



September, 2023

Greetings,

This letter marks the kick-off of the **St. Xavier Fair Trade Club Halloween Candy Sale**. The Club was founded to spread awareness of prevalent injustice and to prevent modern human slavery by promoting and purchasing Fair Trade goods.

Fair Trade is a non-profit organization that examines whether or not the people who make our goods are being paid a fair wage, or even being paid at all. Sadly, many of the products we buy have been tainted by slave labor and other such abuses. The act of purchasing fairly-traded products seeks to remedy this injustice by providing a voice to the voiceless. We can play a part by purchasing products that are fairly-traded. By using our free market purchasing power, and not simply buying what is cheap and inexpensive, we send a signal to producers that we stand with those who are abused.

Even though it is difficult to ensure that our purchases are produced fairly, this **Halloween** we have a meaningful, positive option in the form of Fair Trade chocolate. Fair Trade is not charity. Rather, it provides sustainable income to some of the world's poorest people. [This website](#) provides a good description of the process. This chocolate sale is not a fundraising activity for St X. Rather, it is about providing life to some of the world's poorest people.

Major chocolate companies reap millions of dollars each **Halloween** by selling chocolate which has its origins in child slavery. By purchasing fairly-traded chocolate, which costs a bit more than slave-made chocolate, you can be sure that no one was mistreated, bound in slavery, or paid unfairly in the production process. For more information, watch the documentary titled [The Dark Side of Chocolate](#).

If you are interested in making a positive difference this **Halloween**, join the cause by filling out the attached order form for Fair Trade chocolate. You can email your order (no form necessary) to the student leaders of the Fair Trade Club: Alex Robinson robinsona13828@stxavier.org, Will Kirwin kirwinw13684@stxavier.org, or Luke Mangano manganol13731@stxavier.org. Or you can e-mail your order to Fair Trade Club moderator, Mr. Kemper mkemper@stxavier.org. Please return your order form by **October 16th**. And please spread the word about this sale and the goodness that Fair Trade promotes!

Thank you and God bless you,
Students of the St. Xavier Fair Trade Club

Fairly Traded Halloween Candy, 2023

Order Form

Name	
Phone Number	
E-mail address	

1 bag of about 50 individually wrapped pieces of fairly traded chocolate = \$10

(Note: This is about 15-20% more chocolate than last year.)



Quantity	Total Cost
<p>I would like to order _____ of bags of milk chocolate at \$10/bag = \$ _____</p> <p>I would like to order _____ of bags of dark chocolate at \$10/bag = \$ _____</p>	

Please enclose payment. If paying with check, make check payable to “St. Xavier Fair Trade Club.” If you e-mail your order you need only to indicate the number of bags you wish to order—you can provide payment when you pick-up the chocolate. All orders will be available for pick-up by Tuesday, October 24th. E-mail orders are preferred, but not necessary.

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Thank you for choosing fairly traded products!!