



Middle School Weekly Newsletter

10/18/23

*O God of Creation, you have blessed us with the changing of the seasons.
As we welcome the autumn months,
may the earlier setting of the sun
remind us to take time to rest.
May the brilliant colors of the leaves
remind us of the wonder of your creation.
May the steam of our breath in the cool air
remind us that it is you who give us the breath of life.
May the harvest from the fields
remind us of the abundance we have been given
and the bounty we are to share with others.
May the dying of summer's spirit
remind us of your great promise that death is temporary and life is eternal.
We praise you for your goodness forever and ever. Amen*

Weekly Mass

Mass is generally celebrated at 9:26am 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.

7th Grade Trip to the Shrine

The month of October is dedicated to the rosary. In 7th grade, our students made rosaries and took a trip to the Shrine of Our Lady of Champion. They had their rosaries blessed, learned about the beauty of Mary's apparition, and participated in the rosary walk. We are proud of the reverent way our 7th graders honored our Blessed Mother.



Red Ribbon Week

Red Ribbon Week is next week, October 23rd - October 26th. We will spend time talking about ways to keep our bodies healthy and have fun with [theme days](#) throughout the week. Students will learn how Red Ribbon Week started and what we can do to

stay healthy and drug-free. Middle school students have worked with the school counselors to make this week fun! Students will also be encouraged to participate in the different dress-down themes for Red Ribbon Week.

- **Monday, Oct. 23rd** - Generations, Live Long Drug Free
- **Tuesday, Oct. 24th** - Classy For Christ (Uniform or better)
- **Wednesday, Oct. 25th** - Soccer Mom vs. Barbeque Dad
- **Thursday, Oct. 26th** - KIDS Group Theme

Please [click here](#) for information on the themes for each day.

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 October 31st!**

Car line updates!

Thank you for continuing to pull forward so we can have multiple cars letting students exit at the same time. We appreciate you all helping us get our students in on time. Please continue to remind your students to have all the things they need for the school day readily accessible so they can get out of your car quickly. If at all possible, please do not have things that your students need to get out of your trunk. Similarly to why we don't want parents parking and dropping kids off; it is a moving car line and should someone not be paying attention it could cause injury to a child.

Attendance!

We are really starting to watch the attendance of our students. Our goal is to utilize every moment we have with your student to the best of our abilities but in order to do that, we need your support in both getting your student to school on time as well as encouraging your student to get to their classes on time. There is really no space in our building that should make it too difficult for your student to get to class during passing time. If your student is struggling, please reach out to us and let us know so we can help improve the situation!

Orchestra Concert - October 18th

The 7th, 8th and high school orchestras will perform a concert today, October 18th at 7pm at Xavier Middle School. We are very excited to perform pieces that have some "Halloween" feel as well as beautiful pieces played by each group. A combined 8th grade and high school piece will be on the program as well as small chamber groups from the high school. Please come support these wonderful students and celebrate all of their hard work.

Concert details:

Dress: Black bottoms, black shoes and a white top

Concert Call Time: be in the orchestra room by 6:30pm

Location: Xavier Middle School Auditorium

If you have any questions, contact Mrs. Kenney (lkenney@xaviercatholicschools.org)

Hawk Night!

Does your child want a little more time to hang out with friends? Xavier Middle School Hawk Night could be the answer! This is a time after school where there will be open gym, dancing, board games, electronic games, a chill zone, raffle prizes, pizza and concessions, etc. Hawk Night for grades 5-8 is November 3rd, 3:00-4:30pm. There is no admission charge. (Food and drinks are available for purchase.) Let's have some fun!

Please note, Hawk Time will not be available and buses will run at the normal time.

Calling All Heroes!

