

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

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FRIDAY CRUSADER

WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 8 - 11, 2026



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SFX PARENT HUB

QUICK LINKS

EVERYTHING YOU NEED
ALL IN ONE PLACE



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SCHOOL
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FACTS
PARENT PORTAL



BUY A RAFFLE
TICKET ONLINE



IMPORTANT DATES

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

PICTURE
DAY

September 17/18

PTO
MEETING

Monday,
September 21
after drop off in library

7TH GRADE
RAFFLE

Non-Uniform Day

Thursday,
September 24th

CAMP DAGGETT
MIDDLE SCHOOL

October 1-2



MR. ADAM DOBROWOLSKI
Principal

A NOTE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

Faith • Leadership • Community

Dear Parents,

What a wonderful first week of school we have had! It has been a busy first week, with our hallways filled with the joyful energy that makes our school community so special.

As we begin this new school year, I am especially grateful for the partnership with parents in providing a strong Catholic education for your children. This week, our students have begun settling into classroom routines, reconnecting with friends, meeting new classmates, and growing together as a faith-filled community.

Thank you, parents, for your patience and support during this first week. Establishing new routines takes time, and your encouragement at home makes such a difference. Please continue to remind your children that each day is an opportunity to learn, to serve, to be kind, and to grow closer to Christ.

I am appreciative of our wonderful school staff. Collectively we have a very experienced group of educators that hone their craft and see their work teaching children as an important ministry. It has been a blessing to see our teachers and staff welcoming students with enthusiasm and care.

Please keep our St. Francis Xavier School community in prayer throughout the year. May God bless our students, teachers, staff, and families, and may He guide us throughout the year as we strive to live out our mission of faith, excellence, and service.

In Christ,

Adam Dobrowolski, Principal

Today's Mass

Today, being the 25th anniversary of the 9/11/2001 attacks, we had Mass and prayed for the victims of those attacks. It was a Red & Blue Mass, which gave our Catholic community an opportunity to honor those that serve in our community to keep us safe and pursue justice. A Red Mass is a special Catholic Mass to celebrate judges, lawyers, government officials, and the pursuit of justice; a tradition that originated in the Middle Ages. A Blue Mass is to honor first responders such as police, firefighters, paramedics, and other public safety personnel. *We appreciate those in our community that were able to join us.*

Important Gala Input Meeting - please attend if you are able to!

When: Thursday, September 17th at 8:00 am and 2:30 pm

Where: St. Francis Xavier School Assembly Room

This year's Gala is February 20, 2027 at the Grand Unity Event Center.

At a recent School Advisory Council meeting, we discussed the current challenge of filling leadership positions for the SFX Gala. At this time, there are no Gala chairpersons, and many of the supporting leadership positions also remain vacant. The SFX Gala is a significant undertaking, and the size and complexity of the event can understandably feel intimidating to parents who are asked to take on a leadership role.

SAC members suggested that ***simplifying*** and ***reimagining*** the Gala may be the next step. While meeting our fundraising goals remains important, we want to explore new ideas and perhaps consider taking a different approach. *One that is more manageable to plan while continuing to be a successful and an engaging community event.* The revenue raised at our annual Gala is necessary for our school to operate, but what the Gala looks like is what we want to explore.

Our hope is to bring together past Gala leaders and school families with varying levels of involvement ***to help shape a new vision***, perhaps one that doesn't require the same level of complexity and time commitment. ***Whether you are a new family to our school or have been at SFX for many years, your input is valuable to us.***

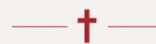
We are offering two different times next week on September 17th in an effort to make it work with your schedules. We would greatly appreciate your thoughts and would love to have you be part of this conversation.



PTO
CORNER

Connect • Volunteer • Support

*Many hands
make a strong
school community.*



ALL PARENTS ARE PTO MEMBERS!

Did you know that ALL parents are automatically considered PTO members? That means you! We would love to see you at our first meeting of the year.



FIRST PTO MEETING
Monday, September 21st
in the school library after drop-off.

The PTO officers will be posting the meeting agenda next week (think Fall Fun Run details, Turkey Bingo dates and survey review).

All attendees for PTO can vote!

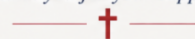
PTO SURVEY

Thank you to all of the parents who have already filled out the survey — your insight has given us constructive feedback and great ideas. There is still time to fill out the survey (deadline is September 15th), which means there is still a chance you can win the \$150 Chandlers gift card!



TAKE THE SURVEY →

*We are excited for a successful year.
Thank you for your support!*





SUPPORT SFX

Give • Serve • Strengthen

*"If you have nothing
to give, give yourself."*

— Blessed Rosalie Rendu

The operation of our school is made possible by the generosity and involvement
of our school families and surrounding community.



WE NEED A RAFFLE CHAIR!

