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Xavier High School is a proud member of the St. Francis Xavier Catholic School System, and has been accredited by AdvanceED (formerly the North Central Association) since 1970.

Dear Xavier Family-

I recently read an article from the Cardinal Newman Society, an organization dedicated to the promotion of Catholic education, bemoaning the "crisis in Catholic Schools." Critical of the optimistic tone of a recent report from the Nation Catholic Education Association, the article suggests that we are in dire straits. Enrollments numbers are trending down, especially in the Midwest and Northeast. Baptisms and Confirmations continue to decline. The authors take a subtle jab at Catholic schools while praising the homeschool families and independent Catholic schools which are not necessarily included in the NCEA report. Now, every parent has to make a decision about what's best for their particular child and many of these other schools are doing good work, but if there is a crisis in Catholic schools today, it is not from the lack of "genuine Catholic identity" which the article asserts. If there is a crisis, it is because we spend too much time talking about Catholic theology and not enough time showing the world what a Catholic life should look like.

Ask your Xavier student about the theology of transubstantiation and you'll likely be impressed. Xavier students know that the Immaculate Conception is about when Mary was conceived in her mother's womb, not when Jesus was conceived in Mary's womb. They can tell you the conditions for a mortal sin, explain the causes of the Reformation and Catholic counter-reformation, and probably speak to the classifications of angels and the notion of purgatory. They are well-catechized. In our annual test of Catholic knowledge for the juniors, our students score far beyond the national average for young Catholics, significantly better than those in other Catholic schools and overwhelmingly better than those who have not been blessed with a Catholic education. It's Catholic Schools Week – we should make sure that we recognize the sacramental graces that come from regular participation in the Mass and the Sacrament of Reconciliation and the ability to defend one's faith that comes with being well-taught in Catholic theology. So if Catholic schools like ours are facing declining enrollments, perhaps the Cardinal Newman Society is looking under the wrong rocks for answers.

The earliest Catholics weren't known for their theology. They did not win converts by claiming a corner on the market of truth. They impressed their neighbors and brought other into community by being generous. Early Catholics were famous for their treatment of the widows, the poor and the outcasts. In short, they made people want to be a part of their community because of their abundance of love. For centuries, saintly Catholics have followed similar paths – serve those in need and always act with love. Worry less about why a person is an outcast and more about how to love them. Go to places where others are afraid to go and serve those in greatest need. This is where our students and families can really evangelize. You may not knock on doors with Catechism in hand, but do you care for your elderly neighbor or take the time to volunteer at the food pantry? Our students live the mission of the Church by traveling around the country building houses, cleaning up after hurricanes, and bringing joy to young children in everyday ways. It is in our service that we most resemble the love of Jesus. They'll know Him first through our hands, and only later by our mouths.

So on this yearly celebration of Catholic education, let's make a new goal for our Xavier family – let's love better, reach out more, bring joy to our communities. St. Francis Xavier is one of the Church's greatest missionaries. He baptized thousands. His success was based on the love he showed for each community he visited and the willingness of his fellow Jesuits to serve in whatever way was needed. Let's make people come and check out Xavier because their students seem so generous, so supportive of one another and of all. Let's be a Catholic school in the most genuine sense of the word – by loving all like Jesus did. There will be plenty of time for talking about Jesus once we bring others into relationship with us. When the world gets to know Xavier by our actions and our service, there will certainly be no crisis in this Catholic school.

For God's Greater Glory,

Mile Hautho

Mike Mauthe Principal



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From the Business/ Attendance Office



All tuition questions are handled through the Central Office. Please call the office if you have any questions regarding charges or payments to your account. The number there is 920-735-9380.

A sincere thank you to all parents who report absences and delayed arrival times for their students!! Accurate attendance is very important and this year calls to parents have been minimal. Please remember to send a written note or call 920-882-6903 when your student needs an early dismissal.

Lunch accounts should always have an available balance. You may access your student's lunch account at any time. Notices of overdrawn accounts are emailed from the Central Office. Please contact Dave at Central Office 920-735-9380 if you have any specific questions regarding an account.

