

November 02, 2011

Raider Rewards Generates Revenue

Food for First Friday



ST. FRANCIS XAVIER CATHOLIC SCHOOL @ XAVIER CENTER

Wednesday News

Dear Parents and Children,

Happy All Souls' Day! Thank you to our **Fourth Grade, Ms. Kristie and Ms. Silvestri** for the beautiful celebration of All Saints Holy Day Mass and to all the room parents and volunteers who continued the celebration with our classroom All Saints Day parties. Thank you for accompanying us on our journey to sainthood!

You will note over the next few weeks that we are beginning a "big push" to revive our scrip program, now known as **Raider Rewards!** It is our hope that this program will finally "take off" and become a regular, dependable source of income for our school. We have many, many volunteers who work on this program, and we will need many more! A HUGE thank you to **Barb Redding**, who has stepped down from her scrip leadership role, for all her work on this program for the past several years. Please contact me or our development team, **Becky and Jim Biesecker**, for more information. We need your help to make this program a success — to buy, to sell and to promote this great opportuni-

ty to earn money for our school and to help fund tuition accounts, the building fund, our religious education program and other ministries in our parish.



Please join us for our second school Mass this week! We will celebrate **First Friday Mass on November 4th at 9:15 a.m.** Students from a variety of grades will lead us in worship. Please also remember to send a non-perishable donation to assist local food pantries.

I am delighted to introduce two new students! We warmly welcome **Roger Delmoe** who joined our kindergarten this week and to **Alex Miller** who will join our 5th grade next week.

Yours truly,
Mrs. Rebecca K. Sieg
Principal



Veterans Day Celebration

We have very exciting plans for **Veterans Day, November 11th**, and I hope many of our parents will be able to join us! A special veteran will be our guest of honor for our assembly and prayer service at 2:00 p.m. in our Multipurpose Room, and we will videoconference with **Sgt. Mike Cahill**, father of **Maggie (7th)** and **Aidan (4th)**, who is currently serving in Egypt. The program will include the dedication and installation of Deacon Sneeringer's American flag of honor and our Freedom Shrine. To help us celebrate, I invite all our school families to send in names and/or pictures of family members and friends who have served our country in the armed forces or who are currently on active duty to Mrs. Woods for our **Wall of Honor**.

Life Quote

Joy is the most
infallible sign
of the presence of
God.

~ Pierre Teilard de Chardin, SJ



Saint of the Week

"Compassion is preferable to cleanliness. Reflect that with a little soap I can easily clean my bedcovers, but even with a torrent of tears I would never wash from my soul the stain that my harshness to the unfortunate would create."

~ St. Martin de Porres



Thank You...

...to Tracy Biesecker, Taylor Black's Pappy Paul, Chorladda Bohner, Mary Entemann, Jennifer Fleming, Carla and Shawn Harriett, Katrina Hochard, Dana Keefer, Piper Rohrbaugh's Pappy David Sheller, Cara Ruso, Michelle Shriner, Jonathan Stiles, Joddie and Greg Walker, Cyndie Winkelmann, Magdalena Sanchez-Bowman, Kelly Brainard, Kathleen Clayton, Zach Fontaine, Tracy Hawkins, Heather Hillson, Mary Kuhn, Ana Norris and Rich Wajda for accompanying our first and second graders on their field trip to Hollabaugh Brothers' Orchard last Thursday.

...to the amazing 7th & 8th graders who helped set-up, clean-up and run games at the Halloween Howl last Friday, to all of our volunteers including Molly Cahill, Dave and Mary Catherine James, Karen Kibler, Jennifer Phillips, Jodie Sneed, Julie Stanley, Mandy Willard, Cyndie Winkelmann, Marge Mattson, Candace Desonier and Dana Keefer for your help in making the Halloween Howl a successful event, to everyone who donated a cake for the Cake Walk, and especially to Kim Reiner, Lee Smith and Carla Harriett for all their work in keeping the tradition of a fun, safe, family Halloween Party going at St. Francis Xavier Catholic School!

...to the "umpteen" parents and grandparents who accompanied our kindergarteners and preschoolers to the pumpkin patch.

...to Mike Phillips and Meg Salinger for chaperoning the 8th grade trip to the Gettysburg Battlefield, and to Mike for guiding our battlefield tour.

