

St. Francis Xavier Elementary Marquette Campus

Dates for your Calendar:

- **Friday, Dec. 3—St. Francis Xavier Feast Day!** Xavier Casual Day. Our school Mass will be at 9:00.
- **Friday, Dec. 3—** Songs, Stories and Fun at 9:00 AM in the music room.
- **Monday, Dec. 6—St. Nicholas Day.** We will have a very special guest who will be giving each student a Cutie orange.
- **Friday, Dec. 10—** Dress Up Day! We will be recording our Christmas Concert today, so please dress up in your "Sunday Best!"
- **Sunday, Dec. 12—** Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe.



Happy 1st week of Advent!



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From the Desk of Laura Barnett

Happy Advent!

This is a wonderful season filled with many beautiful celebrations that remind us of the goodness of God throughout history. Our school celebration began on Monday with a special all-school Advent wreath lighting in the church. It was a meaningful way to begin our time of waiting and preparation.

On Friday, we will celebrate the feast day of the patron saint of our school system, St. Francis Xavier. In honor of the day, we will have a Xavier-wear casual day and attend Mass. In the afternoon, some students from the Middle School will be visiting to do some service work.

Monday will be the feast day of St. Nicholas. In the spirit of this generous

bishop, we will have a visit from St. Nick, who will hand out a treat.

Wednesday, Dec. 8 is the beautiful Feast of the Immaculate Conception. This year this Holy Day of Obligation falls on our regular Wednesday school Mass day. This Feast celebrates the fact that Mary herself was conceived without Original Sin. (And therefore it can be noted that we celebrate Mary's birthday on September 8th.)

It is very special to share these celebrations with your children! It is also one of the many reasons why being a part of a Catholic school is so rewarding—at all times of the year to be sure, but most especially when we experience these special Church seasons together!

Thank you!

All of us at school want to thank you for your generous donations to our service projects. Our food drive has been one of the best ever! Your generous gifts will go a long way toward helping those in need in our community! There is still time to contribute if you wish. We will be taking donations through this Friday (Dec. 3). Next Monday, I will announce which grade has won the Italian Ice treat.

I also want to thank you for your contributions to our last casual day. We have sent a check in the amount of \$220.03 to the St. Vincent de Paul Society of Appleton.

God bless you all for your kindness. What a beautiful example of giving you are to your children!

Share the Love Food Drive

*Thank
You!*



Advent Prayer

Loving God, I sense that all that is within your creation— everything, and all of us, are being drawn back toward your loving heart.

Help me to be a person of peace, to speak about it in an uneasy world, and to live it among the people you have put into my life every day.

Light in me a desire to prepare for your coming—to stand in the darkness, waiting, eager and filled with joy.

Lord our God, help us to prepare for the coming of Christ your Son.

May he find us waiting, eager in joyful prayer.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.



Christmas Stars



Ticket sales are now open for this spectacular Broad-

way-style holiday-themed extravaganza featuring singers, dancers and actors ages five through senior citizens.

Performances are at 7 PM on December 2, 3, 4, 9, 10, and 11—and at 1 PM on December 4, 5, 11, and 12.

Purchase your tickets on the website:

www.christmasstars.org

or visit the box office on Mondays or Wednesdays from noon—3 PM

Scrip News

Get a jump start on your Holiday shopping! I'm sure you have all heard the news that this year's Christmas shopping, both online and in stores, is going to be challenging due to supply shipments being delayed and labor shortages. Please plan ahead and get your orders in early.

Even though we do stock several retailers, gas sta-

tions, local and national restaurants, there are still several that we do not stock and have to special order, which could take 2-3 days to get in. Also, during this high demand season, we see large orders for commonly stocked cards which may also cause a delay in receiving your cards.

Remember that you can

order e-gift cards and reloads via the RaiseRight App.

Make sure to get your orders in soon for your Christmas giving because the **Scrip office will be closed from December 23rd – December 31st.**



Thanksgiving and Advent Food Collection – November 15th through December 3rd

Each year we hold this special collection to benefit the St. Joseph Food Pantry. It has proven to be a very successful way to make a substantial donation of needed items for area families who struggle with food insecurity. I am excited to once again invite you to be a part of this service project!

As we know all too well, the upcoming holiday season can put a strain on the family budget. While this is true for all of us, it is more significant for those families who struggle to put food on the table from week to week. Please join us in making the holidays bright for those who are in need in our community.

Preschool classes – Taking Care of the “Littlest” Needs

Baby food, baby wipes, diapers and other related items.

Kindergarten – Toiletries

Items in this category include shampoo, soap, shaving cream,

Grade 1 – Fruits, Vegetable and Side Dishes

Those things that make a meal more complete, such as canned fruits/vegetables, boxed potatoes/potato dishes, pasta, rice, etc.

Grade 2 – Baking Supplies

During the holidays, we all like to have special treats on hand. You can make the holidays all the more special for families in need by donating flour, brown sugar, sugar, spices, canned pumpkin, cake/cookie mixes, canned frosting and the like.

Grade Three – Main Dish Items

During this week, we are looking for donations of things that make up the main course of any meal. These items can include cereal, pancake mix, soups, stew, spaghetti sauce, peanut butter, tuna, or any other protein rich items that would make a healthy main course for a family.

Grade 4 – Cleaning Supplies and Paper Goods

We all go through more cleaning supplies, paper goods, detergent, etc., when we have family visit during the holidays.

*****As an extra incentive, the grade that brings the highest number of items per student in that grade will receive a special treat of Italian Ice as a reward.*****

Thank you in advance for your help! Your generosity to our brothers and sisters in Christ will set a wonderful example of giving for your children, and teach them the true meaning of the season!

Laura Barnett, Principal



Junior Hawks Schedule

All Practices from 5:30 to 6:30 at Xavier Middle School
\$25 to sign up make check payable to Xavier Catholic Schools
Don't need to be at week 1 to join.
Contact: Austin Stebane astebane@xaviercatholicschools.org

Week 1: Wednesday December 8th

Week 2: Tuesday December 14

Week 3 Tuesday December 21st

Week 4 Monday January 3rd

Week 5 Monday January 10th

Week 6th Monday January 17th

Week 7 Monday January 24th

Week 8 Monday January 31st

Week 9 Monday February 7th

Week 10 Monday February 14th

Week 11 Monday February 21st

Week 12 Monday February 28th

Week 13 Monday March 7th