

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12 2025

THE FRIDAY CRUSADER



ST FRANCIS XAVIER SCHOOL

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REMINDERS

9/23 Cheerleading practice from 3:05-4:15p in assembly room

10/3 NEW DATE for Fall Fun Run

10/3 Pet Blessing

10/7 Next PTO meeting (Tuesday) at 8:05a in the library

10/8 - Parent Commitment Night



September Playground Sign-Up

SFX Church bulletin for Sunday
9/14

SFX Parent-Teacher Organization

The St. Francis Parent-Teacher Organization (PTO) is dedicated to supporting the school community through regular meetings, fundraising, and a variety of sponsored events and initiatives. Here is a breakdown of our fundraiser & events....we are always open to new ideas!

Key Activities and Structure:

- Meets monthly to discuss and coordinate activities, address school needs, and plan upcoming events.
- Works collaboratively with teachers, staff, and families to enhance the educational experience for all students.
- It's a great way to meet other parents

Fundraising Events:

- **Fall Fun Run:** Annual event that encourages physical activity and raises funds for school initiatives.
- **Turkey Bingo:** Community gathering held in the fall, combining fun and fundraising through bingo games and prizes.

Sponsored Events (Non-Fundraising):

- **NEW THIS YEAR - Santa's Workshop!** Students will have the opportunity to "shop" for family members & friends in our PTO-sponsored Santa's Workshop.
- **Daddy/Daughter Dance:** A crowd favorite around Valentine's Day
- **ValentineGrams** - students/parents can purchase carnations, mystery bags, and snack bags. The PTO coordinates and distributes around Valentine's Day.
- **Mother/Son Bowling:** Held at Northern Lights Recreation
- **Middle School "Glow Party":** Social event for middle school students featuring music, games, and glow-in-the-dark activities.

Support for Teachers and Students:

- Supplements teacher requests throughout the year, providing resources and materials to enhance classroom learning.
- Organizes the SFX digital directory (information will be sent out so parents can access)
- Pays for students' breakfast on one day during Catholic Schools Week, promoting community and celebration.
- Shows appreciation for teachers during Teacher Appreciation Week by providing treats such as smoothies, lunches, and other tokens of gratitude.

Overall Mission - The PTO strives to build a strong sense of community, support educational excellence, and create memorable experiences for students, families, and staff at St. Francis School. We would love for you to join us at our next meeting on Tuesday, October 7th at 8:05a. And we'd love to see you at the Fall Fun Run. Parents are encouraged to attend...come & cheer on your kids while they run laps around the block! Please note that the date of the Fun Run has changed - it will now be on October 3rd.

Click the video below to watch the SFX News....brought to you by our Middle School students!



✧ SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS ✧

PLAYGROUND Volunteers needed for next week! Playground duty is now 11:10-12:05a. If you can volunteer, please click here to sign up. Thank you!

The SFX Cheerleading squad is getting ready to start practicing! The girls cheer during the SFX middle school basketball games, which kick off in November. Be on the lookout for paperwork coming home if your daughter is interested in joining the cheer team! The first practice is on **September 23rd** in the school assembly room.

Pet Blessing

In honor of the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi on October 4th, we will be holding our annual Pet Blessing on **Friday, October 3rd, at 2:45 p.m.** The blessing will take place on the asphalt area of the playground.

Parents are invited to bring their pets to the playground starting at 2:30 p.m. Classes will come outside together, and students will be able to join their parents at that time. Father Peter will lead a prayer and bless all the pets. Please remember to check out your child with their teacher to ensure

everyone is accounted for.

Our Parent Commitment Night will be held on **Wednesday, October 8th @ 6:30p** at the Grand Unity Center. This is a **mandatory parent meeting** - we will share the fundraising vision for the year, introduce committee members and chairpersons for various school fundraising and leadership groups, and provide information on how parents can meaningfully contribute to our volunteering and fundraising efforts. *Your contributions are vital to the success of all our school initiatives.*

SFX *Cheerleading* **K-8TH**

Tuesdays

3:05-4:15

Assembly Room



BEGINS
SEPT. 23RD



PTO & GALA UPDATES



We would love to see you at the next PTO meeting on Tuesday, October 7th 8:05a in the school library. We will be discussing Turkey Bingo, which takes place in November. This is a FUN event held in the church cafeteria....Win BINGO...WIN a TURKEY! Whether you decide to volunteer during the event or attend & play bingo, it will be a fun night.

The first early bird raffle drawing is on September 28th. **All school families are required to sell a minimum of THREE tickets.** This is our school's BIGGEST fundraiser....we'd love it if you could sell more! Thank you for your help in making this fundraiser successful.



OTHER HAPPENINGS....



Our **Crusaders Middle School Girls Volleyball** team has their next home game at 6pm (Central Elementary School gym) on **September 18th.**

Support the 8th grade trip (last year, they went to Washington DC) and join us for a pancake breakfast on Sunday, September 28th in the SFX Parish Cafeteria. The 8th grade students & parents will be serving pancakes after both AM masses.

The **Middle School Camp Daggett trip** will take place on **October 9th-10th!**



PANCAKE BREAKFAST

AFTER 8A & 10A SUNDAY MASS
ON SEPTEMBER 28TH

SUPPORT THE 8TH GRADE TRIP!





GOLF SCRAMBLE

SFX SCHOOL &
PARISH



Do you enjoy golf? Would you be interested in helping to organize a golf scramble? Father Peter is assembling a SFX Golf Scramble Planning Committee, and we currently have eight members on board. We are seeking ****two additional school parents**** to join us in this effort.

The Golf Scramble will be a collaboration between the church and school. **Please email Adam ([click here](#))** if you are interested in helping plan this fun event.

We are LOVING this warm weather!!





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