



# St. Francis Xavier Elementary Marquette Campus

## Dates for your Calendar:

- **Friday, April 30—** All School Rosary at 9 AM; we will pray the Glorious Mysteries.
- **Friday, April 30—** **Free Casual Day**
- **Monday, May 3—** **NO SCHOOL** for students. All staff in-service day.
- **Friday, May 7—** **Xavier Day!** More information will be coming soon.
- **Friday, May 7—** **Xavier wear casual day.**
- **Monday, May 10—** Fourth Grade "Lunch with Loved Ones" from Noon until 1 PM.
- **Tuesday, May 11—** Rain date for "Lunch with Loved Ones."
- **Wednesday, May 19—** School Mass honoring our First Communicants.

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## From the Desk of Laura Barnett

Here we are at the end of April with only one more month of this school year to go.

Out of necessity, the end of this school year will look different from past years. As you probably know, our usual trips to the YMCA with our Fourth Graders and our school trip to Bay Beach will not happen this year. So our staff has been planning some modified or different activities to make the end of the year fun and special.

### Talent Show

We usually hold our annual talent show during the last week of school. We will do a recorded talent show again this year (see attached flyer from Mrs. Welch for more information). Please submit your recorded talents to Mrs. Welch by May 21. You are invited to be creative. Your children may do individual events, or they

can do something together. Why not get the whole family in the performance! We look forward to seeing your entries, and will send you the link to the finished product so you can see our entire production. The children will be watching the program on Wednesday, June 2nd.

### Field Day

In place of going off campus for a day of fun, our school will be holding a Field Day on Tuesday, June 1st. Preschool through grade 1 will spend the morning rotating among various fun stations, both indoors and outdoors. This will run from 8:45 until 11:00 in the morning. Then those in grades 2-4 will do this in the afternoon from 12:45-3:00 PM.

Since several of the stations will be outdoors, we have set a rain date of Thursday, June 3rd.

While staff will be monitoring the stations, we could use a 3-4 parents in the morning and a different 3-4 parents in the afternoon. They will be helping with games and transitions so that everything runs smoothly.

### Thank You

The money collected from the Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl Lenten project was \$560.78. When combined with the money we raised by holding a casual day for this same cause, we were able to send \$734.07 to Catholic Relief Services on behalf of our students and school.

Our April casual day allowed us to donate \$168.04 to the Nature Conservancy to protect habitats and animals. Thank you for all your kind donations. Your help throughout the year has aided many worthwhile causes!

## Monday, May 3rd



There will not be school for students on Monday, May 3. This is so all staff may participate in a System in-service day.

Since all staff will be involved, the Care Program will not be available on that day.

## Offering Our Gratitude and Best Wishes

Each year brings a set of changes, and this year is no exception. At the end of this school year Mrs. Julie Guzman and Mrs. Pat Rechner will be retiring.

Both of these inspiring teachers and wonderful individuals have each served our System for over 20 years, teaching both in the regular classroom and, most recently, in our Learning Services De-

partment. While they will be sorely missed, we wish them all the best in this next life adventure.

We would also like to recognize Mrs. Kendall. She will be leaving us at the end of the school year to pursue her dog training business full time. She has provided our beginning band students with a strong foundation—which is so important for a successful program

in later years. We thank her for sharing her talent and love of music with our students and wish her all the best in the years to come.

Our System is truly blessed to have such dedicated staff. May God richly bless them for their service to our children and grant them much enjoyment in the years ahead!

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## Teacher Appreciation Week

Next week is Teacher Appreciation Week. Our Home and School Association has many great things planned for the whole staff for next week, which is so wonderful!

As principal, I would like to add my voice to those of our parents in thanking and recognizing our amazing staff. While it is called “Teacher” appreciation week, it is good to know that all of our staff will be honored next week. This endeavor is really a team

effort. Our classroom aides, office staff and Care Program are instrumental to our success as a school. This has never been more obvious than in this Covid year. We all started this year of face-to-face instruction with a little apprehension because of the unknowns surrounding Covid and all the new protocols. But, it was the flexibility of all of our staff members that made this year possible. Whether teaching in the classroom or remotely from home during a

quarantine, this staff has made it all work.

While we look forward to a more normal year next year, this year showed the depth of our staff’s commitment to your children and to their education. I am truly blessed to work with such faith-filled and hard working people. I hope they enjoy the upcoming week of recognition. They more than deserve to have their efforts recognized every year, but most especially in a year such as this!

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## A Prayer for Teachers

Almighty God, We come to you today and give thanks for all our teachers. Thank you for the way in which they give of themselves each day in the classroom, serving and instructing the next generation. We thank you for them all now.

Father, please fill their hearts with courage by your mighty Spirit. Fill them with your strength, so they may rise to every challenge and not grow weary. Fill them with your wisdom, so that they may be able to make good judgement when guiding and helping others.

Fill them with your peace, so that when stress and anxiety come it would not overwhelm them. Fill them with the knowledge of your great love for them. We ask all this in the wonderful name of Jesus. Amen.

“quoted”

“The work can wait while you show the child the rainbow, but the rainbow won’t wait while you do the work.”  
Patricia Clafford

## Talent Show 2021 - "The Show Will Go On"

While we can't be together for our live annual talent show this year, we don't want to skip it, so we're having a Virtual Talent Show again this year!

Be creative! The whole family could join in - even family pets!

Email Mrs. Welch if you plan to submit an act for the show  
[dwelch@xaviercatholicschools.org](mailto:dwelch@xaviercatholicschools.org)

A few guidelines for your act -

- Only one act per child or family (if you have more than one child and they each want to do their own act, that's fine)
  - Keep your performance to 3 minutes or less
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- Be careful about the lyrics in whatever song you choose - be sure they're "school appropriate"
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  - At the start of your video, describe your act

Send a video of your performance to Mrs. Welch  
[dwelch@xaviercatholicschools.org](mailto:dwelch@xaviercatholicschools.org)

All videos must be received by May 21st

Contact Mrs. Welch with any questions.

We can't wait to see your performances!!

# **Teacher Appreciation Week**

**2021**

**May 4<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup>**

We will be celebrating our awesome Marquette Campus teachers during the week of May 4 – 7 with a number of special treats and activities. As part of the celebration we would like each student to write a Thank You note, or draw a gratitude picture for their teacher – or any teacher of their choosing.

This can be done on any type of paper or card, or the attached .pdf can be printed off and used as well.

Students are welcome to make as many  
“Thank You’s” as they’d like!

Please give your Thank You to your teacher on

***WEDNESDAY MAY 5<sup>th</sup>!!!!***

*~ Marquette Campus HSA & Room Parents ~*

