

Dates for your Calendar:

- **Thursday, Feb. 4**—Xavier Wear Spirit Day. Students will be playing Trivia in the afternoon.
- **Friday, Feb. 5**—Pajama Day and comfy shoes. Special fun in the afternoon.
- **Monday, Feb. 8**—Kick-off for Jump for Heart.
- **Tuesday, Feb. 9**—Conferences from 3:30-7:00PM.
- **Wednesday, Feb. 10**—Last day of our Souper Bowl of Caring Food Drive.
- **Thursday, Feb. 11**—NO SCHOOL for students. Conferences from 9:30 AM until 3:30 PM.
- **Friday, Feb. 12**—NO SCHOOL for students.
- **Sunday, Feb. 14**—Happy Valentine's Day!



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From the Desk of Laura Barnett

Happy Catholic Schools Week!

We still have a couple days to go, but already we have had a great time. We held a literacy day on Monday. Our Home and School officers had arranged for Cameron Moreland from NBC26 to be our guest reader. He read a Dr. Seuss weather book and answered the students' questions about the weather and a meteorologist's job.

On Monday we also held Book Bingo and had some book door prizes throughout the day.

Tuesday was Decades Day and there were certainly some great costumes! Tuesday was also the classroom dance parties.

Wednesday we celebrated our faith. We had two Masses this morning so that all of our students in 4K-4 could attend Mass in person. We also had an emphasis on service today.

Service is such an important part of what we do here, and we have a few projects going on both school-wide and in various classrooms. It has been a tradition in our school that the Kindergarten classes bring in money so that board books can be given to all the babies born during Catholic Schools Week. We also have students making cards for care facilities, and of course, our food drive.

Thursday will be Xavier Day, and is a Xavier Spirit Wear Casual Day. In the afternoon, we will be holding our annual Trivia Challenge.

We end the week with a Pajama Day on Friday. There will be a special treat in the afternoon for everyone to enjoy.

We want to thank you for giving the gift of a Catholic education to your child (ren). As a parent of three grown sons who went to Catholic Schools all the

way through high school, I can tell you that this is one of the most impactful and lasting gifts you can ever give your child.

Over the years, my sons have often talked about teachers who equipped them well both educationally or spiritually. These included a physics teacher who made them love science, a football coach who was an example of faith on and off the field, as well as the religion teachers who listened to their questions respectfully and offered the Church's teachings in a way that both provided some clarity and made them think. There was no toy, gaming device or vacation that could've compared to that investment.

So, thank you again for being a part of our schools. We are pleased to be a part of your child's educational journey, and pray that we always live up to the trust you have put in us.

Souper Bowl of Caring.

This week through February 10 is our annual food drive, the "Souper Bowl of Caring." The food we collect will be given to the St. Joseph Food Pantry, and will help people in our community who struggle with food insecurity.



The grade that brings in the most food items will get a special treat on Feb-

ruary 15 as well as a new award that we will be starting for our Service Heroes. This will be a traveling trophy that will be used to recognize other amazing Service work by our students.

Fang's Reading Club



Our school will be participating in Fang's Reading Club with the Wisconsin Timber Rattlers. It is an incentive-based reading program that will begin on February 15 and end on April 23. The

program is divided into four 2-week segments. We will be taking two weeks off in early April because of Holy Week and Spring Break. If your child participates in the program, they will need to meet a reading goal each two weeks to move to the next base on their chart. When they reach the home plate, they get a Home Run and are eligible to receive a complimentary ticket to a Timber

Rattlers game of your choosing and a voucher for a hot dog and soda. So, by completing the program, your child wins twice. They win by practicing and becoming even better readers, and they win by enjoying a Timber Rattlers game with their family this summer. So hit one out of the ballpark by joining Fang's Reading Club!

A Prayer for Catholic Schools Week

Almighty Father,
You sent forth your Son as a beacon of hope for all people. As Teacher, he has given us the prime example of the importance of education.

As disciples, we look to him for inspiration and strength. Thank you for the many religious and lay teachers and administrators who have dedicated their lives in service to our Catholic schools.

Thank you for the parents who have given support and witness to the importance of Catholic education in their

daily lives.

Thank you for the students who work hard to further their education.

Bless Xavier Catholic Schools and the many people who advance our mission.

May our building be a home for those who seek to grow in faith, knowledge, and service of others. May our community always support one another and exhibit hospitality to newcomers.

Fill our minds with knowledge

and wisdom.

Let our understanding of the world help us to grow in appreciation for it.

May we always turn to you in times of need. Fill our hands with the tools we need to serve others. May we show them your unceasing love through our actions.

St. Francis Xavier, pray for us.

In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Conferences Next Week

Please remember to sign up for a time slot if you would like to have a conference with your child's teacher next week.

As was mentioned last week, some conferences may be requested by the teacher, but you as a parent are invited to request a conference, even if the teacher

did not officially request one of you.

This is a great time to have your questions answered and to see how your child is progressing both academically and in the social aspects of school. This check-in is probably even more important this year when you are

not able to come into school due to Covid restrictions. So, please sign up for a remote conference if you would like this opportunity to chat with the teacher.