Sophomore Parent Conferencing

Letters were mailed on January 22nd to parents of Sophomores inviting you to sign up for a Sophomore Parent Conference.

Please call Beth Carpenter at 920-882-6914 to set a time to meet with your student and his/her counselor. Conferences generally last 45 to 60 minutes and will address the needs of students at the midpoint of high school.

We'll discuss your child's talents, educational development, and career interests and will share information helpful in planning for the rest of high school, including graduation requirements, test results, course selection, and post-secondary options.

Junior Parent Night

If you missed the Junior Parent Night on January 17th, please visit the <u>Xavier school counseling website</u> and select the Juniors tab, where you'll find handouts that were shared. If you have any questions, please contact your student's counselor.

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Parent-Teacher Conferences

Parent-Teacher Conferences for the third term will be held on Wednesday, February 21 from 4:00 to 6:00 pm. They will be held in the commons and gathering space.

College Fair: March 12, 2022

The 2024 <u>Xavier College Fair</u> is just around the corner! With almost 70 schools already committed to attending, we are sure it's going to be a great event.



The Fair will take place on Tuesday, March 12, 2024 at Xavier High School from 6 PM to 8:00 PM. We hope to see you there!

Graduation Products

Seniors were measured for caps and gowns in January.

If you are interested in ordering announcements or other Class of 2024 gear, please see the counseling department website for details.

World Language Honor Societies

French, German and Spanish students may be eligible for membership in one or more of our world language honor societies. To qualify academically, students must be sophomores or older and have completed three terms of their language at Xavier. Their grade point average in the language must be at least 3.5, with no grade lower than a B.

In addition to the academic requirements, new members must earn a minimum of six service/social/cultural-activity points by the end of third term. Continuing members must continue to maintain the 3.5 grade point average in the language and earn eight points each year. The most popular ways to earn points have been by preparing and serving international meals for family and/or friends, hosting international students, viewing international films, and tutoring students who are struggling with language learning.

There are many other opportunities to earn points. The complete list is included on the application for membership, which may be obtained from any world language teacher. The deadline for applying for membership, either as a new or a continuing member, is Tuesday, March 19th.

If you have any questions or want more information, please contact your student's world language teacher.

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Tuesday, March 12, 2024 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM Xavier High School Page 4 **Xavier High School**

Xavier High School Honor Roll Semester 1, 2023-2024

High Honors: 3.5-4.0+ (* denotes 4.0 or above)

Seniors

Andrews, McKenna Baehler, Lindsey * Barquet, Pamela Bauman, Sophia Bauman, Sophia Berko, Nana Adwoa Bertram, Jonathan * Bittner, Nicholas Bleck, Parker Blohowiak, Eden * Boettcher, Emily Brandon, Ella Brown, Geofrey Conrad, Brady Cowart, Alyssa Donnermeyer, Noah * Donovan, Margaret Dube, Thabele Earle, Adam Faeth, Austin Feldkamp, Brook Fernandez Castillo, Aitana Fitzgerald, Isabella * Fouts, Lilie * Hackl, Aidan Hall, Nathan * Horak, Joshua Kaufman, Anna Kiepert, Mattea Kippenhan, Michael Kircher, Anna Krull, Luke Kwasny, Josephine Leicht, Anna Lumsden, Quinton * McCormick. Evan * McGlone, Carter McGovern, Jacob McGreevey, Angela * McKinnon, Alayna Mignon, Emily * Minorik, Annalise * Miron, Alexandra * Moon, Jeric * Neumann, Olivia Norman, Nana Kofi Olvey, Ben Peters, Jordan

Pfaff, Joel *

Phee, Amanda

Policastro, Noah *

Polzin, Grant Potter, Mariah * Quimby, Hayden Ramczyk, Breanna Reed, Spencer Romnek, Miranda * Schreiter, Gabrielle Schubbe, Elizabeth * Seidler, Adam Shimek, May * Slaats, Amanda * Stachowicz, Coy Stempa, Carsyn Stevenson, Grace * Stini, Jordan * Strick, Annie Taylor, Allison * Utrie, Sean * Vajda, Julian Vande Hey, Halle * Van De Hey, Lauren Van De Kreeke, Elizabeth Vanden Heuvel, John Vanden Wymelenberg, Noah Vander Loop, JJ Vargas, Martin Verhagen, Ava * Wagener, David Wanty, Sydni Welsh, Katherine Welter, Nathan Wertman, Cody * Weyers, Anthony *

