

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
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Dear St. Francis Xavier Families,

In late September we welcomed Chris McKenna from Protect Young Eyes to St. Francis. He presented to students during the day, and we held a parent presentation in the evening. If you missed the live talk, Chris (founder) has provided a 7-minute, shortened but jam-packed version. [You can find it here](#), inside of PYE's own, private community called The Table.

Recent research suggests that social media use by teens is changing brain development in adolescents with unintended negative effects related to communication skills, anxiety, and depression. Findings from a study published by the Journal of the American Medical Association Pediatrics suggest that greater access to screen time may be associated with developmental delays in young children affecting communication and problem solving skills. There are important implications regarding digital screen access for young children and adolescents alike that we as parents need to consider.

Don't hesitate to visit PYE anytime for answers to all of your digital questions!

We're pleased to partner with Chris and his team on these critical issues. You can also find sign up for a digital newsletter through PYE called "Digital Drips" that you can sign up for by leaving your email to receive regular digital safety tips.

<https://protectyoungeyes.ck.page/af1b70fb57>

It was good to see all of the parents that were able to attend the recent parent teacher conferences. The end of the first marking period is November 3rd; report cards will come home on November 10th.

I want to thank all the volunteers that helped to make the Fall Fun Run a great success. Despite the early forecast for rain, the weather was great for our students, staff, and parents. The next PTO event that is a fun tradition is Turkey Bingo slated for November 10th from 5:30-9:30 pm in the St. Francis Xavier Parish Hall.

Yours in Christ,

Adam Dobrowolski

LOOKING FOR OLD SFX PHOTOS



We're on the hunt for photos over the years at SFX, like this one which can be found on Greenwood Cemetery's website.

If you have any you'd like to share you can email them to shoffman@petoskeyfx.org or bring them in to the school office. We'd be happy to scan hardcopies!

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TURKEY BINGO

All are invited to this fun community event. **WIN BINGO...WIN A TURKEY!** November 10th from **5:30-9:30**. Pizza, wine & beer will be available for purchase w/ lots of fun prizes to win! Located in the SFX Parish cafeteria – we hope to see you there!

ANNUAL FUN RUN!

Thank you to PTO for putting on this fun event and thank you to all the families who helped us raise \$10,395 this year! Your support is a blessing!! **Next PTO meeting: 11/6 after drop off in the library.**

5TH GRADE THE LION, THE WITCH, AND THE WARDROBE MONOLOGUES

5th grade performed their C.S. Lewis "The Lion, the Witch, and Wardrobe" soliloquys. The students did a fantastic job and really got into character!



INCLEMENT WEATHER

As the rainy days of October head toward the icy days of November we remind parents to have your students dressed for the weather. We will be outside each day unless it is raining or the wind chill drops below 10 degrees. Also, please try to label all of your child's belongings.

*SMART 911 *

Sign up with the ***FREE*** emergency notification system to receive a text message when school is closed. There is a link on our website. Petoskeysfxschool.org

MARK YOUR CALENDARS...

10/31	Haunted House – Please bring your canned goods for Brother Dan's Food Pantry
11/1	No School, PD for Staff All Saints Day
11/3	End of 1 st Quarter Picture retakes
11/5	Daylight Savings – set back 1 hour
11/10	Turkey Bingo! Report Cards Come Home
11/17	½ Day of School; Dismissal at 11:40. P.D. for Staff
11/21	8 th Grade Raffle/all school non-uniform day
11/22-11/24	No School – Thanksgiving Break

