



May 9, 2018

Weekly Announcements



May the Month of Mary

Hail Mary, full of grace.

Our Lord is with you.

*Blessed are you among women,
and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus.*

Holy Mary, Mother of God,

pray for us sinners,

now and at the hour of our death.

Amen.

Yearbook

If you haven't ordered a yearbook yet, there's still time! Please return your form with payment as soon as possible. The cost of a yearbook is \$27.00.

MAP Testing Continues

MAP testing continues with one grade per week with the tests on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday, (Math, Language Arts and Reading) unless otherwise noted. Fridays will be used for make ups. Please do not schedule appointments on these days. Below is the schedule.

- Week of May 7th - 6th Grade, testing Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday
- Week of May 14th - 5th Grade
- May 21st - Makeups if needed

From the LMC

Please note that all books are due back in our school library by May 25th. Please make sure your son or daughter returns all their borrowed books and materials by that date. Thank you!



8th Grade Graduation Fee

Just a reminder that the 8th grade graduation fee of \$25.00 is due **this Friday, May 11th**. Click these links for 8th grade end of the year information.

- [End of the Year Information](#)
- [Calendar](#)



The Great Cookie Sale!

Mrs. Gear's Economics Class is raising money for the XMS Library! We will be selling individual Mr. Reynebeau Cookies for \$2.00 each after school on May 24th. If you would like to treat yourself to a delightful dessert, you can also pre-order some for home and pick them up on May 24th. Please [click here](#) for the order form. Orders are due May 19th.

Spring Band Concert

Thursday, May 17th

4th & 5th Grade Band & Orchestra - 6:00 pm

6th - 8th Grade Band - 6:45 pm

Spring is finally here and music is in the air.

Please mark your calendars to join the festivities on Thursday, May 17th. The first half of our program will feature our fantastic 5th Grade Band & Orchestra. We are also proud to have our new 4th grade Band & Orchestra students take the XMS stage for their very first concert.

The second half of the evening will feature our 6th - 7th - and 8th Grade Bands. Our annual Band Awards will be presented during the evening. We will be joined by Mrs. An Gehrman, retired Band Director from our St. Francis Xavier System, to present the Gehrman Scholarship recipient for 2018. Please plan to join us for a reception after the evening's concert.

Orchestra News

The 5th grade orchestra concert is Thursday, May 17th at 6:00 pm here at XMS. This will include 4th grade orchestra and band students, as well as 5th grade band students. Students should wear black bottoms (or dark navy) and white shirts (uniform or better). Dark shoes are also preferred. Students should report to the orchestra room between 5:15-5:45 pm to be tuned and ready.

The 6th - 12th grade orchestra concert is Wednesday, May 23 at 6:30PM at XHS. 6th graders should report to the choir room behind the stage between 5:45-6:15PM. 7th and 8th graders should meet in the band room between 5:45 - 6:15PM. Concert dress is black on the bottom, white on top (uniform or better), and dark shoes.

Please see Mrs. Gurholt or Mrs. Kenney if you have any questions

State Solo & Ensemble Congratulations

Congratulations to Carrie Schwartz (oboe), Jack Biesterveld (parade drum), and Nolan Henkel (horn) for their participation in the State Solo & Ensemble Festival. Carrie received a first rating, and Jack & Nolan received seconds.

Congratulations!!!



ELL Global Family Night

Families of current or recent ELL students ~ you are invited to a cultural potluck-style dinner! On Monday, May 21st from 6:00-7:30 in the Xavier Middle School Cafeteria, we'll spend the night celebrating our global Xavier community, making new friends, sharing a delicious multi-cultural dinner, and more! Please RSVP to Mrs. Brege at mbrege@xaviercatholicschools.org with the number of people attending, and stating whether you will bring a main dish, a side dish, or a dessert. Please bring a favorite food that represents the culture of your family. We hope you can join us for this fun night!

Strength & Conditioning Club

We will be offering a Strength & Conditioning Club at Xavier High School for students entering grades 5 - 12.

This not only includes attendance to the age and gender specific summer sessions, but also to any of the year-long general sessions. For students entering grades 5 - 8, the price has been reduced to \$50.

Please [click here](#) to learn more about the program and/or to register for this opportunity.

