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Xavier High School is a proud member of the St. Francis Xavier Catholic School System, and has been accredited by AdvanceED (formerly the North Central Association) since 1970.

Dear Xavier Family-

As parents, you probably feel challenged to keep up in this ever-changing age in any number of ways. Try to find your child's favorite musical artist only to discover that the spelling of the name makes no sense. (I thought we had lots of compassionate high schoolers who loved infants, and then I discovered they were deferring to DaBaby). Keep yourself composed as they tell you that their goal is to be a creator. "An inventor?" you ask hopefully. Watch their disbelieving face when they correct you - "No, a content creator. A TikTok sensation. Someone with influence." Suggest reading a book during some free time and be prepared to be treated as if you advised them to whittle their own canoe to use while hunting and gathering the banks of the Fox River. The world of a teenager can seem altogether different from the world of an adult. Despite the challenges in keeping up, we know that some things are timeless.

Young people want to be loved and supported. They are social creatures. That's one of the things that has made the last 18 months so challenging - it goes against their nature to be distant, to be isolated. For all of its virtue and vice, social media has allowed our students to overcome the burdens of distance and quarantine to stay in communication. Today, relationships are built by sharing and liking, but not in the ways that our kindergarten teachers expected. Students are challenged with forming a healthy worldview, fostering positive mental health for themselves and others, and learning how to be who God made them to be. Most of that challenge happens now in the realm of social media. We must do everything in our power to help them to learn how to be digital citizens, to use the technological tools for the benefit of the world, and to prepare them for college and career by keeping social media in its proper place and balance.

In October, our school theme is "Using Social Media to Advance God's Kingdom." We are blessed to welcome Dr. Justin Patchin to address the Xavier community. On October 27, he will be speaking to our high school students in the morning and our middle school students in the afternoon. Dr. Patchin is a national expert on the topics of cyberbullying and social media. He has published numerous articles and spoken to groups of all sizes on these critical issues. We look forward to his presentation and the discussions at school and home that are certain to follow.

As this opportunity is particularly relevant at this time, we have also arranged for a special parent session at 6:30 PM on Wednesday, October 27. Parents of Xavier students as well as parents from the community at large are invited to join us to hear Dr. Patchin and ask questions of him. We hope that you can join us. Bring your fellow parents as well. Let's do what we can to bridge the communication and understanding gap in our digital world!

For God's Greater Glory,

Mike Mauthe
Principal



Xavier Preview Night

for
Prospective Students and Families
Monday, October 18, 2021
6:30 – 8:00 pm
Xavier Theatre

Spend an evening learning more about the curriculum, expectations and environment at Xavier High School. The time to decide which high school to select is fast approaching.

Xavier Preview Night is designed for you to talk to administrators, counselors, teachers, parents and current students about Xavier. Is Xavier going to be the best fit for your student? Are the course offerings, high expectations, and peer group at Xavier what's best for your student? How will Xavier help your student develop and grow in his/her faith? What athletic and co-curricular activities are available? Find out the answers to these and many other questions.

Come to Xavier Preview Night and take the first step to a promising future.

****Current students can earn service hours by serving as hosts for families at Preview Night. See Mr. Mauthe for details.****

Mark your Calendar....

Xavier Xperience Day

Calling all 7th and 8th Graders! Are you and your family weighing your options for high school? Want to get an experience in a high school and learn more about the opportunities for you at Xavier High School? Join us on Friday, October 29 from 8:30 -2:30 for Xperience Day. Visit the classrooms, meet future classmates, learn more about clubs, sports, academic programs and ways to grow in your faith. This fun-filled, fast-paced day is open to all 7th and 8th graders who are considering Xavier. Call 733-6632 to register.

Parent Education Night

Parents are invited to a special evening session with Dr. Justin Patchin, national speaker and expert on teens, cyberbullying and social media. Xavier High School is hosting the parent presentation on Wednesday, October 27 at 6:30 in the theatre. All parents of middle and high school students are invited. There is no charge for the event.

