



Middle School Weekly Newsletter

12/20/23

Come Lord Jesus, Come

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). We welcome you to join us! Please check in the school office to be directed to the auditorium.

Free Casual Day - December 22, 2023

We will have a free casual day this Friday, December 22nd. Please remind your child to follow the casual day [dress code guidelines](#) in the handbook.

Awaiting Christ's Coming

As we prepare for Christ's coming in our hearts, our school community has been coming together to learn about the "O Antiphons". The O Antiphons are the seven titles of Jesus, recited the seven days before Christmas Eve. You may know the O Antiphons from the famous song "O Come O Come Emmanuel". In this hymn, Christ is revealed to us as "O Wisdom", "O Lord", "O Root of Jesse", "O Key of David", "O Radiant Dawn", "O King of Nations", and "O Emmanuel".



Miss Bayer's homeroom has been leading the weekly prayer services focusing on the O Antiphons. The students drew a picture to represent each O Antiphon. Then over half the class volunteered to learn the O Antiphons in their original Latin, which they shared with the school. Finally, after reading the Gospel from that week of Advent, the students light the Advent wreath and lead the student body in singing "O Come O Come Emmanuel". They have worked incredibly hard and are excited to share their work and prayers with the school community!

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!**

Chromebook Damage

Over the first semester we have noticed an increase in technology repairs necessary from previous years. The primary cause of any preventable damage has been from moving about with the Chromebook open and then falling. This was generally caused because students did not want to close their Chromebook when they walked from class to class or within their classroom because they didn't want to lose what tabs were open. This problem has been mitigated by changing settings on the Chromebooks and now we just have to get students in the habit of always closing their Chromebook before moving around. Another mitigation to prevent damage is the Chromebook cover that should be on the Chromebook at all times.

It has been in our acceptable use policy, though not always enforced, that when there are fees incurred for repairs those fees would be the responsibility of the family of the student who caused the damage. Beginning in the new year we will be consistently enforcing that any fee incurred due to preventable damage will be the responsibility of the family of the student who caused the damage. We hope this encourages students to be cautious with the technology that they get to use while at school and also careful with technology that is around them even if it is not their assigned Chromebook. If you have any questions please feel free to reach out to Ashley Turner or Sara Meyer by phone at (920)730-88-49 or by email at aturner@xaviercatholicschools.org or smeyer@xaviercatholicschools.org



Celebrate Deadline Extended

We know that this is a very busy time of year—we still have shopping to do too! We want to give you the gift of time—at least more time for Celebrate. The deadline for becoming a sponsor of Celebrate or donating a basket/experience/item has been extended to THIS Friday, December 22nd. To become a sponsor, [click here](#). To donate to our live or silent auction, [click here](#). Questions? Contact Lisa at lpfaff@xaviercatholicschools.org or (920) 735-9380. Thanks for considering and have a Merry Christmas!

7th Grade Camp

Coming soon our 7th grade students will have the opportunity to participate in the 7th grade outdoor educational retreat! Each year in February, 7th grade students have the opportunity to travel with their class to Camp U-Nah-Li-Ya in Suring, WI for a retreat experience that integrates 7th grade curriculum and spiritual enrichment. This year's trip will take place from February 14th to February 15th. Forms and information on fees will be coming home with your students the week after Christmas break.

In order to make the trip run successfully, we are in need of both male and female chaperones. Staff from both school and camp attend and run the camp but we could not make it happen without your support and aid. If you are willing to chaperone please contact Ashley Turner at aturner@xaviercatholicschools.org.

AfterWords Writing Group Announces Upcoming Writing Contests

There are currently three opportunities for students who love writing, and one that also

features drawing. Please click the links below to learn more about each contest.

1. [Catholic Daughters of the Americas Education Contest](#) - Deadline January 5th
2. [Wisconsin State Annual Literary and Illustrator Competition](#) - Deadline January 26th
3. [Americanism Essay Contest](#) - Deadline February 23rd

Contact Ms. Bouchard if you have any questions. jbouchard@xaviercatholicschools.org

Ski/Snowboard Club

Ski season is almost here! The XMS Ski Club has the following ski trips planned for this year.

- Friday, January 19 - Sunburst
- Thursday, February 8 - Granite Peak
- Friday, February 23 - Sunburst

Interested students will sign up for each trip individually when the sign up information is posted. Sign up information and links will be posted in the newsletter before each trip so please watch the newsletters!

XHS Volleyball Winter Clinic

We are excited to announce our first volleyball winter clinic over Christmas break! It will take place at Xavier High School on Friday, December 29th in the Blue Gym (enter through Door 1). There is no cost and no registration is required. The times are as follows:

- 5th - 6th Grade: 2:00 - 3:30 pm
- 7th - 8th Grade: 3:30 - 5:00 pm

Needed: Families to Host International Students

We are currently looking for a few Xavier families to step up and provide a home for a couple of International Students who are studying at Xavier High School. Not only do these students bring a global feel to our campus, they help our students make connections around the world. These students are in huge need of a place to feel safe and loved - you could be that family! If you are at all interested in hosting, please reach out to Matt Parish (mparish@xaviercatholicschools.org 920-882-6902).

Benefits of hosting

- Get to know a student from a different culture and understand our global commonality
- Inspire new language opportunities
- Give a student love and safety when they are away from home
- Get into new routines as a family
- Eat new foods
- Monthly stipend for hosting
- Xavier offers a Tuition credit for families who host

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

Monday, December 25th through January 2nd - Scrip Office is Closed

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](#)
 - [January](#)
- [Catholic Daughters of the Americas Education Contest](#) - Entries are due to Ms. Bouchard by January 5th
- [Wisconsin State Annual Literary and Illustrator Competition](#) - Deadline January 26th
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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

Upcoming Events

Wednesday, December 20

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

Thursday, December 21

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

Friday, December 22

- Free Casual Day

December 23 - January 2

- No School - Christmas Break

Wednesday, January 3

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

Thursday, January 4

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



Friday, January 5

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

Tuesday, January 9

- 9:26 am - Mass

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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