



January 24, 2018

Weekly Announcements

*God, our Father and Creator, be with us in our school.
Help us to treasure your gift of life
and treat one another with care.
Let us always remember that we are all created in your image.
Come, Lord Jesus, and be with us in our school.
Guide our teachers, guide our parents,
and lead our students to recognize you in all people.
Come, Holy Spirit, and be with us in our school.
Give us a vision for the future,
and the determination for shaping a Faith-filled future. Amen*
Author Unknown

Catholic Schools Week at XMS

National Catholic Schools Week is the annual celebration of Catholic education in the United States. This year the celebration is January 28th - February 3rd.

The theme for the National Catholic Schools Week 2018 is "Catholic Schools: Communities of Faith, Knowledge and Service." Here at the middle school we will have many activities to mark this event. Here is our schedule:

January 29th-February 2nd

- **Monday: *We Are Xavier!*** Blue & White day. Students are encouraged to wear Xavier spirit wear.
- **Tuesday: *Catholic Schools: Communities of Faith, Knowledge and Service...*** Dress up day-Uniform or better. We will have a liturgy at

8:10 with adoration to follow. Parents are welcome to join us.

- **Wednesday:** *I can overcome adversity with God in my life.* Clash Day! Students may wear mismatched clothing. The XMS spelling bee will be held at 1:00 pm in the auditorium.
- **Thursday:** *God created your life, and you're in charge to color it.* Make it beautiful! Liturgy Schedule - students will play "Family Feud". Grade level color day. Each grade will dress in the following colors:
 - 5th grade: Green
 - 6th grade: Orange
 - 7th grade: Blue
 - 8th grade: Red
- **Friday:** *Pray, Relax, Let Go and Let God. Comfy Day:* Students may wear relaxing, comfortable clothes. **NO pajamas please.** Penny War winners will be announced. Pep rally at 2:30 in the gym. Parents are welcome to join us in the gym.

In addition we will be holding a Penny War, which will be our big fundraiser for giving back to our community. We have chosen the following organization to support: Homeless Connections.

8th Grade - Theology of the Body

In February, the 8th grade class will be studying Theology of the Body. Please see the [attached parent letter](#) for more information.

2nd Quarter Parent Teacher Conferences

Conferences for Xavier Middle School will be Wednesday, February 7th from 4:00 until 7:30 pm and Thursday, February, 8th from 1:00 to 7:30 pm. A full day of classes will be held on Wednesday, February 7th. Middle school students are dismissed at 11:40 pm on Thursday, February 8th. This is the only half-day during 2nd quarter conferences. There will be no classes on Friday, February 9th.

All teachers will be located in the gym and be grouped primarily by grade. Our guidance and learning services personnel will be located in the library. Families will not use SignUp Genius to schedule their conferences.

Report cards were sent home with the students last week. Please sign the report card envelope and return it to your child's homeroom teacher.

Come to the Book Fair!

Our Scholastic Book Fair continues this week until after school on Monday, January 29th. The fair will be held in the library from 7:30 am-4:00 pm. We accept cash, checks, and most credit cards. Another way to shop is via our online book fair. The effective dates are January 14-30. The URL is: <http://www.scholastic.com/bf/xms> . An even more convenient way to shop for books is now in the palm of your hand, thanks to the Book Fairs App. Simply scan a book cover or barcode to learn the recommended age, grade and reading level of a book. You can also check the price, make purchases, read a book summary, or play a video. The app displays reading level data on titles, including Accelerated Reader and Lexile levels. To download, search Book Fairs. This App is Available on the Apple App Store and Google Play.

Spelling Bee

The School Spelling Bee will be held on Wednesday, January 31, at 1:00-3:00 in our auditorium. Families are encouraged to attend! The winner from our school bee will advance to the Regional Bee held at Lawrence University on February 20th.

Spelling Club will meet today after school and next Monday after school until 4:15 in 1411, Ms. Bouchard's classroom. Get tips for the bee and practice spelling with other great spellers.

Akeelah and The Bee is a movie dramatizing the real-life story of an unlikely girl's journey from winning her classroom bee all the way through participation in the National Spelling Bee held in Washington DC. All students are invited to attend a special showing of this movie after school at 3:35-5:30 this Thursday, January 25th. Popcorn will be served! A special permission slip is required to attend. [Click here](#) for the movie permission slip.

