



Middle School Weekly Newsletter

11/29/23

*Bless us, O Lord, and these Thy gifts, which we are about to receive,
from Thy bounty, through Christ, our Lord. Amen.*

St. Francis Xavier Day - Friday, December 1st, 2023

St. Francis Xavier's Feast Day is December 3rd. Our Xavier Middle School community will honor our patron saint on Friday, December 1st with a day of Learning, Prayer, Service, and Celebration. We welcome Father Aaron Pierre to celebrate with us. Father Aaron is a Jesuit priest and serves as associate pastor of two Jesuit-run parishes in Milwaukee, Our Lady of Guadalupe and St. Patrick's. Father will share a presentation about St. Francis Xavier with the students first and then preside over mass at 9:00am. Students will then participate in service projects and celebration activities. Friday is a casual day and we encourage Xavier gear. We look forward to this wonderful day of Learning, Praying, Service, and Celebration. St. Francis Xavier, pray for us!

Weekly Mass

Mass is generally celebrated at 9:26am on Tuesdays at Xavier Middle School. (See the calendar for occasional alternate mass days/times - **Next week mass will be celebrate on Friday, December 8th**). We welcome you to join us! Please check in the school office to be directed to the auditorium.

XMS School Day Start Time

Xavier Middle School begins at 8:00 am and every minute of our day is important! We have noticed an increasing number of students arriving 5-10 minutes late. These students miss their valuable KIDS group time. Please make every effort to have your child at school by 7:50 am to allow time to go to their locker and be in class by 8:00 am. Remember there is free care beginning at 7:00 am if needed.

Soon we will have snow to contend with which will add to the challenge of arriving on time. Please know the importance of our full day and make adjustments as needed for our students. Thank you!

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 November 30th!**

Math Club

Do you love to problem solve and do math? Come join us for MATH CLUB! Meetings will be held in Mrs. Gear's room (Room 1301). Our first meeting will be on December 1, 2023 from 3:00 - 3:30 (during HAWK time). Please click this link for more information regarding dates of meetings: [Math Club Information](#).

Afterwords Writing Group

Afterwords Writing Group would like to announce the Catholic Daughters of the Americas Education Contest. Students can enter a project based on Luke 1:78--God's love and kindness will shine upon us like the sun that rises in the sky OR How does my love shine for others. 5th grade students can enter an essay, poem, art, or computer art. 6th-8th grade students can enter an essay, poem, art, computer art, music, or photography. Please [click here](#) for the contest rules and details or check in with Ms. Bouchard. Entries are due to Ms. Bouchard by January 5th.



Have you been hearing and seeing things about Celebrate, but are not exactly sure what it is? [Click here](#) for a quick read explaining the basics of Xavier Catholic Schools' largest, single event fundraiser in February. Visit <https://www.xaviercatholicschools.org/giving/events> for additional general Celebrate information and also information about sponsoring, attending, and donating to Celebrate.

Spectacular holiday fun for the whole family!

CHRISTMAS STARS



7:00 pm Nov 30, Dec 1, 2, 7, 8, 9
1:00 pm December 2*, 3, 9, 10

*An American Sign Language Interpreter will be provided at the 1:00 pm performance on December 2nd.

Purchase your tickets on the website, www.christmasstars.org, or visit the box office, (920) 733-8840 Monday through Friday from noon - 3pm.

Join in the fun by volunteering at a show!
Help support our fundraiser for Fine Arts by ushering, selling concessions or greeting patrons before or after the show.

[Sign up here](#)

Please note: When viewing the Signup Genius on a smaller device the date selections appear in a list instead of tabs. Select a date from the list and tap "Go".

www.christmasstars.org

A Program of the St. Francis Xavier Catholic School System

Dine to Donate for the Xavier Baseball Team

Where: Tom's Drive In on Westhill Blvd, Appleton

When: Monday, December 4th from 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Why: To help earn money towards our spring training camp

How: Just stop in and mention you're there for the Xavier Hawks baseball team and 20% of your purchase will go towards the team.

