



# News & Notes

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## Dear Xavier Family-

And so we begin another school year. Whether your student is making her high school debut this fall or preparing for one last Homecoming, Help Your Neighbor Day, and hot dog eating contest, the anticipation is unmistakable. Just think - in a few weeks, some of these young people will once again discover that the morning begins before 11 am! Some will put on clothes with a zipper for the first time since May. Many will bemoan how quickly the summer went while secretly rejoicing in the chance to be with their friends and participate in the plethora of opportunities that fill a typical day at Xavier. We have much to look forward to in the months ahead.

Here's one thing for all of us to keep in mind - we have not been in this specific place before. We are trying to return to a sense of normalcy after 18 months of a life experience that none of us, especially our students, could have fully understood when it began. All of us have been impacted and probably continue to be affected. We shouldn't expect our young people to simply snap back into routine, either at school or at home. Trauma requires attention. To that end, we will be offering extra attention this year to the topic of student wellness.

Wellness is a multifaceted concept. We know that adolescents in today's world often find themselves in a deficit of emotional wellness. Too often, that comes with a struggle for spiritual health and an impending sense of doubt. Students feel isolated, alone or radically different from their peers. As a result, they search for a path to social wellness. All of these things rest on their regard for their own physical health. To help a student to feel happy and valued is to pay close attention to all of these aspects of wellness. That's exactly what we are committed to doing at Xavier High School.

How will that happen? Teachers will be engaging in classroom activities related to wellness from the perspective of their curriculum. Monthly wellness themes will be supported by targeted prayer, speakers and small group discussions. Student organizations will prioritize empathy, positive relationships and awareness of those around us. Parent education opportunities on topics like digital citizenship and social media will be offered. In short, we are on full alert for any additional support that might be needed as we move forward. Should you have your own concerns or need help with your student, please reach out to me or to your student's counselor. We are here to support each member of our Xavier family, not just academically, but with a focus on the whole person.

Thank you in advance for all that you will cooperate with us on to make Xavier even greater each and every day. We are proud to share with you the responsibility of educating your young person. Let's pray for success as we prioritize the wellness of every member of this family.

For God's Greater Glory,

Mike Mauthe  
Principal



## From the Business/Attendance Office

- Tuition/fees, Please direct any questions you might have to Karen Bendel at Central Office (735-9380). All applicable discounts, scholarships and advance tuition payments will be reflected on your first statement. Thank you, in advance, to those families who are able to pay their tuition early. It helps our cash flow during the summer months and we greatly appreciate your thoughtfulness!
- All students will need money banked in their individual lunch accounts in order to purchase hot lunch. Freshmen will be given their personal identification numbers at orientation. Hot lunch will be available the first day of school, so please be sure to send a check for your lunch account on or before orientation. You are encouraged to track your student's lunch purchases and your payments online through PowerSchool.
- Xavier offers a regular hot lunch and an a la carte line where items are individually priced. Please talk to your students about the use of this debit system. Some parents have been surprised to see the detailed reports of how much is being charged daily. It is also important you know that Xavier cannot be responsible for excessive purchases or purchases made for non-family members. We are aware that students buy for others and sometimes even share their codes. We discourage this, of course, but it is impossible to monitor. Also, we ask that students with brothers/sisters at Xavier use the individual numbers assigned to each of them. This is very important for accounting purposes to the State of Wisconsin, as we are part of the donated food program.
- Applications for free and reduced priced lunches are available in the office of all campuses. We hope that all eligible families will apply for this federally funded program.

## Reduced/Free Lunch Program

We encourage those who qualify, to apply for reduced or free lunches. This is a federally-funded program. Forms and information are available in the school office, at central office, or on the Xavier and system web pages ([www.xaviercatholicschools.org](http://www.xaviercatholicschools.org))

### • Attendance procedures:

1. Students must be seated in their first block class at 8:30 a.m. on Monday and 8:00 a.m. the rest of the week.
2. Students arriving late must check in at the attendance Office and will be given an admit slip.
3. Students checking in late or returning to school from a medical or dental appointment should bring an appointment confirmation slip from that office.
4. Parents are expected to call or email Xavier by 8:15 a.m., if your child is not going to be present at school. There is a direct extension for attendance. 882-6903. lhansen2xaviercatholicschools.org
5. Parents are expected to notify the Attendance Office when students need to leave school for any reason during the school day. Students may bring a note to the Attendance Office, or Parents may call or email. Students are then issued an early dismissal slip.
6. Vacations are scheduled into our academic calendar and we discourage students from missing class time for additional vacation.

