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# Middle School Weekly Newsletter

## 1/31/24

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### Catholic Schools Week

*Thank you for the gift of Catholic Schools. As we celebrate this week, help us to be always aware of the blessing of our community and the chance for each of us to be a part of it. We thank you for the opportunity to attend a school where we can live out your Gospel, and be shaped as your disciples. Amen.*

### Weekly Mass

Mass is generally celebrated at 9:26 am on Tuesdays at Xavier Middle School. (See the calendar for occasional alternate mass days/times. **Our Ash Wednesday Mass will be on Wednesday, February 14th at 8:10 am.** There will be no mass on Tuesday, February 13th.) We welcome you to join us! Please check in the school office to be directed to the auditorium.

### Catholic Schools Week at XMS

We are having a great time celebrating Catholic Schools Week! One week-long activity revolves around the prayer we say each Monday morning. Teachers are handing out tickets to students who are exemplifying the actions in the prayer. We are so blessed to see our students being the hands and feet of Christ!

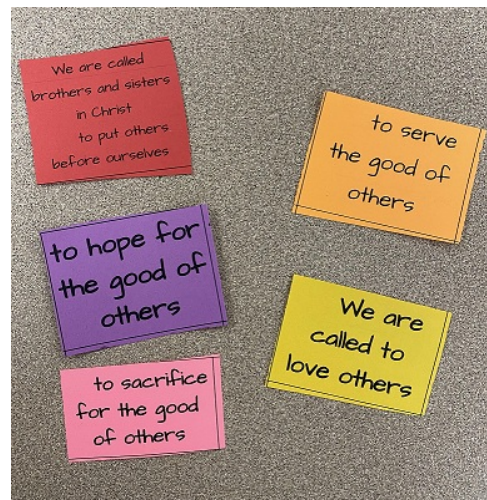
### Catholic Schools Week Dress-Up Days:

- Thursday: *God loves us no matter the season!*

Dress up day - Students are encouraged to dress for their favorite season.

- Friday: *God loves Xavier students!*

Dress up day - Xavier casual day.



### 2nd Quarter Parent Teacher Conferences

Conferences for Xavier Middle School will be:

- **Wednesday, February 7th from 4:30 until 7:30 pm**
- **Thursday, February, 8th from 12:00 to 3:00 pm.**

All teachers will be located in the gym and be grouped primarily by grade. The guidance and learning services staff will be located in the library. Please [click here](#) for

information regarding the schedule for the part-time and specialty teachers.

A full day of classes will be held on Wednesday, February 7th.

**There will be no Hawk Time on Wednesday, 2/7 so students need to be picked up at 3:00 pm and only bus students should be in the building after 3:00 pm.**

**There will be no classes on Thursday, February 8th or Friday, February 9th**

### **Students Riding the Bus**

Lamer's bus service would like to remind parents that **students are only allowed to ride their assigned bus** to and from school. Students are not allowed to ride the bus home with another student even with a note. The only way this is allowed is if both students are assigned to the same route bus. If a student is not assigned to the route, they are not permitted to ride that bus. Thank you for your understanding.

### **Reading and Reaching AR Goals**

Congratulations to all the students who met their 2nd quarter Accelerated Reader goal. Students in grades 5-8 read and took AR tests for 1738 books and earned 6719.6 points! Fantastic work! We celebrated this at our recent Monday Morning Spirit Assembly. Six students from each grade who met their goal were randomly selected to participate in a fun "Telephone" game featuring the first line of a few novels. Grades competed against each other to recite the line, and then guess the book and author. 7th grade had the best total of points, correctly identifying *The Diary of a Wimpy Kid*, *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone*, and *The Lightning Thief*. Thank you, parents, for encouraging your readers!

### **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 January 31st!**

### **XMS Ski and Snowboard Club**

Our next ski trip is on Thursday, February 8th to Granite Peak. If you are interested in going on this trip, please turn in the following forms and fees **by TOMORROW, Thursday, February 1st (this is a strict deadline set by the hill):**

- [Granite Peak Permission Slip](#) (Required)
- [Granite Peak Sign Up Form](#) (Required)
- Granite Peak Waivers - [Ski Lift Waiver](#), [Rental Waiver](#), [Lesson Waiver](#) (Required)

Permission Slip and Sign Up Form also available in the school office.



