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### ***Thursday Gray Notes 10/10/19***

**Memory Verse:** “The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few; so ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest. Go on your way; behold, I am sending you.” – Luke 12:56-57

***In observance of the Columbus Day holiday, Saint Francis Xavier Academy will be closed on Monday, October 14, 2019. School reopens for both staff and students on Tuesday, October 15<sup>th</sup>. Have a Great Weekend!***

### **IMPORTANT NOTICE**

Gray Notes will no longer be sent home following the October 10<sup>th</sup> edition. In an effort to conserve paper and honor the requests of many parents, the Gray Notes will be available on our website, in Classroom Dojo, by email and in the Parent Portal.

TIME  FOR UNIFORM CHANGEOVER

Beginning **Tuesday, October 15, 2019**, all students are expected to be in their complete **Saint Francis Xavier Academy WINTER uniform**. A copy of the uniform list may be obtained from the front desk of the school’s administrative office.

### **CATHOLIC IDENTITY EFFECTIVENESS SURVEY**

As a part of the Archdiocese of Washington Catholic School’s ongoing accreditation process, this year we are requesting that you complete the Catholic Identity Program Effectiveness Survey using the following link –

<https://eprovesurveys.advanc-ed.org/surveys/#/action/114980/28733>

It is important that we receive your feedback to continue improving our school programs for your children and future students of Saint Francis Xavier Academy. Please complete this survey by **Friday, October 11, 2019**.

### **SUPPORT OUR “WEAR PINK DAY”**

Mrs. Parker and Ms. Jones, representatives from our Middle School Team are inviting students, faculty and parents to wear pink on Friday, October 11, 2019 in honor of Ms. Barbara Lindsay (former SFXA teacher) and Breast Cancer Awareness Month. The donation amount is \$2.00 (students) and \$5.00 (faculty/staff).

### **BECOME A ROCK STAR STUDENT**

Saint Francis Xavier Academy is kicking off its Rock Star student initiative. Throughout the school year we will have special activities such as movie events, parties, field trips and treats for students who

exhibit Rock Star qualities. Our first event, a trip to the National Zoo, will be held on Wednesday, October 30, 2019. You will be notified if your scholar has met the criteria to participate and will receive a permission slip for the trip. Please ensure that your child is prepared for school and ready to do his/her best each day. Outlined below are the qualities students must consistently exhibit in order to be considered a St. Francis Xavier Academy Rock Star!

**Rock Star characteristics include:**

- Being present and on time daily.
- Wearing complete correct uniforms daily.
- Displaying appropriate behavior daily.

**TAG DAY TAG DAY TAG DAY TAG DAY TAG DAY**



**Thursday, October 17, 2019  
Sponsored by 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Class**

**Students \$2.00**

**Teachers \$3.00**

**An 8<sup>th</sup> grade parent representative will be in the school's foyer collecting money  
Wednesday, October 16<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, October 17<sup>th</sup>  
7:30 am – 8:00 am**

**\*\*Students get to dress down in their regular clothes (adhering to school dress code)\*\***

**HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION SPONSORED TRIP TO SIGHT & SOUNDS**

Our Home and School Association is sponsoring a trip to see “Miracle of Christmas” at the Sight & Sound Theater in Lancaster, Pennsylvania on Tuesday, December 10, 2019. The showtime is 11:00 am. A coach bus will depart from Saint Francis Xavier Academy at 7:30 am and expected to return at 5:00 pm. Admission fee and transportation cost is \$30.00 for students ages 3-12 and \$60.00 for anyone 13 and above. Deposits for this event are still being accepted. For more information, please contact Ms. Ali at or Ms. Butler at to

**SCHOOL FALL PORTRAITS AND SCHOOL IDs**

Fall Portraits/IDs were taken on Monday, September 30<sup>th</sup>. Make-up Day for Fall Portraits/IDs is Wednesday, November 13<sup>th</sup>.

**SCHOOL-WIDE CLAIRE’S GOURMET FUNDRAISER**

The school-wide Claire’s Gourmet Fundraiser is coming to an end. Completed Order Summary Sheet (small white half sheet), payment (**money order or cash only**) and the Collection Envelope provided by Claire’s Gourmet should be forwarded to Mrs. Smith (Administrative Office) by the due date of **Tuesday, October 15<sup>th</sup>** since Monday, October 14<sup>th</sup> is a holiday and school is closed on that day. Claire’s Gourmet items will be delivered to the school on Tuesday, October 29<sup>th</sup>. You will be notified of the appropriate time to pick-up your items one week prior to the delivery. All questions regarding the fundraiser should be directed to Mrs. Smith at (202) 581-2010.

## CALENDAR

### October 2019

- 3 8<sup>th</sup> Grade sponsored "Breakfast on the Go" 7:00 am – 8:30 am
- 11 Prayer Service - Cancer Awareness
- 14 Columbus Day (School Closed)**
- 15 Claire's Fundraiser Order Forms and Money Due
- 18 Cancer Awareness Prayer Service
- 25 Field Trip to Cox Farm (Pre-K through Grade 2)  
Field Trip to Kelly Miller Farm (select students)  
Mass  
Movie Night
- 29 Claire's Fundraiser Orders Delivered
- 30 Rock Star Event – Field Trip  
State of the School @ 6:00 pm and Home and School Association Meeting afterwards

### November 2019

- 1 All Saint's Day  
Thanksgiving Basket Charity Event Begins
- 4 Staff "Fall" Collaboration Day (School Closed for Students)**
- 6 Early Dismissal @ 12:30 pm**
- 8 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Ends**  
Black Catholics Prayer Service
- 11 Veterans Day (School Closed for Students)**  
**Parent/Teacher Conferences**
- 13 Lifetouch Make-Up Day for IDs/Photos**
- 15 Mass
- 22 Thanksgiving Prayer Service  
**1<sup>st</sup> Installment of Graduation Fee Due**
- 27 Thanksgiving Break 11/27 – 12/1 (School Closed)

### December 2019

- 2 School Resumes**
- 4 Early Dismissal @ 12:30 pm**
- 6 Lighting of the Advent Wreath/Prayer Service
- 13 Our Lady of Guadalupe Prayer Service
- 20 Early Dismissal @ 12:30 pm**  
**Christmas Break Begins**