

February 8, 2012

Thank You for a Wonderful Week



First Penance

Congratulations to our students who will be experiencing Jesus' mercy and love for the first time in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

- Alexander Bermejo
- Angela Bowman
- Hannah Brainard
- Jonah Brainard
- Alexis Calderon
- Jacob Cherry
- Ryan Clayton
- Emily Hawkins
- Clayton Hillson
- Tyler Hillson
- Griffith Kotlinski
- Olivia Kuhn
- Rebecca Norris
- Ryan Norris
- Tess Rill
- Nicholas Sandoe
- Gabriel Schubring
- Vincent Shfcheck
- Allison Sneed
- Shannon Sneed
- Dylan Staub
- Trinig Wajda
- Isabel Witt



First Penance
will be celebrated
this Saturday,
February 11th
9:00 a.m.
St. Francis Xavier
Catholic Church
W. High Street
Gettysburg

Dear Parents and Children,
We survived another Catholic Schools Week! Between you and me, I love the crazy celebration of everything that makes our school so special. I must also admit, that I am glad to have things back to normal this week.

Thank you to everyone who helped to make Catholic Schools Week 2012 wonderful.

- Our Faculty, who encouraged the students' enthusiasm for the activities, planned around the many disruptions, and joined the fun.
- Our Students, who creatively and enthusiastically participated in the special games, dress down days, service projects and fundraisers throughout the week.
- Our Parents, who supported our students, teachers and programs and assisted us in making it all happen.

Special thanks to **Meg Salinger** and **Barb Redding** for organizing the 7th & 8th grade Spaghetti Dinner and to the parents, students and parishioners who helped to make this a delicious and profitable evening of community fellowship. I will let you know how much money was raised for the Gettysburg Soup Kitchen next week.

And the Penny Wars were wild this year! While we won't have the total of how much money was raised for the St. Francis Xavier Building

Fund until all the coins are weighed at the bank, here are the final scores. (Remember pennies earned positive points, while other coins and bills took points away.)

10th Place -29,425 points	PK
9th Place -7,604 points	8th
8th Place -5,988 points	1st
7th Place -4,437 points	2nd
6th Place -2,479 points	6th
5th Place -2,401 points	4th
4th Place -2,361 points	K
3rd Place +304 points	7th
2nd Place +1,431 points	5th
1st Place +8,046 points	3rd

Congratulations, **Third Grade!**

Congratulations to **6th Grade**, repeat winners of the Spirit Stick at this year's CSW Pep Rally!

Congratulations to the winners of Musical Chairs: **PK: JD Sieg, K: Maria Schubring, 1st: Sean Bohner, 2nd: Nicholas Sandoe, 3rd: Cassidy Oussoren**, and Overall Winner for the Big Round, **Jama Keefer, 3rd.**

For St. Valentine's Day, we will have a special Red or Pink Dress Down Day. Students may come to school out of uniform if they wear red or pink.

Very truly yours,
Mrs. Rebecca K. Sieg
Principal

Reminder: Delone Catholic 9th Grade Registration for Fall 2012 will be held on February 9th at 6 pm, February 14th at 6 pm, and February 25th at 10 am.

Life Quote

"As Americans and people of faith, we cherish our religious liberty and freedom of conscience preserved and protected by the Bill of Rights. As Pennsylvanians, we are conscious of our long history of safeguarding the rights of believers, whether the Amish, Quakers, Jews, and Catholics, just to name a few.

~ Most Rev. Joseph P. McFadden
Bishop of Harrisburg



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Wednesday News



Planting for the Future

The 9th Biennial St. Francis Xavier Auction Event
March 24, 2012



Thank you

We need your help to make our Biennial Auction a success! As you know, the auction will be held on Saturday, March 24, 2012 at Xavier Center. In the past, we have received many creative donations of goods and services from our school families, and we know that this year will be no different!

What types of items are we looking for? Here are some things our school families have donated in the past:

- \$25 gift cards to J. Crew, American Eagle, Starbucks, Bon-Ton, Bed Bath & Beyond, Barnes & Noble, Olive Garden, Harry & David, Dick's Sporting Goods, Sears, McDonald's, Friendly's, Red Lobster, etc., etc., etc. (Buy through Raider Rewards and earn tuition credit!)
- Baked Goods! Do you have a specialty that your friends and family always request? We want it for our new desserts silent auction table!
- Tickets to sporting events and sports memorabilia!
- Services such as hair styling, massage, sewing lessons, organizational service, beading party, stenciling, home repair service, painting, car cleaning, lawn service, teeth whitening, a helicopter ride, designated driver service, story time, wine tast-

ing, a root canal!