### **Celebrate is THIS Saturday!**

Only a few days to go until Xavier's largest single-event fundraiser. Whether you will be joining us in-person or logging into the event software to bid/donate from anywhere, please read on for information for all to join in/support Xavier Catholic Schools:

- **Online Bidding:** Bidding has begun! Anyone can bid from anywhere. All it takes

is a quick, FREE registration (it is free to browse, but a credit card is required to place a bid).

- [Click here](#) to go to the Celebrate GiveSmart website. Once there, click on the “Items” tab, which will allow you to view the auction items.
- If you are not attending, but would like to bid, click on an item which will prompt you to create an account and register a credit card to begin bidding. You are only charged if you are the winning bidder.
- If you are attending, you should have received a welcome text and/or email with a link. Once you have confirmed via the link & registered a credit card, you may begin bidding. Please only use the link and do not create your own account as you will then have two accounts at Celebrate. If you have questions, please email Sami at [sslaughter@xaviercatholicschools.org](mailto:sslaughter@xaviercatholicschools.org) and she can re-send your link.
- **Staff Donations!** Our amazing faculty and staff have donated some wonderful items and experiences to our auction. Go to the GiveSmart website (link above), click on “Items” and then choose the “School Donation” category.
- **Volunteers NEEDED!** We need about 100 volunteers the weekend of Celebrate. Students have graciously volunteered a lot of their time that evening, but we still need adult volunteers to help that evening. Go to the [SignUpGenius](#) for more information and to sign up.
- **Note to in-person attendees:** to streamline your check-in experience, make sure you accept your texted/emailed ticket, confirm your information, and register a credit card for the evening right from your phone before you arrive. If you have done that, all you need to do is confirm and pick up your program once you arrive!

If you have any questions about Celebrate, please call – Lisa, Sami, Bob, or Dave at 735-9380. We are looking forward to a fun event “Celebrate”-ing Xavier Catholic Schools this Saturday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>!

### **Orchestra News!**

The Winter Orchestra concert for grades 7 - 12 is on **Wednesday, February 7th, at 7:00 pm at Xavier High School**. The concert will feature each ensemble, including the high school chamber ensembles. The concert will conclude with a full orchestra performance of “Jupiter - Bringer of Jollity” from the Planets by Holst/arr. Leidig. This piece will include a select number of 7th, 8th & high school band students as we collaborate on a joint performance of this wonderful piece.

#### **Here are the details:**

- **Concert Date:** Wednesday, February 7th
- **Location:** Xavier High School
- **Dress:** Black bottoms, white top
- **Call Time:** 6:30pm (What time I am asking your student to be at the high school)
- **Concert Length:** 45 minutes of music, assume it will be around 1 hour 10 minutes with transitions.

The students have been working really hard since our last performance and we are excited to share some very challenging music with you all. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Mrs. Kenney - [kenney@xaviercatholicschools.org](mailto:kenney@xaviercatholicschools.org)

# XAVIER

*Music* APPAREL SALE ✦

in conjunction with Fine Arts Night on March 6, we are having a "Xavier Music" clothing sale. These items are great for any students involved with music at any of the Xavier schools, or families who want to support Xavier music.

ORDERS DUE: FEBRUARY 7TH

Visit the website below to check it out!

[xaviermusic2024apparel.itemorder.com](http://xaviermusic2024apparel.itemorder.com)



Orders will be available for pick-up at Fine Arts Night on 3/6 at Xavier High School or will be delivered to each school after the event.

### XHS Summer PE Class

Attention 8th Grade Parents. Is your child interested in taking a summer PE class for high school? [Click here](#) to register.

### 8th Grade Camp Update

At the beginning of May, our 8th grade students will have the opportunity to celebrate their time at Xavier Middle School by spending two nights at Camp Anokijig in Plymouth, WI. Originally the trip was planned to be May 8th - May 10th but unfortunately, due to some scheduling conflicts with the camp, we have had to shift the dates. Our 8th grade students will now be going to camp from **May 14th to May 16th 2024**. **There will be no school for the 8th graders on Friday, May 17th.** More specific camp information, including payment and forms, will be coming out near the beginning of March but we wanted to get you the updated dates as soon as possible. If you have any questions please reach out to Mary Benthein at [mbenthein@xaviercatholicschools.org](mailto:mbenthein@xaviercatholicschools.org) or Ashley Turner at [aturner@xaviercatholicschools.org](mailto:aturner@xaviercatholicschools.org).