## Back to School Night

Back to School Night will be held Wednesday, September 1. We will begin in the theatre at 6:30 and then parents will have the opportunity to follow their child's schedule, meet the teachers, and learn more about the first semester classes their child is taking. A brief social will follow.

All parents are encouraged to join us for this important evening of community building.

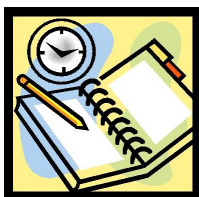
## School Supplies

We do not generally provide a list of needed school supplies since students take a wide variety of courses. You might want to purchase a few notebooks and/or folders since these are needed in most courses. Freshmen will meet with their teachers on Orientation Day and will find out more specifics at that time.

### Science Lab Book Needed

All students planning to take Foundations of Lab Science, Biology, AP Biology, and Human Anatomy & Physiology are required to have a new, bound (not spiral and not perforated) composition notebook to use as your lab book on the first day of class. We ask that you pick up the quad-ruled, graphing variety that is offered at Office Max and Office Depot.

## Schedule Changes



Students and parents wishing to make schedule changes during the summer can send their change request to [schedulechanges@xaviercatholicschools.org](mailto:schedulechanges@xaviercatholicschools.org).

Please include a phone number where the student can be reached in case a clarification needs to be made. Each request will be reviewed and every attempt will be made to accommodate appropriate requests. Please be sure to send your requests only to [schedulechanges@xaviercatholicschools.org](mailto:schedulechanges@xaviercatholicschools.org).

NO SCHEDULE CHANGES FOR TERM 1 WILL BE MADE AFTER *August 28*

## School Pictures

School pictures will be taken on orientation day for all students. Order forms are included in the summer parent packet and students ordering pictures should bring the completed form with them on orientation day.

These pictures will be used for a student I.D. card that will allow students into home athletic events for free. In addition, a copy of the picture will be used for the yearbook and PowerSchool. ***Therefore, all students are expected to wear any collared shirt/blouse and boys must be clean-shaven and have their hair cut according to the Xavier dress code.*** Students may wear dress shorts (no gym shorts or short shorts) on this orientation day. Students who are not neat in appearance will not have their picture taken on this date and will be charged \$5.00 to have it taken on retake day.

### St. Francis Xavier High School Honor Code

As a member of the St. Francis Xavier High School community:

- ✝ I will honor God in all that I do.
- ✝ My choice will be rooted in love.
- ✝ I will act with integrity, responsibility, and compassion.
- ✝ My words and actions will reflect the example of Jesus Christ.

## Yearbook

### Class of 2022 – Senior Portrait Information

Now is the time to schedule your senior portrait session with an area photographer. The yearbook must receive a copy of your senior portrait no later than **Friday, October 15, 2021**. If the portrait is not received, the yearbook staff will use the student's picture taken on orientation day. So, please plan accordingly and schedule your portrait session as soon as possible.

Portraits may be submitted either digitally (preferably directly from the photographer) or hard copy. Portraits should be sent to: Mrs. Anne Griffith, Yearbook Advisor, Xavier High School, 1600 W. Prospect Avenue, Appleton, WI 54914. If submitting via email, please send to: [agriffith@xaviercatholicschools.org](mailto:agriffith@xaviercatholicschools.org)

Specific requirements for senior portraits is as follows:

- In order to have consistency in the senior section, senior yearbook portraits should be simple, chest-to-head.
- **Digital file resolutions must be at least 300dpi and portraits cropped to no smaller than a standard wallet, but no larger than a 4x6.**
- No uniforms. Students should be dressed nicely. A collared shirt with tie is preferred for male students and a blouse, dress shirt, or a modest dress is preferred for female students.
- We have found that extreme close ups do not work. The distance between the eyebrow and the chin should measure no more than 1" (ONE INCH). This is the most critical measurement so that all head sizes are consistent.
- Non-distracting backgrounds only. If shot outdoors, background should not be distracting and nothing in the foreground. No props, or pets.
- No full side shots or super imposed double image shots.
- No significant tilting or turning of the body. The photo should be a front view in a mostly upright position.
- This book is viewed by the public. Please exercise modesty.