...to our Health Fair volunteers: Kelly Bream, Carla Harriet, Jodi Hardy, Mark Norris, Nancy Homes, Greg Walker, Sue Giuffreda, Jodi Sneed, Sara Stull, Meg Salinger, Molly Cahill, Karen Kibler, Mary Entenmann, Cahorladda Bohner, Sandy Beauchat, Erin Aumen, Tracy Hawkins, Jennifer Phillips, Gina Pecker, Donna Knox, Ann Yannetti, Effie Yannetti, Tracy Malesky, Bill Bowman, Magdalena Sanchez-Bowman, to Barb Redding and the kitchen crew, and especially to our Health Fair chairs Brigit Soliday and Shawn Coleman.



...to our Health Fair presenters: John Eline and Mr. Fox (Fire Safety), Missy Weikert (Height, Weight, Depth Perception, Hearing), Stacey Shead (Zumba), Heather Hillson (Pharmacy), D'arcy Ed (Nutrition), Wendy Beauchat (Facebook), Ben Barry (Helmut Safety), Emily Cost (Strawberry Hill), Bonnie Peckham and Lesa Bird (Advancing Science).

The Closing Vigil for Hanover's First 40 Days for Life Campaign will be held on Sunday, November 6th at 5 p.m. on the Hanover Square with a Candlelight Prayer Service. Bring your own candle! For more information or to sign up for open prayer slots between now and our closing, please go to the website:

www.40daysforlife.com/hanover
Spiritual Adoption



Jesus, Mary and Joseph, we love you very much. We beg you to spare the life of the unborn children whom we have spiritually adopted. Please help the parents to love their child and to do God's will in bringing that child to life.

Xavier Youth Ministry

•**FIRST SATURDAY** is Youth Saturday at St. Francis Xavier. All youth in grades 7 - 12 are invited to join us in our historic church on November 5th for our vibrant First Saturday Youth Mass at 5:30 p.m. Singers and musicians are invited to participate in our youth choir. Volunteers are needed to greet, usher, bear gifts, and assist in leading the Rosary before Mass! Please call Mrs. Neitz for more information.

•**LUTHERAN HOME SUNDAY** is November 6th. Please join us as we help our wheelchair-bound friends at Gettysburg Lutheran Retirement Village attend Sunday services. Meet in the main lobby at the Lutheran Home at 9:20 a.m. Pick-up is at 11:20 a.m. Permission slips required. Open to grades 7-12. Service hours available for Confirmation or high school.

•**QUESTIONS?** Contact Noreen Neitz, Coordinator of Youth Ministry, 334-4221 or nneitz@sfxs.org



What is Santa's Workshop?

Santa's Workshop is sponsored by the SFX PTO. Other than maintaining overhead costs such as supplies needed to operate the Workshop, its sales are NOT for profit! The workshop consists of two co-chairs who are responsible for purchasing 1500+ new gift items that will be sold at the event. The workshop graciously receives and is still receiving many donated gift items that are bought for the benefit of the children. It is geared to attract all children regardless of their budget, with prices ranging from \$.25 to \$8.00, and has something for everyone in the family. On Thursday, December 8th, with the help of volunteers, the co-chairs will turn the multipurpose room into a store-like setting. All the new gifts are brought out of storage and placed on tables in preparation for the big shopping day. Then, on Friday, December 9th, each class will have a turn to come down to Santa's Workshop to do their Christmas shopping. This is an opportune time for children to be able to do Christmas shopping for their loved ones, all by themselves, in a safe environment. The workshop strongly urges parents to send money or check (payable to SFX PTO) in the sealed envelope accompanied with a shopping list that will be provided. It is very important to mark on the envelope the amount of money the student may spend, as well as the child's name. Parents are to remind their children not to open the envelope until they are at the cash register. The cashiers will place any change back into the envelope and seal it closed. The students love this event, and take it very seriously when looking for that special gift for that special someone. After the students are finished with their shopping, they will have the opportunity to buy chances on numerous prizes that will be raffled. There will be prizes raffled on Friday afternoon. The workshop will be closing Friday after school. Remember to watch the newsletter this month for more information on Santa's Workshop, and please volunteer for the fun!

If you would like to donate new gift items to Santa's Workshop, please contact Carla at (717) 634-9031 or Dana at (717) 677-0864. New gift items can be dropped off in the main Office care of **Carla Harriett or Dana Keefer** through December 8th.



HOSS'S COMMUNITY NIGHT FUNDRAISER

Present your **Cash Cow Card** to Hoss's on York Road on

Tuesday, November 8th anytime between 11 a.m. and 9:00 p.m.

20% of your total check will be donated to the St. Francis Xavier Building Fund.

Increase your contribution at *no extra cost* by using a Hoss's Gift Card purchased through our *Raider Rewards* program!

Yes! I want to increase my contribution!

