Writing Group

Afterwords Writing Group would like to announce the Catholic Daughters of the Americas Education Contest. Students can enter a project based on Luke 1:78--God's love and kindness will shine upon us like the sun that rises in the sky OR How does my love shine for others. 5th grade students can enter an essay, poem, art, or computer art. 6th-8th grade students can enter an essay, poem, art, computer art, music, or photography. Please [click here](#) for the contest rules and details or check in with Ms. Bouchard. **Entries are due to Ms. Bouchard by January 5th.**



NEW Area of Silent Auction for Celebrate!

We want to highlight businesses with a Xavier connection and generous families donating to the auction—we will have a new silent auction section dedicated to Xavier family donations and businesses with Xavier ties.

As a thank you for your generosity, all donors will have the opportunity to be entered into a drawing for two (2) free admissions to Celebrate!

- Give your business some exposure by donating an item, service, or basket. We always recognize our donors and it is a great way to market your business!
- Show your family's support of Xavier and donate. Use your creativity and watch the bidding soar!
- Donation deadline: Friday, December 22, 2023. Complete this form to donate (it's that easy!): <https://bit.ly/Celebrate24Donation>

*Note: The stated value of the donation must be a minimum of \$50 in order to be eligible for the free admission drawing. The Celebrate committee reserves the right to combine donations to create a basket if it deems a combination would sell better.



XAVIER

Christmas

BAND CONCERT

Wednesday, December 13th at 7:00pm
Xavier High School Fine Arts Theatre

Come celebrate the Christmas season with
music, happiness, and fond memories



Featuring: XHS Concert Band, XHS Wind Ensemble,
XHS Jazz Ensemble, and XMS 8th Grade Band.

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

A Program of the St. Francis Xavier Catholic School System

Fox Cities Chamber's Excellence in Education Shining Star Awards

The Fox Cities Chamber is proud to present the 5th Annual *Excellence in Education Shining Star Awards* and we need your nominations to shine a bright light on the sacrifices and successes that are happening in Xavier and our region. Online nominations are now being accepted using the link: [Excellence in Education Shining Star Awards](#) Nominations close on January 10th. Please consider nominating one of our fantastic Xavier educators.

From the Scrip Office

The Holiday Shopping Season is fast approaching. What better way to save on tuition than to put your grocery, gas, restaurants and gift purchases to work. To make sure you don't miss out, I want to provide you with important dates.

- To make sure your cards are here in time for Christmas, orders should be placed by **Friday, December 15th**. Anything after that date cannot be guaranteed to be here in time.
- **Monday, December 25th through January 2nd** - Scrip Office is Closed

Special Sale - We have a limited amount of TGI Friday cards that we will offer at 20% rebate (normally 9%). This will be first come first serve until gone. Contact dteela@xaviercatholicschools.org to order.

Attendance Guidelines

Students will be sent home and must remain home until they are symptom free for 24 hours if they are experiencing any one of the following symptoms

- Fever (temperature 100 or above)
- Diarrhea
- Nausea and/or vomiting

Students **MUST** remain home until they are symptom free for 24 hours without the help of any medication.

Attachments

- **Lunch Menu**
 - [December](#)
- [Junior Achievement - Young Entrepreneur Competition](#) - (Deadline 12/15)
- [Catholic Daughters of the Americas Education Contest](#) - Entries are due to Ms. Bouchard by January 5th



Links/Information

- [XMS Daily Schedule](#)
- **Hawk Time Availability:** [5th Grade](#), [6th Grade](#), [7th Grade](#), [8th Grade](#)
- [2023-2024 Student Directory](#)
- [XMS Anticipated Absence Form](#)
- [XCS Lunch Program](#)
- [XCS Care Program](#)
- [Xavier Online Spirit Store](#)
- [Xavier Catholic School Volunteer Procedure](#)
- [XMS Parking Lot Map](#)
- [2023-2024 XMS School Calendar](#)

Community Events/Information

- [St. Pius X - Women's Group](#)

Upcoming Events

Wednesday, December 6

- 3:15 - 4:20 pm - Cheer/Dance Practice

Thursday, December 7

- 3:00 - 4:00 pm - Gamers Club
- 3:15 - 4:20 pm - Cheer/Dance Practice

Friday, December 8

- 9:26 am - Mass

Tuesday, December 12

- 9:26 am - Mass
- 6:30 pm - Band & Orchestra Christmas Concert (5th-7th Band; 5th & 6th Orchestra)

Wednesday, December 13, 2023

- 3:05 - 3:45 pm - Campus Ministry Club Meeting
- 3:15 - 4:20 pm - Cheer/Dance Practice
- 7:00 pm - Christmas Band Concert @ XHS (8th Grade & High School)

Thursday, December 14, 2023

- 3:05 - 3:50 pm - Inside Out Café
- 3:15 - 4:20 pm - Cheer/Dance Practice

Friday, December 15, 2023

- \$1.00 Casual Day
- 3:00 - 3:30 pm - Math Club Meeting

Tuesday, December 19, 2023

- 9:26 am - Mass
- 6:30 pm - Christmas Choir Concert @ XMS

Xavier High School Registration Nights



**MONDAY
JANUARY 29
OR
TUESDAY
JANUARY 30**

**XAVIER HIGH SCHOOL THEATRE
7:00 P.M.**

**Reserve your spot at (920)733-6632 or
bit.ly/xhsregnight2024**

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