If these guidelines are not followed, you will be asked to submit an alternative photo, even if this means having your portraits redone at your expense. So, be sure to have your photographer take one standard head shot before he or she starts with the fun and creative poses. The fun, creative shots are great for the grad ads! If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Mr. Mauthe at [mmauthe@xaviercatholicschools.org](mailto:mmauthe@xaviercatholicschools.org)

## Student Orientation Schedule

### Wednesday, August 18

There is a **Freshman Welcome Mass and Ice Cream Social** beginning at 6:00 pm in the theatre. The Xavier community will welcome all freshmen by celebrating Mass with freshmen and their families. After Mass, we will invite parents and students to meet their Link Crew Leaders for some brief activities and to get to know one another. The evening will conclude with an ice cream social hosted by the Xavier faculty in the commons. The event will end by 8:00. We will also be available to answer any questions you might have as the school year approaches.

### Monday, August 23

#### **Upperclassman Orientation Day**

The sophomores, juniors, and seniors have their **orientation sessions** according to the following schedule. Each class begins in the theatre and then move to their homerooms.

Seniors	9:00 am - 10:15 am
Juniors	9:45 am - 11:00 am
Sophomores	10:30 am - 11:45 am

### Tuesday, August 24

#### **Freshman and New Student Orientation Day**

Freshmen and all new students will report to the theatre at 8:00 a.m. for the start of New Student Orientation Day. During the morning, freshmen will participate in a number of fun activities organized by Link Crew leaders. This program will help them get to know their classmates and feel more comfortable as they begin their high school careers. New students will be involved in the morning activities and in their own sessions. Lunch will be provided at no cost. After lunch, freshmen will get the opportunity to meet their teachers and find their classrooms for each period of their school day. They will also receive their locker combinations, log in to their e-mail, and have their school pictures taken. New sophomores, juniors and seniors will be done at 1:00. The Freshman Orientation Day will conclude at 3:00 p.m. **Students should bring their laptops in a backpack for Orientation Day.** Dress shorts or jeans are allowed for the day, but a collared shirt is required for pictures.

### Wednesday, August 25

This is the **first full day of school**. Students will report to first block by 8:00 a.m. and Mass will begin at 10:30 at St. Bernard, followed by our annual Eucharistic Procession. **Students are reminded to dress up for Mass.** Gentlemen are encouraged to wear shirts and ties, while ladies are encouraged to wear appropriate skirts and dresses.

## Orientation cont....

### Friday, September 27

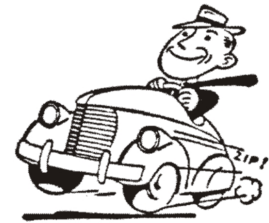
All freshmen will attend the Freshman Retreat at Camp Tekakwitha. Buses will load after opening prayer and students will return by the end of the school day. All students should bring a bag lunch, drink, and gear for swimming if the student chooses.

### Wednesday, September 1

**Back To School Night** for parents begins at 6:30 in the theatre. Parents will have the chance to meet their student's teachers as well as interact with other parents.

## Parking Expectations

All students are expected to have a Xavier parking tag on their car if the car will be parked on Xavier property during the school day. Parking tags are free but are limited in number. Seniors are given first priority and tags are limited to one per family.



Students are expected to park properly in the marked parking stalls in the parking lot. They are not to park in stalls that are designated for faculty and staff or visitors. These restricted areas are directly behind the fine arts center, in the concourse in front of school, in the easternmost row of the fitness center parking lot, and along the east side of the classroom building. A student parking in these restricted areas or in a handicap parking stall will receive a fine for each violation.

Students are expected to drive slowly while on or around school property. Driving unsafely while on school property or when leaving school property will cause the student to lose parking privileges.



## Campus Ministry



Students can start accruing service hours for the 2021-22 school year. Be sure to enter the correct date when entering your hours on [gotranseo.com](http://gotranseo.com).

Our first school Mass of the 2021-22 school year will be on the first day of school-- Wednesday, August 25--at 10:30 am! Students should dress up—appropriate hemlines and necklines, no t-shirts or sweatshirts. Our school chaplain, Fr. Adam Bradley, will be celebrating with us. We will also have our 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Eucharistic Procession to return the Eucharist to our school.

If you are interested in taking a 30- or 60-minute time slot for Adoration during the 2021-22 school year, please email or call Kate Geenen to sign up. We have Adoration on the first Friday of each month (as long as school is in session). A complete list of volunteers will be emailed to you with the dates that we will have Adoration throughout the school year. This is a great way to pray for the school community and make this opportunity for pray possible for our students on a regular basis.