AP Testing Sign Up

Students interested in taking an AP test must register **AND** make a payment no later than Monday, November 11. This information can be found on the Xavier Counseling [Website](#). Each AP test costs \$96. Students can either pay with cash/check or have the fee applied to their Smart Tuition account. Late registration will cost an additional \$55. If a student decides not to take the test, a refund of \$56 will be made (cost minus the ordering cost of \$40).

Students who received accommodations for the PLAN, ACT or SAT must see Mr. Neiswender immediately to discuss possible accommodations for AP testing. The deadline to apply for accommodations is January 2022. If you have any questions regarding AP testing, please see your AP teacher or talk with Mrs. Schuh.

Testing Day

Tuesday, Oct 19, 2021, 8:00am - 11:30am

What happens on Test Day?

Freshmen and sophomores will take the preACT -- a practice ACT designed for 9th and 10th graders. This test will be given at no cost to all freshmen and sophomores. No prep is needed. Details will be provided in the coming weeks.

Juniors will have the opportunity to take the ACT (no writing) at Xavier High School. Xavier is offering this optional ACT so that our juniors have one ACT that is guaranteed to occur despite potential COVID-related limits at other ACT test sites. *We have heard of no upcoming closures at national test sites, so juniors may certainly wait until later in the year to take the ACT. Scores from this October 19 test can be used for college applications. A test prep class will be offered especially for this test date.*

Seniors may also take the October 19 ACT at Xavier, if they wish. If they do not take the ACT, they should work on other college-related activities that morning, such as their applications and essays.

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Youth Risk Behavior Survey

Our school is taking part in the Youth Risk Behavior Survey sponsored by the Department of Public Instruction. The survey will ask about health behaviors that keep young people healthy, as well as behaviors that result in unintentional and intentional injuries, tobacco use, and alcohol and other drug use. It will also ask about bullying, sexual risk behaviors (mostly for high school students), online risk behaviors, stress and anxiety, self-harm, dietary behavior and physical activity. It also focuses on positive things like strong connections to the school and to other people.

Students will be asked to fill out an anonymous, online questionnaire that takes about 25-35 minutes to complete. They will take the survey during regular class time.

The survey has been designed to protect your child's privacy. Students will not put their names on the survey and it does not ask for student IDs or any other individual identifiers. The classroom setting will be set up like a test so that students' answers remain private. The school will not have access to individual students' answers and no class or student will ever be mentioned by name in a report of the results. Your child will get no benefit right away from taking part in the survey. However, the results of this survey do help students by providing schools and the community with information that is used to improve health and safety programs. We would like all students to take part in the survey, **but the survey is voluntary**. No action will be taken against you, or your child, if your child does not take part. Students can skip any question that they do not wish to answer. In addition, students may stop participating in the survey at any point without penalty.

If you have questions about the survey or wish to opt-out your child, please contact Lori Schuh, School Counselor, at (920)882-6912 or lschuh@xaviercataholicschools.org.

Loves and Fishes of the Fox Valley "Super" Hero Design Contest 3rd place Winner—Autumn Severson

The Loaves and Fishes of the Fox Valley held a contest for area youth artists to design a "Superhero" to help fight hunger. This character will come to life as part of their upcoming campaign. The young artists were asked to draw an original design of a comic book style superhero from the front, back and side view. Loaves and Fishes runs a local program with a mission to feed families and individuals in our community who struggle with hunger every day by providing free meals and messages of hope. Their upcoming campaign themes will be "Superhero" - sharing is a superpower for fighting hunger. Autumn Severson, an XHS junior, entered a digital drawing of a character she designed for this contest. Autumn's drawing featured a young brown haired woman who is dressed for battle with a cornucopia placed in her hand ready to fire food to all in need. Autumn's submission was awarded 3rd place. Autumn is a well rounded artist who enjoys being creative and works in a variety of mediums. Autumn discovered a passion for watercolor in her painting class last spring and has since created a number of works on her own.

Congratulations, Autumn, and Xavier thanks you for your dedication in using your artistic talents to help those in need.

Autumn is pictured with her award and entry drawing.