Please send me Hoss's Gift Card(s) and designate my Raider Rewards credit to:

Family Name Tuition Account Building Fund PCCW SRE

Name: _____ # Hoss's Gift Cards _____ x \$25 each = \$ _____

Please make check payable to St. Francis Xavier School.

Campbell's Labels Update



The following is a list of each grade's labels points total so far...

- Preschool (3's) 1 point
- Prekindergarten 179 points
- Kindergarten 501 points
- First Grade 422 points
- Second Grade 458 points
- Third Grade 717 points
- Fourth Grade 466 points
- Fifth Grade 597 points
- Sixth Grade 344 points
- Seventh Grade no points yet
- Eighth Grade 68 points

We will make a final count at the end of the first trimester, which is November 29th. The class with the highest point total at that time will be rewarded with a pizza party. There is still one month to go, so keep collecting!

We extend a special thanks to our friends at St. Ignatius Loyola Parish for the labels they have been collecting for our school!

Great News about Box Tops

We have cut, counted, bundled and sent off over 10,000 Box Tops to General Mills. Our SFXS family collected \$1,038.30 worth of Box Tops. I would like to send out a heartfelt thank you to all who worked with us to make this possible. Congratulations to third grade who are winners of the competition. They collected \$233.50 worth of Box Tops and will be rewarded with a pizza party and dress down day on Wednesday, November 16th. Please, please, please continue to collect Box Tops to make our goal of \$1,700 for the year. Remember that the money we collect will go toward the purchase of playground equipment for our children. I have attached more collection sheets for you to use. Thank you again for your support.



Karen Kibler
(snoopkib@yahoo.com)

Basketball Schedule Version 2.0

Thank you for your patience as we work out the scheduling for our shared space in Xavier Center! All schedules are still subject to change, but this is the best information available at press time!

Cheerleading

Jodi Hardy and Marie Wall
Tuesday 3:15—5:15 pm
Thursday 6:00—7:30 p.m.

Junior Varsity Girls (begins Nov. 3rd)

Katherine Hutchison, Brian Hutchison and Deb Lampe
Monday and Thursday
4:00—5:30 p.m.

Varsity Girls

Dave James, Katherine Hutchison, Brian Hutchison
Monday 5:30—7:00 p.m.
Thursday 4:45—6:15 p.m.

Junior Varsity Boys

Dave James and Eric Hillson
Monday 5:30—7:00 p.m.
Thursday 4:45—6:15 p.m.

Varsity Boys

Chris Berger and Josh Kuhn
Tuesday 6:15—8:15 pm
Thursday 6:15—8:15 pm

Biddy Ball (begins Nov 12th)

Phil Biesecker
Saturday 8:00—9:00 a.m.

Intramurals (begins November 12th)

Phil Biesecker and Dana Keefer
Saturdays 9:00—10:30 a.m.

High School Boys (begins approx. Dec. 1)

Steve Neitz and Lesa Bird
Monday 7:30—9:30 p.m.
Thursday 7:30—9:30 p.m.

There will be a required **Parent Meeting** on the date of the first scheduled practice.

Please note: this year, we have introduced a \$25 uniform deposit, to be refunded when clean uniforms are returned at the end of the season.



Volleyball

St Francis Xavier Athletic Association Volleyball registration is available online. Girls in 5th—8th grade compete in the Adams Deanery League.

Follow these steps to register:

1. Read welcome letter in the Resources section of our school website.
2. **Complete online registration November 30th (deadline)**
(<https://spreadsheets0.google.com/spreadsheet/viewform?formkey=dDVvODM3QV9nNXRBbFFqa2ZLb19uSWc6MQ>)
3. Complete hard copy of CODE OF CONDUCT and PERMISSION TO TREAT FORM.
4. Turn in payment, code of conduct, and permission to treat to the Xavier Center Main Office.



SFXS Ski Club

Night Club Card provides unlimited night access for Skiing and snowboarding at 3 resorts - Liberty, Roundtop and Whitetail. Lesson and rental equipment options available. Cards may only be purchased through a group, such as this one. Early bird discount available through November 3! Contact **Erin Aumen** (mother of Alex, 3, and Zach, K) at 337-2310 for more information!



Meetings, Announcements, Reminders

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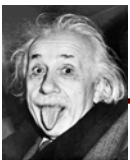
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**“Educate them in a Christian Way of Life.”
 ~ St. Francis Xavier**



Every Sunday is a Holy Day of Obligation



Science Fair

Final Display Due 11/10

4th—6th Grade Science Fair 11/14 @ 6 pm
 7th & 8th Grade Science Fair 11/15 @ 6 pm

Raider Rewards



Did you know you can purchase **Raider Rewards** gift cards every Sunday at Xavier Center?