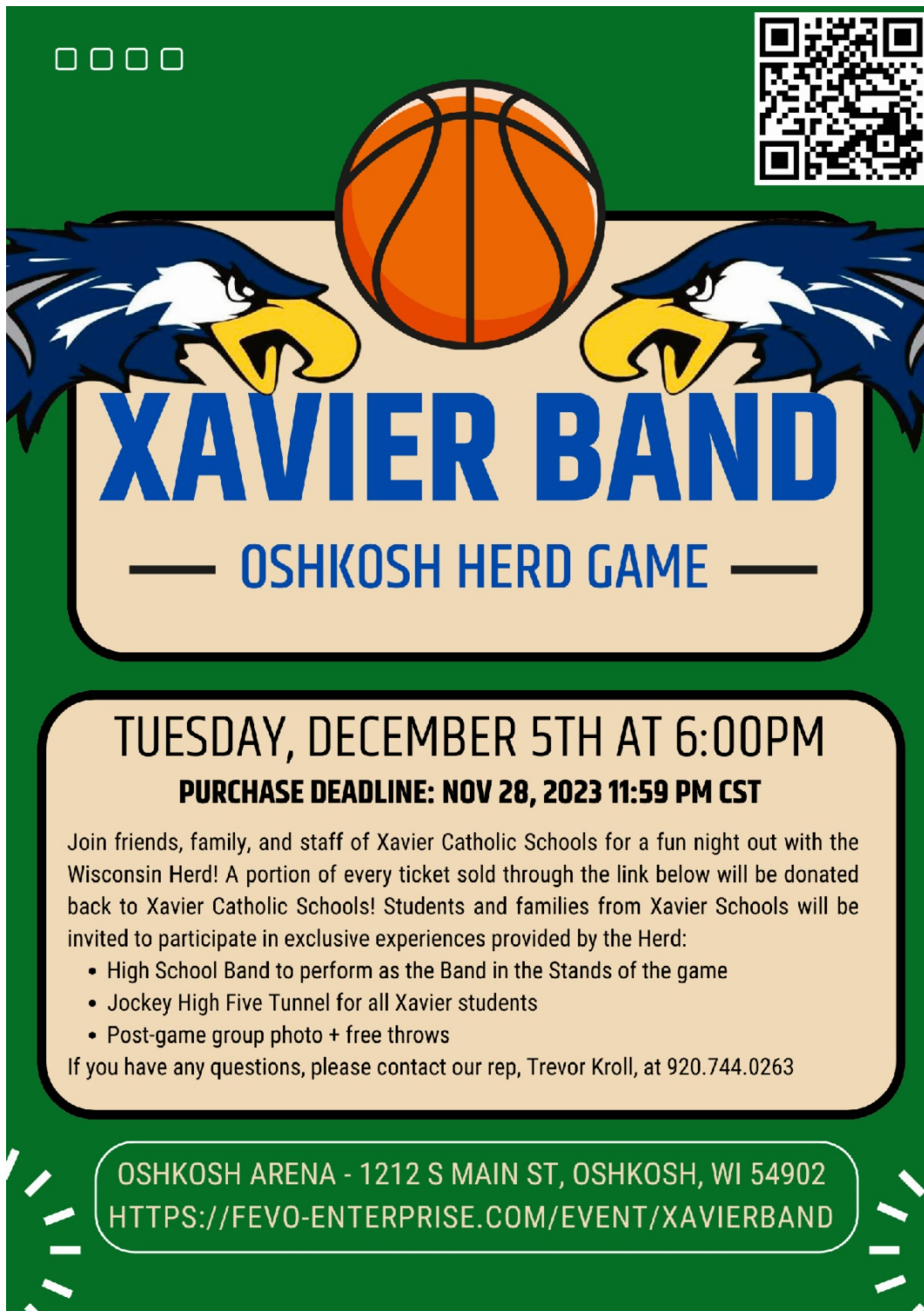
Thank you for your support! Go Hawks!

Fox Valley Saints Wrestling Registration

Saints Wrestling registration is now open! Welcoming boys and girls in 5th-8th grades with of all levels of experience. The 5th-8th grade focus is to teach the basic skills of wrestling to beginners and more advanced skills as wrestlers gain more experience and confidence, still with a focus on having fun. Led by Xavier's Varsity assistant wrestling coach Brandon Cline and assisted by Coach Mack Kadin and Xavier's Varsity head coach Austin Stebane. Visit www.foxvalleysaints.com to learn more about Xavier's exciting new sports program. Season starts after Christmas break.