- Dinners and parties, including a Mexican Fiesta, an Italian Feast, a wine dinner, a week of meals or appetizers for a party prepared by a group of families, soup of the month, bread of the month, cookies of the month, dessert of the month, a tea party!
- Vacation accommodations at your time share or summer home, airline tickets, etc.!
- Handcrafted furniture, paintings, pottery, etc.!

Be creative! Use your imagination! If you have an idea you wish to discuss, please contact **Becky and Jim Biesecker** at 338-9122 or development@sfxs.org.

How else can you help?

- Plan to attend! We need our school families to support this very important fundraiser. If you have been to our auction before, you know how much fun it can be! If you have never attended in the past, make a reservation and plan to attend this year. A reservation form is attached to this newsletter or you can contact **Erin Eline Aumen** at eaumen@comcast.net to make a reservation. Admission is \$25 per person — or reserve a table for 10 for only \$225.

Many thanks to the fathers and daughters who danced the night away at the Father Daughter Dance held last Saturday at the 1963 Inn of Gettysburg. Despite the snow (again!), the event was a huge success, and thanks go to **Jodi Hardy, Tracy Hawkins, and Joddie Walker** for all their efforts to create this special evening. The family photos that were included in the price of registration should be coming home via backpack mail in about one week. As a reminder, the online viewing and purchase of the other photographs taken throughout the evening will be ready in about one week. If you lost the log in information, please contact me at pmbtlk@yahoo.com.

Sincerely,

Tracy Biesecker

(Note from Mrs. Sieg: Thank you, Tracy!)

Congratulations...

...to **Joe Blickenstaff, 4th**, whose basketball team won a 2nd place trophy.

...to **Lucy Rogers, 4th**, who scored 9 on vault, 9.05 on beam, 8.775 on floor, 8.375 on bars and 35.175 All Around at the Katie Baldwin Invitational Gymnastics Meet.

...to **Kaleb Repp, 1st, Kyle Repp, 1st and Ryan Norris, 2nd**, who earned the Cub Scout Light of Christ Award.

Spiritual Adoption



Turn In This Friday!

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.

Just a reminder that the last day to turn in your Box Tops for this collection period is this Friday, February 10th. From what I am hearing, I will be very busy counting and sorting the Tops over the next few days as there were a large number turned in last week! THANK YOU! (And please don't stop collecting the Box Tops. Find a good place to store them or keep sending them in to your child's teacher as I'll be knocking on your door again ready to collect those Box Tops.) ~ **Karen Kibler**

Bookmobile

The Bookmobile will be here Tuesday afternoon, February 14th. Any student who has an Adams County library card is permitted to visit the bookmobile. To check out a book, it is necessary to have the card. You may send your child's library card for his or her teacher to keep at school for Bookmobile days. When you visit any of the library's branches, it is not necessary to have a card.



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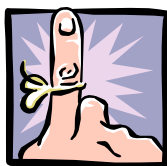
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“Educate them in a Christian Way of Life.”
~ St. Francis Xavier



Every Sunday is a Holy Day of Obligation

Raider Rewards



ShopWithScrip.com enrollment code for St. Francis Xavier is 286F8C857367



Open House on February 21st

Preschool, Prekindergarten, Kindergarten Parent Information Night and New Student Registration will be held on Tuesday, February 21st at 6:30 p.m. at Xavier Center. Encourage your friends and neighbors to consider SFXCS for their children!

