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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-

October is one of my favorite months at Xavier. We have so many Xavier traditions that fall in or around the month of October. It's a nice moment to step back and reflect on all of the uniquely Xavier moments which make us who we are.

- Homecoming is on everyone's mind as I write this letter. Next week, we revisit some classic Xavier moments like Blue and White Day, Powderpuff football, and the Homecoming Mass. Many of those things look exactly like they did forty or fifty years ago. Some of the traditions have evolved – I promise that the dance bears little resemblance to the Homecoming Dance of 1983 and I am guessing that “Ken and Barbie” dress up day is relatively new!
- Xavier's legendary fall musical is taking shape. This year, “The Wizard of Oz” will captivate audiences for two weeks at the end of the month and into November. We have come a long way from performing musicals on a makeshift stage or converting the commons into seating for an audience. Now, the production features dozens of students providing the lighting, sound, backstage and onstage talent. Elementary and middle school students from the Catholic schools in the Valley will be our guests as we unveil another memorable show. It's a wonderful thing.
- The Xavier Service Club Halloween Party brings in young children to give them a chance to try out their costumes, play games, get candy, and support the local food support programs. Many Xavier alumni will recall the Key Club Halloween Party of yesteryear, complete with “haunted classroom” and the simplest games converted to Halloween themes. While the Key Club piece has changed, the spirit remains the same.
- On Friday, October 27, we host our yearly Ethel Moehring Help Your Neighbor Day. Our entire school of students and staff will spend the afternoon raking leaves, washing windows, cleaning debris, serving community organizations, and generally making a difference in the lives of the elderly and those in need. It is a beautiful sight to witness so much good being done, to watch students who are not necessarily in the same grade or social circle working together, to see teachers and students laughing and enjoying the crisp fall air. As always, we need parents and Xavier community members who can help by taking a small group for the afternoon. Consider joining us to make the day happen. Contact Kate Geenen (kgeenen@xaviercatholicschools.org) if you can help.

While the world seems like it is always changing and advancing, we fall back on traditions to tie us to the past, to tether us to the experiences we find familiar, and to bind us to the generations of Xavier alumni who have walked these halls and shared these moments. Join us in being a part of all of these moments which make Xavier what it is. It is a great month to be a Hawk!

For God's Greater Glory,

Mike Mauthe
Principal



Xavier Preview Night

for
Prospective Students and Families
Monday, October 16, 2023
6:30 – 8:00 pm
Xavier Theatre

Spend an evening learning more about the curriculum, expectations and environment at Xavier High School. The time to decide which high school to select is fast approaching.

Xavier Preview Night is designed for you to talk to administrators, counselors, teachers, parents and current students about Xavier. Is Xavier going to be the best fit for your student? Are the course offerings, high expectations, and peer group at Xavier what's best for your student? How will Xavier help your student develop and grow in his/her faith? What athletic and co-curricular activities are available? Find out the answers to these and many other questions.

Come to Xavier Preview Night and take the first step to a promising future.

****Current students can earn service hours by serving as hosts for families at Preview Night. See Mr. Mauthe for details.****

ACT Test Prep

ACT Test Prep will be offering a class at Xavier to prepare students for the October 17th test at school. The prep class is scheduled for October 9-12th from 4pm-7:15pm. A practice exam, teacher led-instructional sessions, and materials will be provided to participating students. If you are interested in signing up for the **prep class**, please visit: www.act-testprep.com

Please note, signing up for the prep class does NOT automatically register your student to take the exam on Oct 17th - be sure to also connect with the main office by October 3rd to ensure you've secured a test!

ACT Fee Waivers Available

Families are reminded that ACT.org does allow students who qualify to receive up to 2 waivers for taking the ACT test. If you believe your family might qualify, please connect with your child's counselor or have your student stop in the Counseling Suite to find out more details.

AP Testing Sign Up

Students interested in taking an AP test must register AND make a payment no later than Friday, November 11. This information can be found on the [Xavier Counseling Website](#). Each AP test costs \$98. Students can either pay with cash/check or have the fee applied to their Blackbaud Tuition account. Late registration will cost an additional \$55. If a student decides not to take the test, a refund will be made (cost minus the ordering cost of \$40).

Students who received accommodations for the PLAN, ACT or SAT must see Mr. Neiswender immediately to discuss possible accommodations for AP testing. The deadline to apply for accommodations is January 2023. If you have any questions regarding AP testing, please see your AP teacher or talk with Mrs. Schuh.

Testing Day Tuesday, Oct 17, 2023

Freshmen and sophomores will take the PreACT -- a practice ACT designed for 9th and 10th graders. This test will be given at no cost to all freshmen and sophomores. No prep is needed. Details will be provided in the coming weeks.

Juniors will have the opportunity to take the ACT (no writing) at Xavier High School. Xavier is offering this optional ACT so that our juniors have one ACT that is guaranteed to occur on-site. Juniors may certainly wait until later in the year to take the ACT. Scores from this October 17 test can be used for college applications. A test prep class will be offered especially for this test date.

