



Middle School Weekly Newsletter

1/3/24

*"Faith lifts the soul on one side. Hope supports it on the other.
Experience says it must be. Love says, let it be."*

~ St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, patron of Catholic Schools

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.

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

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.

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 aturner@xaviercatholicschools.org or smeyer@xaviercatholicschools.org.

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)
- [Field Trip Consent Form](#) (Turn in to school office after online registration)
- [Sunburst Ski Trip Signup Form](#) (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

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

ALL RISE!

THE NORTHEAST WISCONSIN PASSION PLAY
2024

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 www.newpassionplay.org. 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 **Admissions** 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.



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SUPPORT Xavier Baseball



Go to Chick-fil-A on your way to the Xavier boys basketball game between 4:00-7:30!



JANUARY 23



Mention Xavier and
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supports our team!



Join the Xavier Catholic Schools Team! We're hiring!

Explore the exciting positions available and become part of our vibrant community!

Current Openings:

- Administrative Support Specialist, Central Office Prospect
- English Language Learners (ELL) Teacher, Xavier Elementary Campuses
- Science Teacher, Xavier High School

How to Apply: Interested candidates should submit their applications on WECAN or reach out to Human Resources at humanresources@xaviercatholicschools.org.

Substitute Opportunities at XCS:

Consider joining us as a Substitute! Enjoy the flexibility of a work schedule tailored to your availability and choose your preferred campus location(s) and grade level!

Substitute rates:

- *Substitute Teachers: \$18.00/hour (minimum of a Bachelor's degree required)*
- *Substitute Teacher Aides: \$12.50/hour (minimum of a High School Diploma or GED required)*

[Apply Now on WECAN](#) | [Contact Human Resources](#)

Consider joining Xavier Catholic Schools and be part of a community committed to excellence in education!

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.

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,

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](#)
- 8th Grade Diocese Trip - [Permission Slip](#) (Due 1/8/24)
- [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, January 3

- 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

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

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**

www.XavierCatholicSchools.org

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website**

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