Juniors

Arndt, Noah * Bauman, Ella Bettag, Anna * Blohowiak, Fintan Boye, Cooper Brown, Ryan Bunks, Jena * Burgoni, Amelia Conrad, Regan Downs, Elle Eckes, Aiden Egan, Johanna * Ehrlich, Beatrice Garcia, Isabela Gear, Michael Gentry, Jonah * Gilligan, Ava Grissman, Aria Haeberle, Samanntha

Hafner, Faith Heggemeier, Thomas Heid, Gianna * Hervey, Addison Hesse, Mason Heuring, Edward Hietpas, Cole Hofacker, Randi * Holub, Hailey * Hyde, Violet * Irish, Liana Janu, Harris * Katz, Dane Kaufman, Ben Keesler, Halle Kowalski, Annika Lambie, Colin Leege, Meredith Leyden, Ava Lopez, Victoria Lukacova, Alzbeta * Magnuson, Andrew Mares, Elijah * Marquardt, Camille McHugh, Lily Merritt, Ella * Michels, Adam Mignon, Sadie * Newhouse, Payton Ngo, Hieu Oelhafen, Luke Ourada, Joseph Pearce, Margaret * Peterson, Keira * Polakowski, Sophia Reimer, Owen Renz, Grace * Rettler, Sarah Rheinheimer, Luke Ritchie, Nicholas Rochon, Ethan * Sabo, Taylor Schulist, Noah Scott, Mason Sisler, Jachym Sommers, Finley * Stammer, Gabriella * Sterling, Ella Sullivan, William * Suprise, Matthew Thiel, Elsa * Tovar-Eugenio, Emily

Tylinski, Alexandra

VandenBrink, John

Valinski, Reagan

Watry, Kyle Willison, Henry Wolske, Luke *

Sophomores Andrews, Keira Bakey, Emily * Basehoar, Caroline * Bento, Sophia Broeckert, Noah Brown, Angeline Bruen, Brendan Burke, Paige Cerdan, Gabriella Daniels, Keira * Drexler, Lauren Dube, Samukelisiwe Dunphy, Anna Dvoracek, Elsa Erickson, Lauren Faulkner, John Faulkner, Madeline Gingerich, Aila * Hackl, Grace * Heyndrickx, Ella * Higgins, Cecilia Huebner, Emerson * Janes, Delaney Jannette, Kathrine * Jones, Cameron Juckem, Jack Judd, Allison * Kippenhan, Annalise Kist, Evan Knutson, Alexana * Krull, Brynn Krull, Joy * Lavalle, Michaela * LaViolette, Logan LaViolette, Luke Lohrbach, John Long, Ethan Lorge, Evelyn Lueck, Jennifer * Martin, Aidan Martin, Mason Mastorides, Paul

Mayer, Benjamin

McKinley, Keaton

McKinnon, Allison

Meyer, Jacob *

Milhaupt, Titan

Mosqueda-Lopez,

Mix, Henry

Yesenia

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Honor Roll continued . . .

Neilitz, Sydney Ness, Makenzie * Neumann, Grant Norman, Kojo Ourada, Abigail * Pante, Mariel * Petersen, Layna Pfefferle, Chloe Polzin, Brock * Potter, Matthew Power, Catherine * Reed, Aubrey Romenesko, David Rosenbaum, Jordan Rouamba, Wyatt Schmidtke, Jackson Schwindenhammer, Rebekah Simon, Alexia Stankewicz, Eva * Tretinyak, Luke Vajda, Nicholas Vajda, Sophie VanStraten, Sophia * Velasquez, Isabella Wiese, Gavin Wurth, Jackson Zampaloni, Joseph