### Fox Valley Saints Football Registration

Football registration opens soon: 6-8th grade Saints Fall 2024 Football registration opens Superbowl Sunday Feb 11. An online informational parent meeting will be held on Feb 12 at 7pm. A link for the parent meeting, registration

and more information is available on the Saints website [www.foxvalleysaints.com](http://www.foxvalleysaints.com) under the Football home page. Early registration discounts apply until March 15th. Please direct any questions to program director Peter Katz at [foxvalleysaints@gmail.com](mailto:foxvalleysaints@gmail.com)

### Grand Chute Baseball

**2024 Baseball Registration Open NOW!** Grand Chute Baseball provides a competitive level of baseball while maintaining our commitment to teach baseball fundamentals, sportsmanship and teamwork in a friendly environment.



- **When:** January 1 – March 31
- **Who:** Co-ed; ages 5-12yrs old
- **What:** T-Ball (ages 5-6), Rookie-Machine Pitch (ages 7-8), Kid-pitch-Minors 46/60 (ages 9-10), and Majors 50/65 (ages 11-12)
- **Where:** Online registration at [www.grandchutebaseball.com](http://www.grandchutebaseball.com) Click the register tab and follow the directions. **NO RESIDENCY RESTRICTIONS**
- **Season dates:** May 28th – July 31st @ Plamann Park and Patriot Park

*Weekend Tournament Teams:* 7U through 12U players have the opportunity to try out for GC weekend tournament / travel teams. If you have questions, please email: [admin@grandchutebaseball.com](mailto:admin@grandchutebaseball.com). We look forward to seeing you this summer!

# Xavier Baseball Fundraiser



**MCDONALD'S  
WEST COLLEGE AVE.  
FEBRUARY 23  
FROM  
4:00-7:00**



**NO NEED TO MENTION XAVIER  
15% OF SALES BENEFIT  
OUR TEAM!**



Take a peek at all of the financial options for fall [HERE](#).

**From the Scrip Office:**

**FAST FUND FEBRUARY 2/1/24 - 2/29/24**

Receive an additional 5% discounted rate on the fundraising cards below

- Gift Card and Fuel Only Cards: 10% (reg 5%)
- Grocery Only Card: 20% (reg 15%)

Type in “**Kwik Trip Local**” in the search bar on your laptop or Smartphone Raiseright App and then select the dollar value. Look for a picture of a store or price tag and not the Kwik Trip logo.

**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.

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**Attachments**

- Lunch Menu
  - [February](#)
- [Americanism Essay Contest](#) - Deadline February 23rd



**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**

- [Tech Savvy - March 9th, 2024](#) (Online registration opens January 12, 2024)
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### **Upcoming Events**

#### **Wednesday, January 31**

- 1:00 pm - Spelling Bee
- 3:15 - 4:20 pm - Cheer/Dance Practice

#### **Thursday, February 1**

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

#### **Saturday, February 3**

- Celebrate

#### **Tuesday, February 6**

- 9:26 am - Mass

#### **Wednesday, February 7**

- 3:15 - 4:20 pm - Cheer/Dance Practice
- 4:30 - 7:30 pm - Parent Teacher Conferences
- 7:00 pm - Orchestra Concert @ XHS (Grades 7-12)

#### **Thursday, February 8**

- No School
- 12:00 - 3:00 pm - Parent Teacher Conferences

#### **Friday, February 9**

- No School

#### **Tuesday, February 13**

- No Mass

#### **Wednesday, February 14**

- 8:10 am - Ash Wednesday Mass
- 7th Grade at Camp
- 3:15 - 4:20 pm - Cheer/Dance Practice



## **XAVIER CATHOLIC SCHOOLS 24-25 FOUNDATION AND PARISH SCHOLARSHIPS**

**Multiple scholarships are available for elementary, middle and high school students.**

**These are merit based scholarships that require an application and essay  
Details and online Application available on the Xavier website: [xaviercatholicschools.org](http://xaviercatholicschools.org)  
Admissions > Scholarships**

### **TIPS TO APPLY ON-LINE**

- Review the scholarship requirements
- Write your essay(s) before completing the online application.
- Complete the online application and attach your essay(s).
- Up to 10 essays or documents can be attached to one student application

Foundation Scholarship Applications due March 1, 2024

**Click here to view our website**

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