Help Lead Our Largest Fundraiser

The SFX Grand Raffle has traditionally been our largest fundraiser. Tickets are \$100 each for a chance to win **\$15K CASH!**

We are currently in need of a Raffle Coordinator and a couple of volunteers to assist with data entry for raffle tickets that are sold to be entered into the drawing.

The following tasks have been led by the chairperson of the raffle:

- Coordinate selling raffle tickets after Mass
- Process sold tickets
- Coordinate with marketing coordinator to market the raffle – fliers, social media, etc.
- Incentives for raffle ticket sales

If you are interested in the raffle coordinator position, or to help with data entry, please let our school office know.



RAFFLE TICKET SALES AFTER MASS

A Simple Way to Make a Big Impact

Students and parents speaking briefly after Mass to let parishioners know you are selling tickets has been very effective for selling tickets. Father Peter is encouraging students and their families to sign up to start selling tickets.

In the sign up, one family will be the designated speaker and seller in the gathering space; a second family can sell to families that exit at the front steps on Howard Street.

EACH MASS TIME SLOT WILL INCLUDE TWO SFX FAMILIES:

- 1 **Family #1:** A designated student/family will briefly speak after Mass and sell tickets in the gathering space.
- 2 **Family #2:** A second family will sell tickets outside on the Howard Street steps as parishioners leave.

This is a great opportunity for students to take an active role in supporting their school — and a simple way for families to get a head start on their required 5 raffle ticket sales.



SIGN UP TO SELL
AFTER MASS



Together we can do great things for SFX!

Have you picked up your raffle tickets? Each family is required to sell a minimum of 5 raffle tickets this year. If your family hasn't picked them up yet, please grab them from the school office next week. Thank you!



GALA

INPUT MEETING

SHARE IDEAS • HELP SHAPE • SUPPORT SFX

Thursday, September 17th

8:00 am or 2:30 pm

St. Francis Xavier School Assembly Room

We are inviting all SFX families — past Gala leaders, longtime families, and new families — to a meeting to share ideas and help shape a fresh approach for the 2027 SFX Gala (February 20, 2027 at the Grand Unity Event Center).

You do not need Gala experience or need to commit to a leadership position — we simply want your input!

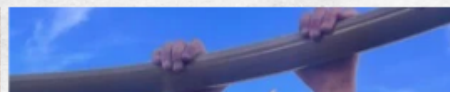
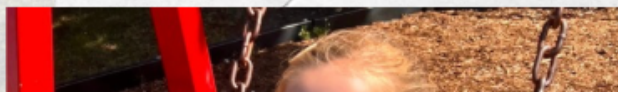
We hope to see you there!

SFX BULLETIN BOARD

NEWS • EVENTS • OPPORTUNITIES



A great
first week!





LITTLE CRUSADERS

PRESCHOOL SPOTLIGHT



Small Learners. Big Hearts.



CRUSADERS

MIDDLE SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL



The Crusaders Middle School volleyball team played a hard-fought game against Harbor Springs on Wednesday!

They're back in action tonight in Boyne Falls. Good luck, Crusaders!



AWAY GAME:
Tonight in Boyne Falls
at 5:30 PM



NEXT HOME GAME:
at Central Elementary Gym
September 15th
against Harbor Light at 5:30 PM

Go Crusaders!

**Pancake
Breakfast
after Mass**



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PARISH & SCHOOL

OPENING OF SCHOOLS MASS

A New Year, A New Beginning, Placed in God's Hands



**SUNDAY,
SEPTEMBER 20TH**



10:00 AM



**CHILDREN'S
MASS**

Please join us as we come together as a parish and school community
to give thanks for the gift of education and to ask
God's blessing on the year ahead.



**WE PRAY FOR
OUR STUDENTS**

That they may grow in
wisdom, faith, virtue,
and love of God.



**WE PRAY FOR
OUR TEACHERS
& STAFF**

That God may strengthen
them in their vocation
to educate and form
our young people.



**WE PRAY FOR
OUR FAMILIES**

That they may continue
to be the foundation
of faith and love in their
children's lives.

SCHOOL IS MORE THAN ACADEMICS.
IT IS A SHARED MISSION TO FORM THE **MIND, HEART, AND SPIRIT**
OF EACH CHILD AND TO BUILD A COMMUNITY ROOTED IN CHRIST.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

8th Grade

PANCAKE BREAKFAST



**SUNDAY
SEPTEMBER 20TH**

**\$12
PER
PERSON**

**\$40
PER
FAMILY**



**9:00AM- Noon
St. Francis Xavier Church Basement**

**HELP SUPPORT OUR 8TH GRADE CLASS
AS THEY SAVE UP FOR THEIR END OF
THE YEAR TRIP!**

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DRAWING,
JUST FOR SIGNING UP!

GET A SECOND ENTRY FOR FIRST PURCHASE!

*WINDOW CLOSES HALLOWEEN

**RETURNING USERS WILL BE ENTERED INTO
A DRAWING FOR EVERY \$100 THEY SPEND
THROUGH HALLOWEEN!**

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