

St. Francis Xavier Elementary Marquette Campus

Dates for your Calendar:

- Wednesday, May 20—National Rescue Dog Day* This would be a great day to donate something to a local animal shelter.
- Thursday, May 21—
 National Red Cross
 Founder's Day* Look
 up who this amazing
 woman was!
- Friday, May 22— National Solitaire Day*
 Have your parents teach you this game—using actual playing cards!
- Saturday, May 23— National Lucky Penny Day.*
- Sunday, May 24—
 Feast of the Ascension of Our Lord and National Brothers Day*
 If you are lucky enough to have a brother—be extra kind to him today!
- Monday, May 24— Happy Memorial Day!
- Tuesday, May 25—
 National Paper Airplane
 Day* Have a family
 contest to see who can
 build the best paper
 airplane.

(*From the National Day Calendar)

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From the Desk of Laura Barnett

My Yearbook Message to Students and Families

This year started out pretty much like any other. We had the typical beginning of the year activities such as Back to School Night, The Color Run, Pizza Bingo Night, and all of the classroom projects and field trips that make our time together so much fun.

We also had our usual prayer times, including weekly Masses where all of the classes helped us praise God by reading, greeting and singing. We held service projects where money was raised for local charities, groups sang at assisted living centers, and cards and candy were delivered to the Veterans' Home in King. We also had some wonderful family events including our Christmas Concert where you showed off your musical talents, and VIP Day where you got to enjoy time in school with some members of your extended family.

Then something happened. Without warning we all became a part of a story that will be told in history books from now on. You, and children throughout the world, left school to stay safe as we waited for a cure to a pandemic. This time led to disappointments along the way, to be sure. Our Second

Graders had to wait even longer to receive their First Holy Communion, our Fourth Graders had a video farewell instead of the usual afternoon at the YMCA, and all of you missed your friends and your teachers as we held classes online.

But this time was also filled with so many blessings. Lots of you tried out some new things that you hadn't done before, like cooking or baking with your parents. Some of our students learned new ways to use the computer in order to share videos and lessons with their teachers, and some found a new reading series that they loved. Kids enjoyed more outdoor time and discovered new and creative ways to play. I even heard that some of you got new pets to love and care for.

But mostly, I believe that all of us, young and old, realized how God blesses us each day in the small things that we often take for granted in "normal" times. Seeing our friends and family in video meet ups makes us realize how very dear they are to us and helps us appreciate them even

more. Having more time for family meals and to pray draws us closer to each other and to Jesus.

So, as we all look forward to the day when things go back to normal, I would challenge you to do something important right now. I ask you to keep a gratitude journal, and at least once a week (or more, if you can) think of something that made you happy during this time. Write down the joke your dad told you that made you laugh, the project that you and your mom worked on, the game you and a sibling had a great time playing, or the chat you had on Facetime with your grandparents. Then years from now when your children and grandchildren ask you about this time you will not only remember the things that are found in the history books, you will also be able to let them know how God was right there with you every step of the way, giving you His abundant blessings, and how knowing that made you appreciate the good things in life even more.

I miss you all, and wish you a joyous summer!
Mrs. Barnett

Yearbook and Material Pick-Up Links

Yearbook

The first page of this week's newsletter is a letter from me that will also appear in the yearbook. I decided to print this now as a closing message for all of you. Since next week's newsletter will be a shortened one for the end of the year, I thought that it would be best to get this message to you this week. I do hope that you all have a wonderful summer. And let's all say some extra prayers that there may be a cure or a vaccine for this pan-

demic so that we can have a better start to next year!

The yearbooks will be arriving this summer, and will given to you in the fall. There is still time order. You may click on this link to access the order form. https://xcs.ejoinme.org/MargYRBK

All orders are due by Monday, June 8th.

Material Pick up June 1-2

You will be receiving separate email from the office that will have the link to the Sign-Up

Genius for the June 1-2 pick-up and drop-off of you child's school things.

I will also include that link here:

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0945ACA823A7F94-materials

so that you have this information in a couple of convenient places.

There is a flyer included in this week's newsletter that outlines some important things to remember for this pick-up time. Please look it over.

Fourth Quarter Grading Reminders

Preschool and K—Children in PK3, 4K and K will receive a blank report card for this quarter. The grades for the first 3 quarters will show up, and the report card will indicate the grade placement for next year and be signed by the teacher. K students will also have a comment sheet from the teacher.