Meetings, Announcements, Reminders

- February 10 Box Tops Turn-In Deadline
- February 11 **1st Penance at St. Francis Xavier Church, 9 am (new time)**
- February 14 **RED or PINK Dress Down Day**
 Bookmobile @ SFXCS, 12:45–3:00 pm
 St. Valentine’s Day Class Parties, 2–2:45 pm
- February 15 Volleyball Parents Meeting, 5 pm
- February 16 Confirmation Practice, 7 pm
- February 17 Mission Friday
 Gertrude Hawk Easter Candy Sale Orders Due
- February 18 St. Francis Xavier CYO Basketball Games at Xavier Center
- February 19 Dorothy Day: Radical Christian, Christian Radical, 6:30 pm
- February 20 Presidents Day Holiday
- February 21 Volleyball Open Gym, 4-5 pm
Preschool and Kindergarten Parent Information and New Student Registration Night, 6:30 pm (Snow date: Feb. 23)
- February 22 Ash Wednesday Mass, 9:15 pm
- February 24 **Confirmation at Xavier Center, 5:30 pm**
- February 28 Volleyball Open Gym, 4-5:45 pm
- February 29 DEADLINE for Preferred Family Registration for 2012 Kindergarten, Prekindergarten and Preschool
 Soup & Script!/Soup & Scripture, 6–8 pm
- March 1 Nursing Home Mass: 3rd grade to Lutheran Home, 9:45 am
- March 2 First Friday Mass, 9:15 am
- March 6 Last Day of Second Trimester
 Bookmobile @ SFXCS, 12:45-3:00 p.m.
- March 7 Soup & Script!/Soup & Scripture, 6-8 pm
- March 9-11 Gertrude Hawk Delivery
- March 18 SFXCS Family Skating Party @ Magic Elm, 4:30–6:30 pm
- March 14 Report Cards
 Soup & Script!/Soup & Scripture, 6-8 pm
- March 19 Gertrude Hawk Payments Due
- March 21 Soup & Script!/Soup & Scripture, 6-8 pm
- March 24 St. Francis Xavier Catholic School 9th Biennial Auction Event
- March 27 Bookmobile @ SFXCS, 12:45 –3:00 pm
- March 28 Soup & Script!/Soup & Scripture, 6-8 pm
- March 31 First Annual St. Francis Xavier Easter Egg Hunts @ Xavier Center
 10 am for grades 5 and younger
 7 pm for grades 6–12
 “Dr. Luke & The Case of the Empty Tomb,” 7 pm
- April 4 Easter Break
- April 4-10 Bookmobile @ SFXCS, 12:45-3:00 pm
- April 17 Mother-Son Bowling Adventure
- April 28 **First Holy Communion (English)**
- May 5 Bookmobile @ SFXCS, 12:45-3:00 pm
- May 8 St. Francis Xavier Golf Open: The Father Hilbert Cup
- May 10 **First Holy Communion (Spanish)**
- May 13 Memorial Day Holiday
- May 28 Class of 2012 Graduation Mass
- June 3 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

Soup and Script!



Dr. Luke and the Case of the Empty Tomb

by
Heath Cloutier

Produced by special arrangement with Contemporary Drama Service, Colorado Spring, Colorado.

A Lenten and Easter Drama Program for students
in preschool (age 4) through 8th grade

Junior high and high school students interested in music and drama
and/or in earning service hours are welcome to assist.

This Lent, bring your whole family to our parish Soup
and Scripture Program. Enjoy a family-style meal of
soup and bread, then while parents and young adults
are enriched by Scripture study, school-age children can
participate in preparing an Easter Mystery to be per-
formed at Xavier Center on Wednesday of Holy Week.

Dates (includes family dinner and rehearsal): Performance for Friends and Family:
Wednesdays, 6:00–8:00 p.m. Wednesday, April 4th @ 7:00 p.m.
February 29, March 7, 14, 21, 28, 2012 (Performers' call time tba.)

**To assist us with casting, preregistration is recommended. Please complete
and return this form to the Xavier Center Main Office by February 15th.**

Parent Name: _____ Phone: _____

Names and ages of Children participating:

This program is offered by
St. Francis Xavier Catholic School, St. Francis Xavier School of Religious Education (SRE),
and Xavier Youth Ministry. For more information, please call the office at 334-4221.



Planting for the Future

**St. Francis Xavier Catholic School 9th Biennial Auction Event
Saturday, March 24, 2012 at Xavier Center**

Reservation Form

- Yes, I would like to attend the auction.
- I cannot attend but would like to make a charitable donation in the amount of \$ _____ to support St. Francis Xavier School.
- Please contact me about a possible item donation.

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Email Address: _____

(All confirmations will be sent via email. No tickets will be issued this year.)

Phone: _____

Number of Tickets @ \$25: (Checks payable to SFX PTO) _____

Number of Tables (of 10) @\$225: (Checks payable to SFX PTO) _____

Attendee information (This will promote a faster check-in. Please use reverse if needed):

Name	Address	Email	Phone

For more information on reservations, please contact Erin Aumen at eaumen@comcast.net or 717.337.2310.



1st Annual St. Francis Xavier Easter Egg Hunts

Rain
or
Shine!



Children's Easter Egg Hunt
Saturday, March 31st at 10 am
Ages: 5th grade and younger

"Glow in the Dark" Youth Egg Hunt
Saturday, March 31st from 7:00—9:00 p.m.
Ages: 6th—12th grades

- We invite all of our children ages 5th grade and under to meet at Xavier Center to participate in an Easter Egg Hunt! Children will be divided into age groups for the hunt. In case of bad weather, the hunt will take place inside Xavier Center.
- Youth in grades 6—12 are invited to a night-time "glow in the dark" hunt! Plastic eggs will be hidden throughout the campus for an evening filled with fun and laughter. Meet at Xavier Center for pizza following the First Saturday Youth Mass at the church. Bring a flashlight! Bring a friend! Bring a permission slip! In case of bad weather, we will be inside with the lights off!

