



St. Francis Xavier Elementary Marquette Campus

Dates for your Calendar:

- **Friday, Oct. 2 — NO SCHOOL—**
Staff professional development day.
- **Monday, Oct. 5—**
It's Monday Night Football! So, it's time for a Packer (or other sportswear) Casual Day!
- **Tuesday, Oct. 6—**
Picture Retake day from 9-10 AM. (See note.)
- **Friday, Oct. 16— NO SCHOOL.**
Added professional day. See article on this page.
- **Friday, Oct. 23—**
Paid Casual Day for Harbor House. For 25¢ (or more if you like) students may wear casual clothing and help out this important community resource.
- **Thursday, Oct. 29—Black/Orange or other Halloween themed Casual Day.**

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From the Desk of Laura Barnett

We are half-way through the first quarter of school. Now is a perfect time for you to consider how your child is adjusting to school.

For our Preschool through Kindergarten children, you should consider how they are feeling about being in school. Are they settling into a routine and feeling comfortable coming to school? Do they seem to be excited about what they are learning and talk about friends or classmates?

For those in 1-4, how are they feeling after having been gone during the fourth quarter of last year? Are they enjoying their new class? Are they meeting the expectations of their class? Do they seem to have a friend or a group of others to talk to or play with?

For those who are learning at home, is your child keeping up with the work they are given?

If you have concerns in any of these areas, it would be good to address them now so that the child feels more successful moving forward. If you have academic concerns, you can discuss those with your child's classroom teacher. If the concerns are more social or emotional, please let our guidance counselor, Lindsey Radloff, know.

It is good to take the time to do this little assessment with your child(ren). For those returning to school, they not only had an abrupt ending to their school year last year, but this year feels a bit different than it did in years past.

For those new to being in school, it is always important to make sure that they are adjusting well to this new environment.

Two Upcoming Events
On Monday, October 5 we will be having a Packer or

other sportswear casual day. This is a free casual day. I want to remind you about this one since it is on a Monday instead of our usual Friday casual days. But, the 3-0 Packers play on Monday night—what's not to celebrate in that?!

Tuesday, October 6 will be our picture retake day. If your child was not here for our picture days on August 26/27 either because they were out or because they started school at a later date—or if you do not care for the picture you received—pictures will be taken from 9:00 until 10:00 that day.

This means that if your child is not in class on Tuesdays, is in the afternoon preschool, or is a remote learner, you will have to arrange to bring them in at that time.



Reminder About Upcoming “No School” Days

A couple of in-service days have been added to the calendar you received at the beginning of the year.

Please make sure that note that on **Friday, October 16 and Friday, December 11 will be No School Days for students.** Teachers will be using these days for professional development and added planning

times.

Full child care will be available to families on these days (with a fee and pre-registration). Please note that there is not bus transportation for these days.

Care cost to families:
\$40 Full Day*
\$20 for Half Day*

*Tuition assistance/fee reduction for families

who request it.

In order to ensure adherence to our safety protocols, advanced registration will be required.

To register for Full Day Care or if you have any Care questions, please contact Theresa Gouin at:
TGouin@xaviercatholic.schools.org

Expansion of the Lunch Program

Thanks to a waiver from the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), St. Francis Xavier Catholic School System and Chartwells are now able to offer a **free lunch for all students** within the Xavier System through December 31, 2020. This means that a free, school-provided lunch is available for all students.

Meals will include an entree with assorted fruits and vegetables, along with a choice

of 1% chocolate or 1% white milk.

It will be just as easy as before for the students to order these meals as the ordering process will remain the same. Food service activity will still be able to be monitored on PowerSchool to keep track of your students' accounts, but you will not be charged for the single full meal.

Any full lunches purchased from September 1st and later

will be reimbursed back into your lunch account.

Families who qualify for free or reduced lunch should continue to submit the free and reduced applications as the waiver runs out at the end of December and Xavier will begin charging normal prices starting in January.

If you have any questions or comments, please email Logan Wilson at LWilson@Xaviercatholicschools.org

Health Reminders

As our community struggles with a rising number of Covid cases, you are reminded of the following:

Covid-19 is an illness that is spread person to person through droplets created when we cough, sneeze, talk, sing or laugh. Many people who get Covid-19 have mild symptoms, similar to having a cold or the flu. However, in others it can cause severe illness. For this reason, we ask you to keep your child home if they have:

- A temperature of 100° F or more.
- A sore throat

- A new cough; especially an uncontrolled cough or one that causes difficulty in breathing.
- Diarrhea, vomiting or abdominal pain.
- Onset of a headache, especially with a fever.
- Loss of sense of taste and/or smell.
- Chills.

Symptoms of Covid often look like allergies, influenza or the common cold. In young children the symp-

toms may be minor and may only include a runny nose or cough.

We ask you to be our partner in allowing us to keep our schools safe and open. If your child is not feeling well, please keep them home. In past years, all of us have asked students with mild cold symptoms or a mild tummy ache to stay in school. This year, we will most likely ask you to pick him/her up. We know that this can be a burden on working parents, but we also know that we all value having our schools open. Thank you in advance for keeping our staff and students safe and healthy!

Band and Orchestra Have Begun



We are pleased to say that band and orchestra lessons

are in full swing.

There are some extra safety precautions for our band students to keep everyone safe

while playing instruments. While the weather allows, Mrs. Kendall will be taking students outside for their lessons. Once it gets too cold for this, she will be holding lessons for a couple students at a time in a larger area to allow for the aerosol to dissipate. There will not be full band practice for the foreseeable future.

If your fourth grader would like to join beginning band or orchestra, there is still time. If your child wants to try band, contact Mrs. Kendall at skendall@xaviercatholicschools.org

If your child would like to give orchestra a try, contact Mrs. Gurholt at mgurholt@xaviercatholicschools.org