Seniors may also take the October 17 ACT at Xavier, if they wish. If they do not take the ACT, they should work on other college-related activities, such as their applications and essays, that morning and can stay home to do so.

Classes will meet in the afternoon as usual.

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Updated Homecoming 2023

Monday, October 2	Country vs. Country Club Day Pep Rally (2:10 - Torchy Gym)
Tuesday, October 3	Pajama day Boys Volleyball (2:10 - Torchy Gym)
Wednesday, October 4	Dress Up Day Homecoming Mass (St. Bernard)
Thursday, October 5	Ken vs. Barbie Day Family Feud (2:10 - Theatre)
Friday, October 6	Blue and White Day Girls Powderpuff (2:10 - fields) Parade (4:30 - Pierce Park) Football Game (7:00) Band Field Show (Halftime)
Saturday, October 7	Fun Run/Dog Walk (10:00 am Stadium/Track) Homecoming Dance (8pm-11:30pm Commons)

5K Fun Run & Dog Walk

Our annual Homecoming Weekend Fun Run & Dog Walk is happening Saturday morning, October 7 at 9:00am, beginning inside Rocky Bleier Stadium.

Participants in this non-competitive “friendraiser” will follow a 5k or 1-mile course in the XHS neighborhood and nearby parks.

Cost of the event is non-perishable food items for St. Joe’s Food Pantry, and participants will receive an XHS gift and are welcome to an unused shirt from prior years as we strive to be better stewards of God’s creation and use up what we have.

To sign up, click [here](#) or scan the QR code below. With any questions, please contact Monica Jones (mjones@xaviercatholicschools.org) or Kate Geenen (kgeenen@xaviercatholicschools.org).



Orchestra

Field trip to St. Norbert, October 13th

The orchestra class from the high school and the 8th graders from the middle school will visit St. Norbert for a tour of the Fine Arts area as well as to perform for visiting professor, Dr. Taylor Giorgio at St. Norbert. This is a wonderful opportunity for the students to work with another conductor as well as visit a beautiful campus. Please watch for more information through email and from your students regarding this field trip. We will be leaving Appleton at 9:15am and we will be back in Appleton by 12:15pm.

Fall Concert, October 18th

The 7th, 8th and high school orchestras will perform a concert on Wednesday, October 18th at 7pm at Xavier Middle School. We are very excited to perform pieces that have some “Halloween” feel as well as a beautiful piece by Felix Mendelssohn. Please help me support these wonderful students and celebrate all of their hard work.

Upcoming events:

Friday Oct. 13, field trip to St. Norbert
 Wednesday Oct. 18, Fall Concert
 February 7, Winter Concert
 March 2, District Solo and Ensemble
 March 6, Fine Arts Night
 May 4, State Solo and Ensemble
 (only those who qualified at District)
 May 22, Spring Concert



Campus Ministry

Ethel Moehring Help Your Neighbor Day - Friday, October 27

We're excited for our all-school day of service! On Friday, October 27, we will have classes in the morning, and then all students and teachers will be out serving in the community from 12-3pm. We are requesting adult help with transporting small groups to the various service sites and supervising the students as they work. This is a fun day for the students and adults, but we can't do this without you! All chaperones must complete an hour of Safe Environment / VIRTUS training if they have not already done so. Your help is so appreciated and we look forward to sharing this special day with you. Please contact Kate Geenen *asap to volunteer*: kgeenen@xaviercatholicschools.org.

All-School Mass - All Saints Day - Wednesday, November 1

Our next, all-school Mass is Wednesday, November 1 at 10:50am at St. Bernard. All are welcome!

All-Souls Remembrance Prayer Service - Thursday, November 9

Each year, we pause to remember XHS community members who have passed in the prior year. If you have someone you would like to remember or if you would like to light a candle for a loved one during this special prayer service, please contact Kate Geenen at: kgeenen@xaviercatholicschools.org.

Weekly Faith Opportunities

In addition to the Chapel and SPIRIT Center being open during the school day, here are some specific faith journey opportunities:

- Bible Study * Wednesdays 7:05-7:35am * Room 134
- Weekly Mass * Tuesdays & Thursdays during X and Fridays 7:15am * Chapel
- Duncan Donuts * Thursdays 7:25-7:45 in the SPIRIT Center with Mr. Duncan
- Weekly Confession * Fridays during X in the chapel sacristy
- Spiritual Guidance with Fr. Patrick * Students, please check your email to sign up.

Eucharistic Adoration

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

Service Hour Opportunities

Please be sure to monitor your student's service hour progress. All hours should be entered on the new MobileServe app. Parish and community service opportunities are on the app, emailed each week to all students, and posted on Instagram (xhscampusministry).

Spring Retreat

Students will get to participate in an all-school retreat on Friday, April 26, 2024! This is a required retreat, so please avoid scheduling appointments or time away from school that day. If you should have any questions, please contact Mr. Mauthe or Mrs. Geenen.