Freshmen

Allen, Noah Anderson, Abigail Bautista, Genevieve Bautista, Jianna Berko, Maame Yaa Beyer, Madelyn Callies, Grace Comerford, Quinn Congdon, Josephine * Davis, Elizabeth Des Jardins, Lucille Donnermeyer, Kolbe Fuehrer, Tessa Gentry, Norah Gioffredi, Allie * Gottschalk, Elijah Gwiazdon, Christopher Hackl, Jacob Hafner, Hailey Hermus, Lauren Hietpas, Bryce Hietpas, Macy Jaure, Eva Mariana Jenkins, Audrey Katz, Livian *

Kaufman, Kellan Kendall, George Krull, Elle LaBash, Sophia Lambie, Raena Leaphart, Georgia Lee, Madeline Leicht, Griffin Linsmeyer, Hannah Lopez, Camila Lumsden, Adelyn McGreevey, Owen Merritt, Olivia * Miller, Sophia Moon, Isabella * Nevins, Noelle * Olvey, Samantha Pohl, Brecklyn Ramczyk, Logan Renz, Lily * Rheinheimer, Christopher Riehl, Elianna Roarty, James Rust, Nicholas Sanchez, Sophia Sanka, Beatrice Scherer, Alexander Scotch, Jason Sokel, Claire Sommers, Ainsley Sprangers, Rayna Stammer, Kalia Tamlyn, Kellen Thiel, Hunter Vargas, Dante Verbrick, Jackson Wall, Graham Wallace, Tessa * Wasco, Gabriella Young, Lydia *

Honors: 3.0-3.499

Seniors

Baldwin, Harry Bast, Olivia Blank, Ariel Brightman, Tyler Des Jardins, Isaiah Elko, Fernando Gonzalez, Graciela Henckel, Nolan Hietpas, Reid

Makope, Richard Martine, Molly Mirhashemi, Max Munguia, Angelique Pajek, Olivia Pfefferle, Samuel Schatzke, Faith Schultz, Evan Sprister, Grace Standish, Kylee Tremblay, Daniel Van Nuland, Lydia Verbrick, Lukas

Juniors

Abdikarim, Adil Allen, Madelyn Appl, Carter Arndt, Ethan Bruecker, Emma Deng, Hongtai Flick, Reed Gallucci, Joseph Guzman, Valentina Keesler, Dana Kendall, Mary Marsh, Maddox McGrath, Oliver McGrath, Ramsey Morales, Itzel Mueller, Alex Nevarez-Padilla, Sophia Pasichnyk, Anna-Stefaniia Porter, Alena Schmidt, Kathryn Severa, Adam Sokel-Hameister, Grace Vanden Heuvel, Simon Vargas, Yoscelyne

Sophomores

Aguirre, Dominick Bleck, Kyler T Burton, Elizabet Busime, Ornella Geurts, Bernice Heimann, Annika Helminen, Aliisa Hermus, Carter Houdek, Ethan Kiepert, Braelee Kim, Siyun Kippenhan, Jacob Lange, Kaya

Martin, Mary Mettelmann, Isaac Munao, Elizabeth Patterson, Marlo Quimby, Haley Seaborn, Dean Sommers, Bode Tapelt, Jaden Wittmann, Evan

Freshmen

Auth, John Backes, Elias Baldwin, Harley Bhurtel, Rijon Burke, Brooke Erickson, Claire Fournillier, Osaze Gonzalez, Maximiliano Grissman, Mia Hodgkiss, Devin Kaufman, Tyler Laguna-Ramirez, Mauricio Lapp, Emma Marg, Alexander Morales, Adrian Morales, Jarely Neilitz, Bryce Podojil, Andrew Sprangers, Ryle Van Noie, Caleb Vanden Heuvel, Anna VandenHeuvel, Aaron Virtudazo, Sean



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Campus Ministry

Service Hours Due May 20!

Every Tuesday, students receive a "SPIRIT Stuff" email update with new service opportunities. New parish and community service opportunities are also posted on MobileServe and Instagram (xhscampusministry). ALL HOURS ARE DUE MAY 20.

