

# Middle School Weekly Newsletter 1/10/24

# **Prayer for Ordinary Time**

Attend to the pleas of your people with heavenly care,
O Lord, we pray,
that they may see what must be done
and gain strength to do what they have seen.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. 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). We welcome you to join us! Please check in the school office to be directed to the auditorium.

# Parent Education Night: Social Media and How to Navigate it with Your Child

We are excited to offer an opportunity for parents of our students in the Xavier Catholic School System to talk about technology and social media use and how we see it impacting our students both in and out of school. On Wednesday January 17th, 2024 our School Resource Officer Michael Turner will be at Xavier Middle School at 6pm with a presentation about current trends in social media use with late elementary school age through high school age students. Following Officer Turner's presentation, both Sara Meyer and Ashley Turner will speak on what we see with technology use policy violations and how we handle them at the middle school. There will also be a time for Q&A with Officer Turner at the end of the evening. We hope you join us in learning more about technology and our students.

### Ski/Snowboard Club

We are looking forward to our first ski trip on Friday, January 19th to Sunburst Mountain. For more information and to register please see the links below. **The registration deadline is Friday, January 12th.** 

- Online Registration/Lift Tickets (Use Group Code: XMS2)
- <u>Field Trip Consent Form</u> (Turn in to school office after online registration)
- <u>Sunburst Ski Trip Signup Form</u>(Turn in to school office after online registration)

You must buy lift tickets and rentals online by 11:59 PM on Friday, January 12, 2024. Late registrations will not be accepted by Sunburst. Do not turn the sign up forms in to school until you have purchased tickets online.

Lastly, please mark your calendars for the other upcoming ski trips this year.

- Thursday, February 8th Granite Peak
- Friday, February 23rd Sunburst

# **Spelling Club**

Spelling Club is for anyone that has finished in the top three of their Classroom Spelling Bee. We will practice spelling words and vocabulary rounds, get tips to help with spelling and vocabulary, and see who else will be in the School Bee on Wednesday, January 31st. Spelling Club will meet on Mondays after school during Hawk Time in Ms. Bouchard's room during the month of January. Check with Ms. Bouchard if you have any questions.



# <u>Celebrate is Less than One Month Away! Raffle Tickets are Coming Your Way!</u> Important information for ALL, not just those attending

- The Early Bird reservation deadline is this Thursday, January 11, 2024! After the 11th, admission prices increase, so get your reservations in now! Click here to register online or send in/drop off your admission card to any campus.
- Raffle information PLEASE READ! -- Tickets on sale NOW!—anyone can purchase raffle tickets—you don't need to attend Celebrate to buy chances to win great raffle prizes!
  - Raffle tickets are being sent home with all students this week—please
    retrieve the special raffle envelope from your student's backpack if they
    didn't give it to you.
  - Additional raffle tickets are also available for purchase at the Xavier Scrip Office.
- Adult Event Volunteers Needed! The Celebrate SignUpGenius is now available
  on the Celebrate event website. We need almost 100 event volunteers to make
  Celebrate a success. Please consider volunteering before, during, or after
  Celebrate. We receive a wonderful response from high school students, but also
  need adult volunteers. Note: XHS students have their own SignUpGenius
  emailed to them; the above link is only for adult volunteers.

If you have any questions about Celebrate, call Lisa, Sami, or Bob at 735-9380 or email Lisa at <a href="mailto:lipsassess-space">lipsassess-space</a> at <a href="mailto:lisassess-space">lipsassess-space</a> at <a href="ma

# **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 <a href="mailto:aturner@xaviercatholicschools.org">aturner@xaviercatholicschools.org</a>.



# After School Clubs: You Can Help!

Middle school is a fun time for learning and development for kids. It is a great time for students to learn a new fun skill or hobby. We would love to offer more club opportunities for students but we can not necessarily staff every club that students may be interested in. If you as a parent are interested in running a club that students could participate in after school from 3:00 to 3:30 or 4 pm in something such as chess, crafts of some sort, or anything else please reach out to Ashley or Sara at <a href="atturner@xaviercatholicschools.org">atturner@xaviercatholicschools.org</a> or <a href="smeyer@xaviercatholicschools.org">smeyer@xaviercatholicschools.org</a>.



Auditions for **ALL RISE! The Northeast Wisconsin Passion Play**, an original, musical drama based on the life of Christ, will be held by appointment on Thursday evening, January 18th or Saturday morning, January 20th, at the Xavier Fine Arts Theatre.

Adults of all ages and students, grades three through 12, are invited to audition. Applicants will be asked to do a vocal audition and a simple movement/dance assessment.

Fill out a cast application and schedule an audition time at<u>www.newpassionplay.org</u>. Click or tap the "Join our Cast" button near the top of the home page.

Performances for the 2024 season are March 21-24. Ticket sales open on January 15th 9:00 am online, box office open noon - 3:00 pm.

Auditions, rehearsals and performances are at the Xavier Fine Arts Theatre.

A program of the St. Francis Xavier Catholic School System.

# **Current Families Enrolling New Students for Fall**

Notify <u>Admissions</u> if your family will be enrolling a new student for 24-25. We will send you an email on January 15 with a link for early, priority online registration. As a reminder, Xavier has an automatic re-enrollment process for current students.



Apply now for 2024-25

# XAVIER CATHOLIC SCHOOLS FOUNDATION AND PARISH SCHOLARSHIPS

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

Merit based scholarships that require an application and essay.

Details and Applications on our website.

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OVER \$85,000 IN FOUNDATION AND PARISH DONOR DESIGNATED SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED OUTSIDE OF THE FACTS TUITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM IN 23-24

Scholarship Applications due March 1, 2024



game between 4:00-7:30!

supports our team!

# **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,

# 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.

# **Xavier High School Registration Nights** Reserve your spot at (920)733-6632 or bit.ly/xhsregnight2024

www.XavierCatholicSchools.org

# **Attachments**

- Lunch Menu
  - January
- 8th Grade Diocese Trip Permission Slip (Due 1/8/24)
- Wisconsin State Annual Literary and Illustrator **Competition** - Deadline January 26th
- Americanism Essay Contest Deadline February 23rd

# **Links/Information**

- XMS Daily Schedule
- Hawk Time Availability: <u>5th Grade</u>, <u>6th Grade</u>, <u>7th Grade</u>, <u>8th Grade</u>
- 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)

# **Upcoming Events**

# Wednesday, January 10

- 3:05 3:45 pm Campus Ministry Club
- 3:15 4:20 pm Cheer/Dance Practice

# Thursday, January 11

- 8th Grade Diocese Trip
- 3:15 4:20 pm Cheer/Dance Practice

# Tuesday, January 16

• 9:26 am - Mass

# Wednesday, January 17

- 3:15 4:20 pm Cheer/Dance Practice
- 6:00 pm Parent Ed. Night Social Media Use

# Thursday, January 18

- 3:00 4:00 pm Gamers Club
- 3:05 3:50 pm Inside Out Cafe

# Friday, January 19

• No School - End of 2nd Quarter

# Saturday, January 20

• VEX Tournament

# Tuesday, January 23

- 9:26 am Mass
- 6:00 pm Band Night @ XHS

### 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

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