



February 7, 2018

Weekly Announcements

*Dear Father in heaven,
You are among us and we can call you Abba, dear Father.
In the joy of being your children we want to lay our lives
into your hands to be made good and happy.
Care for us like a shepherd pasturing his flock
so that we can have community with one another.
Help us to realize that you have many children here and everywhere,
that again and again you take a child by the hand saying,
"You are mine. I am caring for you."
Amen*

Schedule Reminders

- Thursday, February 8th XMS has an early dismissal at 11:40 am for parent teacher conferences.
- No School Friday, February 9th.
- Tuesday, February 20th is a delayed start for staff professional development. School will begin at 10:00 am.

2nd Quarter Parent Teacher Conferences

Conferences for Xavier Middle School will be today Wednesday, February 7th from 4:00 until 7:30 pm and tomorrow, 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. Please [click here](#) for a list of times for encore teachers.

7th Grade Parents

A friendly reminder, all camp forms and payment are due on **Monday Feb. 12th.**

Anticipated Absences

If you are planning an absence from school, please use the Anticipated Absence Form. [Click here](#) for the form or it is also available in the school office. Just print it off, fill out the information, and have your child contact each of his/her teachers. When the form is complete, return it to the attendance office at the school.

From the LMC

Please take a look at the February TAB Book Club flyer found in today's family folder. Every child needs a good book to snuggle in with on these cold winter days. All orders should be turned in to your child's literature teacher by Tuesday, February 13th. You may also go online at www.scholastic.com and place your order. Our school code is HBRKF. Remember, all profits go towards purchasing new books for our school library. Thanks so much!

Health Reminder

For the health of all students and staff of Xavier Middle School, the Appleton Health Department and St. Francis Xavier Catholic Schools would like you to follow the guidelines below. Keeping sick children home will help their recovery and keep the spread of illness to a minimum in our school. Thank you for considering others.



- Students who have a fever need to be fever free without the use of over the counter medication for a minimum of 24 hours before returning to school.
- If a child vomits, the student should not return to school for at least 24 hours after the latest incident.

Lost and Found

Our Lost and Found bins are overflowing. All items will be put on tables in the gym during conference times so that parents may check to see if any items belong to their family. Any materials not picked up by the end of this week will be donated to charity.

Catholic Schools Week Highlights

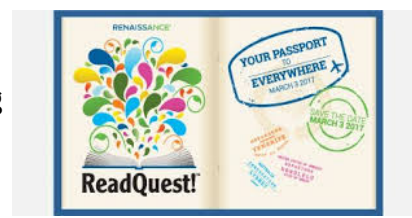
What a week it was as all grades battled it out in a Penny War to raise money for Homeless Connections! Each day we were amazed at the generosity and excitement of the students. Our end of the week **grand total was \$3,100.29!** The 5th grade class brought in the most money and will receive a special casual day. What a group effort by all for a wonderful cause!

Xavier Middle School Students to Take Part in

Renaissance's® Nationwide ReadQuest™

Event

Students at Xavier Middle School are preparing to take part in ReadQuest, a nationwide reading event set for Friday, March 2, 2018.



They are among thousands of students who will join in this annual reading celebration for K-12 students.

ReadQuest is a one-day event that brings K12 students from all over the country together to celebrate the power of reading-and the incredible places it takes us. At Xavier Middle School, students will be celebrating throughout the day by taking AR tests. When students pass their AR test not only do they earn the points, but they win a prize! We're encouraging all students to contribute to the shared reading effort. Participating in ReadQuest allows our students to gain valuable reading practice, strengthen their vocabularies, and grow not only as readers, but as students as well.

The day is:

- A Quest for Knowledge
- A Quest for Acceptance and Understanding
- A Quest for Connections and Conversations
- A Quest for Pure Entertainment....all of which are met through reading!

XMS is in need of parent volunteers to help oversee and keep record of the AR test taking and prize selection. If you can help for a morning or afternoon shift on Friday, March 2nd please contact Ms. Bouchard at jbouchard@xaviercatholicschools.org or call her at 730-8849, ext. 4411.

Orchestra Notes

The orchestra students have been working very hard preparing for our winter concert and for Solo and Ensemble. Our Winter Concert will be on **Thursday February 22nd, 6:30 pm, at Xavier High School**. The concert will feature 7th grade through High School string students as well as a full orchestra piece for the High School with a select number of band students. This concert will also include a performance by the "Blue Rock Orchestra."

Concert details:

- Call time for all students is 6:00 pm.
- Location: Xavier High School
 - 7th, 8th grade - band room
 - High School students - orchestra room
- Dress is "concert dress."
 - Middle School, black bottoms, white tops
 - Blue Rock musicians - black bottoms, white shirts with blue bow ties (guys) and black bottom and "BRO" assigned shirt for ladies.
 - High School, all black

Please see Mrs. Kenney if you have any questions.

