

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

SCHOOL + PETOSKEY, MI

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FRIDAY CRUSADER

WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 14 - 18, 2026



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SFX PARENT HUB

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IMPORTANT DATES

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

**8TH GRADE
PANCAKE
BREAKFAST**



Sunday,
September 20th
Supports the 8th grade trip!

**PTO
MEETING**



Monday,
September 21st
after drop off in library

**7TH GRADE
RAFFLE**
Non-Uniform Day



Thursday,
September 24th

**CAMP DAGGETT
MIDDLE SCHOOL**



October 1-2



The Parent Commitment has been scheduled with TWO dates for convenience.
This is a mandatory meeting for all parents - attend the date that works best for your family.

September 29th and October 14th
in the school cafeteria



THIS WEEK AT

SFX

FAITH • SCHOOL • COMMUNITY

Dear Parents and SFX Supporters,

For families who are new to SFX, each month our school focuses on a Virtue of the Month as part of forming students in faith and character. Teachers incorporate the virtue into classroom conversations and encourage students to put it into practice in their everyday lives. At the end of each month, one student from each classroom is recognized for exemplifying that virtue.

VIRTUE OF THE MONTH
KINDNESS

*Choosing to see and serve others
with the love of Christ.*

*"Let no one ever come to you
without leaving better
and happier."*

— ST. TERESA OF CALCUTTA



Kindness can be practiced in simple, everyday ways: offering to help without being asked, including someone who feels left out, using encouraging words, showing patience, or doing something thoughtful for a brother or sister. **Try this at home:** Challenge your child to do one unexpected act of kindness for a family member each day this week.

As we begin this new school year together, may we encourage our children to remember that kindness is more than simply being nice. It is an opportunity to see Christ in others and allow others to see Christ in us.

Join us on Sunday, September 20th at 10am for Schools Mass!

We welcome all school families to attend mass on Sunday at 10am at St Francis Xavier Church. Students do not need to sign up - help usher, greet and sing in the choir! And don't forget about the 8th grade **pancake breakfast** after 8a and 10a mass this weekend.

Looking Ahead: Parent-Teacher Conferences

Parent-Teacher Conferences are scheduled for Thursday, October 15th. While we realize conferences are still a month away, please remember that you never need to wait until conference time to connect with your child's teacher. Our teachers and staff are always here to help. If you have a question or concern, please don't hesitate to reach out to their teacher at any time.



Wednesday's Mass: *We were blessed to have members of the SFX Class of 1966 join our children for Mass on Wednesday!* Father John, also a graduate of the SFX Class of 1966, shared a beautiful message about love. He reminded our students that God is always with them and that He has also placed people in their lives—parents, teachers, classmates, and friends—to help them along the way. His message was simple: **Ask for help when you need it, and be there for others when they need you.** What a gift to see that, nearly 60 years later, these classmates still come to mass and continue to be there for one another. It was a great reminder to our students that the relationships formed at SFX can go far beyond their years in the classroom.

Friday's Mass: Father Peter reminded our students that God calls each of us to serve Him. We have all been given talents as gifts from God—whether our gift is leading, singing, or drawing—and we can use those gifts to honor Him. He also reminded the students that they all have a gift to give: **time**. And they can use their time at home to help their parents and siblings. Finally, Father Peter discussed the 12 apostles and all of the women who shared their time, talent and kindness with Jesus. **Homework:** He wanted the kids to learn about the story of Hannah. [Click here to read about her!](#)



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.

Come to the PTO meeting to help plan Fall Fun Run & Turkey Bingo and review survey results!

[Click here to view the meeting agenda!](#)

All attendees for PTO can vote!



Our Fall Fun Run is the kids' favorite fundraiser!

Students will raise money through pledges and run laps around the school. This year's theme is **CRUSADERS** – students are encouraged to dress up and go all out in their SFX SpiritWear!

The PTO is excited to launch our first fundraiser – **spirit wear!** Click the link below to start shopping.



Click here to view our ONLINE SpiritWear Store! The store will be open until October 4th. Orders can be picked up at the school!



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.

Thank you to all of the parents who joined us for our Gala brainstorming sessions on Thursday! We had some wonderful ideas and great conversations about this year's event. One of our goals is to simplify the Gala while continuing to make it a special evening that brings our SFX community together. If you are interested in helping plan this year's Gala, please contact the school office—we would love to have you involved! We are still seeking a raffle coordinator, as well.

Our mandatory Parent Commitment Meeting has also been scheduled, with TWO dates to make attendance more convenient for our families. Simply choose the date that works best for you. We will be discussing school finances, fundraising, and volunteer opportunities, as well as ways each of us can play a part in supporting SFX.

Parent Commitment Meeting - MANDATORY

TWO dates to choose from! **September 29th OR October 14th - SFX Cafeteria**

Thank you for being an active part of our school community.

**We still have families that need to pick up their raffle tickets from the school office.
Please grab them from Mrs. Nathan next week!**

SFX BULLETIN BOARD

NEWS • EVENTS • OPPORTUNITIES



Art Class!

Inspired by Peter H. Reynolds' award-winning children's book *The Dot*.

September 15th
Dot Day



LITTLE CRUSADERS

PRESCHOOL SPOTLIGHT



3 Day Preschool went and toured the church this week.
We learned all about how Church is God's house and
we are visiting Him when we attend mass.

Small Learners. Big Hearts.



CRUSADERS

MIDDLE SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL



The Crusaders Middle School volleyball team **beat Boyne Falls and Harbor Light!**

We're so proud of their hard work, teamwork and continued success this season!



NEXT HOME GAME:
September 22nd
against Alpena All Saints
at 6:00 PM
Central Elementary Gym

Go Crusaders!



GOLF

Outing 2027

We have a great planning committee working on this -
we just need 3 more volunteers!
Contact the school office if you are interested in helping.

MAY 23, 2027

**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.

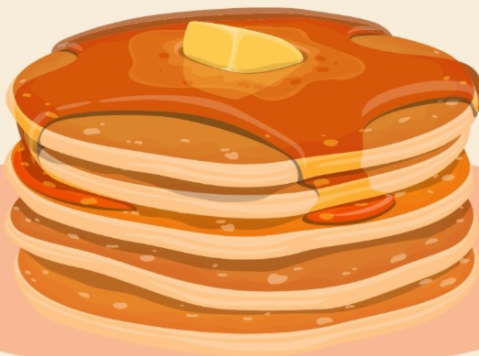
ALL ARE WELCOME!

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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