



# St. Francis Xavier Elementary Marquette Campus

## Dates for your Calendar:

- **Friday, Sept. 11**—Packer or other Athletic wear casual day. The NFL season starts on Sunday—Yay! Go Pack!
- **Friday, Sept. 25**—Paid Casual Day to benefit Loaves and Fishes. For 25¢ or more, your child can wear their favorite casual clothing. Please note that casual clothing still needs to meet basic requirements. If you have questions, please check the handbook for details.

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## From the Desk of Laura Barnett

I hope you all had an enjoyable Labor Day Weekend! The arrival of this holiday along with the cool temperatures certainly helps us believe that the fall season is just around the corner.

### MAP Testing

For those children who are here receiving face-to-face instruction, MAP testing will begin next Monday. Our testing window will be open until the end of the month.

At the elementary buildings, students in grades 1-4 take these tests. Parents sometimes ask if there is anything that they can do to prepare their child for this standardized test. The best thing that parents can do to ensure that their child

does their best is to make sure that they get plenty of sleep at night and a good breakfast before coming to school. That advice is really good for every school day.

The purpose of the fall testing is to help us get a snapshot of where students are in the areas of math, reading and language. Using this knowledge, the teacher can then set some goals for both her class and individual students.

Students who are currently learning remotely have been invited to come to school this Thursday and Friday to take their tests. We will be meeting in the Holy Family Hall at 9:00 on both days. Once the students have taken their

day's tests, they will be able to go home for the day.

If a family is unable to come to the school due to health concerns, I would ask them to call me so that we can make an alternate plan to test during the week of September 21.

### Welcome Back!

I am happy to let you know that Mrs. Radloff will be back in school on Monday, September 14. She is healing well and is looking forward to being back. Our staff will also be very happy to welcome her back—we have missed seeing her!



## Beginning of the Day

We understand that everyone has times when they are running late, but I would ask that everyone make a special effort to **arrive at school prior to 8:20** if at all possible. We have several people stationed at the doors until that time to take temperatures, making it easier for your child to enter and get right to class. Coming in later may delay them getting into the class even more than usual.

### If Your Child is Sick

When you call the school to let us know that your child is sick, we will be ask-

ing for you to briefly tell us what is wrong. We are doing this so that we can monitor possible Covid symptoms across the school. As I am sure you are aware, young children with Covid may have mild cold-like symptoms, but still be able to pass the virus around to others. As a school, we need to be cautious for the sake of both the students and our staff. So please bear with us as we track sore throats, headaches and coughs among students.

On a related note, we will also be erring on the side

of caution when it comes to asking students to stay home. If your child has a sore throat, a cough, diarrhea, abdominal pain or vomiting, headache or a fever of 100° or more, please keep him/her home.

While we have always asked that students with a fever or "stomach flu" symptoms to stay home, this year we are extending this to cold symptoms that may not have seemed too serious in the past. Thank you for helping us all stay healthy and safe!

## Additional Notes

### Car Line

Thank you all for adjusting so well to the new carline procedures. It took us a few days to get this down, but I think we have things moving a bit more efficiently now.

There are only a couple of reminders that I would like to offer. First, if you are parking and meeting your child on the sidewalk, please ENTER the driveway farthest from the building. When you leave the lot EXIT from the other two driveways. Crossing lanes and/or using the wrong driveway increases the likelihood of accidents. We know that the arrows on the pavement are a little confusing in this regard, but we ask that you follow

these instructions rather than arrows when using carline at the end of the school day.

Secondly, please do not get out of the car while in line. If you need to help your child with a car seat, please pull over and park in a parking spot to do this prior to leaving the lot rather than holding up the line.

Thank you for helping with these things. It will make our lines go smoothly and safely!

### LUNCH SAFETY

Because we are eating lunch in the classrooms, you are reminded that peanut butter and other tree nut butters are not allowed in children's lunches. Peanut butter (and other tree nut butters) are

sticky and cling to surfaces. Students who eat them may touch other surfaces in the classroom allowing this allergen to be spread to others.

We are currently only allowing Sun Butter (made from sunflower seeds) in the classroom. If your child is bringing in a sun butter sandwich, please send a note so that the teacher knows that your child actually has the safe alternative.

Once we are able to use the cafeteria again, we will go back to allowing peanut butter. I thank you for your patience and compliance until we can go back to a more normal routine.

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## Thank You, Mrs. Mantzke

Mrs. Debbie Mantzke will be retiring on October 16th to spend more time with family. Even though it is hard to type those words, all of us here at the Marquette Campus wish her every happiness in the years to come.

For the past 15 years, Debbie has worked at this campus, first as an aide, and then as an administrative assistant a little over 9 years ago.

We will surely miss her warm and welcoming smile and her ability to juggle a phone call, a teacher request, and a child with a scraped knee, all while typing out a message to all parents—and always with a great deal of patience and humor.



And so we thank her for her years of service to our

families, to our school and to the Xavier System. May God bless her for her years of dedication and for all the kindnesses she has shown to all.

Her position is posted on WECAN, which is the State job site that posts school related positions. If interested, you may to <https://wecan.education.wisc.edu/#/Vacancy/93556> to apply.

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## Prayer for Grandparents' Day—September 13th

Heavenly Father,

May Saints Joachim and Anne, the grandparents of your Son, Jesus, be an everlasting model for grandparents.

Your Wisdom and Word are eternal meant for all generations. Help our grandparents, we pray, as they pass on the

rich traditions of the faith to their beloved family members, especially their grandchildren.

We are all your children. Help us to know you better each day, ultimately leading us, with our family members to enter into eternal life with you .

Amen