Sunday Sales are from 9:30—11 am and noon to 12:30 p.m.

- November 3 Nursing Home Mass: 6th grade to Lutheran Home
- November 4 First Friday Mass, 9:15 am
- November 5 Xavier Youth First Saturday, 5:30—8:00 p.m.
- November 6 Xavier Youth Lutheran Home Sunday Service Project, 9:20—11:20 am
- November 6 Forty Days for Life Candlelight Closing, 5 pm @ Hanover Square
- November 6 God’s Gift of Sexuality, 7th Grade Parent Child Class, 6:15 pm
- November 7 Pay to Dress Down Day
- November 8 Nursing Home Mass: 3rd grade to Golden Living (note change)
- November 8 Majestic School Series: The Rivalry (4th—8th grades)
- November 8 PTO Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- November 8 Hoss’s Community Night Fundraiser, noon—8 pm
- November 8 School Choice Rally @ Delone Catholic, 3:15 pm
- November 9 Nursing Home Mass: 4th grade to Transitions (formerly Green Acres)
- November 11 Veteran’s Day Prayer Service/Assembly, 2 pm
- November 12 First Day for Biddy Ball (8-9 am) and Intramurals (9-10:30 am)
- November 14 Science Fair, 4th, 5th and 6th grades, 6 pm
- November 15 Adams County Public Library Bookmobile, 12:45—3:00 pm
- November 15 Science Fair, 7th & 8th grades, 6 pm
- November 17 First Penance Parents’ Meeting, 7 pm
- November 20 Feast of Christ the King
- November 22 Thanksgiving Prayer Service
- November 22 School Board Meeting, 7 pm
- November 23-28 Thanksgiving Break
- November 26-27 St. Francis Xavier CYO Varsity Boys Basketball Tournament @ XC
- November 27 First Sunday of Advent: Introduction of the New Roman Missal
- November 29 Last Day of First Trimester
- December 2 First Friday Mass, 9:15 am
- December 2, 3, 4 Gertrude Hawk Candy Delivery
- December 4 NET Ministry Retreat, for 7th & 8th grades 12:30—8 pm
- December 6 5th—8th Parent Teacher Conferences/Report Cards
- December 7 K—4th Parent Teacher Conferences/Report Cards
- December 9 Santa’s Workshop**
- December 11 St. Francis Xavier CYO Basketball Games at Xavier Center
- December 15 “All American Christmas” All-School Christmas Program**
- December 17 St. Francis Xavier CYO Home Basketball Games
- December 19 Gertrude Hawk Payments Due
- December 22 Make-Up Day for September 8th , 12:15 pm Dismissal**
- Dec. 23– Jan. 2 Christmas Break
- January 16 Martin Luther King Holiday
- February 4 St. Francis Xavier CYO Basketball Games at Xavier Center
- February 19 St. Francis Xavier CYO Basketball Games at Xavier Center
- February 20 Presidents Day Holiday
- February 24 Confirmation at St. Francis Xavier, 5:30 pm
- March 6 Last Day of Second Trimester
- March 14 Report Cards
- March 24 St. Francis Xavier School Auction at Xavier Center
- April 4-10 Easter Break
- May 10 St. Francis Xavier Golf Open: The Father Hilbert Cup
- May 28 Memorial Day Holiday
- June 3 Class of 2012 Graduation Mass at St. Francis Xavier Church, 4 pm
- June 6 Last Day of School (tentative), Closing of School Mass, 9:15 am

Snow Make-Up Dates: April 10, April 4, June 7, June 8, April 5

 **It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas!** 

Fa la la la la.....Christmas may seem far off (52 days), but Santa's Workshop is just around the corner! Mark your calendars for December 8th and 9th, and start thinking about how you'd like to help! We have plenty of jobs for everyone to do, so we need lots of Santa's Helpers! On Thursday, we need volunteers to help set everything up in the multipurpose room. On Friday, we need lots of Santa's helpers to be on hand to help the children shop for their loved ones, check the children out and wrap presents! Can't stay all day? No problem, any amount of your time is greatly appreciated. Lunch will be provided on Friday for the volunteers. Share a little holiday spirit by helping the children at Santa's Workshop!

Thursday, December 8th – starting at 11:00am – set up the multipurpose room
Please print your:

Name	Approx. Time available
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Email	Phone #
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Friday, December 9th – starting at 8:30am - Helping the children shop, wrapping gifts and helping check out. Lunch will be provided by the SFX PTO. After school we will be taking a quick count of the inventory and packing up for the next year.
Please print your:

Name	Approx. Time available
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Email	Phone #
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Helping with Santa's Workshop is a very rewarding experience and we hope that you will participate on one or both of these days. Don't miss out on the fun!

