



# St. Francis Xavier Elementary Marquette Campus

## Dates for your Calendar:

- **Friday, Sept. 25**—Paid Casual Day to benefit Loaves and Fishes. For 25¢ or more, your child can wear their favorite casual clothing. Please note that casual clothing still needs to meet basic requirements. If you have questions, please check the handbook for details.
- **Friday, Oct. 2** —NO SCHOOL—Staff professional development day.
- **Monday, Oct. 5**—It's Monday Night Football! So, it's time for a Packer (or other sportswear) Casual Day!



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## From the Desk of Laura Barnett

I cannot tell you how happy I am to have our first three weeks of school go so smoothly! The teachers were certainly well prepared for the start of this year, and the students have come in ready to do what is needed to keep everyone healthy and ready to learn.

I know that this does not happen without your support. It has been so good to know that you have been willing to abide by the new procedures and that you have been very conscientious when it comes to keeping your child home if he/she is not feeling well. I know that neither of these things are easy. There have

been no complaints when parents have been asked to refrain from coming into the building, great patience as we worked out the bugs in evening car line, and help in making sure your child has a clean face mask every day. So, I thank you for making health and safety a team effort! While I know that none of this will guarantee that we will never see a case here at school, it does make me confident that if it does happen, we will be able to handle it in a responsible and safe way. Thank you for all your efforts!

### Hawk Awards

We have begun our Hawk

Award program once more. For those of you who are new to our school, Hawk Awards are given to students who do something kind without being asked. So far we have had students who have picked up litter or cleaned up without being asked to do so, as well as students who have helped classmates who needed help doing something.

When someone notices that kind of great behavior, it is written down and displayed on a board outside the office. At the end of the month, these students will also be recognized in the morning announcements.

## MAP Test Questions and Answers

Parents often have questions about MAP tests—what they are and why they are given. Here are a couple “Q and As” from NWEA, who is the maker of MAP.

**1. What is MAP Growth and what does it measure?** Unlike paper and pencil tests, where all students are asked the same questions and spend a fixed amount of time taking the test, MAP Growth is a computer adaptive test. That means every student gets a unique set of test questions based on responses to previous questions. As the student answers correctly, questions get harder. If the student answers incorrectly, the questions get easier. By the end of the test, most students will

have answered about half the questions correctly, as is common on adaptive tests. The purpose of MAP Growth is to determine what the student knows and is ready to learn next. MAP Growth can also track students' individual growth over time, wherever they are starting from and regardless of the grade they are in. For instance, if a third grader is actually reading like a fifth grader, MAP Growth will be able to identify that. Or, if a fifth grader is doing math like a third grader, MAP Growth will identify that, too. Both things are incredibly important for a teacher to know so that they can plan instruction efficiently.

**2. What is a RIT score?** When students finish their MAP test, they receive a number called a RIT score for each area they are tested in: reading, language usage, & math. This score represents a student's achievement level and helps measure their academic growth over time. The RIT scale is a stable scale, like feet and inches, that accurately measures student performance, regardless of age, grades, or grade level. Like marking height on a growth chart and being able to see how tall a child is at various points in time, you can also see how much they have grown between tests.

## Additional Notes

### Scrip News

#### **Physical Gift Cards Available**

We now offer curbside pickup of scrip orders at the Scrip Office entrance.

#### **Ordering**

The Scrip process will be the same as before: you will place an order on the ShopwithScrip website. If you do not have a ShopwithScrip account and want to place an order, please email [rclark@xaviercatholicschools.org](mailto:rclark@xaviercatholicschools.org) or call 920-702-5510 and leave a message.

#### **Payment**

It is preferable to pay for your order on the ShopwithScrip website with Presto Pay, MasterCard or Visa. If you cannot pay online, please bring a check when your order is ready for pick up.

#### **Curbside Pick Up**

We offer curbside pick up Monday to Friday—8:00 AM until Noon at the Scrip Office entrance: 101 E. Northland Ave. Appleton, WI 54911.

When you arrive, call 920-702-5510 and we will bring your order out for you.

#### **Lunch Payment**



This is a reminder that our lunch

program is a pay as you go program. You are asked to keep a minimum of \$10 in your account at all times.

As in the past, you can send your payment to school with your child. If you have multiple children, please note on your payment envelope how much money should be applied to each account. Thank you!

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## Position Open at the Marquette Campus

The St. Francis Xavier Catholic School System is seeking a full-time Administrative Assistant to serve the Marquette Elementary Campus. The Administrative Assistant is responsible for communicating and serving parents, visitors, staff, and students at the Marquette Elementary campus. Working in collaboration with another Administrative Assistant, this role will perform tasks to support these diverse populations.

This individual should have experience at an intermediate-to-advanced level in Microsoft Word, Excel and the Google suite, including Gmail,

Docs, Sheets and Forms. The individual must also demonstrate the characteristics of a positive Christian role model. Preference may be given to qualified candidates who are Catholic. Please click on the URL link for a full job description.

This full-time position is eligible for benefits, including health, dental and vision insurance, as well as Life/AD&D/LTD insurance, sick leave, personal leave & holiday pay. We offer a generous retirement plan, school tuition, and childcare program discounts as well as flexibility in work schedules. St. Francis Xavier

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<https://wecan.education.wisc.edu/#!/Vacancy/93556>

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## An Autumn Prayer

Good and generous Lord, You have once more brought the year full circle, through planting and growing and ripening to harvest time, and autumn.

We thank You for the sun and the wind, the rain and the dew, the minerals of the earth and all the plants that grow and all the

beasts and birds of farm and field. We marvel at Your wonderful ways of bringing food from the earth to nurture and sustain us.

Dear God, help us to use Your rich gifts as You want us to. Teach us to share them with our neighbor who is in need. Make us see, in the marvelous succession

of seasons, and in the growth and ripening of our crops, the merciful, generous hand of Your divine providence.  
Amen