Campus Ministry

Ethel Moehring Help Your Neighbor Day - Tuesday, October 19

We're excited that our all-school day of service is back for 2021! On Tuesday, October 19, we will have classes in the morning, and then all students and teachers will be out serving in the community from 12-3pm. We are requesting adult help with transporting small groups to the various service sites and supervising the students as they work. This is a fun day for the students and adults, but we can't do this without you! All chaperones must complete an hour of Safe Environment / VIRTUS training if they have not already done so. Your help is so appreciated and we look forward to sharing this special day with you. Please contact Kate Geenen asap to volunteer: kgeenen@xaviercatholicschools.org.

All-School Mass

Our next, all-school Mass is Wednesday, October 20 at 10:40am at St. Bernard. All are welcome!

Weekly Faith Journey Opportunities

In addition to the Chapel and SPIRIT Center being open during the school day, here are some specific faith journey opportunities:

- Ten to Start * Tuesdays 7:35-7:45am * SPIRIT Center
- 10 Minutes of conversation to jumpstart your day!
- Bible Study * Wednesdays 7:05-7:35am * Room 134
- Weekly Mass * Fridays 7:15am * Chapel
- Spiritual Guidance with Fr. Adam * Students, please check your email to sign up.

Eucharistic Adoration

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is held the first Friday of each month in the Chapel from 7:45am until 3:00pm. Please contact Katie Wesolek to sign up (kwesolek@xaviercatholicschools.org).

Service Hour Opportunities

Please be sure to monitor your student's service hour progress. All hours are tracked on the Transeo site. New parish and community service opportunities are posted on the bulletin board outside of the SPIRIT Center and on Instagram ([xhscampusministry](https://www.instagram.com/xhscampusministry)).

We're on Instagram!



Watch for posts about new service hour opportunities and other important information on Instagram: [xhscampusministry](https://www.instagram.com/xhscampusministry).

Spring Retreat

Students will get to participate in an all-school retreat on Thursday, March 31, 2022! Please avoid scheduling appointments or time away from school that day - this will be a day your student won't want to miss! If you should have any questions, please contact Mr. Mauthe.

SPIRIT Center

The Xavier SPIRIT Center is located behind the Chapel, just a few steps beyond the main entrance of school. Stop in for some hospitality, sign up for an event, organize a small service or prayer group, utilize our resources, ask questions, or just let us know how your day is going. All are welcome!

XHS Campus Ministry is part of Xavier S.P.I.R.I.T., our energized, all-encompassing approach to campus life that encourages and empowers all Hawks to realize and share their authentic selves, to cultivate a culture of care for self and others, and to grow in faith, hope, and love. Our core values reflect our mission: to serve, pray, include, reach, inspire, and teach.

For more information and/or to get involved, stop by the SPIRIT Center or email Kate Geenen: kgeenen@xaviercatholicschools.org.



Xavier Theatre Presents

ALL TOGETHER NOW!

A Cavalcade of Broadway's Greatest Hits!

7:00 pm November 12, 13, 15

1:00 pm November 13, 14

LIVE ON STAGE!

Xavier Fine Arts Theatre

We're thrilled that New York licensing agency Music Theatre International has offered Xavier Theatre the opportunity to present this never-before-seen revue of Broadway show music as part of a global celebration of the return to live performances!

Tickets on sale October 10!

www.xaviertheatre.com



CHRISTMAS STARS

Christmas Stars ticket sales now open! Order early for the best seats.

Join us at the Xavier Fine Arts Theatre for "Christmas Stars," a spectacular Broadway-style holiday-themed extravaganza featuring singers, dancers & actors ages five through senior citizens.

Each year a cast of volunteer performers dazzles audiences with eye-popping production numbers including a spectacular New York style parade right on stage and a stunning "Living Nativity" finale to bring home the true "reason for the season."

As always, there will be some special surprises.

2021 Performances

7:00 pm December 2, 3, 4, 9, 10, 11

1:00 pm December 4*, 5, 11, 12

**An American Sign Language Interpreter be provided at the 1:00 pm performance.*

Christmas Stars has played to over 85,000 with proceeds benefitting St Francis Xavier Catholic Schools fine arts student experiences.

Purchase your tickets on the website, www.christmasstars.org, or visit the box office, (920) 733-8840 Mondays & Wednesdays from noon – 3pm.

We hope you'll join us for a delightful celebration of the most wonderful time of the year at ***Christmas Stars***, celebrating the true reason for the season!

