

St. Francis School Newsletter

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January 26, 2024

A message from our principal...

SFX School News

This week is the annual celebration of National Catholic Schools Week. For our students and staff, Catholic Schools Week is an opportunity for reflecting on and celebrating the mission of our Catholic Schools.

St. Francis Xavier School has a rich 141 year history of preparing students that become leaders in our communities, and know the importance of serving others. Generations of alumni have been able to develop a solid foundation in their academic and spiritual life through their experiences at St. Francis Xavier School.

When we see our alumni come back and tell us how well prepared they were for high school as well as seeing our former students excel beyond high school, it reaffirms the advantage that a Catholic education at SFX provides for our children.

For parents, the school provides a vital partnership as parents fulfill their duty in educating their children. Passing on the faith to the next generation is integral to the mission of the Church. Investing in children to shape a better future is of great importance for not only our community in Northern Michigan but for the whole church and society. A commitment to our mission of a quality faith based Catholic education is why our school staff choose to teach and work here and likely why you have chosen our school for your child.

We are grateful for the support of the St. Francis Xavier Parish for the longstanding financial backing of this school. Through all of your prayers, volunteerism, contributions to the parish, attending special events

and fundraisers, and donations earmarked for special projects, thank you!

Yours in Christ,

Adam Dobrowolski, principal

SNOW DAY CANCELLATIONS

This month we have had three days in which school was closed due to inclement weather. The protocol for St. Francis Xavier closing is that whenever Petoskey Public is in session and closes due to weather, SFX follows suit. The superintendent of Petoskey Schools in consultation with the director of transportation makes the determination if a closure is necessary based on road conditions.

Signing up for the Smart911 system, formerly BeAlert, is a quick and reliable tool for being informed of school closures. All of our school personnel use Smart911 for notices of school closures and learn of closings at the same time as parents that utilize this tool.

Sign up here!



CDC/Pre-K, DK Enrollment

Please see our school website at petoskeysfxschool.org for enrollment dates for the 2024-2025 school year. You can find this under the Prospective Families tab, click on Enrollment Forms and Priority Enrollment Dates for next school year.

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With warmer temperatures this week, our students were so excited to play on the snow hill! Please try to label all outside clothing and remind your child to check the lost and found bin if they are missing anything - it is outside the school office.

We are in need of extra gloves/mittens. If you have any at home that your child has outgrown we would thankfully accept them.

Looking for playground volunteers for February! Please call the school office or email Melissa at mnathan@petoskeysfx.org to sign up.



Optional Parent/Teacher Conference

Your child's teacher will be contacting you if they feel a conference is needed. As always, if you have any questions or concerns about your child you are always welcome to contact your child's teacher to schedule an appointment.

Gala & Raffle Updates...

We have currently sold 810 tickets - please help us hit 1,000!

February 3rd - Join us for Trivia Night and the Grand Raffle Drawing for \$15,000 at Boyne Valley Vineyards, tickets are \$15 or \$25/couple.



Check out our Amazon "Wish List" for items still needed for the Gala. For every \$100 you spend you get 1 service hour. Send the items right to the address listed and let the office know of your contribution.



LOOKING AHEAD...

- 1/28 Catholic Schools Week Begins! Students attending Mass please wear your uniform
- 2/7 Honor Roll Mass
- 2/14 Ash Wednesday & Valentines Day
- 2/16-19 NO School, Mid-Winter Break PD for Staff on 2/16
- 2/23 3rd Grade Raffle and ALL School non-uniform
- 2/29 Science Night, 6-7:30