

St. Francis School Newsletter

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April 26, 2024

A message from our principal...

Dear parents,

Our Spring testing period for the NWEA has begun. The end of year measure is important for us to get student growth data for Reading, Math, Language Usage, and Science. During our Monday prayer service I encouraged everyone to do their best.

The Gala Auction is a little over a month from now on Saturday, June 1st. Thank you to everyone that has already contributed to the themed class baskets that will be included in the auction and for those that are coordinating the baskets as the class parent. All the other auction acquisition items that have been donated are greatly appreciated!

The proceeds from the auction support the operating expenses of the school. In March, I shared that our budgeted fundraising target for the current school year is \$349,050, which accounts for nearly 19% of the total school budget.

Fund the Need: For a number of years now, a capital improvement need in our school has been identified as a major need for enhancement. At the Gala, there is a specific "fund the need" opportunity for donors to raise their paddle and contribute to the specific need. Over these years we have been blessed with tremendous generosity to upgrade the school building.

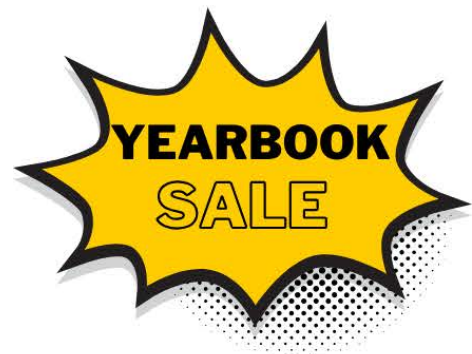
In 2020, a playground gate and more fencing around our boundary were installed to improve playground security. In 2021 we were able to fund a renovation in the art room for new cabinets, sinks, and countertops. The 2022 Fund the Need targeted windows and last summer we had 36 new windows installed.

With the remaining \$20,000 from the 2022 funds we have additional work lined up to replace restroom windows along with the addition of UV tinting film and blinds in areas where heat and glare have been an issue in classrooms. Last year's Fund the Need focused on school safety. Surveillance cameras have been installed and we are slated for additional cameras and a new PA system this summer.

This year we are hoping Fund the Need will help us to raise funds for a new gym floor. The existing floor is the original gym floor and we have been told that there are no more sandings left to resurface. The wear and tear is evident when you are in our gym. We are looking to install a synthetic floor which has maintenance and shock absorption benefits and 50+ years of longevity. The cost for demolition of the existing floor and to install a new floor is quoted at \$73,780. If you have been to the North Central Michigan College gym, a similar type of floor is there.

Yours in Christ,

Adam Dobrowolski



Yearbooks are now on sale! \$23/each or \$22/each if purchasing more than one. Please make checks payable to St. Francis Xavier School. After May 10th, yearbooks will be 24 each for all.

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We have an opening in our DK classroom for next school year - please call the school office if you're interested in learning more about the program!



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Parents of St. Francis Xavier Students
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Welcome! This is a place for parents of SFX students to connect, ask questions, and share information.

2024-2025 Enrollment



Please take a moment and fill out the online Continuous Enrollment form, if you have not yet. This is only for any new K-7 students. You will see a \$150 enrollment fee charged to your FACTS account in the coming weeks, unless you have already paid. Tuition rates for next year are attached to this newsletter. **As a reminder, if your child is not returning in the fall written notice must be presented to the school office by April 30th.**

Honor Roll

The following students have achieved academic excellence for the 3rd marking period: **GOLD** - 6th: Nick Dundon, Shain Mahaney & Hudson Stringer. 7th: Clark Bliss, Griffin Dunn, Elaina Flynn, Brady Hall, Reese Hoffman, Jackson Kanine, Will Marshall, Calvin Walker & Trent Wcisel. 8th: Conner Duch, Luke Licata, Lukas Nemecek, Tate Russell, Grace Sullivan & Lan Tran.
SILVER - 6th: Gavin Jeffers, Sean Sullivan & Christian Zyble. 7th: Ella Behan, Will Daniel, Celine Gengle, Adriana Nguyen & Ella Sulitis. 8th: Derek Friedenstab, Brock Jeffers, Katie Robinson, Cyril Sagan & Roanna Salmon.
BRONZE - 6th: Layla Forster. 7th: Jaxon Miller & Francis Sagan. 8th: Anna Dobrowolski, Isaac Fate & Clover Leverett.

CTAC'S 22nd ANNUAL YOUNG WRITERS AWARDS

Congratulations to all of the participants and winners of this years Crooked Tree Art Center's 22nd Young Writer's Awards.

Elementary Poetry - 3rd Place: "One Autumn Day" by Maria Robinson, 5th Grade

Middle School Prose - 1st Place: "War Reminiscence" by Cyril Sagan, 8th Grade. **2nd Place:** "Down By the River" by Clover Leverett, 8th Grade. **3rd Place:** "Kablamich" by Sean Sullivan, 6th Grade

Middle School Poetry - 3rd Place: "Unrecognized, Ignored, Beautiful" by Grace Sullivan, 8th Grade.

LOOKING AHEAD...

- 4/26 Sacramento prep retreat & rehearsal
- Havana Hop K-2 field trip
- 4/28 First Communion & Confirmation
- 5/8 Samuel Meyer Award after Mass
- 5/10 Okie Dokie Field Trip K-3
- 5/14 4th Grade Bike Trip
- 5/15 May Crowning
- 5/16 Field Day
- 5/17 Kindergarten raffle & all school non-uniform
- 5/21 5th Grade Field Trip to Cross in the Woods & Mackinaw City
- Field House 21st-24th
- 5/24 1/2 Day, dismissal at 11:40
- 5/27 NO School in observation of Memorial Day
- 5/29-5/31 8th Grade class trip
- 5/31 One Room School House 4th Grd.