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.



The poster features a green background with a white QR code in the top right corner. In the center, there is a basketball flanked by two blue and white eagles. Below the eagles, the text "XAVIER BAND" is written in large, bold, blue letters, with "OSHKOSH HERD GAME" in smaller blue letters below it. The date and time "TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5TH AT 6:00PM" and the purchase deadline "PURCHASE DEADLINE: NOV 28, 2023 11:59 PM CST" are displayed in a white rounded rectangle. Below this, a paragraph of text describes the event and lists three bullet points: "High School Band to perform as the Band in the Stands of the game", "Jockey High Five Tunnel for all Xavier students", and "Post-game group photo + free throws". At the bottom, the location "OSHKOSH ARENA - 1212 S MAIN ST, OSHKOSH, WI 54902" and the URL "HTTPS://FEVO-ENTERPRISE.COM/EVENT/XAVIERBAND" are shown in a white rounded rectangle.

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XAVIER BAND
— OSHKOSH HERD GAME —

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5TH AT 6:00PM
PURCHASE DEADLINE: NOV 28, 2023 11:59 PM CST

Join friends, family, and staff of Xavier Catholic Schools for a fun night out with the Wisconsin Herd! A portion of every ticket sold through the link below will be donated back to Xavier Catholic Schools! Students and families from Xavier Schools will be invited to participate in exclusive experiences provided by the Herd:

- High School Band to perform as the Band in the Stands of the game
- Jockey High Five Tunnel for all Xavier students
- Post-game group photo + free throws

If you have any questions, please contact our rep, Trevor Kroll, at 920.744.0263

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[HTTPS://FEVO-ENTERPRISE.COM/EVENT/XAVIERBAND](https://fevo-enterprise.com/event/xavierband)

From the Scrip Office

The Holiday Shopping Season is fast approaching. What better way to save on tuition than to put your grocery, gas, restaurants and gift purchases to work. To make sure you don't miss out, I want to provide you with important dates.

- To make sure your cards are here in time for Thanksgiving and Black Friday, orders should be placed by **Friday, November 17th**. Anything after that date

- cannot be guaranteed to be here in time.
- To make sure your cards are here in time for Christmas, orders should be placed by **Friday, December 15th**. Anything after that date cannot be guaranteed to be here in time.
- **Wednesday, November 22nd** - Scrip Office will be open
- **Friday, November 24th** - Scrip Office Closed
- **Monday, December 25th through January 2nd** - Scrip Office is Closed

Special Sale - We have a limited amount of TGI Friday cards that we will offer at 20% rebate (normally 9%). This will be first come first serve until gone. Contact dteela@xaviercatholicschools.org to order.

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**
 - [November](#)
 - [December](#)
- [St. Francis Xavier Day Permission Slip](#) - 12/1 - (7th & 8th grade only)
- [Junior Achievement - Young Entrepreneur Competition](#) - (Deadline 12/15)
- [Catholic Daughters of the Americas Education Contest](#) - Entries are due to Ms. Bouchard by January 5th



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

- [Feed My Starving Children Event](#) - St. John Nepomucene - 12/1 - 12/3
 - [Sacred Heart Parish Sweet Stroll](#) - 12/2 & 12/3
 - [St. Thomas More - Christmas Liturgy Sign Up](#) - Return form by 12/6
 - [St. Pius X - Women's Group](#)
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Upcoming Events

Wednesday, November 29

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

Thursday, November 30

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

Friday, December 1

- St. Francis Xavier Day Celebration
- Xavier Casual Day
- 9:00 am - Mass
- 3:00 - 3:30 - Math Club (Room 1301)

Tuesday, December 5

- No Mass

Wednesday, December 6

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

Thursday, December 7

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

Friday, December 8

- 9:26 am - Mass

Tuesday, December 12

- 9:26 am - Mass
- 6:30 pm - Band & Orchestra Christmas Concert (5th-7th Band; 5th & 6th Orchestra)

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