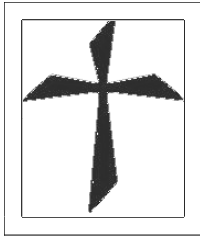


St. Francis Xavier School News



Peek at the Week May 31—June 4

Monday, May 31
No School—Memorial Day

Wednesday, June 2
Preschool Program
and Recognition

All School Liturgy
12:45pm Trinity Hall

Thursday, June 3
Preschool Program
and Recognition

8th Grade Graduation Banquet
6:30pm Trinity Hall

Friday, June 4
K—5 Track and Field Day

Last Day of School for 8th
Grade Students

Growing Our Seeds Of Faith



It is hard to believe that we are nearing the end of a phenomenal school year. Each one of our students has grown academically, physically, emotionally and spiritually. Their growth, however, cannot solely be attributed to the knowledge learned in the classroom. The unique partnership between the home and the Catholic school has fostered this development. **On behalf of the faculty and staff of St. Francis Xavier School, I would like to extend sincere appreciation for the role you, as parents, have played in helping each one of our students succeed during this academic year.** We are honored to work with you and privileged to play such an important role in the lives of your children.

There is an old African proverb that states “It takes a village to raise a child.” I realize that this proverb is used a lot, almost to the point of being overused, but when you think about it, there is a lot of truth in it. As a parent, I can tell you that Jacob has learned a great deal from his teachers here at St. Francis Xavier School. For the past four years, those teachers and aides have represented us as parents while he’s been in their care. They were the ones to teach him to share, take turns, follow rules and be a good listener. They read stories and sang songs, assisted with the memorization of prayers, and helped with manners at the snack table. They were there to help him with basics such as word identification, phonics, math facts, etc. These are all things that Jacob learned from someone else...other villagers!

Now, let me please share some things about the people from **our village, which is called St. Francis Xavier School:**

The K—5 **classroom teachers** (Mrs. Vieau, Mrs. Pavlenko, Mrs. Wilke, Mrs. Auger, Mrs. Vossen, Ms. Barth, Mrs. McGrath, Mrs. Griffith, Mrs. Basten and Ms. Schultz) have gone over and above to make sure the

various needs of each of their students have been met. Their dedication to the best practices in the area of education is evident throughout their classrooms. Contrary to the belief that teachers have the next three months off, you will find St. Francis Xavier School teachers and specialists spending time studying new curricular materials, attending workshops and classes, creating new centers, units and projects, and shopping for materials to enhance their curriculum and enrich the educational experiences of our children.

Our **specialists:** Mrs. Swearingen (Music), Mrs. Yakesh (Computer), Mrs. Kowalczyk (Spanish) and Mr. Mead (Phy. Ed.) also go above and beyond when implementing the curriculum in their programs. They are very committed to making the most of each and every second they work with your children.

Special thanks also go out to those who work with our students specifically in the area of **Music and Liturgy**. Aside from the regular music curriculum, Mrs. S. helps to prepare St. Francis Xavier School students for our weekly liturgies. She holds a weekly Mass practice session, and works with those students who are readers, have a petition, or are gift bearers. Mrs. Fantauzza, our **band** instructor, also works with students to prepare music to accompany at our school Masses, programs, etc. We are so proud of our band and their accomplishments under the direction of Mrs. Fantauzza! It is easy to see that both Mrs. S. and Mrs. Fantauzza are filled with a true passion for music.

Those **Preschool teachers and staff members** (Mrs. Merz, Mrs. Bettenberg, Mrs. Walker and Mrs. Hohol) who work with our youngest students are also very special. It is with them that the littlest learners begin their educational journeys in a school setting.

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**Be it known to all who enter that Christ is the reason for this school.
He is the unseen but ever present teacher in its classrooms.
He is the model of its faculty and the inspiration of its students.**

*St. Francis Xavier School
Mission Statement*

*As a faith-filled
community, we foster
spiritual growth,
academic excellence
and a commitment to
Christ-centered
values in the
education of our
students.*

*Congratulations
on the
5th anniversary
of your Ordination,
Father David!*

*We are very glad
you are here!*

*The Students,
Faculty and
Staff
Of St. Francis
Xavier School*

Many children arrive at school early or need to stay a bit later to allow parents ample time to get to and from work. They have been under the outstanding care of our **daycare staff** (Mrs. Kieffer, Mrs. Root and Ms. Neumann).

The **St. Francis Xavier School Middle School Team** (Mrs. Lenczewski, Mrs. Fiedler, Mr. Muller, Mrs. Marsyla, Mrs. Mahon, Mrs. Hance and Mr. Soupier) has been wonderful to work with these past few years. They are true trail-blazers, creating and molding the Middle School into an environment that is both academically and spiritually superior. Because of them, our students have had a well rounded year of both core (Religion, Language Arts, Math, Science and Social Studies) and Encore (Music, Phy Ed., Computer, Spanish, Art, FACS and Tech. Ed.) courses.

Our building would not be as sparkling clean as it is without our wonderful **custodial team** of Mr. Vieau and Mr. Blauert. They make sure things are cleaned, stocked, set-up, taken down, set-up, taken down, set-up, taken down, etc. Unfortunately, their job can be thankless at times, but we sure couldn't do without them! I hope they realize how grateful we are for them!

Mrs. Ryan and Mrs. Strommen, **our cooks**, are hard at work each morning, often before many people even wake up. Preparing meals for this hungry crew requires planning, purchasing, prep work, serving and, of course, clean up. They are always willing to help with refreshments for programs and other special events, too. We appreciate all they do!

Mrs. Miller, **our librarian**, works continuously to enhance the experience of our students by striving to make the weekly library time educational as well as enriching! Another special member of our village for the past two years has been Mrs. Zahler, our **Title I Instructor**. She was always seeking additional materials that she could add to her program to assist her in meeting the needs of all learners. (Mrs. Zahler retired from the district on Monday...and we wish her well as she begins a new chapter of her life.)

Everyone's favorite nurse, Mrs. Abramowski, is one of the most popular people at St. Francis Xavier School. She is always ready to help in any way that she can. Depending on the day, her office can be a very busy place! She is definitely well loved by all students, parents and staff!

In most instances the person that you talk with first when you call or stop by St. Francis Xavier School is **Mrs. Greenhagen**. She is amazing! I am grateful for her never ending devotion to the mission of St. Francis Xavier School. People of all ages seek her out, knowing that she will be able to help them out whether they are looking for an answer to a question, a copy of a misplaced permission slip or lunch menu or just need a treat. (She has **several** little visitors each week looking for something sweet from her supply.) She is a true treasure!

Even with all of these wonderful folks, we couldn't do what we do without our **outstanding volunteers**! They step up and do everything from help in the lunchroom, supervise the playground, cut labels and box tops, read to students and assist with tutoring, etc. They come in weekly, monthly or on occasion for special events.

Personally I am indebted to all of these people who, together, make up this village. THEY are superior. THANK YOU FOR CHOOSING ST. FRANCIS XAVIER SCHOOL AS YOUR VILLAGE! I know that it is definitely the right village for my family!

In Christ's peace,

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