Xavier Theatre Presents



7:00 pm November 3, 4, 10, 11
2:00 pm November 4, 11

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

We hope you'll join us for this family favorite as Dorothy and her friends follow their adventures down the yellow brick road.

Ticket sales open October 4th!

**Order by phone (920) 733-8840 or in-person at the box office
Mondays & Wednesdays noon -3:00 pm
or anytime at**

www.xaviertheatre.com

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CHRISTMAS STARS



**Spectacular holiday fun for the
whole family!**

7:00 pm Nov. 30, Dec. 1, 2, 7, 8, 9
1:00 pm Dec. 2, 3, 9, 10

Join us for our 30th season at the Xavier Fine Arts Theatre. We'll delight you with our multi-generational cast performing music of the season, exhilarating dance numbers, on-stage Christmas parade, our stunning Living Nativity and much more.

Order tickets early for the best seats!

Online anytime at www.christmasstars.org,
or the Xavier Fine Arts Theatre Box Office, (920) 733-8840
open Mondays & Wednesdays
Noon-3:00pm in-person or by phone

View photos or video highlights at www.christmasstars.org

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Athletic Code Video & Paperwork Info

There is a new process for paperwork this year, as we've gone digital. The first part of the process is the Xavier Athletic Code Video. Luke Herriges, our athletic director, covers many of the high points of the athletic code. You must watch this video before proceeding on to the electronic forms.

IMPORTANT NOTES BEFORE BEGINNING:

1. 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.
2. If you have two or more highschool athletes, you only need to watch the video once. **Please enter all your children's names** at the start of the video. The athletic paperwork does have to be completed once for each athlete.
3. You'll be provided a couple of links near the end of the video for the electronic forms and Sportgait test scheduling. It's important to copy/click those links, so that you can complete the electronic forms and schedule your Sportgait test. No worries if you miss the links. We'll be following up with families that complete the video portion each week and providing the links.
4. The Sportgait test is required annually, so even if your athlete(s) had one last year, a new one is required.
5. For those that are unsure of the physical date we have on file, please feel free to respond to this email and we can provide that information.
6. Information you will need before getting started with the paperwork:
 - Last physical date
 - Insurance coverage information (company, member id)
 - Primary medical clinic name and phone number
 - Primary dental clinic name and phone number
 - Preferred hospital name and phone number

<https://edpuzzle.com/open/fawanur> (CLICK ON THE ASSIGNED VIDEO)

Please read the [Xavier Athletic Code](#) and the [WIAA Eligibility Information Bulletin](#)

Physical Form: A current physical – which is good for two years – is required. Any physical taken on or after **April 1, 2023**, will be good for the 2023-24 and 2024-25 school years. Typically, incoming freshmen and juniors will turn in a physical card.

Alternate Year Card : The alternate year card is required for the second year of the physical. The parent/guardian completes this form digitally. If the on-file physical was dated before April 1, 2022, then the alternate year card is required for the 2023-24 school year. Typically, incoming sophomores and seniors will complete an alternate year card.

Sport Gait Testing Dates: Sign-Up with Athletic Trainer Greg Schultz gregory.schultz@ascension.org

Athletics

Winter Starting Dates

Mon, Nov. 6 Girls Basketball, Boys & Girls Hockey
 Mon, Nov 13 Boys Basketball & Wrestling

Winter Sport Coaches Information:

Boys Basketball

Head Coach: Matt Klarner
mjklarner@yahoo.com

Girls Basketball:

Head Coach: Andy Vande Hey
a.vandehey@vandeheys.com

Boys & Girls Wrestling

Head Coach: Austin Stebane
astebane@xaviercatholicschools.org

Boys Hockey

Head Coach: Owen Stauber
owenstauber@gmail.com

Girls Hockey

Head Coach: Blake Hackbarth
blake@foxvalleyhockeytraining.com

Upcoming Events

October 1	Homecoming Pep Rally
October 4	Homecoming Mass – 10:50 at St. Bernard's
October 6	Homecoming Parade & Football Game
October 7	Homecoming Fun Run / Dog Walk & Dance
October 11	Fall Choral and Band Concert (7:00)
October 11	FOCUS Program at PAC (for grade 10)
October 16	Xavier Preview Night (7:00)
October 17	Testing Day (ACT, Pre-ACT) – grades 9-11
October 18	Fall Orchestra Concert (7:00 at XMS)
October 27	Ethel Moehring Help Your Neighbor Day
November 1	All School Mass – 10:50 at St. Bernard's (All Saints Day)
November 3	No School – End of Term 1
November 3-11	Fall Musical – The Wizard of Oz
November 10	Grandparents Day
November 17	XSC Blood Drive
November 21	Appleton Christmas Parade
November 22-24	No School – Thanksgiving Break
December 5, 7, 12	Class Reconciliation Services
December 6	Half Day – Parent-Teacher Conferences (4-7pm)
December 8	All School Mass – 10:50AM (Immaculate Conception)
December 13	Band Christmas Concert (7:00 at XHS)
December 20	Choir Christmas Concert (7:00 at XHS)

