



St. Francis Xavier Middle School
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Dear Xavier Families,

Welcome Back! We hope you have enjoyed the summer months and that you are relaxed, recharged, and ready to start a new school year. Thank you for choosing to be part of the amazing, faith-filled Xavier community. We embark on this journey with a pledge to you, our students and parents, that this will be a year of engaging academic and spiritual education. Our student's education will be expanded with special events and a plethora of extracurricular clubs, activities, performing arts groups, and athletic events which are certain to encourage our Xavier community to be involved and stay connected!

Last school year was a unique and challenging year. When we began the 20/21 school year, we were expecting to be closed within the first month of school. However, as the school year progressed, the Xavier Middle School (XMS) staff kept the educational bar high and the entire middle school student body met that high bar. This was evident by the excellent growth in the MAP scores from the fall MAP test to the spring MAP test.

Unlike last school year, this school year for XMS should resemble a more normal school year. We are excited for the return of locker night, concerts, spirit assemblies, full school mass in the auditorium, and many other events that have always made XMS a special place throughout the school year. While we are still leery of the coronavirus affecting individuals within our community, we believe that continued cleaning routines, students washing their hands, and other safety-minded approaches will continue to keep our students and staff safe this upcoming school year. As the school year progresses, we will continue to monitor the COVID-19 pandemic and make adjustments as necessary to keep our students and staff safe.

Our staff of highly qualified professional educators and support personnel are committed to providing the students with many opportunities both in and out of the classroom. We invite and encourage students and their families to work in partnership with us to seize the many opportunities that will bring our Xavier community together. We want, need, and value your involvement and support in your child(ren)'s education! Your active participation is key to their success throughout the school year.

Accompanying this letter is important information regarding the first few weeks of the new school year. As always, if you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please feel free to contact us at any time.

Again, we welcome you to Xavier Middle School and to our wonderful community . . . a Christ-centered community dedicated to the faith formation, academic excellence, community engagement, and individual growth of our students in a safe environment. Here's to an EXCITING new school year as we work together to make our school a great place to worship and grow each day!

Sincerely,

Robert Bires
Principal

Sara Meyer
Associate Principal

Ginny Cerdan
Administrative Assistant



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Important Info

August Middle School Office Hours

- Aug 9th thru Aug 13th, Monday thru Friday, 8 AM – 12 PM
- Aug 16th thru Aug 20th, Monday thru Friday, 8 AM – 4 PM

5th Grade Orientation

- Tuesday, Aug 24th from 8 AM – 12 PM
- A planned WEB (Where Everyone Belongs) program will help make the transition from elementary to middle school a positive one
- Students will meet in the cafeteria first, then transition to the gymnasium
- Parents are also invited to stay for a friendly social between 8 AM – 9 AM in the cafeteria to network with other parents

New Student Orientation Grades 6 – 8

- Tuesday, Aug 24th from 12 PM – 2 PM
- Students will be able to learn about the school, meet the staff, and become familiar with school procedures
- Lunch will be provided
- Students should be dropped off by the middle school office, please use door #1

Locker Night

- Tuesday, Aug 24th, 5 PM – 7 PM
- Students will meet their advisor, receive a locker assignment and have an opportunity to meet the staff
- Students can drop off school supplies, take a lap around school and prepare for the first day of school
- This night is considered an open house as students and parents can come and go as they desire

Family Packets

- A family packet with forms and information will be available during locker night
- The packet contains information that will need to be completed and returned on the first day of school

Class Schedules

- Individual student schedules with classes will be available using PowerSchool Wednesday, August 4th at noon
- New families to St. Francis Xavier Catholic School System should contact Mrs. Cerdan to receive your PowerSchool information

Aftercare

- Aftercare will be offered throughout the school year from 3:30 PM – 6 PM on regular school days
- Special aftercare sessions will be offered on early dismissal days; more info to follow
- Families wishing to utilize aftercare should contact Mrs. Theresa Gouin (920-735-9380) for more info



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Daily Arrival

- Students may arrive at XMS after 7 AM and will report to the gym/cafeteria. The school doors will remain locked until 7 AM
- Students arriving between 7 AM & 7:30 AM should enter through door #4.
- Students arriving to school between 7:30 AM & 8 AM should use door #4 or door #7
- Students will be dismissed from the gym/cafeteria at 7:45 AM to their lockers to begin school at 8 AM
- There is no additional charge or registration

Daily Schedule

- School begins at 8 AM and ends at 3:30 PM
- Students are required to be in their homeroom by 8 AM, which means students should arrive no later than 7:55 AM to have enough time to get to their homeroom

School Photo Day

- Friday, Aug 27th
- Individual student photos will be taken in the morning
- Students are encouraged to dress up, but at minimum be in school uniform
- Please bring in payment along with the photo packet for additional school photos on this day

XMS Parent Night

- Wednesday, Sept 8th from 6:30 PM – 8 PM
- Parents will be able to meet staff and learn about academic, spiritual, and co-curricular programs offered at XMS
- Students do not need to attend as the night is geared towards the parents

One-For-All Initiative

- Each student will have access to their own chromebook device throughout the school day
- The students will collect their chromebook from their homeroom teacher to begin the school day and will return their chromebook to their homeroom teacher at the end of the school day

Backpacks

- Only 7th & 8th grade students will be allowed to carry backpacks from class to class
- 5th & 6th grade students will keep their backpacks in their lockers during the school day
- Parents are asked to work with their 7th and/or 8th grade child to keep their backpack clean and organized throughout the school year

For more information regarding the Xavier System's COVID-19 Protocols & Procedures, please use the following link www.xaviercatholicschools.org/covid19