Thank you for your support!
Santa's Workshop Co-Chairs
Carla Harriett and Dana Keefer

Please return form by December 2nd

Float to the top of your class with Box Tops!

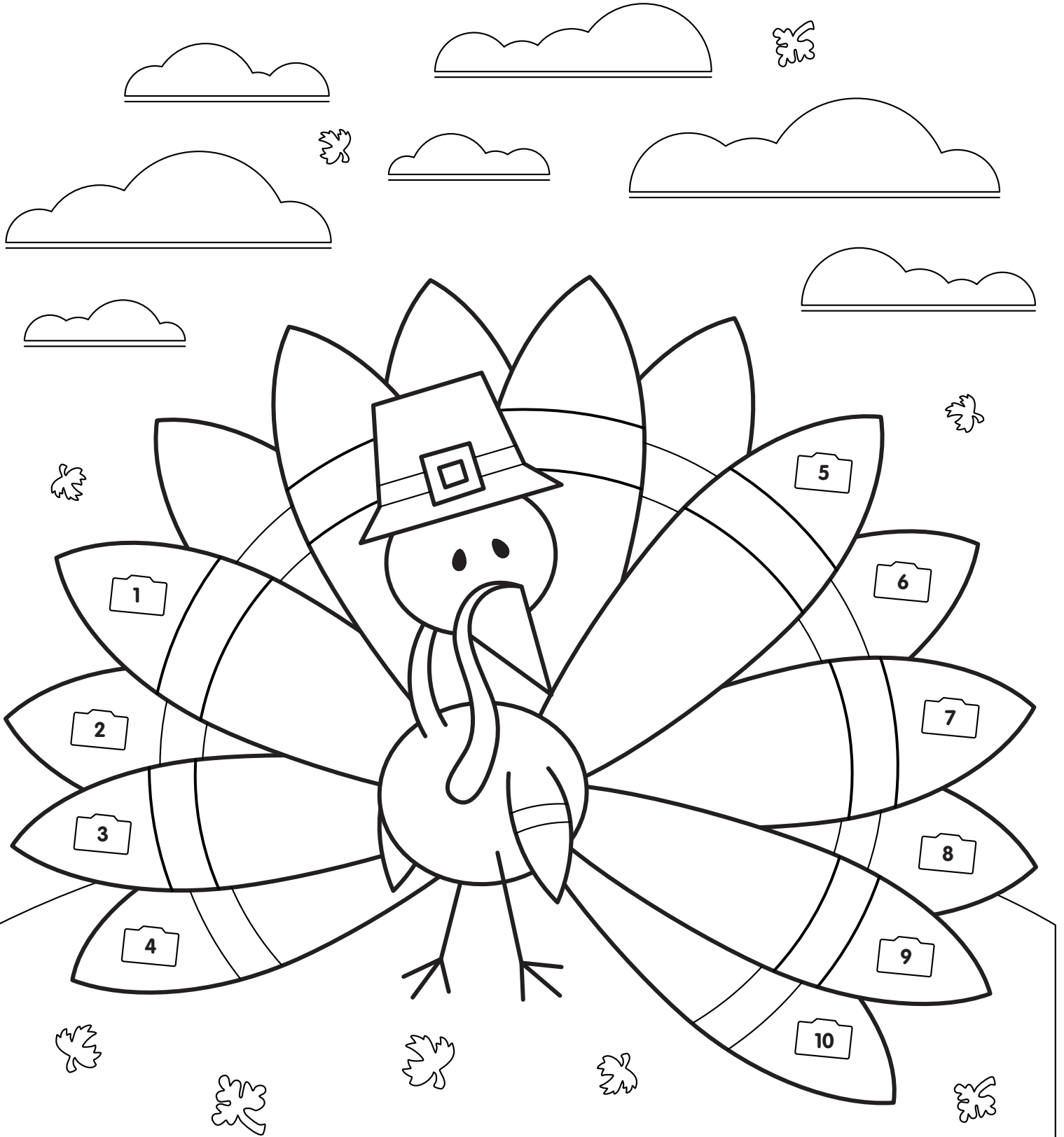


Name _____
Grade _____
Teacher's Name _____

Thank you for helping! Every Box Top you collect is worth 10¢ for your school.
For more collection worksheets and projects, go to www.boxtops4education.com/activitycenter



It's turkey time! Show your school how thankful you are with 10 Box Tops.



Name

Grade

Teacher's Name

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