

St. Francis School Newsletter

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A message from our principal...

Dear SFX families,

I want to thank everyone that helped to make last Friday's Turkey Bingo a success. We had a great turnout as the parish hall was at capacity for seating. The efforts of all the volunteers that planned and worked the evening is greatly appreciated!

The Advent season begins Sunday, December 3rd and runs through Christmas Eve, December 24th. Advent comes from the Latin word meaning "coming". During this liturgical season, we prepare for the coming of the Lord. Prayer and penance are appropriate during Advent in addition to decorations, Advent wreaths, and other traditions that prepare our hearts and minds for Christ. During the school day we will observe the season with prayers and Scripture that focus on waiting for Jesus. Catholic students (grades 3rd through 8th) that have received the sacrament of First Reconciliation will have the opportunity for Confession during a scheduled class time.

On the 2nd Sunday of Advent, December 10th, children's choir members are invited to join the 10 am Mass choir at St. Francis Xavier Church. More information to come from music director Ms. Marti Krusell.

The school-wide virtue of the month for December is joy - a lasting happiness from an active choice of attitude. A new enrichment choir that Mrs. Daniel is coordinating will be spreading joy to senior communities in Petoskey during this time. The community outreach with our choir and other service projects is exciting to see. Another such project is our annual Giving Tree providing for families in need in our community.



Our tradition is for each class to provide for a child that has a tag on the Giving Tree so the child can receive gifts. Look for news about how to support the Giving Tree in upcoming updates and newsletters from your child's teacher.

With gratitude for all the support that everyone in our community provides for our children, wishing you and your families a Happy Thanksgiving!

Yours in Christ,
Adam Dobrowolski

November Virtue: Love

Self sacrifice, putting other's needs before our own, following Jesus' example and humbling ourselves as servants.



Saints in the making!

4th grade had Deacon Paul in to bless the rosaries they made. If you are in need of a rosary extras are hanging in the gathering space.

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HONOR ROLL

Congratulations to the following students for making honor roll for the 1st quarter - **Gold:** 8th - Conner Duch, Luke Licata, Lukas Nemeč, Kathleen Robinson, Grace Sullivan & Lan Tran 7th - Ella Behan, Clark Bliss, William Daniel, Griffin Dunn, Elaina Flynn, Brady Hall, Reese Hoffman, Jackson Kanine, William Marshall, Jaxon Miller, Adriana Nguyen, Ella Sulitis, Calvin Walker & Trent Wcisel 6th - Lyla Heflin, Nicholas Dundon, Shain Mahaney, Hudson Stringer, & Sean Sullivan **Silver:** 8th - Derek Friedenstab, James Holt & Tate Russell 7th: Ryder Blumke & Joshua Mercer 6th - Lillian Berry, Layla Forster, Ryan Holt & Gavin Jeffers **Bronze:** 8th - Anna Dobrowolski, Isaac Fate, Brock Jeffers, Clover Leverett & Roanna Salmon 7th - Vianna Beebe, Janelle Holzschu, Michael Parker & Ethan Smock.



Nub's Nob Ski Program

We are looking for a parent volunteer to help this year with the Nub's Nob ski program. This amazing program gets local students in 3rd-12th grades on the hill at a discounted price and we're so thankful! If you're interested, please email Sierra at shoffman@petoskeyfx.org or call the school office for more in.

Christmas in Bavaria

All are invited to "Christmas in Bavaria" - a Festive Dinner Celebration honoring the life of Pope Benedict XVI on Saturday, Dec. 9 at 5:00pm at St. Mary Parish in Charlevoix. "Christmas in Bavaria" will feature an inspiring presentation from Fr. Christopher Jarvis on the life of Pope Benedict XVI and his teachings on the Eucharist. Guests will also enjoy a festive Christmas Market, authentic Bavarian cuisine, and a special musical performance from St. Michael High School Choir. Cost is \$50 a ticket and group table reservations are now available. Tickets are now available for purchase on St. Mary's parish website, stmarycharlevoix.com and at St. Mary's Parish office by calling 231.547.6652. Proceeds to benefit St. Mary's Youth Ministry Program.

Contact Liz Gengle at egengle@stmaryschoolcharlevoix.org for more information.

LOOKING AHEAD...

- 22-24 No School - Thanksgiving Break
- 12/1 Petoskey Downtown Open House
- 12/3 Last early bird drawing! Feast of St. Francis Xavier
- 12/8 Feast of Immaculate Conception 8th Grade Pop Can Drive
- 12/14 Christmas Concert - Students meet in cafeteria at 6:15, performances begin at 6:30
- 12/15 1/2 day, dismissal at 11:40. P.D. for staff AND 4th Grade Raffle and all school non-uniform **DATE CHANGE!**
- 12/19 Movie Day @ Petoskey Cinema
- 12/20 Ellis Island
- 12/22 No School - Christmas Break
- 1/3 Return to school

MERRY
Christmas