PARISHONERS! We need your help! Please make our Easter Egg Hunts a success by filing a dozen (or more) plastic Easter eggs with wrapped candy (absolutely no nut products), stickers, small toys, change, religious items, etc. Please drop them off at Xavier Center Office by March 30th. Prize donations (e.g., filled baskets, large chocolate bunnies or crosses, stuffed animals, toys or gift cards** for the teen hunt), will also be gratefully accepted. Thank you in advance for making this a fun-filled event for our children and youth!

For more information or to volunteer, please contact Debbie Holt (dholt@sfxs.org) or Noreen Neitz (nneitz@sfxs.org) or call the Xavier Center Office at 334-4221. The Children's Egg Hunt is a great way to earn service hours for high school or Confirmation! Adults ages 18 or older must have diocesan youth protection badge to volunteer.

**Gift cards may be purchased through the Raider Rewards program!

2012 Summer Reading Program Penn State Harrisburg



The Pennsylvania State University at Harrisburg Summer Reading Program is designed to help young people aged 6 to 18 years who have reading and writing difficulties to improve their skills, their attitude toward learning, and their self concept as readers and writers. Children/ young adults are referred by classroom teachers, reading specialists, principals, counselors, physicians, and/or parents.

The child / young adult meets individually with a clinician **three mornings a week for six weeks** in the classrooms at Penn State Harrisburg. The clinician is a graduate student completing the requirements for certification as a reading specialist. One of the requirements for Pennsylvania certification is the completion of mandated clinical hours. Therefore, in order to be accepted for the Summer Reading Program, families must ensure that the child / young adult attends all sessions. ***No vacations may be scheduled during the scheduled weeks (days) of the Summer Reading Program.*** The 2012 Summer Reading Program will run as follows: *Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday from 9:00 AM to 12:00 noon, beginning June 18 and ending July 25. There will be no session, Wednesday, July 4th.*

There are several goals of the Summer Reading Program. The first goal of the program is to improve the child's / young adult's attitude toward reading. This is accomplished by finding out his / her primary interests and then designing each lesson around those interests. To do this, the child / young adult is introduced to the best in children's and adolescent literature through daily read aloud sessions with the clinician.

The second goal of the summer program is to determine the specific reading difficulties of the child / young adult through formal and informal assessments. Under the supervision of the director, goals are identified in the areas of word study, comprehension, study skills, and/or writing. Individualized methods are researched and implemented to determine which ones are most effective for the child / young adult.

The third goal is improving the self concept of the child / young adult. Thus, all lessons target the child's / young adult's instructional or independent reading level at which a high rate of success can be maintained. Difficulty is increased by small increments and progress is demonstrated to the child / young adult through discussion and behavior-specific feedback.

An integral part of the program is the cooperation of parents. Parents are interviewed by the clinician, are provided weekly progress reports, and receive an in-depth case study at the conclusion of the program. Through these efforts, parents can more confidently and effectively assist their child in continued improvement of the child's / young adult's reading and writing skills. In order to ensure parents' commitment as well as purchase materials for the Summer Reading Program, a fee of **\$150.00** is required upon acceptance to the program.

Communication with the child's / young adult's school is also important. Classroom teachers from the previous school year are interviewed and records are obtained. With parental permission, a copy of the case study is sent to the school.

Any questions about the Summer Reading Program may be directed to:

Ann Berger-Knorr, Ph.D.
Director, Summer Reading Program
717-948-6335
alb13@psu.edu





2012 Summer Reading Program
Penn State Harrisburg

Application

Date

Student's Name

Child's School

Parent or Guardian

School District

Home Address

Grade presently attending

Zip

Age Birthdate

Home Phone

Child's Teacher

Work Phone

Teacher / School Phone

Cell Phone

Teacher / School Email

Have you applied to the program before? yes no year

Has your child attended the program before? yes no year

Is a family member employed by Penn State University?

Name Position

Child's interest

Child's approximate reading level

What special help has the child received?

What is your child's reading problem?

Grades in reading Materials used for instruction

Will child have transportation to Penn State Harrisburg for the program?

Application is due no later than March 20. You will be notified of acceptance into the program by April 1. There is a \$150.00 fee due upon your child's acceptance.

I hereby give permission for my child to be administered diagnostic tests which may give some insight into his/her reading deficiency. I understand these tests do not infringe on his/her personal rights and privacy and that all results remain confidential. I agree that my can be contacted before the program to obtain relevant information. I also agree that my end all sessions and pledge that no vacations are or will be scheduled during the ling Program.



Signature of Parent or Guardian

Date

Please return to: Janet Althouse, Penn State Harrisburg, Room W331, 777 West Harrisburg Pike, Middletown, PA 17057-4898

