

St. Francis School Newsletter

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May 26th, 2017

Dear Families of St. Francis,

Whenever I have to speak about a particular "group", I get a little nervous. First, it usually isn't a good idea to compare groups and/or people. Groups, like people, have their strengths and weaknesses; we all do! So, whenever I am confronted with comparing groups, I am reluctant to do so. Secondly, it isn't always an equal comparison. Variables and factors make it problematic to compare groups for a number of reasons. Having written this, it seems a cultural thing to compare one group with the next. So, it is probably done more often than not. As we come to the end of the 2016-2017 school year, one might want to know if this school year was as good as last years? My answer would be similar to what I wrote in last May's Newsletter. We hope for "a year's worth of growth for a year's worth of instruction." That is a pretty accurate assessment tool for measuring academic success at school. So, I would tell you that we were successful. However, if one looks even more closely at what transpires with children's learning, there's so much more than just the academic piece. Is it important? Yes, academics are vital to the continued success of schools. But, the development of the whole child is what is most necessary and important for children. Our Mission Statement is a good one. I had nothing to do with coming up with it or implementing it. The mission at St. Francis Xavier was in place before me! I can attest that this mission is worthwhile and relevant to the world we all live in today. Some wonderful folks got it right! Great for us, because the Mission Statement here works. Based on our Mission Statement, I firmly believe that we have had a wonderful 2016-2017 school year. We have outstanding children and loving, caring families who value our faith and education. We are blessed beyond belief!

Here's a short list of some upcoming events you might want to be part of at school: fourth grade One Room School House happens on Thursday, June 1st; Field Day is at Northmen Stadium on Monday, June 5 from 12:00 to 3:00 p.m.; fifth grade Revolutionary Days is Wednesday, June 7th; 8th grade Graduation Mass is Thursday, June 8th at 6:30 p.m.; and our last day of school is Friday, June 9th with 11:40 a.m. dismissal.

Yours In Christ,

James Kanine
Principal

FACTS PROGRAM

We are continuing with the FACTS tuition program this fall. If you were enrolled last year you will automatically be reenrolled. You may go online to the **website address- <https://online.factsmgt.com/signin/3GBMF>** to access your account. Click on "sign in to manage your facts account" to check balances and make scheduling changes. Tuition balances will not be entered until the end of August. If you have any questions, please call the school office at 347-3651.

USED UNIFORM SALE

All students are out of uniform June 5th-June 9th due to our gently used uniform sale. It will take place June 6th-9th. All uniforms will sell for \$5.00 per item and all money will go to our tuition angel program.

NWEA UPDATE

Kindergarten thru 5th grade students NWEA results will be coming home in the same envelope as their report card on the last day of school. Middle School Students will have their NWEA scores and report cards mailed to them after school lets out.

PTO NEWS

Congratulations to our new officer of SFX PTO: President- Josh Mercer. Thank you to current serving officers: Vice President- Amy Russell, Secretary- Shaleagh Earl and Treasurer- Nikki Nemece. Also a big thank you to out-going officer: President- Kelly Manthei.

CONGRATULATIONS ST. FRANCIS XAVIER CLASS OF 2017



Nigel Allum, Gabriella Bacigalupi, Meghan Brown, Patrick Coveyou, Jean Crittenden, William Gagnon, Alexis Glaser, Hammond Law, Vinicius Miranda, Ashley Nguyen, William Pizzuti, Jacob Tuck.

SUMMER VOLLEYBALL CAMP

Petoskey will be running a youth volleyball camp for 2nd-5th graders, June 12th-14th from 12:00pm-2:00pm and 6th-8th graders, June 12th-14th from 9:00am-11:00am. The cost is \$50 per player (\$60 with a volleyball). Registration must be in by June 1st. Casie Parker, SFX parent, is director of the camp.

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YOUNG WRITERS JURIED EXPOSITION CROOKED TREE ARTS CENTER

Congratulations to Lily Schoenborn (5th) for receiving 2nd place for her prose entitled "Another World" and Luke Matelski (5th) for receiving 3rd place for his prose entitled "L.C.H.". At the middle school level, J.P. Broz (7th) received 2nd place for his prose entitled "A Day in the Life of a Mole" and Nigel Allum (8th) received 3rd place for his prose entitled "Coupe Garden". For the poetry competition, Charlotte Gagnon (5th) received 1st place for her poem entitled "My Home". At the middle school level Ella Bacigalupi (8th) received 2nd place for her poem entitled "Time" and Audrey Gietzen (6th) received 3rd place for her poem entitled "Growing". SFX had a great showing of winners this year! Congratulations!



Linda Beer's 1st grade class won the door decorating contest for March Reading Month

SUMMER SCRIP SCHEDULE

SFX Scrip gift cards will continue to be available all summer! The box will be kept at the Parish Office. Monday-12-5pm, Tues-Thurs 9am-5pm, Fri 9am-12pm. Please call Judy at the parish office and make sure she will be available when you plan on stopping in to make a purchase. The Parish Office number is 231-347-4133. Orders will be placed once a month. June 13th, July 11th and August 8th depending on need. Please have all orders to the Parish Office or entered into the computer the Monday prior to the order, by 10am. Thanks so much and have a great summer! Your summer payout will be finalized by the end of July! Checks will go out approximately the 2nd week in August. I will send out an email when the checks are available. They will be in the Parish office for pick up.

MCLEAN AND EAKIN

Thanks to our school families and parishioners for mentioning SFX school when ordering books at McLean and Eakin. McLean and Eakin gives 10% of your purchase back to our school. We just received a check for \$230.06 to go towards new books for our school library.

LOST AND FOUND

There are many items in the lost and found hanging on the staircase by the office. Please take time to check to see if your uniform, coat, lunchbox, etc. is there. Any leftover items will be donated to charitable organizations after June 9th.

IMMUNIZATION REMINDER

A reminder of the immunization requirements from the Michigan Department of Community Health for the 2017-2018 school year. Parents who have previously waived their student for immunizations need to make an appointment at the Health Dept. Their number is 800-432-4121.

Required for all children entering kindergarten, all 7th grade students, and all children changing school districts:

*Two doses of varicella vaccine or history of chicken pox

Required for all children 11 years of age.

Booster of meningococcal at age 16yrs.

*One dose of meningococcal (MCV4 or MPSV4) vaccine

*One dose of tetanus/diphtheria/acellular pertussis vaccine (If 5 years have passed since last dose of tetanus/diphtheria vaccine-DtaP).

CLASS OF 2018- 8th GRADE CLASS TRIP SUMMER FUNDRAISERS

The St. Francis Xavier Class of 2018 will be holding two fundraisers over the summer. Students will be parking cars in the SFX parking lot the weekend of sidewalk sales Friday, July 28th. (donations accepted). They will also be running the Great Bear River Duck Drop. **Parents of 8th grade students will be selling Raffle Tickets for \$10.00 each** and ticket numbers will match a number on a plastic duck. The ducks will be dropped at the "Festival By the Bay" on August 19th. Monetary prizes will be awarded to the winning ducks. You can buy raffle tickets from any 8th grade parent. Please support these summer fundraisers.

The Staff of St. Francis hopes your family has a wonderful summer. Please watch for a school mailing at the end of August regarding school opening activities, including welcome back festivities. You will find your 2017-2018 school supply list in your student's report card envelope and also on our new school website: www.petoskeysfxschool.org. The first time on our website if you click on any option on the home page it will take you to a log in screen. Scroll to the bottom and select "log in as a guest" and you will be able to view the information. The next time you pull up the website you will have complete access to all tabs.