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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,

A few weeks ago, I was at Saturday evening Mass at St. Joseph’s and the Gospel was the famous story of the feeding of the 5000. Father Jim was making the point that such an incredible happening took place because of the love of Jesus and the faith of a young boy. As Father continued his homily, my mind wandered (sorry, Father Jim!) to just how true that observation was. I started to think of all of Jesus’s miracles and the reality that each miracle came about when the power of God mixed with the faith of an ordinary person. Lepers are cleansed because they recognize Jesus. Lazarus is raised after his sisters express their confidence in Jesus. What makes these moments miraculous is not just that something we can’t explain happened, but that human and divine cooperate to accomplish something filled with love.

That’s Xavier. That’s all we ask. We want to be a place where we meet and cooperate with God to make love the rule, not the exception. We aspire to be the place where ordinary people can be a part of extraordinary, world changing moments. We hope that our young people leave their families and community blessed by their selfless leadership. If we could have only that, the consistent cooperation between each of us and God in our everyday decisions, we would be successful beyond measure.

Still, here’s what I mentioned to our newest class this week – there wasn’t anything particularly remarkable about the boy who supplied the loaves and the fishes. He wasn’t a celebrity, a decorated athlete or performer, even necessarily the smartest or most well liked of his peer group. He was an ordinary young person with what probably felt like ordinary gifts. Still, he had an open heart and a generous spirit. Something tells me that the kid wasn’t just carrying several loaves and fish because he was a big eater. That food probably was a meal for his family, his neighbors. Sharing it meant that he and others would probably have to go without. He was just a typical young person – probably insecure, unsure of where he fit in the world, sometimes happy and other times struggling. He didn’t wake up that morning and say “they’re going to remember me in 2000 years for what I do today.” He just took his ordinary gifts, his regular self, and opened himself up to the message of Jesus. He let God work through him. The rest is history.

Let’s pray that our young people find the power in being “ordinary.” I hope that they can feel as valued as that young man did. We will be better off when each of our young people finds the courage to recognize that the gifts they have are given by God, meant to be shared, and transformed by grace. Your young person wakes up every day with the full weight of adolescence on their shoulders; they seldom believe that who they are in the ordinary moments could be good enough. Let’s work together to change that. God made them, God loves them, and we love them. We love what makes them ordinary and even imperfect. We know that God can work through those quirks as long as our young people are open and cooperative.

At the end of the month, we celebrate Homecoming once again. Homecoming is never about what one person or one team accomplishes. It is a celebration of the millions of ordinary decisions and actions which make Xavier the place that it is. We have a lot to celebrate. Let’s make it our goal to celebrate the simple, selfless, moral and thoughtful decisions that our students make each and every day.

For God’s Greater Glory,

Mike Mauthe
Principal



SCRIP NEWS

Scrip announced that Kwik Trip (local) is offering 10% back on all gift card orders from September 1-30!

Who doesn't need to fill up on gas, morning coffee or a lunchtime brat?? Why not fill up and save money on your child's tuition?

Gift cards are available in \$25, \$50 or \$100 denominations. Order online at ShopwithScrip.com or through the RaiseRight app.



Academic News

Parent-Teacher Conferences

Parent-teacher conferences will be held on **Wednesday, September 22 from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.** Conferences will be held in the commons/gathering hall and time will be limited to 5 minutes. *Masks are required.*

If you need a longer time please schedule an appointment with the teacher on a different day. Grades are accessible on PowerSchool. If you misplaced your password please contact the office.

Email Communication

A great way to keep in close contact with teachers is through email. If you would like to send a teacher an email, just type the first initial of the first name followed by the last name and continue with @xaviercatholicschools.org (e.g. mparish@xaviercatholicschools.org).

Xavier Honor Society Tutoring

If your student is looking for a tutor, the Xavier Honor Society offers free tutoring services.

Please ask the instructor or email Kelli McGreevey, Honor Society Moderator, to request a tutor: kmcgreevey@xaviercatholicschools.org

September's Theme – Welcoming and Reaching Out

This month's wellness theme is welcoming and reaching out to new people. We are blessed to have more than thirty international students, more than 100 freshmen, and several transfer students joining us for the first time.

Our speaker this month is Mrs. Leah May McSorley (XHS '04), Director of International Student Services at Lawrence University. She will be addressing the student body on ways to build new friendships, welcoming people of different cultures, valuing others, and the importance of being proactive in reaching out. We are excited to have her return to speak to the students!