Pep Band Night at Xavier High School

Our 6th, 7th and 8th Grade band students will be joining the High School band to play between the JV and Varsity basketball games on Friday, February 16th. We will have munchies after our performance in the Xavier commons. A SignUp Genius will be coming for party donations.

Who: Combined 6th-12th grade pep band for XHS basketball game

When: Friday, February 16th

Timeline/Locations:

- **6:15pm** - Meet in the XHS theater for attendance, warm-up, and run-through with high school band students.
- **6:45pm(ish)** - Pep band begins in gymnasium.
- **7:15pm** - Pep band ends. Go back to theater to pack up. Head to commons for munchies & short social with High School bands!

Honors Band

Congratulations to the 22 XMS band members who participated in the NE Conference Honors Band on Saturday, January 29th at Waupaca Middle School. The group was made up of 100 6th, 7th and 8th graders from 5 schools in our conference. The day concluded with a public concert. The band clinician was Mr. Larry Zunker, retired band director from the Wausau area.



Art Club

Art Club will be held on Mondays from 3:30 until 4:30 in the art room (Room 1500). All XMS students - 5th through 8th grade - are welcome to join us starting February 12th. This is an opportunity to do new projects - or work on ongoing class projects. Note: 7th and 8th grade students may earn sketchbook hours this way. Looking forward to some wonderful meetings!

Xavier Middle School and Pop Warner Football Registration

Sign up for fall 2018 football will begin for 6th (Pop Warner), 7th (Pop Warner), and 8th grade (Xavier Middle School Football) on Super Bowl Sunday. Information may be found by [clicking here](#). There you will also find a link for the Appleton Parks and Recreation Department flag football league. Sign up has not yet begun for YMCA flag football. Please direct any questions to Mr. Stary at: jstary@xaviercatholicschools.org.

XMS Ski and Snowboard Club

The next ski trip of the season will be on Friday, February 19th to Nordic Mountain. The deadline to sign up is **Monday, February 12th**. 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](#) (only if renting equipment)

The last two ski trips for this year are:

- February 24th - Ski Brule
 - Sign up forms for this trip are due **Friday, February 16th** and include:

- [Sign up form](#)
- Check for fees
- [Permission slip](#)
- [Rental Form](#) (only if renting equipment)
- March 3rd - Marquette Mountain
 - Sign up forms for this trip are due **Wednesday, February 21st** and include:
 - [Sign up form](#)
 - Check for fees
 - [Permission Slip](#)
 - [Questionnaire and rental form](#)



Grand Chute Baseball

Grand Chute Baseball is currently holding registration for the 2018 season. Our league is open to any child (ages 5-13) who live anywhere throughout the Fox Valley. Please see our [website www.grandchutebaseball.com](http://www.grandchutebaseball.com)

for registration forms or contact admin@grandchutebaseball.com with additional questions.

From the Scrip Office

Valentine's Day is just around the corner and if you haven't bought that Special Someone their Valentine gift yet, consider using Scrip cards for your purchases. From flowers to chocolates, and candy to movie cards, or to get all your baking and cooking needs to make that special dinner...or maybe your family gets a pizza for Valentine's Day, The Scrip office can help you!



Attachments

- XMS Lunch Menu - [February](#)
- [Thrivent College Planning Informational Meeting](#) (February 20th)
- [Lawrence University 2018 Volleyball Camps](#)
- [Xavier Hawks Winter Golf Camp 2018](#)
- [Summer Educational Opportunities](#)

Upcoming Events

- **Wed., Feb 7**
 - 3:30-4:00 pm-Campus Ministry Meeting - Room 1120
 - 4:00-7:30 pm-Parent/Teacher Conferences
- **Thurs., Feb 8**
 - 7:10-7:45 am-Blue Rock Orchestra Rehearsal
 - 11:40 am-Early Dismissal
 - 11:45-3:00 pm-Sewing Club
 - 1:00-7:30 pm-Parent/Teacher Conferences
- **Fri., Feb 9**
 - No School
 - Ski Trip to Nordic Mountain
- **Mon., Feb 12**

- 3:30-4:30 pm-Art Club - Room 1500
- 3:30-4:30 pm-Chess Club
- 3:30-4:30 pm-Running Club
- 3:45-4:30 pm-Company Blue
- **Tues., Feb 13**
 - 7:10-7:45 am-Blue Rock Orchestra Rehearsal
 - 3:30-4:30 pm-Sewing Club - Room 1126
 - 3:30-4:15 pm-Card Club
- **Wed., Feb 14**
 - 9:30 am-Ash Wednesday Liturgy with Fr. Don Zuleger
 - 3:30-4:15 pm-Gamers Club
- **Thurs., Feb 15**
 - 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 16**
 - \$1.00 Casual Day
 - 3:30-4:15 pm-Math Club - Room 1132