Remember, this is a "come when you can" program, so please do not worry about conflicts with camps, vacations, etc.

Xavier Middle School and Pop Warner Football Registration

Sign up for fall 2018 football has begun for 6th and 7th (Pop Warner), and 8th grade (Xavier Middle School Football). Information may be found by [clicking here](#). There you will also find a link for the Appleton Parks and Recreation Department flag football league. Please direct any questions to Mr. Stary at: jstary@xaviercatholicschools.org.

Christmas Stars Scholarship Application

Christmas Stars provides scholarships to St. Francis Xavier students in grades K-8 to assist them in participating in fine arts activities. Scholarship applications are due Tuesday, May 15th. [Click here](#) for the application.

Art Night Help

We need some great parent volunteers BEFORE, (to help put artwork up, get tables covered, etc.,) DURING, (help with refreshments, guest artist, details) and AFTER (removing, sorting and distributing hundreds of art pieces before the end of the year. Please email Mrs. Baruth at abaruth@xaviercatholicschools.org if you can help. Thank you VERY much in advance!

Art Night

Art Night is on the way!

Please mark your calendars. On Thursday, May 24th here at XMS from 6:30 to 8:00 pm we will celebrate our art students and their beautiful work. Please feel free to bring your family members, neighbors and friends. You may stay for all or part of the evening. There will be hundreds of art pieces, student demonstrators, a guest artist, and even refreshments.

This is a very important evening for our middle school art students. It is their "visual concert", their chance to showcase their beautiful work, and everyone's chance to take it all in.

If a student is truly unable to attend, they should see Mrs. Baruth in person for the alternate 6th, 7th, or 8th grade assignment. Otherwise, we plan to see you there!



XMS 2018-2019 Volleyball Sign Up

The Fox Valley Catholic Middle School Conference, to which we belong, has asked the participating schools to declare the number of 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th grade girl volleyball teams we anticipate having for next school year (2018 - 19) by May 25th. Therefore, if your daughter is interested in being a member of one of the Xavier Middle School volleyball teams next year, please complete the signup form and **return it by May 24th, 2018**. [Click here](#) for the signup form. If the completed form is not returned on time, your daughter will be placed on a waiting list and not guaranteed to play on a team. Thank you for your cooperation.



Thank you!

A special thank you to all who participated as volunteers, sponsors, donors, and guests for Food Fair this year. We are so incredibly grateful to everyone involved in making this such a wonderful event. It is overwhelming to see how the Xavier Catholic Schools community comes together and selflessly gives so generously of its time and talent.

A very special thanks to our magnificent chairpeople:

Asian Booth: Maiyoua Thao

Bake Shop: Theresa Gouin

Basket Raffle: Sue Briski

Book Shop: Sherry Daley

British Booth: Jon and Martha Richey

Dutch Booth: Lori and Dave Jore

Children's Fair: Lauren Seidler and Amy Bires

Coffee Shop: Tom and Suzanne Zoch

Dessert Booth: Beth Ott and Alena Tapelt

Garden Shop: Jenny Simon

German Booth: Vicky and David Earle

Hawaiian Booth: Kim Maguire, Rose Ripp, Heather Sorebo

Italian Booth: Cathy and Paul Lombardi, Cindy Coughlin, and Kim O'Brien

Latin American Booth: Suzie and Tim Vosters, Oscar Sandoval and Laura Rocha, Katie Baldwin, Robin Bovee, and Molly Weberpal-Gabler

Silent Auction: Paula Mayer

Supply Booth: Rob Magnin

We'd also like to extend our deep appreciation to Jim Biesterveld (Facilities Extraordinaire and all around Superman), Jim Romenesko (Entertainment guru) and all performers, Lisa Hansen, Tom Candell, Julie Randall and Carrie McGovern (Finance and Banking), Lynn Zetzman for the wonderful Student Art Display, Kelly McGreevey and her Foods class for preparing food for the Dessert Booth, Candace Eisch-Groebner and her English classes for organizing the books for sale, Kathy Bates and XHS Coaches and Sport teams for volunteering, and Mike Mauthe for all of his direction and help in addition to organizing K-groups to work around the school.

To those we inadvertently missed, we apologize and please know we really appreciate all you did.