Consider reflecting with your student on the lessons from the speaker (scheduled for Wednesday, September 15). Maybe have a family discussion using such questions as:

- Who have you reached out to so far this year?
- Imagine being in a new school, community or country. How would you want people to welcome you?
- What can we, as a family, do to build community with new neighbors, colleagues and classmates?
- How are we made better by knowing people of different backgrounds and life experiences?

Thank you for helping us to build a better Xavier!

SAVE THE DATE -

SENIOR PARENT NIGHT

Senior Parent Night will be on Tuesday, September 14th, starting at 6:30pm in the auditorium. We will do our best to get you out by 8:00pm. Per current COVID protocol, we ask that everyone wear a mask over their mouth and nose while in the building. We also recognize that not everyone will be comfortable attending in person, so we will be recording the evening.

We will be covering graduation, senior academics, college and scholarship applications, and extras like placement exams and reporting AP scores.

HOME COMING 2021

Homecoming Week is September 27 - October 2, including an all-system, all-alumni “Name the Hawk” contest! In addition to dress-up days and daily competitions, please join us for:

- September 20-30 “Name the Hawk!” Contest, open to the entire XHS community, including alumni!
- Tuesday, 9/28 Boys Soccer Game 6:30
- Wednesday, 9/29 Homecoming Mass (welcome, alumni!) 10:30am, St. Bernard
- Thursday, 9/30 Girls Volleyball Game 7pm
- Friday, 10/1 Pep Rally 2pm, Parade 4:30pm, & Football Game 7pm
- Saturday, 10/2 Fun Run/Dog Walk 9am & Homecoming Dance 8-11:30pm

Class Float-Building

The Homecoming Parade is back for 2021! This means we’ll need a few families to step up and organize class float-building. This is student- and parent-led so that each class has a float in the Homecoming Parade. In the past, groups of class parents have organized specific times for students to meet and work on their respective floats, usually Mon-Thur evenings of Homecoming Week from 6-9pm, but you can organize whatever timing works best for you and your float crew.

Each class gets to: 1) come up with a theme, location, students, and supplies to build their float, 2) transport their float from its build location to Pierce Park on Friday, October 1 and be lined up by 3:45, and 3) provide parade transport for the float from Pierce Park to XHS. We can’t wait to see what you design and enter in the parade - winner will be announced at halftime of Friday night’s football game!

Watch for more information! With any questions or to join us, please contact Monica Jones (mjones@xaviercatholicschools.org) or Kate Geenen (kgeenen@xaviercatholicschools.org).

5K Fun Run & Dog Walk

The annual Xavier Homecoming 5K Fun Run & Dog Walk is Saturday, October 2!
This event is just \$5 - register online by September 15 to receive a t-shirt.

All participants are asked to bring a non-perishable food item for St. Joe’s Food Pantry. Dogs are welcome on the route as long as they are leashed and well-behaved.

For more information, to register, or to sign up as a volunteer, please visit: 21FunRunDogWalk.givesmart.com

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Welcome to Orchestra

Welcome new families to Xavier! We have a wonderful, growing, orchestra program here at Xavier. Highlights of our year include activities such as WSMA Solo and Ensemble as well as various concerts. We will be visiting St. Norbert College this year and working with the music staff as well as having a campus tour. I am really excited to share this new opportunity with the students. If you have any questions about the program and what we have to offer, please feel free to contact me directly.

Private lessons

I believe that all students interested in getting the greatest possible enjoyment from their involvement in Xavier's orchestra should consider supplementing their classroom experience with private music lessons. While student's classroom experience at the high school level will focus on ensemble performance skills, involvement in a private lesson program provides additional assistance in further developing individual technique and solo performance skills. Please see me if you are interested in locating a private teacher in the area.

2021 – 2022 performance dates

Tuesday October 26 – Orchestra Concert – 6:30pm – Xavier Middle School
 Thursday November 4 – Trip to St. Norbert – 11:20am – 3:30pm
 Wednesday February 2 – Orchestra Concert – 6:30pm – Xavier High School
 Saturday March 5 – WSMA District Solo & Ensemble (Kaukauna High School) – all day
 March 14 through 19 – Fine Arts Trip to Nashville & Memphis (not required, suggested)
 Saturday May 7 – WSMA State Solo & Ensemble (Only for those receiving a 1* rating at WSMA District Solo & Ensemble) – all day (UWGB Campus)
 Monday May 16 – Fine Arts Awards Night 6:30pm – Xavier Commons
 Wednesday May 18 – Orchestra Concert 6:30pm – Xavier High School
 Wednesday June 8 – Graduation – Fox Cities PAC - Time to be determined

-Mrs. Laura Kenney, Orchestra Director,
lkenney@xaviercatholicschools.org

ACT Prep

Is your student planning to take the October 19th ACT Test at Xavier?