Upcoming All-School Masses

Join us for our upcoming all-school Mass at 10:45am at St. Bernard

• Wednesday, February 14 (Ash Wednesday)

All are welcome!

Weekday Mass Opportunities

Join us during X on Tuesdays and Fridays at 7:15am for Mass!



Students are invited to join Ms. We solek in Room 134 Wednesday morning at 7:25 for a bible excerpt and reflection.

All-School Retreat & Service Day

Students will get to participate in an all-school retreat and service day on Friday, April 12. Please avoid scheduling appointments or time away from school that day. If you should have any questions or are interested in leading a group, please contact Kate Geenen (kgeenen@xaviercatholicschools.org).

Eucharistic Adoration

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is held the first Friday of each month in the Chapel from 7:45am - 3:00pm. Please contact Katie Wesolek to sign up. (kwesolek@xaviercatholicschools.org).

Orchestra Notes

Incoming students

Are you considering coming to Xavier High School next year? Please be sure to look at the Orchestra webpage to see what the orchestra program has to offer. We have a wonderful growing orchestra program with many fun and exciting events and performance opportunities. You also have the opportunity to sign up for Chamber Ensembles, which meets before school. Chamber consists of small groups of musicians, one person per part, working on pieces together. Please contact Mrs. Kenney with any questions you may have.

Winter Concert – Wednesday, February 7th, 2024, 7pm – Xavier High School

This will be a 7th through high school strings concert with a combined full orchestra performance of "Jupiter" by Holst. A select number of 7th, 8th and high school band students will be joining the orchestra students for this performance. In addition, the chamber ensembles will be performing as well as the 7th and 8th grade orchestras and the high school orchestra. This is an exciting time for the 7th & 8th graders to see a glimpse of the wonderful Fine Arts that Xavier has to offer. Please come hear the results of all the student's hard work!

Solo & Ensemble

District Solo & Ensemble for the Xavier Orchestra will be on Saturday, March 2nd at Kimberly High School. Students have the opportunity to prepare solos, duets, trios or quartets for a qualified adjudicator. We have a number of students participating in other events for Solo & Ensemble. Please watch your email for important information about each event. This is a wonderful opportunity to have another musician's feedback on your student's musical progress.

Upcoming Orchestra Events

Wednesday February 7, 7–12^h Grade Winter Concert, 7pm, XHS Fine Arts Theater Saturday March 2 – District Solo and Ensemble, Kimberly High School (all day) Wednesday March 6 – Fine Arts Night (please see email for information) Saturday May 4 – State Solo and Ensemble, Green Bay (only those receiving a 1* at District) Wednesday May 22– Spring Concert, 7pm, XHS Fine Arts Theater



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Summer Physical Education Class Registration

Students must attend every day - absences more than 1 will result in the inability to complete the course. A minimum of 12 students is required in order for the class to run. The class will be capped at the first 30 students to register.

Dates:	Mondays - 7 June 17 - 20 June 24 - 27 July 8 - 11 July 15 - 18						
	12:00 PM - 3:30 PM Xavier High School Blue Gym / Fitness Center / Athletic Fields						
Cost:	\$275 for the half-credit class (counts as 1 of the 3 required Physical Education classes for graduation)						
Complete the form below and submit in the main office with a check for the course fee.							
SUMMER SCHOOL PHY ED REGISTRATION FORM							
Student Name:							
Class of (circle one)		2025	2026	2027	2028		
Emergency Contact & Phone:							
By signing below, the parent of the student indicates understanding that only 1 day of absence is allowed for summer school physical education. Additional absences or inability to participate fully may result in the student's removal from the class.							
Parent Signature:							
Make sure to include check with registration							

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Xavier Theatre presents



A Musical Comedy Revue

Join us for an evening of music and hilarious sketches celebrating the fun and foibles of the dreaded first date.

7:00 pm February 14, 16, 17 2:00 pm February 17

Adults \$9 • Senior Citizens \$8 • Students \$7 XHS Students with ID \$5

Seating is limited, please order early.

