

A Christmas Wish for You

Dear Parents and Children,

Congratulations to our students and faculty for an amazing performance of "An All-American Christmas" last Thursday night! What a wonderful way to start the season right!

I wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Holy New Year. Enjoy a well-deserved break from your every day activities to celebrate the Love that was born into our world on that first Christmas morning.

Yours truly,
Mrs. Rebecca K. Sieg
Principal



Raider Rewards

Christmas Break Sales Schedule

- Christmas Break Sales at Xavier Center:
- CLOSED December 23, 25, 27-29 and January 1-2.
 - OPEN Monday, Dec. 26, 9–11 am, selling Raider Rewards gift cards and accepting Scrip orders.
 - OPEN Friday, December 30, 9-11 am, selling RR gift cards and distributing Scrip orders.

Life Quote



And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us.
John 1:14

A Christmas Wish for You

by Grace E. Easley

My wish for you this Christmas,
From deep down in my heart,
Is for all good and happy things
Such holidays impart.

I wish you peace, and hope, and love
And health, and happiness.
Prosperity, and close to you,
The ones you love the best.

My wish for you this Christmas
Is most sincere and true.

And it has a special meaning
Because it's just for you.

And you'll always be remembered
For the friendship that you give,
In all my prayers at Christmastime
And every day I live.

New Lunch Schedule to begin January 2012

Grade	Lunch	Recess
PK-1	11:25-11:50	11:50-12:15
2-4	11:50-12:15	11:25-11:50
7-8	12:25-12:45	12:45-1:05
5-6	12:45-1:05	12:25-12:45

Saint of the Week

In the beginning was the Word: and the Word was with God: and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by Him.

~ From the Gospel of St. John 1:1-3



A Letter from 1SG Michael Cahill

Dear Mrs. Sieg,

I would like to thank Saint Francis School for all the thoughts, prayers, events and assistance you have extended to my family and me during my deployment. The Veteran's Day event was wonderful, and I cannot wait to see the new school in person. I am sure I speak for all the veterans at the event when I say just how grateful we are to be simply remembered. It has always been difficult for me to reconcile that while I have had a choice in my service, my family has not. For Maggie and Aidan especially, I know this helps them understand that what they endure has meaning. Our nation has come a long way. I am sure many of the veterans recall, as I do, being discouraged from wearing the uniform in public. That is a part of our history that I am pleased that young Soldiers I serve with today will not have to experience.

The cards, letters and care packages have also been wonderful. From the ones I received as I departed last March to the Thanksgiving wishes that have just recently arrived have all put a smile on my face. Of course, as I am a company First Sergeant, my Soldiers are especially grateful when something makes me happy and smiling! I must make special mention of the Kindergarten class' care package. They employed impressive intelligence gathering and discovered my affinity towards spicy and sour treats. Thanks to them, my cravings are now well satisfied for the duration of the mission. I have mailed them a special thank you that should hopefully arrive soon.

For those who do not know where we are, my battalion is stationed on the Sinai Peninsula, helping to ensure the peace treaty between Egypt and Israel that was signed after the Camp David Accords about 30 years ago. Given re-

cent events, however, this mission has been anything but the status quo. Still, this mission is not as intense as others. Many Soldiers here have had combat tours to Iraq or Afghanistan, some of them multiple times, so a change in pace was welcome. In many ways, we are watching a new history of this region unfold around us. We are now in the final phases of our mission, as our replacements, from the New Mexico Army National Guard, are preparing to arrive in a couple months. It will be nice to return to home.

Until then, please allow me to extend my thanks once again to the entire Saint Francis Xavier family.

Sincerely,
MICHAEL J. CAHILL
1SG, MDARNG
Company #, 1-175th Infantry
Chaos 7

Congratulations....

...to **Sophia Lookingbill, Kaitlin Repp, Michaela Blevins, Grace Hardy, Maggie Cahill, Maria Cushing-Daniels, Joshua Larkin, Devon Sautter, Nathan Holt, Patrick Hardy, Mikayla McCleaf, and Kade Oussoren** who played with the Junior Band at the Delone Catholic Music Department's Annual Christmas Concert on Sunday. Sophia also performed with the Flute Choir.

...to **Lucy Rogers**, who won 2nd place all around with a 35.1, 2nd place on beam with a 9.2, 2nd place on floor with 9.1, 3rd place on bars, and 3rd place on vault at the Yuletide Gymnastics Meet at the Hanover YMCA last Sunday.

...to **Jacob Cherry** who received a 2nd place medal in his first wrestling tournament this past Saturday at the West Perry Youth Wrestling Club Novice Tournament.