We will be continuing to offer the Kairos retreat experience for our juniors and seniors next year! This retreat experience is intended to be experienced in addition to the class retreats that all students will still be required to participate in. The Kairos retreat program began in the late 1960s and the Kairos retreat can be found at high schools and parishes across the country. Kairos is grounded in incarnation theology—on the retreat, students truly experience Christ through prayer, liturgy, small- and large-group discussions and talks given by student and adult leaders. An atmosphere of trust and honesty is fostered by student leaders so as to allow participants to fully enter into the experience. Next year's retreats will be held September 23-25, 2021 and April 13-15, 2022. The cost is \$140 per student and forms are available outside of Campus Ministry. If you have any questions in regards to Kairos, please contact Mrs. Waters at [wwaters@xaviercatholicschools.org](mailto:wwaters@xaviercatholicschools.org)

## Dress Code Clarifications

A few questions have been asked about dress code for the upcoming year. Please see the responses below:

Pants – please note that ***shorts are not allowed*** at Xavier High School (except on casual days)

Hair – several of our young men have grown their hair out for a long time. Please note that while we do love the biblical story of Samson, we have confidence that our young men will have all of their physical, moral and intellectual strength even after their haircuts. To review, ***hair must be completely above the eyebrows, cannot extend beyond mid-ear on the sides, and must be above the student's collar in back.***

Also, please note that ***only natural hair colors are allowed.***

Shoes – ***slides and sandals are not allowed.*** Shoes must be closed-toe.

Shirts – Any solid color or patterned shirt is acceptable. ***No writing is allowed on shirts (except for Xavier apparel). No graphics are allowed.*** The same rules apply for sweatshirts. (A small, half-dollar sized logo or graphic is permitted).

If you are unsure or have any questions, please contact Mr Mauthe at Xavier.

## Prayer to Begin a School Year

God of wisdom and might,  
we praise You for the wonder of our being,  
for mind, body and spirit.  
Be with our children as they begin  
a new school year.

Bless them and their teachers and staff.  
Give them strength and grace as their bodies grow;  
wisdom and knowledge to their minds  
as they search for understanding;  
and peace and zeal to their hearts.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.



## Prayer for Students

Lord our God,  
in Your wisdom and love You surround us with  
the mysteries of the universe.  
Send Your spirit upon these students  
and fill them with Your wisdom and blessings.  
Grant that they may devote themselves to their  
studies and draw ever closer to You,  
the source of all knowledge.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.



## Prayer for Teachers

Lord God, Your spirit of wisdom fills the earth  
and teaches us in Your ways.  
Look upon these teachers.  
Let them strive to share their knowledge with gentle  
patience and endeavor always to bring the truth to  
eager minds.

Grant that we may follow Jesus Christ, the way, the  
truth and the life, forever and ever.

Amen.

## A Parent's Prayer for Students

Dear Lord,

As my children leave for school,  
I pray you keep them in Your care.  
Send your Spirit to open their minds  
to all that's true and beautiful and good.  
Help them see the gifts and talents  
You have given them  
and teach them to use them well.  
Help them to grow in knowledge and wisdom.  
Help them to be kind to others  
and lead others to be kind to them.  
Give their teachers patience and understanding  
and help them teach what's just and true.  
Send your angels to guide and guard my children  
and to keep them from all harm.  
Open their young hearts to Your presence  
and enfold them in Your peace and protection.  
Hold them in the palm of Your hand, Lord,  
and at day's end, bring them safely home.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

## Upcoming Events

August 18	Freshman Family Welcome Mass & Ice Cream Social
August 23	Orientation Day – Grades 10-12
August 24	Orientation Day – Freshmen and New Students
August 25	First Day of Classes
August 27	Freshman Retreat
September 1	Back to School Night for Parents (6:30 in theatre)
September 6	No School – Labor Day
September 10	XSC Blood Drive
September 22	Half Day of Classes – Parent Teacher Conferences (4-8 in commons)
September 23-25	Kairos Retreat
September 24	No School – System Inservice
September 29	All School Mass – Homecoming
October 1	Homecoming Parade & Game
October 2	Homecoming Dog Walk / Run and Homecoming Dance
October 6	Fall Choral Concert (7:00)
October 13	FOCUS Program at PAC (for grades 9 & 10)
October 18	Xavier Preview Night (7:00)
October 19	Testing Day (ACT, Pre-ACT) & Help Your Neighbor Day
October 20	All School Mass
October 26	Fall Orchestra Concert (6:30 at XMS)
October 29	No School – 7 <sup>th</sup> Grade Day