

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 5 2025

THE
**FRIDAY
CRUSADER**



ST FRANCIS XAVIER SCHOOL

414 Michigan Street, Petoskey, MI. 49770

School Office: 231.348.2360

REMINDERS

9/8 - PTO Meeting in the library at
8:05a (after drop-off)

9/10 - Cub Scouts sign-up meeting
(K-5 boys invited) 7p parish hall; church
basement

9/11 & 9/12 - School picture day

9/26-Fall Fun Run

10/8 - Parent Commitment Night



September Playground Sign-Up

**SFX Church bulletin for Sunday
9/7**

September Virtue of the Month - PRUDENCE

At St. Francis Xavier School, we are dedicated to nurturing a supportive community where spiritual growth flourishes among our students. *Each month, our devoted staff emphasizes a specific virtue to cultivate within the classroom, and then recognize the students who best embody this virtue at the end of the month.* As we embark on September, we are thrilled to focus on "Prudence," the invaluable practice of thoughtful decision-making and reflection before action.

This essential virtue plays a pivotal role in shaping a child's character and guiding their moral compass. St. Thomas Aquinas aptly referred to prudence as the "charioteer of the virtues," highlighting its significance in steering all aspects of ethical behavior. *What a wonderful way to launch the school year by instilling this guiding principle in our students' lives!* We invite families to join us in this journey, supporting their children as they practice prudence and reinforcing a culture of shared values and communal growth within our parish.

Here are a few ways that you can encourage the virtue of prudence at home:

1. In our fast-paced world, the value of quiet moments cannot be overstated, especially for our children. Prudence flourishes in an environment that encourages thoughtful reflection and discernment. As families, we can create time away from screens, inviting our children to embrace the beauty of nature, delve into the pages of a good book, and engage in heartfelt prayer. *Ecclesiastes 3:7 reminds us, "there is a time to be silent, and a time to speak."*
2. You can practice the Examination of Conscience, guiding our kids to thoughtfully review their daily choices—asking questions like, "Was I honest today?" or "Did I think before I spoke?" This practice not only instills a sense of accountability but also nurtures their

- spiritual growth. This is a great thing to do at the dinner table or during bedtime.
3. Furthermore, prudence teaches our children the invaluable lesson of patience, helping them resist the allure of immediate gratification for the promise of greater rewards. Whether it's waiting for dessert or limiting screen time, we can celebrate their efforts to wait, reinforcing the importance of self-control.

By fostering these intentional moments of reflection and virtue within our families, we can deepen our connection with one another and with God, enriching our community at St. Francis Xavier School. We look forward to a wonderful school year!

SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

PLAYGROUND Volunteers needed for next week! Please note the schedule change....playground duty is now 11:10-12:05a. Right now, we only have ONE volunteer next week on Monday, Thursday & Friday. If you can volunteer, please [click here to sign up](#). Thank you!

REMINDERS:

- Students need to bring their Gym shoes. We have a NEW gym floor and we need to keep it that way! Thank you for helping us protect the gym floor with CLEAN INDOOR shoes.
- No smart watches
- No cash for hot lunch will be accepted in the office. Families need to have the Petoskey Magic Meal
- If you haven't picked up raffle tickets yet, please pick them up in the main office.
- SFX Uniform Sale, Buy 1 get 2 Free! All proceeds to toward Tuition Angels.
- Purchase a SFX Family Athletic Pass for \$50 - available in the school office or at the games. These will get you into Crusades girls volleyball & Crusaders boys/girls basketball games.

Our Parent Commitment Night will be held on Wednesday, October 8th @ 6:30p at the Grand Unity Center. This is a **mandatory** meeting - we will be discussing volunteer requirements and the current financial status of the school. Thank you for marking this date in your calendars.

Students attend weekly prayer service in the assembly room (it was on Tuesday this week) and we were blessed to have Father Peter speak to the students. Students also attend 8:30am mass on Wednesdays (families invited!).

PRAYER service



PTO & GALA UPDATES



We would love to see you at the first PTO meeting on Monday, September 8th at 8:05a in the school library. Thank you to our 2025/26 our PTO officers!

President: Katie Flynn
Vice President: Eden Haven
Treasurer: Tisha Cone
Secretary: Jess Stone



OTHER HAPPENINGS....



The first home football game for the Petoskey Northmen is next Friday (10/12)...lots of SFX Alumni on that team! We wish them the best of luck and hope to see our school families there cheering them on!

Our Crusaders Girls Volleyball team had their FIRST game last night against Alpena All Saints and the Crusaders WON! The next home game (played at Central Elementary) is on Monday, September 15th at 6pm.

Cub Scouts is hosting a sign-up meeting on **Wednesday, September 10, at 7:00 PM.** Our Pack welcomes boys in grades K-5 and their families. Stop by to learn more about Cub Scouts in

Petoskey and how your child can get involved in the adventure!
Can't make it? No problem—contact **Josh Daniel** at 231-881-3381 for more info.



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The banner features a filmstrip at the top with five frames showing scouts in various activities: a scout in a blue uniform, a group of scouts in life jackets, a scout with binoculars, a scout in a canoe, and a scout in a red shirt and green helmet. Below the filmstrip is a large photo of a family (two adults and two children) in a canoe on a river, all wearing life jackets. A QR code is located in the bottom right corner of the banner.

Pack 7

Wednesday, September 10, 7:00 pm

St. Francis Xavier Parish Hall (church basement)

Our Pack welcomes families with boys in K-5th. Stop by our event to learn about Cub Scouts in Petoskey.
Don't miss the fun!



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 loved seeing all of these smiling faces during
the 1st week of school!**



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