

# St. Francis School Newsletter

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March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2017

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Dear Families of St. Francis Xavier School,

The 3<sup>rd</sup> marking period ends on Thursday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>. Our Spring Break starts on Friday, March 24 and runs through Monday, April 3. Classes resume on Tuesday, April 4 and this begins our 4<sup>th</sup> and final marking period of this school year! The cliché, time flies is certainly applicable here!

Teachers are working on curriculum practices because we go through a Diocesan Accreditation process next school year. Basically, our staff have been preparing for about a year and a half. This current school year the teachers are working on curriculum. Math is the first academic subject that teachers are working on. Our March 10<sup>th</sup> ½ day happened so that teachers could work vertically on our math curriculum. The early results are very promising, and the teachers deserve a huge pat on the back!

Traditionally, some parents like to make teacher requests for the upcoming school year. We do try to honor parents' requests if possible. There are factors that influence whether or not a request is granted. Things like number of students, gender break-down, social factors, and academic ability range requests. We try to keep in mind the best interests of all students as children are placed with a particular teacher!

Yours in Christ,

Jim Kanine

## ENROLLMENT FOR 2017-2018

Watch your mail for the enrollment and financial support agreement forms after Spring Break. They are due to the office by May 5<sup>th</sup>. **Our school wide open house including Pre-K, Developmental Kindergarten and Kindergarten Round Up will take place April 20<sup>th</sup> from 6-7pm.** Tell your friends about our great school and take this opportunity to tour the classrooms and speak with staff. If you need financial assistance to help with next year's tuition, please see the school or parish office for instructions on applying for aid.

## ENTRANCE POLICY

With warm weather around the corner we are reverting back to our morning entrance policy on April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2017. As a reminder, children will wait outside their assigned doors until their teachers let them through the doors at 7:55am.

## SFX ATHLETIC AWARDS NIGHT



Amelia Holzschu, Ashley Nguyen and William Gagnon

On March 15<sup>th</sup> Mrs. Christine Swiss hosted the St. Francis Annual Athletic Awards Night. Ashley Nguyen (8<sup>th</sup>) received the Sr. Hannah Johncheck award for dedication to girls basketball. William Gagnon (8<sup>th</sup>) received the Fr. Wilbert Hegener Award for dedication to boys basketball. Amelia Holzschu (6<sup>th</sup>) received the Eric Greyerbiehl Memorial Scholarship award- an award given for exemplary character, spirit and dedication to girls basketball. Amelia also received a \$100.00 scholarship to attend a summer basketball camp. Volleyball awards- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Team MVP Award: Alexis Glaser (8<sup>th</sup>) and Most Improved Award: Ella Bacigalupi (8<sup>th</sup>) and 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Team MVP Award: Mary Fran Forton (7<sup>th</sup>) and Most Improved Award: Sofia Bacigalupi (6<sup>th</sup>). Boys Basketball: 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Team MVP Award: Nolan Spadafore (7<sup>th</sup>) and Most Improved Award: Hammond Law (8<sup>th</sup>). 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Team MVP Award: Aiden Mailloux (6<sup>th</sup>) and Most Improved Award: J.P. Broz (7<sup>th</sup>). Girls Basketball: 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Team MVP Award: Ashley Nguyen (8<sup>th</sup>) and Most Improved Award: Amelia Holzschu (6<sup>th</sup>).

## NWEA TESTING

5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade will begin testing Monday, April 17<sup>th</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> will start April 24<sup>th</sup> Please remember to help your students succeed with their testing by providing a healthy breakfast, plenty of sleep and lots of encouragement.

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## AUCTION NEWS

This year we are again marketing and selling auction tickets through MyNorth Ticketing. MyNorth is similar to Ticketmaster, but for our region. Here is the link to our event: <https://mynorthtickets.com/events/26th-annual-spring-fling-gala-auction>. They have an audience of over 84,000 people, we are hopeful that we will capture some of their audience. Please visit us on Facebook too, our user name is Spring Fling. The more you "like" and "share" our posts, the greater exposure we get and the more money we can raise for our school...so please like and share to your hearts content! Our last raffle ticket incentive for the year will begin on April 4<sup>th</sup>. Raffle ticket turn in by parents of the top two classrooms will compete in a fun event, which we will announce in the near future, the winners take all! Parents sell those tickets! Please remember, each school family is **REQUIRED** to sell three raffle tickets. We do keep count!!! Please sell as many as you can. This is what helps keep our tuition low. If you need help or ideas for selling, please contact Amy Harris at (231) 881-1131 or [stoca@charter.net](mailto:stoca@charter.net).

