ST. XAVIER High School
MEN FOR OTHERS

September, 2026

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 not valued as human beings. This website provides a good description of the process.

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 chocolate sale is not a fundraising activity for St X. Rather, it is about empowering 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.

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. Or you can simply e-mail your order (no form necessary) to Fair Trade Club moderator, Mr. Kemper mkemper@stxavier.org. The cost of cocoa continues rise due to a cocoa bean shortage. Our supplier, Equal Exchange, does its best to maintain reasonable prices, though they are limited by global markets.

Please e-mail your order form by **October 15th**. And please spread the word about this sale and the goodness that Fair Trade promotes!

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

Fairly Traded Halloween Candy, 2026 Order Form

Name	
E-mail address	

1 bag of about 45-50 individually wrapped pieces of fairly traded chocolate = $12





Quantity	Total Cost
I would like to order _____ of bags of milk chocolate at $12/bag = $_____	
I would like to order _____ of bags of dark chocolate at $12/bag = $_____	

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 Friday, October 23.

You can email your order (no form necessary) to Fair Trade Club moderator, Mr. Matt Kemper: mkemper@stxavier.org. You can also return a hard copy of the form to the Religion Department. Please submit your order form by **October 15th** at the latest.

Thank you for choosing fairly traded products!!