View photos or video highlights at www.christmasstars.org

Dutch Apple Pie Fundraiser



The Foods Class is doing a service project to help the work Catholic Charities does to help the poor and needy. Please consider supporting their Dutch Apple Pie Fundraiser.

Each 8" pie is \$9. Please make checks out to: Xavier Catholic Schools

Name _____

Phone Number or Email _____

Name of XHS student picking up pie (if applicable) _____

Pick Up Date (Choose One):

_____ Wednesday, October 6 (at XHS between 3-3:30)

_____ Thursday, October 7 (at XHS 3-3:30)

_____ (check if you don't want your pie baked; you'll get instructions on how to bake it later)

_____ Number of Pies x \$9 each = _____ (Total-make checks payable to XCS)

DEADLINE to return this form with payment is Monday, October 4th.

If you have any questions, please contact Kelli McGreevey:

kmcgreevey@xaviercatholicschools.org

Athletics

WINTER SPORT STARTING DATES

Bowling –

Head Coach: Dennis Kim

denniskimcontact@gmail.com

Boys' Ice Hockey – Monday, November 8

Head Coach: Erik Larabell

larabellerik@gmail.com

Girls' Ice Hockey – Monday, November 8

Head Coach: Jeff Fox

jjfox@new.rr.com

Girls' Basketball – Monday, November 8

Head Coach: BJ Buss

bjbuss@gmail.com

Boys' Basketball – Monday, November 15

Head Coach: Matt Klarnar

mjklarnar@yahoo.com

Wrestling – Monday, November 15

Head Coach: Jeff Greuel

jgreuel@littlechute.k12.wi.us

Powerlifting (co-ed)

Head Coach: Nicole Ebben

nicoleebben@yahoo.com

WINTER SPORT ELIGIBILITY

To participate in any of our winter sports this season, every student **MUST** obtain a signed eligibility card from Mr. Herriges. Even fall sport athletes must obtain the signed card. The card must be submitted to the coach before an athlete is allowed to try out or practice.

If a parent and student did not view the mandatory athletic eligibility video, please email Mr. Herriges for information to do so **BEFORE** the start of your athlete's winter sport.



Orchestra

Fall Concert, October 26th

The 7th, 8th and high school orchestras will perform a concert on Tuesday October 26th, 6:30pm at Xavier Middle School. We are very excited to perform works from many different cultures and countries. You will hear music from Spain, China, Thailand and Hungary to name a few. Please come support these wonderful students and celebrate all of their hard work.

Field trip to St. Norbert, November 4th

The orchestra will be visiting St. Norbert for a tour of the Fine Arts area as well as to perform for the professors at St. Norbert. This is a wonderful opportunity for the students to work with other conductors as well as visit a beautiful campus. Please watch for more information through email and from your students regarding this field trip. We will be leaving Appleton at 11:15am and we will be back in Appleton by 3:15pm at the latest.

Upcoming Events

October 1	Homecoming Parade & Game
October 2	Homecoming Dog Walk / Run and Homecoming Dance
October 5	Picture Re-take Day
October 6	Fall Choral Concert (7:00)
October 18	Xavier Preview Night
October 19	Testing Day (ACT, Pre-ACT) & Help Your Neighbor Day
October 20	All School Mass
October 26	Fall Orchestra Concert (6:30 at XMS)
October 29	No School – 7 th & 8 th Grade Day
November 1	All School Mass – All Saints Day
November 5	XSC Blood Drive
November 12	Grandparents' Day
November 12-15	Fall Musical – All Together Now
November 24-28	No School – Thanksgiving Break
December 1	Half Day – Parent Teacher Conferences (5-7PM)
December 2-4	Kairos Retreat
December 3	All School Mass – Feast of St. Francis Xavier
December 7	Freshman Class Reconciliation
December 8	All School Mass – Feast of Immaculate Conception
December 9	Sophomore Class Reconciliation
December 14	Junior Class Reconciliation
December 15	Band Christmas Concert (7PM)
December 16	Senior Class Reconciliation
December 16	Choir Christmas Concert (7PM)
December 23-January 2	No School – Christmas Break