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# Middle School Weekly Newsletter

## 1/24/24

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### Peace Prayer of St. Francis

Lord, make me an instrument of Your peace;  
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;  
Where there is injury, pardon;  
Where there is doubt, faith;  
Where there is despair, hope;  
Where there is darkness, light;  
And where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master,  
Grant that I may not so much seek  
To be consoled as to console;  
To be understood, as to understand;  
To be loved, as to love;  
For it is in giving that we receive,  
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,  
And it is in dying that we are born to Eternal Life.  
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

National Catholic Schools Week is the annual celebration of Catholic education in the United States. This year the celebration is January 29th – February 2nd. The theme for the National Catholic Schools Week 2024 is



*Who do You say that WE are?*

*We are called brothers and sisters in Christ  
to put others before ourselves  
to hope for the good of others  
to sacrifice for the good of others  
to serve the good of others*

*We are called to love others*

“Catholic Schools: Unity in Faith and Community”. Here at the middle school, we will

take each day to emphasize a line of the prayer our school community says together each Monday morning.

We also have Mass, the Spelling Bee, Reynebeau cookies, and an all-school Hawk Party to celebrate being part of Xavier Middle School. The week includes theme dress-up days as well!

#### **Catholic Schools Week Dress-Up Days:**

- Monday: *God loves us!*

Dress up day - Dress in a way that represents you (hobbies or passions).

- Tuesday: *Catholic Schools: Unity in Faith and Community*

Dress up day - Uniform or better. Students are encouraged to wear something special for mass.

- Wednesday: *God loves us through the decades!*

Dress up day - Decades Day. Students are encouraged to dress in a decade other than the current one.

- 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.

#### **Spelling Bee**

Congratulations to the following students for winning their classroom Spelling Bee and advancing to the School Spelling Bee:

**5th Grade** - Orichy Engichy, Antoin Resch, Elliana Vande Hey, Lucas Donnermeyer, Jacob Martonito, Tony Bento, Drew Lips, Isaac Roth, Aaron Bires, Soren Olson

**6th Grade** - Xavier Hooper, Brooklyn Muller, Gianna Martin, Paige Trimberger, Reese Marquardt, Grayson Harland, Baldomero Morales, Lucy Foss, Isaac Teeters, Noah Engichy

**7th Grade** - Hayam Bedrane, Jake Brandon, Sarah Zampaloni, Gabby Congdon, Zipporah Ehrlich, Will Callies, Ian Leyden, Ben Magnuson, Jackson Korittnig, Nancy Leaphart

**8th Grade** - William Mix, Kevin Miranda-Andrade, Tess Dudas, Ciara Simon, Lydia Foth, Robbie Biechler, Isabel Jannette, and Riley VandeHey.

The School Bee is held in the auditorium here at XMS at 1:00pm on Wednesday, January 31st. Parents, grandparents, and others are invited to attend. If you cannot attend, you can watch the livestream at: [Spelling Bee 2024](#).

#### **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 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.

**If your child would like lessons, they need their sign up forms turned in by Thursday, January 25th. This deadline is set by the ski hill.**



## Be “In the Know” about Celebrate 2024

Celebrate is a little over one week away! You can participate in many ways regardless of whether or not you are not attending in person.

- **Online Bidding on the Silent and Super Silent Auctions OPENS WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24<sup>TH</sup>:** *You can participate in the silent auction regardless of whether or not you are attending—bidding can happen from anywhere.* Anyone can click here on the [GiveSmart](#) link to start bidding early (and often!) beginning Thursday! It is FREE for anyone to register to bid on and look at all of the silent auction items. (Note: to place any bids or to donate, you are required to put a credit card on file, but it will only be charged if you are the winning bidder or donate.)
- **Raffle Tickets:** You don't have to attend Celebrate to be in on the chance to win our great raffle prizes! All Celebrate raffle tickets (with the exception of the Hawk Ticket) were sent home with students and you can purchase the Hawk ticket and/or additional raffle tickets at the Xavier Scrip Office through Monday, January 29<sup>th</sup>. Our thanks to all of the families who have already purchased and sent back raffle tickets. A reminder that all are to be returned by Monday (1/29).
- **Volunteers NEEDED!** We don't want to sound desperate, but...we need about 100 volunteers the weekend of Celebrate and we still need many adult volunteers to help that evening. Click here for the adult [SignUpGenius](#).

If you have any questions about Celebrate, please visit the event [website](#), call Lisa, Sami, Bob, or Dave at 735-9380 or email [Lisa](#). We are looking forward to a fun event celebrating Xavier Catholic Schools!

### Orchestra News!

The Winter Orchestra concert for grades 7 - 12 is on **Wednesday, February 7<sup>th</sup>, 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 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> & high school band students as we collaborate on a joint performance of this wonderful piece.

**Here are the details:**

- **Concert Date:** Wednesday, February 7<sup>th</sup>
- **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)

### 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).

### **XHS Girls Basketball - Youth Night**

Girls Basketball Youth Night is January 26th at 7:00 at Xavier High School. Cheer on the Hawks as we take on West DePere! Stay for trading cards and autographs post-game. All children under 14 get in free!

### **Appleton Little League**

Summer fun, Appleton Little League has girls softball and boys baseball open for registration. Please review [our website](#) for more information. Any questions email [registration@appletonlittleleague.org](mailto:registration@appletonlittleleague.org),

### **From the Scrip Office:**

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

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# 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](https://bit.ly/xhsregnight2024)

[www.XavierCatholicSchools.org](http://www.XavierCatholicSchools.org)

### 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
  - [January](#)
  - [February](#)
- [Wisconsin State Annual Literary and Illustrator Competition](#) - Deadline January 26th
- [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

- [St. Pius X - Covenant of Love Date Night](#) - Friday, January 26th
  - [Tech Savvy - March 9th, 2024](#) (Online registration opens January 12, 2024)
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### Upcoming Events

#### **Wednesday, January 24**

- 3:15 - 4:20 pm - Cheer/Dance Practice
- 6:30 pm - XMS Preview Night

#### **Thursday, January 25**

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

#### **Friday, January 26**

- 3:00 - 3:30 pm - Math Club

#### **January 28 - February 3**

- Catholic Schools Week

#### **Tuesday, January 30**

- 9:26 am - Mass

#### **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



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