Grades 1-4—Children in these grades will receive either an "S" or and "Inc." in the core areas of the curriculum. An "S"

indicates that the child has done satisfactorily in this quarter for work completed as well as in the quality of the work received. An "Inc" indicates that there is incomplete evidence to give a grade at this time due to missing or incomplete work for the quarter. Teacher will also be writing a comments sheet to discuss their observations for this quarter. If a teacher has given your child an "Inc." for the quarter, she will explain the reason for

this on the comments sheet. There will be no grades in the special areas (music, art, etc) for the fourth quarter. Your child's teacher will let you know if there are areas where you could support your child over the summer. And we want everyone to rest assured that that we are prepared to help all children at the start of next year to feel confident in starting a new school year in a new classroom.

Reverse Parade

There is a second flyer attached to this week's newsletter that lets you know about the "reverse parade" that our elementary buildings will be holding on Thursday, May 28 (with a rain date of May 29).

We all wanted to have some way to say good-bye to everyone in a safe way.

We at the Marquette Campus will

be holding our parade at 4:30 PM. You are asked to enter the Erb St. entrance (as you would for afternoon car line). The drive through path will be clearly marked with cones. While you certainly may have your windows open to say "hello," we ask you not to get out of your cars. Not only do we want to maintain safe social spacing, but need to keep the line moving

for the sake of traffic flow and our neighbors.

We very much look forward to seeing you all before summer vacation begins—and can't wait to say congratulations to our Fourth Graders, who will be heading off to the Middle School, and to our Second Graders who will be celebrate their First Communions when safety allows.



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Before you go off to enjoy your summer, we invite

you to pick up and drop off school supplies, on:

MONDAY, JUNE I FROM 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM OR TUESDAY, JUNE 2 FROM 10:00 AM-6:00 PM CHECK OUT THE SIGN-UP GENIUS TO CHOOSE YOUR INDIVIDUAL PICK-UP TIME.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

- * Have each child's textbooks, library books and/or supplies in individual PAPER grocery bags (one per child) that are clearly labeled with their first and last names. Keep Chromebooks separate and unbagged. Be sure to have the cords with the Chromebooks.
- * Arrive at the time you signed up for. Please do not enter the line early so that we can maintiain proper social distancing.
- * If something comes up and you have to change your time or date, please contact Mrs. Barnett at Ibarnett@xaviercatholicschools.org.
- * Park your car in the East Parking Lot. and enter the line.
- * Please--- we ask that only ONE adult and NO children come up to the tables. If you bring your child(ren) they will need to remain in the car for the materials exchange.
- * You will bring your materials to the tables located at the open gym doors on the East side of the school building.
- * You will drop off your materials at the first set of open doors.
- * You will receive your childs/childrens belongings at the second set of doors.
- Please wear a mask if you have one.
- * If you are unable to make either of these two dates, your items will be taken to the Middle School, where you wil be able to pick them up through June 4. If you will be going to the Middle School contact them at 730-8849 to set up a time to pick up—your materials.

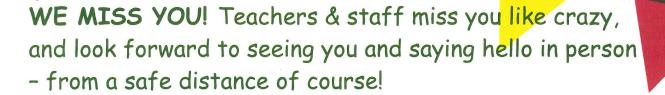
Questions?

Email: lbarnett@xaviercatholicschools.org

St. Francis Xavier Elementary "REVERSE" TEACHER PARADE

Thursday, May 28

(rain date Friday May 29)



Students & Families are invited to drive through as
Teachers & Staff line a parking-lot path at each campus.
Please plan to stay in your vehicle to follow safe Social-Distancing procedures

We're also celebrating a few RETIREMENTS!

Please feel free to bring a note or card to recognize these amazing teachers and their time with our schools.

Marquette Street Campus 4:30pm, Enter ERB STREET

RETIREMENTS

Mrs. Whitman (2nd Grade) Mrs. Sokel (Care Program) McDonald Street Campus 6pm, Enter GLENDALE ST. RETIREMENTS

Ms. Mahoney (1st Grade) Mrs. Baisden (2nd Grade)

Mrs. Briski (Music)

Mrs. Pierre(Instructional Aide)

Mrs. Oudenhoven (Care Program)