AfterWords

AfterWords writing group is currently featuring two writing contests. Appleton's Sidewalk Poem is due to Ms. Bouchard by February 15th. The State Sigma Author and Illustrator contest is due January 29th. Check out Ms. Bouchard's teacher web page for more information. [AfterWords](#).

Spring Sports Sign Up

Spring sports sign up deadline is **this Friday January 26th**. If your son or daughter is interested in participating in a spring sport at Xavier Middle School, softball, tennis or track, please see the attachment for the correct information.

7th Grade Winter Camp

We are getting ready for camp! This year's dates are Monday, February 26th - Wednesday, February 28th. Seventh graders will not have school on Thursday, March 1st. They will have school Friday, March 2nd. **There will be a meeting in the XMS auditorium on Wednesday, January 31st at 6:30 pm** where camp information will be given to all 7th grade parents. (Please note that winter outerwear is required, including snow pants and boots.) More information will be shared at camp night. **We are still in need of a medical chaperone**, please contact Mrs. Krull at 730-8849, ext. 4513 if you are able to help.

Xavier High School Girls' Golf Team

Any current 8th grade girl who is interested in competing on the Xavier High School Girls' Golf team next fall should email Athletic Director Kathy Bates at kbares@xaviercatholicschools.org and provide the following information: name, parent email, and whether or not she has experience playing golf.

The official start of girls' golf next fall is Monday, August 6. The home course is Ridgeway Country Club.

XMS Ski and Snowboard Club

The next ski trip of the season will be on Friday, February 9th to Nordic Mountain. Students need to turn in their sign up paperwork by this Friday, January 26th. Forms will be available in the school office. Required paperwork for the Nordic Mountain trip includes:

- [Sign Up Form](#)
- Check for fees
- [Permission Slip](#)
- [Ski Rental Form](#) or [Snowboard Rental Form](#) (if renting equipment)

One more note: the ski trip to Ski Brule that was canceled has been rescheduled for Saturday, February 24th.



Celebrate is this Saturday!

Only a few days to go until the big event on Saturday! Here are some information items for you so you are ready for Celebrate and ways you can still join in/support Celebrate even if you can't attend:

- **Raffle Tickets:** Buy your tickets now even if you can't attend Celebrate! Hawk, Motorcycle, Shopping Spree and the popular Staff Appreciation raffle tickets are on sale now. [Click here](#) for more information on the Hawk Ticket and to see the listing of prize options. Purchase tickets through Thursday (1/25) at noon at Xavier High School, Xavier Middle School, or the Xavier Scrip office.
- **Online Bidding and Catalog:** Can't attend Celebrate, but still want to bid on some fabulous silent auction items? Or, you are attending, but want a sneak peak of items and maybe even want to start bidding early? You can participate in the silent auction this year regardless of whether or not you are attending. We hope to open up the silent auction for bidding starting this Thursday, January 25th.
 - [Click here](#) to go to the Celebrate Greater Giving website. Once there, click on the "Online Bidding" tab. Once on the online bidding website, click on "Start Bidding", which will prompt you to create an account and register a credit card.
- **Celebrate Tips:** Wondering where to go when you arrive at Celebrate? [Click here](#) for tips on getting the most out of your time at Celebrate.
- **Smart Phone Bidding:** Bidding can be done directly from your smart phones. Be sure to charge your phones and/or other devices for the big night. (Bid pads are also available.)
- **Celebrate at a Later Dates:** Check your calendar so you can sign up for one or more of these great Celebrate at a Later Date opportunities - Kids' Night Out on March 2nd, Casino Night at the Great Gatsby on April 14th, Trivia and Pizza at Cranky Pat's on April 21st, Ladies Night Out #1 on February 28th, Ladies' Night Out #2 on March 13th, Toga NOT Yoga on June 23rd, and a Fox River Cruise on August 11th.
- **Support:** Can't make it to Celebrate but still want to support the event? Here are some ways you can participate: buy raffle tickets now or [click here](#) to make a donation to the event.

If you have any questions about Celebrate, please call - Lisa, Stephanie, or

Bob - at 735-9380. We are looking forward to a fun event celebrating Xavier Catholic Schools on January 27th!

XMS Celebrate Baskets

XMS Home and School volunteers put together some baskets for the silent auction at Celebrate. Please [click here](#) to take a look.



