

# St. Francis School Newsletter

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January 24, 2025

## A message from our principal...

Dear SFX Families,

The annual celebration of National Catholic Schools Week is this upcoming week starting on Sunday, January 26th. Catholic schools all across the United States are celebrating the value that Catholic education provides for young people and contributes to the life of the Church. It is a fun-filled week with emphasis on celebrating the local parishes, community, students, the nation, vocations, volunteers, faculty & staff, and families.

For parents, the school provides a vital partnership in fulfilling your duty in educating your child/children. What makes Catholic schools stand out from other educational options is having faith integrated throughout the day with prayer, a shared value system rooted in Truth, and learning how the Gospel message applies to all aspects of our life and throughout all subjects in school. We exist to instill the moral and religious teachings of the Catholic faith. As a ministry of the Church, the school is an important avenue for evangelization as we pass on the faith to the next generation.

I have seen firsthand how SFX has a rich history of preparing students to become leaders in our community and beyond. Our graduates know the importance of serving others. We are very fortunate to have the support of the parish, as those that give of their time, talents and treasure are investing in each new generation of children at the school.

The academic success of Catholic school students is a direct consequence of the sacrifices of parents' time, energy and finances. When parents take responsibility for

their child's education as you have, they have made a decision to play a more active role. On behalf of the staff of St. Francis Xavier School, thank you for entrusting your children with us and for your partnership.

Yours in Christ,

Adam Dobrowolski, principal



The Grand Raffle Drawing of \$15,000 is on February 1st at 8:30pm!!

Join us for a FUN night of Trivia at Boyne Valley Vineyards. Doors open at 7pm.

There is NO CHARGE to play trivia this year...just show up, have a glass of wine & enjoy yourself!

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## Youth Choir

St. Francis Youth Choir is again invited to sing at 10:00 am Mass on Sunday, January 26th to kick off Catholic Schools Week. Students are asked to come in school uniform. Arrival time is 9:30 am in the choir room. Let's make a joyful noise and share our talent with our parish.



"Is there a teacher or staff member who deserves a shout-out? We'd love to hear about it."

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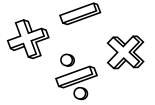
## 8th Grade Pop Can/Bottle Drive

Accepting bagged cans/bottles or slips February 10-16. All proceeds go to the 8th Grade Class Trip.

## Optional Parent/Teacher Conference

Your child's teacher will be contacting you if they feel a conference is needed. As always, if you have any questions or concerns about your child you are always welcome to contact your child's teacher to schedule an appointment.

## MATH NIGHT



We had so much fun hosting Science Night last year, and are thrilled to invite all families to a fun Math Night this year!

Please join us this coming Thursday, January 30th, from 6-7:30 for a fun family night! Come explore around the school and participate in different activities having your math card stamped along the way and ending at PTO's Hot Chocolate Booth.

It's not too late, purchase your raffle ticket here!



## LOOKING AHEAD...

- 26-31 CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK
  - 27 - SFX or Petoskey area Sports Teams Spirit Wear or any Local Business
  - 28 - PJ Day/Comfy Clothes
  - 29 - Red/White/Blue or Sunday Best
  - 30 - Dress as your future occupation, your parent's occupation or dress up as a Saint. Movie Day @ Lyric Math Night 6-7:30
  - 31 - Dress in something that reminds you of any teacher or staff member at our school

CSW Spiritwear

## FEBRUARY

- 3 - PTO Meeting after drop off
- 5 - Athletic Banquet 6:30PM
- 7 - Optional non-uniform day 8th Grade fundraiser. \$1/per student
- 9 - 8th Grade pancake breakfast after Mass
- 13 - Daddy/Daughter dance
- 14 - Valentine's Day - 2nd Grade Raffle & all school non-uniform