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Dear Parents,

I hope this email finds you well and that you are enjoying a summer filled with family and friends. The teachers have been busy getting their rooms ready, and we are excited to welcome our students back. This school year is sure to be filled with learning, opportunities to grow in our faith, and occasions to grow together as a school community.

The start of the school year is just a few weeks away. Please take a few minutes to read through the information below which will help you prepare your children to return to school. Near the bottom of this information you will find a link to complete a number of forms digitally. Please help us save time and paper by clicking and completing these forms today.

Important Upcoming Dates

Wednesday, August 9th

XE Marquette St. Summer Park Playdate: 6:30pm

Join friends at the school playground for the last park playdate of the summer.

Monday, August 21st 7:30am-3:00pm or Tuesday August 22nd 1:00pm-3:00pm Packet Pickup

Please stop by the school office to pick up your family orientation packet. This packet includes information about classroom assignments as well as forms that must be completed by the first day of school. Packets can also be picked up in the gym during Party on the Playground.

Tuesday, August 22nd

Party on the Playground: 6:00pm-7:30pm

HSA is hosting a Party on the Playground on August 22nd from 6:00pm-7:30pm. Come socialize with friends, families, and staff both new and old. Ice cream will be provided by Appleton Airport Ice Cream Express and be sure to stop by the Uniform Swap in the gym.

Monday, August 28th

Pop Into School and Picture Day: 1:00pm-5:00pm

This open house style event is an opportunity for students to meet their teachers, drop off their school supplies, and get their school picture taken. Come and go at a time that works in your schedule. *Lifetouch* will be taking student pictures during Pop Into School. Orders can be completed online at https://my.lifetouch.com/ using the picture day code **EVT6MDZJ4** or by filling out the picture order form in your back to school packet.

Wednesday, August 30th

1st Day of School

Doors open at 8:10am, the first bell rings at 8:15am. Students are expected to be in their seats at 8:25am for the second bell and ready for the beginning of day announcements.

Tuesday, September 5th

Parent Information Night: 6:30pm- 8:00pm.

This evening starts with a brief informational session in church followed by time to visit your child's classroom and hear about the year ahead from teachers. This session is for parents only.

Friday, September 15th

Donuts with GrownUps 7:30am-8:15am

Please join us for donuts and coffee in the Holy Family Hall. Students must be accompanied by a parent or guardian to attend. This event is not possible without the help of volunteers. Please consider helping with this event. <u>Donuts with Grown Ups</u> <u>Volunteer</u>

Thursday, September 28th

Color Run family event: 5:00pm-7:00pm.

This is HSA's largest fundraiser and a fun way to come together as a joint elementary school community. Mark your calendar and watch for more information about this fun event!

Online forms completion

Please complete today

In an effort to streamline our processes and paperwork, please click on the link below to read and sign off on the St. Francis Xavier Google Apps for Education Acceptable Use Policy, St. Francis Xavier Acceptable Use Policy, and the Student and Parent Handbook. <u>Click here to complete mandatory online forms</u>

School Supplies

The school supply lists are currently available on our school website, <u>School Supply</u> <u>Lists</u>. These lists vary from grade to grade. If you ordered a school supply box they will be available on your student's desk during Pop Into School.

Class Placements

Families will be notified of class placement in the packet picked up on August 21st or 22nd. August is always a time of movement and this year is no exception; we continue to adjust class lists daily. The school team works hard to create equitable class lists. Our faculty and staff are here to support all students and provide an excellent learning experience regardless of the class placement.

Family Directory

We are in the process of compiling a family directory for Marquette St. Campus. This directory will include student name, student grade, parent names, address, email, and phone numbers. If you do **not** want your family information included in the directory or prefer only certain information included please contact Mrs. Schwartz at <u>pschwartz@xaviercatholicschools.org</u>. If we do not hear from you, we will include your family in the directory; *you must opt out if you don't want to be included*.

Student and Parent Handbook

Please review the student and parent handbook found here:

Student and Parent Handbook

This resource includes everything to know about our elementary campuses. Each family must sign that they have read and will comply with the information in the handbook.

School Website and Calendar

The Xavier Catholic Schools website is an excellent source of information for families. Be sure to check it out by going to <u>https://xe.xaviercatholicschools.org/</u> Click here to access the <u>2023-2024 Elementary Calendar</u>

<u>Lunch</u>

Welcome back to school! Chartwells, your food services provider, has some great new ideas and food creations to make lunch fun and taste great! We urge you to fill out a free and reduced application to get lunch for free or a reduced rate if you qualify! If you are interested in applying for free and reduced meal eligibility for your students, please submit a completed application via the Wisconsin DPI Free and Reduced Lunch Application website. The cost of a full priced meal is \$3.30. A milk without a lunch or an additional milk is \$0.40 and an additional entrée costs \$2.15.

The salad bar is still here and will be full of fresh fruits and vegetables daily to satisfy any hunger! Students will use their lunch ID card to scan and pay for their meal. We look forward to seeing everyone in the cafeteria enjoying our tasty and nutritious meals! If you have any thoughts or questions, please feel free to reach out to Logan Wilson, Director of Dining Services, at <u>LWilson@Xaviercatholicschools.org</u>

School Dress Code

Please be sure to read the dress code over carefully; it is an expectation for all kindergarten through 4th grade students. <u>Dress Code</u> Please note, this dress code does not apply for our PreK3 and 4K students; they are expected to dress in comfortable clothing that they can easily get on and off for frequent bathroom breaks.

Daily Snacks

Students are encouraged to bring a healthy snack with them from home daily. These snacks should not take the place of breakfast and should be an appropriate portion (serving size) so students will still be ready to eat a healthy lunch. All snacks should be healthy and must follow the guidelines set by your child's classroom teacher, as they are aware of the individual health needs within the classroom setting.

St Bernadette Bus for 2023-2024

The St. Francis Xavier Catholic School System will once again offer busing for the 2023-2024 school year from the St. Bernadette parish to the high school, middle, and elementary school campuses. The shuttle bus is scheduled to leave the St. Bernadette parking lot at approximately 7:13 am and arrive back after school by 3:50 pm. There is no cost to our families for this shuttle service. <u>CLICK HERE</u> to register.

Pick up and Drop Off

Please be sure to read the *updated pick up and drop off procedures* linked below. You will find a laminated sheet with your family name in the packet you pick up later this month. This sheet should be kept in the car that is picking up. At pickup please display the family name in your front window so staff know which family to send out. Drop Off and Pick Up Procedures

Staff Updates Marquette Street Campus

Please welcome our new staff to Marquette St. and the Xavier System.Mrs. Ashley Baumler3rd gradeMiss Elizabeth RadkeMusic 1-4

Mrs. Jyll ScanlanPreK4 Instructional AideMrs. Jennifer SalmPreK4 Instructional Aide

The following staff have taken new positions in our school	
Mrs. Jedwabny	Kindergarten
Mrs. Sorenson	Orchestra and Music 4K and Kindergarten

Please check the <u>Staff Directory</u> in the coming days for updated faculty & staff directory and teacher webpages.

Home School Association-HSA

We have an active and growing HSA and we are looking for more people to become involved. Please join us for our first HSA meeting on Friday, September 15th at 8:35 in the church Narthex. All are welcome to this meeting where you can meet other parents and learn about upcoming events.

Thank you for your trust in choosing Xavier Catholic Schools for the education of your children. We hope that our schools and parishes are places we can grow together as a Catholic community. Please reach out if our team can be of assistance.

Blessings,

Tina Fairweather

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