Grand Chute Baseball

Grand Chute Baseball will be holding registration for the 2018 season on January 25th (6-8pm) and 27th (9-11am). Both dates will be held at Grand Chute town hall (1900 Grand Chute BLVD). Our league is open to any child (ages 5-13) who live anywhere throughout the Fox Valley. Please see our website www.grandchutebaseball.com for registration forms or contact admin@grandchutebaseball.com for additional questions.



Xavier Theatre Academy

The Xavier Theatre Academy, in its fifth year, is proud to announce their 2018 summer schedule. It will open with "Disney's Aladdin Jr" June 27-30. "Disney's The Jungle Book" will be presented August 2-4. Productions and preceding sessions will be held at the Xavier Fine Arts Theatre.

General auditions will be held for both productions February 17th and 19th by appointment. Registration for auditions is now open. Please [click here](#) to register for an audition. An audition workshop will be offered on February 3rd to help students prepare for the audition experience. The workshop is not required, but recommended.

The Xavier Theatre Academy is an intensive learning /performance class geared toward dedicated, serious performers and technicians. Operating on a professional model under the direction of experienced staff and student interns, participants will learn about every aspect of theatrical production as they prepare for and present public performances of a Broadway musical at the end of the session.



2017-2018 Freshman Information and Class Selection Night at Xavier High School

Eighth grade parents please bring the Xavier High School folder your child received in school along with your or your child's PowerSchool sign-in information if possible. Both will be helpful if you choose to begin registering for classes.

Xavier High School Freshman Registration Nights



Join us
**Jan. 29th or
Jan. 30th**
at 7:00 p.m.

Learn about the
XHS curriculum
and begin course
selection.

More info available from Admissions at (920)735-9380.



Attachments

- XMS Lunch Menu - [January](#)
- [Tennis Sign Up](#) (DUE January 26th)
- [Softball and Track Sign Up](#) (DUE January 26th)
- [Xavier Hawks Winter Golf Camp 2018](#)
- [Thrivent College Planning Informational Meeting](#) (February 20th)
- [Summer Educational Opportunities](#)

Upcoming Events

- **Wed., Jan 24**
 - 9:30 Liturgy with Fr. Adam Bradley
 - 3:30-5:00 pm-Blue Rock Orchestra Pizza Party
- **Thurs., Jan 25**
 - 7:10-7:45 am-Blue Rock Orchestra Rehearsal
 - 3:30-4:30 pm-Running Club
 - 3:30-5:30 pm-Forensics Parent Night
 - 3:35-4:30 pm-Inside Out Cafe - Room 1411
- **Fri., Jan 26**
 - 3:30-4:15 pm-Math Club - Room 1132
- **Mon., Jan. 29**
 - *Dress in Xavier Spirit wear*
 - 3:30-4:30 pm-Chess Club
 - 3:30-4:30 pm-Running Club
 - 3:30-4:15 pm-Spelling Club
 - 3:45-4:30 pm-Company Blue Rehearsal
- **Tues., Jan. 30**
 - *Dress up day (uniform or better)*
 - 7:10-7:45 am-Blue Rock Orchestra Rehearsal
 - 8:10 am-Liturgy with Fr. Ryan Starks

- 3:30-4:15 pm-Card Club
- 6:30-8:00 pm-Thrivent Informational Meeting
- **Wed., Jan. 31**
 - ***Clash Day-Students wear mismatched clothing***
 - 1:00 pm-Spelling Bee in Auditorium
 - 6:30-7:30 pm-Camp Night for 7th grade parents in Auditorium
- **Thurs., Feb. 1**
 - ***Color Day-Students dress in the color assigned to their grade level***
 - 7:10-7:45 am-Blue Rock Orchestra Rehearsal
 - 3:30-4:30 pm-Running Club
 - 3:45-4:30 pm-Company Blue
- **Fri., Feb. 2**
 - ***Comfy Day-No pajamas please***
 - 2:15 pm - Forensics Meet
 - 3:30-4:15 pm-Math Club - Room 1132



Youth Night!!

All middle school and grade school students get in free!

Friday, January 26th
vs. New London
JV – 5:45
Varsity – 7:15

7th Annual St. Joseph Pantry

FOOD Drive

Varsity players and coaches will be signing trading cards immediately following the game

Bring non-perishable items to the game and earn a chance to win a basketball autographed by the Varsity Boys team!!!

Drawing will take place at halftime!