If so, ACT Test Prep is offering a class prior to the Xavier ACT In-School Test. We are only able to offer this course to Xavier students, so be sure to sign up ASAP!

To register for the class, go to www.act-testprep.com or you can contact Mrs. Monica Jones via email mjones@act-testprep.com or phone (920) 475-6567.

The class is at Xavier from October 11-14th, 2021.
 Time: 4:00pm-7:15pm each night.

Cost: \$125 per student - payment will be due before October 11th.

Help Your Neighbor Day - Tuesday, October 19

Our all-school day of service is back for 2021 - all students will participate in this awesome event, and we need your help as drivers/chaperones/co-workers!

Help Your Neighbor Day involves groups of 4-8 students and an adult spending the afternoon doing service for an elderly person, a parish or a community organization. Great fun is had by all!

We need about 50 parent volunteers to drive a group in order for this event to be a success!

Please contact Kate Geenen as soon as possible to volunteer!

(kgeenen@xaviercatholicschools.org)

Weekly Mass
St. Francis
Xavier Chapel
 7:15 am every
 Friday
 All are welcome!

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.

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.

All-School Mass

Our next, all-school Mass is during Homecoming Week, on Wednesday, September 29 at 10:40am at St. Bernard. We are excited to welcome back XHS alum, Fr. Tom Long!

Eucharistic Adoration

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

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.

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Campus Ministry continued...

Mission Trips & Retreats

We love for students to attend retreats and participate in service trips all year long! We are compiling a list of possible trips and retreats - stay tuned for more information.

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

HAWK HAS NO NAME!

SUGGEST A NAME FOR THE XAVIER HAWK!



Follow the QR code to provide a name suggestion (or, visit <https://bit.ly/Hawkname>) through Sept. 23.

Vote for your top choice the week of homecoming (Sept. 26-30).



**DO YOU KNOW
MY NAME?!**

Hawk's name will be announced on Friday, October 1!

Announcing the 2021 Xavier Fall Musical



7:00 pm November 12, 13, 15

1:00 pm November 12, 13, 14

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!

Ticket sales announced soon!

www.xaviertheatre.com

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CHRISTMAS STARS

Christmas Stars ticket sales open September 7th!

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 Performance Dates December 2-12

“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.

The box office will be open on Tuesday, September 7th from noon until 3:00 pm instead of Monday, September 2nd to observe Labor Day.

We hope you'll join us for a delightful celebration of the most wonderful time of the year at **Christmas Stars**, Wisconsin's biggest Christmas party!

View photos or video highlights at www.christmasstars.org

Upcoming Events

September 6	No School – Labor Day
September 10	XSC Blood Drive
September 22	Half Day of Classes – Parent Teacher Conferences (4-7 commons)
September 23-25	Kairos Retreat
September 24	No School – System Inservice
September 29	All School Mass – Homecoming
October 1	Homecoming Parade & Game
October 2	Homecoming Dog Walk / Run and Homecoming Dance
October 6	Fall Choral Concert (7:00)
October 13	FOCUS Program at PAC (for grades 9 & 10)
October 18	Xavier Preview Night (7:00)
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 Grade Day
November 1	All School Mass – All Saints Day
November 5	XSC Blood Drive
November 12	Grandparents' Day (tentative)
November 12-15	Fall Musical
November 24-28	No School – Thanksgiving Break

TXW Prayer

The TXW (The Xavier Way) Prayer is a special prayer written for our school that we recite each week.

Lord,

May all that I do this day be rooted in love and mercy, that I might love You and love others as perfectly as You love me. I ask for the courage to act responsibly and honestly in all that I say and do and set an example for others to follow. Give me eyes to see those in need around me and the heart to act in a way that is pleasing to You. I want to be the best version of me that I can and bring honor and glory to You. Amen.

All prayers at Xavier end with the leader saying “St. Francis Xavier...” and we respond “PRAY FOR US.”

Then the leader will say “Live, Jesus, in our hearts...” and we respond “FOREVER.”

