

St. Francis School Newsletter

St. Francis Xavier School, with family partnership is dedicated to the development of the whole child through the spiritual and academic excellence of Catholic education.

September 27, 2024

A message from our principal...

Dear families,

I hope it has been a good start to the school year for your student(s). These first few weeks of the school year is an important time for developing routines in the classroom and routines at home. We have a theme for this school year at St. Francis Xavier: Know your Purpose. We have discussed at prayer service how God has a plan for each of us and that by living with virtue, we are able to live according to God's plan for us. At the most foundational level, "God created everything for man, but man in turn was created to serve and love God and to offer all creation back to him." (CCC 358) It is important for children to know that we each have different gifts and talents and that we are created for a special purpose to love our neighbor and share those gifts with others.

Each month we will focus on a different virtue of the month. For the month of September we have been focusing on patience. The October virtue of the month will be honesty. We will be reinforcing with the children that each of us is unique and has great potential. Living a life of virtue helps us to live out our purpose.

On October 9th at the Grand Unity Event Center (1106 Charlevoix Ave, Petoskey), we ask at least one parent to attend a Parent Commitment Meeting from 7-8 p.m. At this meeting we will introduce school leadership committees, discuss school fundraising, and share the state of school and parish finances. We will also welcome a virtual visit from Chris McKenna, CEO of Protect Young Eyes, who will be joining us. Protect Young Eyes helps families and schools create safer digital environments, an evermore important topic impacting all of us. Each family is expected to



volunteer ten hours towards fundraising and playground supervision. Attending this meeting will count as one of your ten hours.

In our school mission statement, "family partnership" is a key component for our mission of developing the whole child. Working together for the sake of preparing our children to live out their purpose is what St. Francis Xavier School has done for generations. Keep an open line of communications with our faculty and staff as we work together in our efforts to give our children what they need to grow to their potential.

Yours in Christ,
Adam Dobrowolski, principal

Father Pierz: Answering Baraga's Call

October 16th there will be a heritage talk and presentation at Holy Childhood of Jesus church. The talk will be focused on the life and ministry of Father Francis Pierz, Bishop Baraga's successor to L'Arbre Croche. The talk will be presented by Deacon Dr. John Vidmar, followed by a video presentation by historian and artist Jane Cardinal. She will be discussing historic sites and events that took place along M-119. Begins at 5:30PM with refreshments in the Holy Childhood of Jesus Parish Hall. FREE EVENT!

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SFX Spiritwear sale

* closes at midnight THIS Sunday, 9/29 *



SCHOOL SPIRITWEAR SALE!

PLACE YOUR ORDER ONLINE AT
[HTTPS://FIVESTARSCREENPRINTINGPLUS.COM/COLLECTIONS/ST-FRANCIS](https://fivestarscreenprintingplus.com/collections/st-francis)
ONLINE STORE IS OPEN THROUGH SUNDAY, September 29 AT MIDNIGHT
Orders are expected to be delivered to school in October!

Questions: contact Mrs. Swiss at cswiss@petoskeysfx.org

Cheerleading begins October 9th!
3-4Pm in the assembly room.
Practices will be every Wednesday.



PTO

This year, PTO dues will be added to all FACTS accounts after October 7th. If you prefer to pay directly with cash or check, please submit your payment to the school office (or return in an envelope in your child's Friday folder) by Friday, October 4th. Please label the payment "PTO dues" along with your family name.

If you would like to advertise in the school directory with your business card or a 1/4 page ad, please complete the advertising form here

If you have any questions, or would like more info on PTO and how you can help out, please reach out to our PTO members:



Amy Wilson, President – aew1228@gmail.com
Laura Heneka, Vice President – lauraheneka@gmail.com
Jessica Stone, Secretary – jessicaestraka@gmail.com
Tisha Cone, Treasurer – tishacone@gmail.com

RAFFLE

Raffle Tickets: If you have not grabbed your raffle tickets or you are in need of more, please stop by the school office!

Scan here to purchase online!



RAFFLE INFO

- Each family is required to sell 3 raffle tickets.
- There are 2 early bird drawings for \$500.
 - 1st was on 9/22
 - 2nd is on 11/10
- The Grand Raffle prize is for \$15,000 cash, plus there are two cash prizes of \$3,000 & \$2,000!
- The Grand Raffle drawing will be at Boyne Valley Vineyards on February 1st!

Our CDC is hiring!

They are seeking an individual who has experience with children 6 weeks of age to 12 years old. Please spread the word! Applicants can apply online here



LOOKING AHEAD...

- 10/4 - Pet Blessing at 2:45 on blacktop
- 10/9 - Parent info Night, 7-8PM at the Grand Unity Center.
- 10/10-11 MS to Camp Daggett
- 10/17 - Parent Teacher Conferences
- 10/18 - 1/2 day, dismissal at 11:40
- 10/30 - Picture re-takes
- 11/1 - NO School, All Saints Day.
 - End of 1st Quarter
 - 11/3 - Daylight Savings - set back 1 hr