



# St. Francis Xavier Elementary Marquette Campus

## Dates for your Calendar:

- **Friday, Oct. 16—NO SCHOOL** This is an added Professional Day for Teachers. Care Program available, but preregistration required.
- **Friday, Oct. 23—** Paid Casual Day for Harbor House. For 25¢ (or more if you like) students may wear casual clothing and help out this important community resource.
- **Thursday, Oct. 29—**Black/Orange or other Halloween themed Casual Day.
- **Friday, Oct. 30—NO SCHOOL.** End of the First Quarter and Record-keeping Day.
- **Wednesday, Nov. 4—**Report Cards come home.
- **Nov. 10-11-12—**Parent Teacher Conferences.

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## From the Desk of Laura Barnett

Friday will be Debbie Mantzke's last day here at school. As much as she will be missed—we truly are happy knowing that she will now have time to spend with her family and pursue other interests. We thank her for her years of service to our families and to the Xavier System. God bless you, Debbie, on this next chapter of your life!

As we know, saying goodbye also leads to saying hello. So we are pleased to announce that Rhonda Folz accepted the position of School Secretary and will officially move into this position next Monday. This is Rhonda's 17th year in the System, where she has worked as a Before/After Care worker, an office assistant and most recently as an instructional aide in the classroom. She brings a wealth of knowledge to this position, and we are excited to welcome her into this new role.

### Conferences

Normally, we would be sending out conference information and sign-ups at this time, but, due to safety concerns, we will be doing conferences a bit differently this year. Face-to-face conferences would be difficult considering the need to wipe down surfaces between each meeting. So this year we have decided to do virtual conferences.

You will be receiving information shortly about how to sign up, but basically you will be signing up for a time with each of your children's classroom teachers. The conference will be a Google Meet style conference that you can access on your computer or your phone.

Our specialists in the areas of Music, PE, Band, Orchestra, Spanish, Library, and Art have different schedules and may also need to hold conferences at two buildings. So, if you would like to talk to one of these teachers at confer-

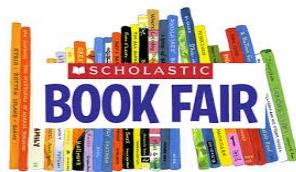
ence time, you will need to email them to set up a phone conference.

We hope that this way of doing conferences this year will prove beneficial to you. Conferences are a very important time for you to connect with your child's teacher(s) and learn about their progress. We want to make sure that you have this opportunity while also keeping all of our families and staff safe at this unprecedented time.

### My Family Leave

This is a reminder that beginning Monday I will be out for an extended family leave to care for my mother. As mentioned last week, I will still hold some remote office hours on Tuesday mornings and Thursday afternoons, but we are fortunate to have Sherry Farr available to answer your day-to-day questions and deal with issues as they come up. I look forward to seeing everyone again as soon as I am able.

## A Virtual Scholastic Book Fair!



### The Scholastic Online Book Fair is coming!!

We are so pleased to announce that we're able

to have a Virtual Book Fair this year! It will run from **Nov. 2 - 15**.

Here is the direct link to our school: <https://www.scholastic.com/bf/xaviermarquette> . (The "Shop Now" button will

not appear until Nov. 2, when our fair goes live.) Proceeds directly benefit our school library! Orders \$25+, containing books only, ship for free, right to your house. Let's keep our children reading... Shop the Online Book Fair!

## Prayer Corner

On Thursday, we celebrate the feast day of St. Teresa of Avila. There are many beautiful prayers and sayings attributed to this Doctor of the Church, including the one that follows:

“May today there be peace within. May you trust God

that you are exactly where you are meant to be. May you not forget the infinite possibilities that are born of faith. May you use those gifts that you have received, and pass on the love that has been given to you. May you be content knowing you are a child of God.

Let this presence settle into your bones, and allow your soul the freedom to sing, dance, praise and love. It is there for each and every one of us.”

-St. Teresa of Avila

## Health Reminders

As our community struggles with the high number of Covid cases, you are reminded of the following:

Covid-19 is an illness that is spread person to person through droplets created when we cough, sneeze, talk, sing or laugh. Many people who get Covid-19 have mild symptoms, similar to having a cold or the flu. However, in others it can cause severe illness. For this reason, we ask you to keep your child home if they have:

- A temperature of 100° F or more.
- A sore throat

- A new cough; especially an uncontrolled cough or one that causes difficulty in breathing.
- Diarrhea, vomiting or abdominal pain.
- Onset of a headache, especially with a fever.
- Loss of sense of taste and/or smell.
- Chills.

Symptoms of Covid often look like allergies, influenza or the common cold. In young children the symptoms may be minor and

may only include a runny nose or cough.

We ask you to be our partner in allowing us to keep our schools safe and open. If your child is not feeling well, please keep them home. In past years, all of us have asked students with mild cold symptoms or a mild tummy ache to stay in school. This year, we will most likely ask you to pick him/her up. We know that this can be a burden on working parents, but we also know that we all value having our schools open. Thank you in advance for keeping our staff and students safe and healthy!

## Uniform Reminders

If your child is wearing a sweatshirt to school in place of a jacket on these cool days, that sweatshirt may be of any color or pattern. If it does not fit uniform requirements, however, they will be asked to take that sweatshirt off when they enter the classroom.

So if your child would like to wear a sweatshirt in the classroom as well, that shirt needs to be uniform compliant. That means it must be plain red, white or navy blue with no more than a small logo (unless it is Xavier wear). If you feel that your child may want to have a school sweatshirt handy for

cool days, please send one in their backpack so that they are able to be warm and in proper uniform wear.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

