



St. Francis Xavier Elementary Marquette Campus

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Dates for your Calendar:

- **Friday, Jan. 27**—Xavier Wear Casual Day.
- **Saturday, Jan. 30**—Celebrate
- **Monday, Feb. 1**—**Catholic Schools Week Begins!** Literacy Day. Dress as Your Favorite Storybook Character or Crazy Hair Day. Special guest reader and book bingo.
- **Tuesday, Feb. 2**—Decades Day. Classroom celebrations. Everyone can dress up in their favorite 50s, 60s, 70s, or 80s costumes.
- **Wednesday, Feb 3**—**Celebrate Our Faith.** Dress up or uniform. Mass at 9 AM and at 10:30 so all students can attend.
- **Thursday, Feb. 4**—Xavier Wear Spirit Day.
- **Friday, Feb. 5**—Pajama Day.

From the Desk of Laura Barnett

After a slight delay, I am back to work full-time once again. It was good to be able to care for my mother during these past weeks, but it is also good to be back at work.

I want to thank you for your patience while I was gone—and also now as I get fully back up to speed after a quarter of being away. Your support, prayers and kindness have been greatly appreciated.

I want to give a special shout out to Sherry Farr, Rhonda Folz and Peggy Schwartz for their hard work and all their help while I was on leave. They each took on extra duties in my absence, and kept things working flawlessly. I cannot thank them enough!

We are now in the second semester, a time for new beginnings for all of us. I look forward to all of the

learning and fun that will happen in these next months. From Catholic Schools Week, to Lent, to our end of the year activities, this is going to be a quick semester to be sure.

Conferences

Conferences will be held from February 9 to 11. This second round of conferences are “by request.” If you as a parent would like to check in with the teacher, you may request a conference. You do not have to have a major concern to request one. We really want to provide all parents with the time to have that opportunity to meet with the teacher—especially in a year when there are not many other opportunities to just stop in and informally meet during the regular school day. You may also receive a request for a conference from the teacher.

You will once again be signing up for a virtual conference (as you did in November).

There will be two conference days—Feb. 9 and Feb. 11. The conferences on Feb. 9th will take place from 3:45 until 7:00 PM.

Our conferences on February 11 will be a little different this quarter. Since there is no school for students that day, we will be holding our Thursday conferences from 9:30 AM until 3:30 PM. Since conferences are virtual, we felt that these daytime hours may work better than when people need to travel to/from school to meet face-to-face. If you are not able to meet during these hours, but would still like a conference, please contact your child’s teacher to find a time that works for you both.

Souper Bowl of Caring.

We will be holding our annual “Souper Bowl of Caring” from February 1 through February 12.

We will be collecting non-perishable food items for the St. Joseph Food Pantry. While this

is an important collection every year, it is even more important this January as many people are having economic difficulties due to the pandemic.

To sweeten the deal,

there will be a special reward for the grade that brings in the most food items by the 12th. Let’s show our “Hawk Values” by being as generous as we work to “tackle hunger” in the Fox Valley!

SMART WATCHES IN SCHOOL

Some of our students have recently received Smart Watches. Unfortunately, there are starting to be a couple of issues with these watches that I need to address.

While some of these watches do not have texting capabilities, some do. But most of them have cameras and games available. Because these things are becoming distracting to the wearer, we will

need to have these devices fall under the same rules as cell phones for children at our school.

We ask that your child not wear these types of watches to school. If, however, there is a valid reason for the child to wear this watch to school (such as a need to communicate after school hours) let us know. If approved for wear, the child will need to keep the watch in his/

her backpack during the day. If you need to contact your child during the school day, we ask you to call the office. If a child takes the watch out without permission during the school day, it will need to remain in the office until the end of the day when they can pick it up.

Thank you for your understanding and help in this matter.

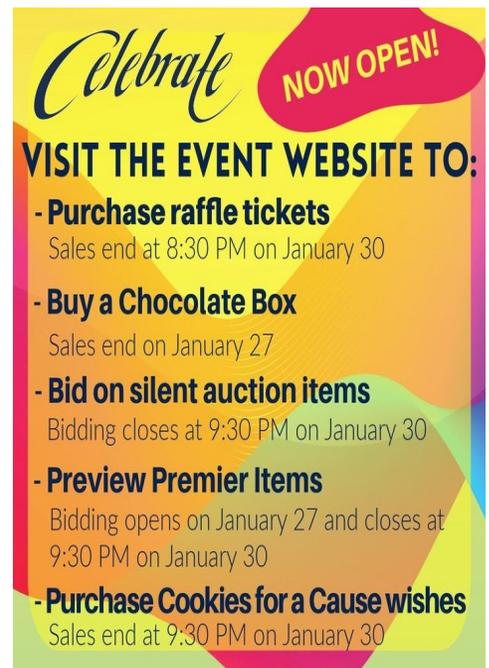
Kicking Off Catholic Schools Week!

Please join us either virtually or in-person for Mass on Saturday, January 30th at St. Bernadette Parish. Our Xavier family has come together to volunteer for all three Masses at St. Bernadette starting on Saturday night at 4:00 pm and continuing on Sunday at 8:30 am and 10:30 am. It is a great way to "celebrate" Xavier Catholic Schools and the beginning of Catholic Schools Week.

Once you have attended

Mass, please plan on attending Celebrate, our interactive, virtual event, starting at 7:30 pm for the Pre-Show Livestream, following by the Livestream Program at 8:00 pm.

Please see the parish website for the link to attend Mass virtually. The link for Celebrate can be found on the System website. We look forward to celebrating with you on January 30th and 31st!



Celebrate **NOW OPEN!**

VISIT THE EVENT WEBSITE TO:

- **Purchase raffle tickets**
Sales end at 8:30 PM on January 30
- **Buy a Chocolate Box**
Sales end on January 27
- **Bid on silent auction items**
Bidding closes at 9:30 PM on January 30
- **Preview Premier Items**
Bidding opens on January 27 and closes at 9:30 PM on January 30
- **Purchase Cookies for a Cause wishes**
Sales end at 9:30 PM on January 30

Welcome!!

We are pleased to have two new students join our school family!

Ruby Noffke joined Mrs. Schmitz's PK3 class last Thursday. Ruby is the daughter of Michael and Cami Noffke.

Mrs. Brautigam's third grade has welcomed Max Probst this week. Max is the son of Bethany Probst.

We are happy to have Ruby, Max and their families join our Xavier

family and extend a warm welcome on behalf of our entire school community!





Home & School Association **HSA**

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK 2021

Unfortunately due to the continued restrictions regarding COVID-19, the HSA is unable to host its traditional Catholic Schools Week events; however, while our children enjoy the in-school activities, families are still offered an opportunity to delight in some yummy treats.

You may place orders for delicious Mr. Reynebeaus's Cookies for your family to enjoy! **Orders must be placed by January 29, and will be available for pick up or delivery (via your child) at the close of Catholic Schools Week on February 5th.**



Xavier Elementary Child Name: _____

Xavier Campus: Marquette Street Mc Donald Street

6 pack of cookies – \$12.00 _____ x \$12 = _____

12 pack of cookies – \$20.00 _____ x \$20 = _____

Pick-Up Delivery (via your child) TOTAL \$ _____

All orders must be placed by January 29, 2021
Checks may be written to Xavier Catholic Schools/XCS