To celebrate Veterans Day, we are looking for veterans from our Xavier and Appleton communities to come and share their experiences with Xavier's 7th grade class. In Social Studies class, the 7th graders will be working in groups compiling interview questions to ask the veterans. Then on Wednesday, November 8th, veterans can arrive at 8 am for our assembly honoring their service and stay for the student interview and a light breakfast until 9:40 am. If you know of a veteran that would be interested in sharing their story please email social studies teacher Blake Hensley at

bhensley@xaviercatholicschools.org.

Exciting News: Escape Room Extravaganza!

We're thrilled to announce that there will be an exclusive adventure for 16 of our outstanding middle school students (4 from each grade). These exceptional students will have completed all of their Accelerated Reader (AR) points on time, earning them a coveted spot in our themed escape room challenge. On November 1st, during Hawk Time, they'll team up to take on students from other grades in a mind-bending competition filled with surprises and excitement. It's not just a challenge; it's an adventure of a lifetime! This extraordinary event is not only a testament to your child's dedication to reading, but also a celebration of their ability to apply their knowledge in a fun and engaging setting.



XAVIER SERVICE CLUB
PRESENTS

halloween party



FRIDAY
OCTOBER 27TH AT XAVIER
HIGH SCHOOL 4-7 PM



FREE
ENTRY

*Canned good donations are
encouraged for St. Joe's Food
Pantry

JOIN US FOR GAMES, CANDY, CRAFTS
AND A HAUNTED HOUSE!
DON'T FORGET YOUR COSTUME!

Xavier Theatre Presents



Join us for a special one-hour version of the classic 1939 movie musical,
a perfect first-time live theatre experience.

7:00 pm November 3, 4*, 10, 11

2:00 pm November 4, 11

Adult \$12 · Senior Citizen \$11 · Student \$10

Xavier System Student with ID \$6

***Family Night Discount for 7:00 pm November 4 performance only**

ALL SEATS \$6

Ticket prices do not include service fees on credit card purchases.

These fees are established by Showtix4u, our box office vendor, and are nonrefundable.

www.xaviertheatre.com

(920) 733-8840

Box office open for phone orders and walk-up sales

Mondays & Wednesdays, noon to 3:00 pm

Ticket sales open October 4

9am online, box office open at noon

From the Scrip Office

The Scrip Office will be closed on Friday October 27th.

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

• October

- Wizard of Oz @ XHS (11/6) - [Permission Slip](#) (Due 10/23)



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

- [Sacred Heart Chili Dinner](#) - 10/28
- [Sacred Heart Fall Fellowship Day](#) - 11/4
- [Sacred Heart Spaghetti Dinner](#) - 11/18
- [Feed My Starving Children Event](#) - St. John Nepomucene - 12/1 - 12/3
- [St. Pius X - Women's Group](#)

Upcoming Events

Wednesday, October 18

- 3:00 - 4:00 pm - Strength & Conditioning
- 7:00 pm - Fall Orchestra Concert @ XMS (7th, 8th & high school)

Thursday, October 19

- 3:00 - 4:00 pm - Strength & Conditioning
- 3:05 - 3:50 pm - Inside Out Café
- 3:15 - 4:20 - Cheer & Dance

Saturday, October 21

- VEX Tournament

October 23 - 26

- Red Ribbon Week ([Theme Dress Up Days](#))

Monday, October 23

- 3:00 - 4:00 pm - Strength & Conditioning

Tuesday, October 24

- 9:26 am - Mass
- 3:00 - 4:00 pm - Strength & Conditioning

Wednesday, October 25

- 3:00 - 4:00 pm - Strength & Conditioning
- 3:15 - 4:20 - Cheer & Dance

Thursday, October 26

- 3:00 - 4:00 pm - Strength & Conditioning
- 3:15 - 4:20 - Cheer & Dance

Friday, October 27

- No School - End of 1st Quarter

Monday, October 30

- 3:00 - 4:00 pm - Strength & Conditioning

Tuesday, October 31

- No Mass
- 3:00 - 4:00 pm - Strength & Conditioning

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