This was a great community-building and fund-raising event. We will share financial results with you when they are available.

Our heartfelt and humble thanks to everyone,
Lisa Pfaff, Bob Biebel, and Stephanie Zinser



"Christmas Stars" to Hold Auditions

"Christmas Stars," a holiday-themed musical revue celebrating 25 years will hold auditions for adult (high school and above) singers and dancers and children in kindergarten through eighth grade on Monday, May 14 from 6:00 to 9:00 pm and Saturday, May 19 from 9:00 am to noon at the Xavier Fine Arts Theatre, 1600 W. Prospect Avenue, Appleton. Rehearsals are held at Xavier High School on Sunday nights beginning at the end of August for adults and in September for students. Performances for 2018 are November 29 through December 9 at the Xavier Fine Arts Theatre. The show's director is Jim Romenesko; Bethany Abrahamson is the show's musical director and Mary Doverspike is the choreographer.

Auditions are by appointment. Music and accompaniment are provided by the producers. Those interested in auditioning may find more information as well as audition and registration materials at the "Audition for the cast" link on the show website: www.christmasstars.org.



BENEFIT RIDE

St. Francis Xavier Catholic School System

Thank you!

A heartfelt thank you to all who participated in and volunteered at the 4th Annual Tour de Francis Benefit Ride on May 6th. We appreciate all who came out to support our School System and have fun with fellow XCS families. We would also like to thank our individual and corporate sponsors, without your generous support the Tour de Francis would not be possible.



Thanks again,
 Your Tour de Francis Committee
The Laemmricks and Oelhafens

Xavier Girls Basketball Summer Camps

Xavier Girls Basketball is excited to offer two different basketball camps this summer. The first camp will be for girls entering 3rd & 4th Grade. This camp will run from June 25th - 28th. We will work on basic basketball skill and introduce our skill progression system.

Our second camp of the summer will be for girls entering 5th - 8th grade. This camp will run from July 31st - Aug. 16th. We are calling this summer basketball school as we will run this for 3 weeks on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday nights from 6-7:30pm. We will take a more advanced approach to our skill progression system, work on advanced footwork and pivoting, man-to-man defensive understanding, how to never feel pressure while having the ball in your hands and finish with contact. We will also work on proper shooting technique and video each player and break down their shot with them.

- [3rd & 4th Grade Registration form](#)
- [5th - 8th Grade Registration form](#)

Host Families Needed!

Please contact Sarah Shimek (sshimek@xaviercatholicschools.org) if you are interested in opening up your home and hearts to an international student for the 2018-2019 school year! With this great experience, you will also receive a tuition credit and a monthly stipend. Your response to this call is an amazing gift to the St. Francis Xavier School System! Thank you Xavier Community!



Attachments

- XMS Lunch Menu - [May](#)
- 8th Grade [End of Year Information](#) & [End of Year Calendar](#)
- [Summer Music Camps 2018](#)
- [Lawrence University Track and Field Camps 2018](#)

Upcoming Events

- **Wed., May 9**
 - 3:30-4:15 pm-Gamers Club - Cafeteria
- **Thur., May 10**
 - 8th Grade Retreat
 - 7:10-7:45 am-Blue Rock Orchestra Rehearsal
 - 3:45-4:30 pm-Company Blue
- **Fri., May 11**
 - \$1.00 Casual Day
 - 8:00 am-6th Grade to Holy Hill
- **Mon., May 14**
 - 3:45-4:30 pm-Company Blue
- **Tue., May 15**
 - 7:10-7:45 am-Blue Rock Orchestra Rehearsal
 - 9:30 am-Liturgy with Fr. Jim Lucas
 - 3:30-4:15 pm-Card Club
 - 6:30 pm-Choir Concert
- **Wed., May 16**
 - 3:30-4:15 pm-Student Council Meeting - LMC
 - 3:30-5:00 pm-Blue Rock Orchestra Pizza Party
- **Thur., May 17**
 - 7:10-7:45 am-Blue Rock Orchestra Rehearsal
 - 3:30-4:30 pm-Inside Out Cafe - Room 1411
 - 6:00 pm-4th/5th Grade Band/Orchestra Concert
 - 6:30 pm-6th-8th Band Concert