Intimate arena-style seating on stage • Most seating requires use of steps
Floor seating available directly through the box office

www.xaviertheatre.com · (920) 733-8840

Box office hours: Noon-3:00 pm M-F, February 5-16 and One hour before each performance

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THE NORTHEAST WISCONSIN PASSION PLAY 2024

An original, uplifting dramatic musical based on the ministry, Passion and Resurrection of Our Lord featuring contemporary Christian music, dance and drama

> 7:00 pm March 21, 22, 23 1:00 pm March 23, 24

\$14 Adult • \$12 Senior Citizen • \$9 Student (age 60 & above) (college & under)

Opening Night Discount: 7:00 pm March 21 only Adult & Senior \$10 • Student \$6

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

These fees are established by Showtix4u, our box office vendor, and are non-refundable.

www.newpassionplay.org (920) 733-8840

Box office hours,: noon – 3:00 pm February schedule February 5-16: -M-F February 17-28: M & W

Xavier Fine Arts Theatre, 1600 W. Prospect Avenue, Appleton

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Spring Sport Starting Dates

Baseball – Monday, March 18

Head Coach: Tim Harikkala

harikkala@new.rr.com

Open Gyms starting January 14, 6-8PM in

the Blue Gym

Sign up Meeting, Wednesday Jan. 10

school in the team room

Golf, Boys – Monday, March 25 Head Coach: Ross Visocky

ross.visocky@gmail.com

Soccer, Girls – Monday, March 18

Head Coach: John Meyer imeyer@mortonsafety.com

Open Gyms starting January 7

Softball – Monday, March 11

Head Coach: Courtney O'Connor

coconnor95@comcast.net

Open Gyms starting January 14, 4-6PM

in the Blue Gym

Tennis, Boys – Monday, March 25

Please contact Kieran Wallace with questions.

kwallace@xaviercatholicschools.org

Track & Field – Monday, March 4

Head Coaches: Luke Frommelt & Sarah

Nortman

lfrommelt@xaviercatholicschools.org

snortman95@gmail.com

Upcoming Events

February 3 Celebrate!

February 7 Orchestra Concert (7:00 at XHS)

February 8-13 Valentine's Revue

February 14 All School Mass (10:50 at St. Bernard's) - Ash

Wednesday

Half Day – Parent-Teacher Conferences (4-6pm) February 21

March 6 Fine Arts Night March 8 XSC Blood Drive March 12 College Fair

March 13 All School Mass (10:50 at St. Bernard's)

March 13 Jazz Benefit Concert

March 14 Xavier Acting Showcase (7:00 in theatre)

Half Days – Final Exams March 20-21 March 22 End of Term 3 – No School

March 28 Half Day – Beginning of Easter Break

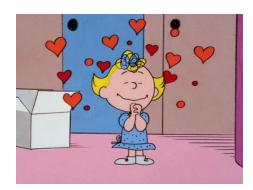
March 29 No School – Easter Break

No School – Spring Break April 1-7 Xavier Retreat Day

April 12 KaBoom! April 24

April 27 Prom

April 29–May 3 Blue & White Week



Athletic Calendars

Are available on the Bay Conference website or by downloading the ASMobile Activity Scheduler app.

Spring Sport Eligibility

If you have not completed the athletic eligibility requirements, the athletic video should be watched first.

- The video should be watched on a computer. There are questions that must be answered alongside the video, so a computer is best. If you absolutely need to complete the video on a mobile device, you'll be prompted to install the EdPuzzle app. *The video is 25 minutes, so please watch it when you have time to get all the way through it.
- Please enter all your first and last name at the start of the video.
 - https://edpuzzle.com/open/fawanur (CLICK ON THE ASSIGNED VIDEO)

Here is the <u>link</u> to the online paperwork for eligibility. Typically, parents will fill this out or help the student, because info about doctor, insurance, etc are needed.

Before you begin, you'll need insurance info, contact info, last physical date, and emergency contact info to complete the forms. *The password is XavierHawks23-24.

Please also make sure to contact Greg Schultz, our licensed athletic trainer, to schedule your Sportgait baseline concussion test. (gregory.schultz@ascension.org)