

St. Francis School Newsletter

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Dear St. Francis School Families,

We have had a busy October, and it is hard to believe that it is almost Halloween! Our students with their families had not one but two major fund raisers. The Baby Bottle Fundraiser is amazing in that we beat our previous year's total every year! So, this year was no exception; we beat last year's total again. The Pregnancy Care Center received a generous donation of over \$1,200.00 from us. The other fund raiser going on about the same time was the PTO's Fall Crusade Fun Run. This event is a blast and netted valuable dollars for our PTO. Our PTO is fantastic; they are truly great. If we want something extra or special, our PTO tries to make it happen for us. What a blessing the PTO is to our school! Thanks for making us feel loved and cared for here at SFX! Their next BIG PROJECT is Turkey Bingo which happens on Friday, November 11 beginning at 5:30pm in the Parish Hall.

Our middle school students spent two days at Camp Daggett courtesy of Scott Bingaman and the St. Francis X Federal Credit Union Team. We are indebted to Scott and his team for their \$2,000.00 donation to offset the cost of this memorable event. It is hard to place a value on this experience, but I am convinced it is one of those blessing we receive at our school. It is about learning, cooperating, tolerating and loving! It is rigorous activity that promotes self-confidence in our children. We are so grateful to have this opportunity for our middle school students.

What is right around the corner in November? For starters, Picture retakes are on November 2nd. Our first marking period ends on Friday, November 4th. Parent teacher conferences are November 9th and 10th. We will begin our Salmon in the Classroom project on November 14; everyone loves to watch the salmon hatch and grow. Finally, we get a wonderful family break with the celebration of Thanksgiving (no school on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, November 23-25).

This is a great time of the year because teachers are working really hard at their academics during this time, so please keep our students and staff in your daily prayers.

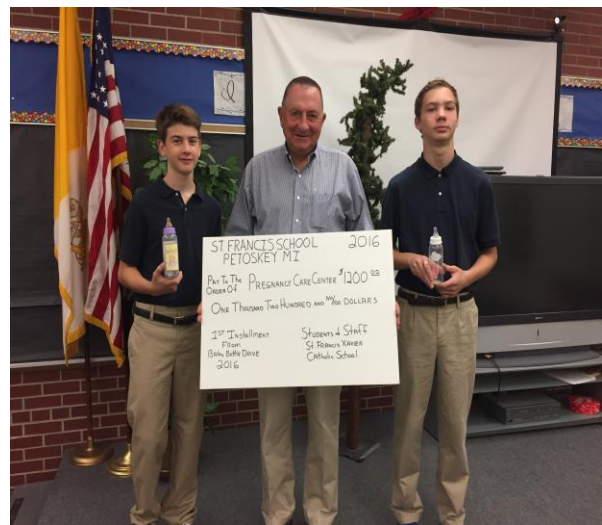
Yours in Christ,

James Kanine

CONFERENCES

Parent teacher conferences are Wednesday, November 9th from 3:30pm-5:30pm and Thursday, November 10th from 5:00pm-8:00pm. Please contact your homeroom teacher to schedule your time. Middle school teachers will meet with parents on a first come basis in their classroom. Enrichment teacher's schedules are as follows:

Sara Tisdell -Art-Nov. 9th from 3:30-5:30pm
Katie Hoyt- Music- Nov. 10th from 5:00-8:00pm



William Gagnon and Patrick Coveyou present check amount to Thad McGehee, Pregnancy Care Center Director.

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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.

BETWEEN THE COVERS BOOK FAIR

Our Between the Covers Book Fair is coming soon. On Nov. 8th students will be able to preview the books. Nov. 9th- Nov. 11th they can purchase books after school and during parent/teacher conference times.

LOST AND FOUND

The lost and found bucket by the Kindergarten door is overflowing. Please check to see if your child is missing any items. Please label your student's clothes, lunchboxes, etc. so we are able to return them to your students before items land in the lost and found.

NUBS NOB SKI NIGHT ORGANIZER

St. Francis Xavier School is in need of a volunteer to run the Nubs Nob School Ski nights. If you are interested, please contact the school office and we can assist you with getting information on running the program.

FAMILY SCHOOL SERVICE

All school families are required to provide only 10 hours of service to the school. 4 hours are to be dedicated to the lunchroom/playground. The remaining 6 hours are to be to Auction/PTO events. Remember to log your time in the school office for family credit.

MCLEAN AND EAKIN

Please don't forget to mention SFX when making purchases at McLean and Eakin, as 10% of the sale goes back to SFX in a check which is used to purchase new books for our school library.

SOPHOS ANTIVIRUS SOFTWARE

Our Technology provider wanted to share a free antivirus software that they recommend. If you currently don't have antivirus software, this is a great option. The site is www.sophos.com/home. This is especially beneficial if you have students who save files to a flash drive and work on documents at home and at school. The potential for viruses to get onto our school computers increases each time an outside file is accessed...especially from the flash drives from home computers without antivirus software so please consider this antivirus software if your home computer currently isn't protected.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

11/1	No Petoskey bus, music or band All Saints Day-All School Mass
11/2	Picture retake day-No Mass
11/4	1 st Marking Period Ends, 8 th grade pop can drive, no 6 th grade band
11/8-11	Book Fair-Between the Covers
11/9	Parent Teacher Conferences 3:30pm-5:30pm
11/10	Parent Teacher Conferences 5:00-8:00pm
11/11	Turkey Bingo-5:30-10:00pm-Parish Hall
11/17	2 nd Grade Raffle- All school non- uniform day
11/22	No Petoskey bus, music or band
11/23-25	No School-Thanksgiving Break
11/30	7 th and 8 th grade band concert- 7:30pm-Petoskey High School
12/1	Christmas Concert-6:30pm
12/2	8 th grade pop can drive