

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24 2025

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ST FRANCIS XAVIER SCHOOL

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REMINDERS

10/30 - 8th Grade Haunted House & Picture Retake Day

10/31 - ½ Day Dismissal at 11:40am AND the end of the 1st marking period

11/1 - All Saints Day (Saturday)

11/7 - Turkey Bingo

11/16 - November Youth Mass Day 10am AND 7th Grade Pancake Breakfast



October Playground Sign-Up

SFX Church bulletin for Sunday
10/26

Sign-up to sell raffle tickets after
mass!

Celebrating the Feast of Saint John Paul II - October 22

Honoring Saint John Paul II

The Church celebrates the Feast Day of Saint John Paul II on October 22nd. Saint John Paul II was a beloved pope who inspired millions with his deep faith, compassion, and love for young people. His message to the youth of the world—"Do not be afraid. Open wide the doors to Christ!"—continues to guide and encourage hearts today. As a school community, this feast reminds us to live with courage, faith, and joy, just as Saint John Paul II did. *If you'd like to learn more about his life, click here to read more!*

Youth Mass Celebration

This past Sunday, our parish gathered for a special Youth Mass organized by Father Peter. It was a beautiful celebration of faith and community, made even more meaningful by the participation of our students. Our students were lectors, ushers, altar servers, and greeters. Their enthusiasm reflected the spirit of Saint John Paul II, who always believed in the power and promise of youth. A heartfelt thank-you to all the students who volunteered and helped make the Mass so special. Your leadership and service are a blessing to our parish family—you are the future of the Church!

Looking Ahead: Monthly Youth Mass

Building on the success of this celebration, we are excited to announce that we will now hold a Youth Mass each month. Students are encouraged to sign up to help with the November Mass

which will be on November 16th at 10am. Participation is a wonderful way to grow in faith, serve the community, and honor the legacy of Saint John Paul II.

Saint John Paul II, pray for us!

SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

The October Lunch Menu can be viewed by [clicking here](#).

ATTENTION PARENTS: After October 31st shorts are no longer allowed for the elementary students. Middle School can wear shorts but will need snowpants to wear outside during the colder months. Please remember to send warm clothes for students - jackets, hats, and gloves. It's getting chilly on the playground!

We really need more help on the playground for October. [Click here to snag your spots...thank you for volunteering.](#) It's a fun way to see what your kids are up to during the day and what students they are engaging with!

The girls middle school basketball team will be playing their first game on Monday, October 27th at 6pm. Head to the Central Elementary gym to cheer on our Crusaders!

Thank you to all of the students who bought "locker" footballs ([Go Blue!](#) [Go Green!](#)) for the big game this weekend. The students who bought footballs for the winning team will get their non-uniform day on **Tuesday, October 27th**. This was a "FUN-draiser" for our 8th grade trip.

Picture Retake day is October 30th.

As the tradition continues, our 8th grade students will be running the 'haunted house' on October 30th. Students will be invited to attend with a non-perishable donation (canned good) as their entry into the haunted house. **All donations go to Brother Dan's Food Pantry!**

REMINDER - Halloween (Friday, October 31st) is a HALF DAY! Dismissal will be at 11:40am. *This is also the end of the first marking period!*

PTO & GALA UPDATES

If you put your name on the spreadsheet under a local business ...please work on obtaining your donations! Our gala is early this year (March 7th) and our fundraising team would like to get items early so we can get organized. Thank you for your help with this!

Gobble, Gobble, Raffle Raffle! We are so appreciative of our school families who continue to sell raffle tickets. As a reminder, all families are required to sell a minimum of 3 raffle tickets. The link is: <https://st-francis-xavier-487573.square.site/> - send to family & friends!

We are in full Turkey Bingo mode. Friday, November 7 - doors open at 5pm.
Would you like to sponsor this fun event?

Your sponsorship funds ensure a successful event (sponsorship funds are used to purchase the meat for bingo prizes; all additional funds will go toward curriculum enhancement at the school)! Thank you for your considered donation! **Sponsorships range from \$30-\$200. Click here!**

Click HERE to sponsor Turkey Bingo! Sponsorship levels range from \$30-

\$200...every thing helps. Thank you!

We need volunteers for Turkey Bingo! This is a FUN night and great way to meet other parents. Click here to sign up!



A promotional poster for a Turkey Bingo event. The background is dark brown with orange and yellow autumn leaves. At the top left, a red circle contains the number '27'. Below it, a blue circle contains 'N 12'. In the center, a turkey head icon is above the text 'WIN BINGO - WIN A TURKEY!'. The main title 'TURKEY BINGO' is in large, bold, dark brown letters. Below the title is a group photo of children in red shirts and khaki pants standing next to a large turkey mascot. To the left of the photo is the St. Francis Xavier logo, a red circle with a cross and the text 'ST. FRANCIS XAVIER'. Below the photo is a dark brown rounded rectangle with the text 'FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7TH'. Underneath that, the text 'DOORS OPEN AT 5PM' and 'LOCATION: SFX Church Cafeteria' are displayed. At the bottom, 'BINGO TIME: 5:30p-9p' is written. On the right side, a red circle contains 'B 27' and a green circle contains '1 09'.

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OTHER HAPPENINGS....



Head to Flex Wash this weekend for **The Tunnel of Terror**, a car wash experience like no other. On **Friday night from 7–9 PM**, enjoy a **family-friendly fright** filled with spooky fun for all ages. Then, on **Saturday night from 8–10 PM**, brave the darkness for **“Enter If You Dare,”** a terrifying ride through the haunted wash that’s not for the faint of heart. Admission is **\$25 per car**—come for the clean, stay for the screams!

Haunted Field House - Mark your calendars and book your ticket today for one of Northern Michigan’s favorite haunted traditions! Our Haunted Field House Party returns on Thursday, October 30th from 6-8pm and promises to be our most fun - and scariest - version to date!

Geared toward ages 3-12, kids will enjoy an evening of spooky games, arts and crafts, and our signature haunted turf attraction. Space is limited for this event, so be sure to purchase your tickets in advance. Costumes are highly encouraged! This fun event is \$15 per child, but is just \$10 for our Ultimate Monthly Members and NMFC Members! **Purchase Tickets for the Haunted Field House Party by [clicking here!](#)**

The Knights of Columbus announce their annual poinsettia sale, supporting Catholic education. *Pick-up is at Grand Unity Hall from December 5th to 7th. Thank you to the Knights for supporting Catholic education! [Click here for the order form - you can turn it into the school office until November 3rd.](#)*



LOOK GOOD. FEEL GOOD. INSIDE AND OUT.

TUNNEL OF TERROR

H A U N T E D C A R W A S H

Family-Friendly Night: Fri, Oct 24 — fun, festive & perfect
for all ages! 7-9pm

Fright Night: Sat, Oct 25 — enter if you dare... 8-10pm

\$25 per car — Scan the QR code for tickets!



HAUNTED FIELD HOUSE



THURSDAY, OCTOBER 30TH 6:00-8:00PM



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