Meetings, Announcements, Reminders

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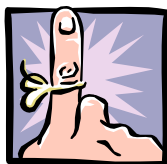
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“Educate them in a Christian Way of Life.”
~ St. Francis Xavier



Every Sunday is a Holy Day of Obligation

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SAVE THE DATE



Saturday,
 February 4, 2012



- January 3 Classes Resume
- January 4 Patriots Pen Essay Winners Assembly, 9 am
- January 4 Gertrude Hawk Assembly, 9:15 a.m.
- January 6 First Friday Mass, Feast of Epiphany, 9:15 am
- January 6 Children’s Adoration: PreK, 1 pm
- January 9 Gertrude Hawk Dress Down Day (must have card)
- January 10 PTO Meeting, 7 pm *All parents and teachers invited!*
- January 11 Faculty Meeting, 3 pm
- January 12 Pay to Dress Down Day
- January 13 Children’s Adoration, K, 1 pm
- Jan. 13-14 Youth Ministry Lock-In for Grades 8–12
- January 16 Martin Luther King Holiday - “Day On” with Youth Ministry
- January 20 Mission Friday
- January 20 Children’s Adoration, 1st grade, 1 pm
- January 21 K of C Foul Shooting Contest, 10 am—noon (Snow date: January 28)
- January 23 Pro-Life Prayer Rally @ Courthouse, 12 noon
- January 24 School Board Meeting, 7 pm
- January 27 Children’s Adoration, Grade 2, 1 pm
- Jan. 29—Feb. 4 Catholic Schools Week 2012
- January 29 Opening of Catholic Schools Week Mass @ Xavier Center, 11 am
- February 1 Spaghetti Dinner to benefit Peace House @ Xavier Center, 5—7 pm
- February 3 Family Bingo, 6—8 pm
- February 4 St. Francis Xavier CYO Basketball Games at Xavier Center
- February 4 12th Annual St. Francis Xavier Father-Daughter Dance
- February 17 Gertrude Hawk Easter Candy Sale Orders Due
- 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 9-11 Gertrude Hawk Delivery
- March 14 Report Cards
- March 19 Gertrude Hawk Payments Due
- March 24 St. Francis Xavier Catholic School 9th Biennial Auction Event
- 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

Planting for the Future

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



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.



January 29th—February 4th, 2012

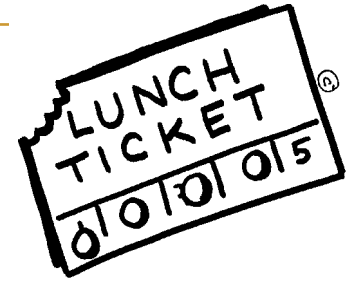


ST. FRANCIS XAVIER CATHOLIC SCHOOL

JANUARY 2012

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Feast of Mary, Holy Mother of God	2 Sts Basil & Gregory No School	3 Classes Resume	4 St Elizabeth Ann Seton Patriots Pen Essay Winners Assembly 9am Gertrude Hawk Winners As- sembly 9:15am	5 St John Neumann	6 First Friday Mass 9:30am Adoration 1:00 (PreK-4s)	7
8 Feast of the Epiph- any of the Lord	9 Baptism of the Lord Gertrude Hawk Dress Down Day (must have card) Limo Lunch	10 PTO Mtg 7pm	11 Faculty Mtg	12 Pay to Dress Down Day	13 Adoration 1:00 (Kindergarten)	14
15 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time	16 No School (Dr. Martin Luther King Jr Day)	17 St Anthony	18	19	20 Mission Friday Adoration 1:00 (Gr. 1)	21 St Agnes K of C Foul Shooting Con- test 10-12
22 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time	23 Progress Notes due this week Pro-Life Rally @ Courthouse 12pm	24 St Francis de Sales School Board mtg 7pm	25 Conversion of St Paul	26 Sts Timothy and Titus	27 Adoration 1:00 (Gr. 2)	28 St Thomas Aquinas Snow-date for K of C Foul Shooting Contest 10- 12
29 Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Opening of Catholic Schools Week Mass 11:00am @ Xavier Center	30 Watch Wed.	31 St John Bosco News for	1 Spaghetti Dinner Updates on	2 Catholic Schools	3 Family Bingo 6-8pm Week Events	4 Father Daughter Dance 7-9pm & Activities

JANUARY 2012



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 This week's A la cart option: Ham & Cheese Sandwich	2 NO SCHOOL	3 Chicken pattie Sandwich, Vegetable, Dessert	4 Pasta Bake Dessert	5 Ham & cheesy potatoes	6 Pizza, Vegetable. Dessert	7
8 This week's A la cart option: Turkey & Cheese Sandwich	9 Ham & Cheese or Turkey & Cheese Sandwich & Cookie	10 Macaroni & Cheese Green beans Dessert	11 Beef Vegetable Soup, Dessert	12 Pancakes, French Toast, bacon Fruit	13 Hamburgers Dessert	14
15 This week's A la cart option: BLT	16 NO SCHOOL	17 Hot Dogs, Vegetable, Dessert	18 Nacho Dippie Dips, Salad, Dessert	19 Chicken Nuggets, Vegetable, Dessert	20 Pizza, Vegetable, Dessert	21
22 This week's A la cart option: BBQ Sandwich	23 Cheese Ravioli, Vegetable, Dessert	24 Chicken Vegetable Soup, Dessert	25 Chicken & Rice Casserole, Dessert	26 Meatball with sauce & cheese sandwich, Dessert	27 Italia n & Turkey Bacon sub French bread	28
29	30 WATCH WEDNESDAY NEWS	31 WATCH WEDNESDAY NEWS				