We are also **REQUIRED** 6 Volunteer Auction Hours. There are sign-up sheets located outside of the school office. Please sign up soon.

Lastly, some amazing acquisition items are arriving daily and will be on display in the school office, feel free to stop in and check them out.

Thank you for your support. God Bless.

## ARELY FUND

Thank you to all the students and staff that donated money to the Arely fund. Our collection in Feb. was \$ 247.98 and Linda Beer's 1<sup>st</sup> grade class won the competition. With the February collection our total raised for the school year hit \$300.00, so we have reached our goal to sponsor Arely for the year!

## "WHAT MAKES OUR FAMILY STRONG?"

Congratulations to the following 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students for winning the "What makes our family strong?" drawing and essay contest sponsored by the Child Abuse Council of Charlevoix and Emmet County: Winner: Taylor Keiswetter and Lauren LaHaie (3<sup>rd</sup>) Honorable Mention: Claire O'Donnell and Lindy Harris (3<sup>rd</sup>) Winner: Ella Wilson (2<sup>nd</sup>) Honorable Mention- Edward Borowski and Jared Johnston (2<sup>nd</sup>).

## 5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE USED BOOK SALE

Thank you to all of the families that supported the 5<sup>th</sup> grade used book sale. The profits will go to help send our 5<sup>th</sup> grade students to Fort Michilimackinac for an overnight educational adventure. The 5<sup>th</sup> grade class raised \$400.00 towards their trip to the fort.

## AMERICA AND ME-ESSAY WINNERS

Three 8<sup>th</sup> grade students from St. Francis have been named local winners in the 47<sup>th</sup> annual American and Me Essay Contest, sponsored by Farm Bureau Insurance. The topic for this year was "My Michigan Hero". The winners were Jean Crittenden (1<sup>st</sup> place), Vinny Miranda (2<sup>nd</sup> place) and Will Pizzuti (3<sup>rd</sup> place). As our schools first place essay winner, Jean Crittenden advances to state level competition, from which the top ten essays in Michigan will be selected. Jean's name will also be engraved on a plaque for permanent display in our school. Congratulations!

## JAMES AND THE GIANT PEACH

St. Francis student's Claire O'Donnell and Eva Sharapova (3<sup>rd</sup>) and Lilly Schoenborn, Emily Crittenden and Maddie Daniel (5<sup>th</sup>) have been rehearsing for this awesome production. Mark your calendars for April 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm or April 29<sup>th</sup> at 4:00pm so you don't miss our students in this classic show.

## DONATIONS NEEDED

Our school has seen a significant drop in donated used ink cartridges, Box Tops and Oleson's receipts. We are able to get reward certificates at office depot for used ink cartridges and cash for Box Tops and Oleson's receipts. Please continue to collect and turn these in to the school office.

## LOOKING AHEAD

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| 4/4  | Return from Spring Break  |
| 4/5  | Middle School Track starts  |
| 4/6  | Reconciliation-1:00 pm  |
| 4/7  | Report cards go home. 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Pop Can drive-Silence in the halls, stations of the cross |
| 4/11 | 7 <sup>th</sup> Grade at Chrism Mass at the Diocese-11:00am   |
| 4/14 | <b>Good Friday-1/2 day of school, dismissal at 11:00 am</b>   |
| 4/17 | NWEA Testing for 5 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup>   |
| 4/20 | 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Raffle, Pre-K, DK and Kindergarten Round Up 6-7pm                               |
| 4/24 | NWEA Testing for 2 <sup>nd</sup> -4 <sup>th</sup>   |
| 4/25 | PTO funded Raven Hill Assembly  |
| 4/27 | 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade to Lansing  |