

Dates for your Calendar:

- **Friday, Oct. 22**— Paid Casual Day to benefit Harbor House of Appleton. For a donation of 25¢ or more, your child may wear their favorite casual wear to school.
- **Friday, Oct 29**— **End of the First Quarter. No School For Students.** This is recordkeeping day for teachers.
- **Friday, Oct. 29**— Xavier Service Club Halloween Party at Xavier High School from 4-7 PM.
- **Monday, Nov. 1**— All Saints Day. Our school Mass will be held on this day rather than Wednesday this week.

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From the Desk of Laura Barnett

This is the month where our students experience all three types of safety drills that we hold during the year. We started the month out with a visit from the fire department who came to watch one of our regular fire drills. Our students do a fine job of exiting the building and knowing how to be safe in the event of fire.

We also hold a fall tornado drill. The point of this early one is to remind students where to go and what to do in case we need to head to the basement for an actual torna-

do. They will go through another tornado drill in April, when we participate in the Statewide drill.

Finally, on Tuesday of this week, we held our first evacuation drill. This drill would be used in the event that there is something or someone in the building that is not safe, and we had to leave the building quickly.

I know that drills, especially the evacuation drill, can be scary for students, especially our younger ones. This is why I always visit the

classrooms prior to the evacuation drill to talk about what we will do and why. I let our students know that all drills are done to ensure their safety in the event of an emergency. We also talk about the fact that our building is very safe, but that we still practice these things so that they would know what to do in any emergency.



News Items...

Scholastic Book Fair
We are so excited to be holding our book fair in person again this year!

The book fair will be open from Nov. 8-11. The dates and times are as follows:

Nov. 8—7:45am-4:00pm
Nov. 9—7:45am-7:00pm
Nov. 10—7:45am-4:00pm
Nov. 11—7:45am-5:00pm

It's always fun to shop for books and even more exciting when your shopping benefits our school library! With the proceeds that are made from this

sale, we are able to purchase hundreds of new and exciting books to add to our library. We hope to see you at the fair!

A Big Thank You from Home & School

Thank you to all of the families that participated in our joint Home and School Chipotle Dine Out Night. We earned \$793.07!! Money from these types of fundraisers is used by our Home and School for fun, community building and staff appreciation events. We are grateful for your sup-

port and hope everyone enjoyed their night off from cooking!

St. Pius Giving Tree
Each year St. Pius Parish sponsors a Giving Tree. This program helps families by providing clothing and other needed items to make everyone's Christmas brighter. If you or someone you know would benefit from this assistance this Christmas, please click [here](#) to access the application. This form needs to be returned to the parish—not the school. Your information will remain confidential.

Conference Week

Conference week is held on November 9-10-11. As mentioned in last week's newsletter, we will be holding virtual conferences again this year. You will be receiving information from your teacher regarding conference day sign-up on Friday, October 29.

The schedule for conference week will be as follows:

Tuesday, November 9—The

school day will be a normal one. Conferences on this day will be from 3:40 until 7:00 PM. There are no changes in the hours for Before or After Care, and our extended Day Care runs as usual.

Wednesday, November 10— This is an early release day with conferences going from after school until 4 PM. The bell rings at 11:25, and students will be dismissed at this time. There will be

Care available for students from the time the bell rings until 6:00 PM, but there will be no hot lunch that day. If you are using care, please be sure to pack a lunch for your child.

Thursday, November 11— This will be another early release day with conferences until 7:00 PM. The Care Schedule is the same as on Wednesday, with students needing a lunch from home.

Xavier Service Club Halloween Party

The Xavier Service Club will be hosting their annual Halloween party on Friday, October 29th from 4-7:00 PM at Xavier High School. Wear your costumes and be ready to have some fun. There will be candy, games and a haunted house.

There is no admission fee, but each child is asked to bring a non-perishable food item to be donated to the St. Joseph Food Pantry.

It promises to be a **Spook-tacular** night!



Questions From Parents

Car Line in the Afternoon

There have been a couple of questions regarding the fact that we are loading children into cars prior to the "official" end of school at 3:15. We had hoped that we could return to a normal bell time this year, but since we still need to be mindful of Covid restrictions, we found that we were not able to do this and keep families on schedule.

In a typical year, parents would be waiting in a group, either outside or in the lobby to meet their children. Since we cannot have people congregate in the lobby, we have a much greater number of parents going through car line. Many of our parents have students that they need to pick up at the middle school. To accommodate this We start loading the students in the

cars 5 minutes prior to our 3:15 bell.

I want to assure you that there is truly no significant educational time lost. Students normally get ready for the end of the day at 3:00, even in non-Covid times. We have only shortened this closing time. And secondly, at the elementary level, we already go well beyond the number of State required instructional minutes.

So, you can rest assured that we are not shortchanging any class in order to make our carline run more smoothly. We also look forward to the time when we can go back doing things more like they were done in the past, and trimming down the carline needs.

Masking

Some parents have also expressed concern about those who come into areas with students without masks (

We want you to know that we do have a supply of **adult and child sized** disposable masks in the office. If you have forgotten a mask, please do not hesitate to ask. We are happy to have you come into the office or come to Mass.

I know we all want to make sure that our students (who still are not eligible to be vaccinated) remain safe. Thank you for complying and for providing an example of caring for one another as a community!

Parents' Night Out

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13TH

6:00 PM - 9:00 PM

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APPLETON BEER FACTORY
603 W. COLLEGE AVE.
APPLETON, WI 54911

APPETIZERS PROVIDED | 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM

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7:00, 8:00 & 9:00

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