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### *Gray Notes 11/26/19*

*Memory Verse: "You will be hated by all because of my name, but not a hair on your head will be destroyed. By your perseverance you will secure your lives." – Luke 21:17-19*



### THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY AND BREAK

As we observe the Thanksgiving Holiday, Saint Francis Xavier Academy will be closed for staff and students Wednesday, November 27 – Friday, November 29, 2019. School will resume for all on Monday, December 2, 2019. We are wishing all families a very safe and enjoyable Thanksgiving holiday.

### UPCOMING EARLY DISMISSAL

Wednesday, December 4<sup>th</sup> is an Early Dismissal Day for students. School will dismiss at 12:30 pm. Aftercare is available.

### DISMISSAL FOR PRE-K THROUGH GRADE 2 STUDENTS

Dismissal for students in Pre-K through Grade 2 will resume from the playground on Monday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>.

### THE CHRISTMAS STORE

Saint Francis Xavier Academy and Blessed 24:7 Gift Shop are hosting the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Christmas Store for our students on Wednesday, December 11<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am – 2:00 pm. This event is a holiday shopping opportunity for our students to shop for Christmas gifts for their family and friends at a special reduced price. Gifts may be purchased for \$1, \$5, and \$10.00.

## WINTER PERSONALITY PHOTOS

Winter personality photos with or without Santa will be taken by Studio K at Saint Francis Xavier Academy on Tuesday, December 17<sup>th</sup>. Order forms are forthcoming.

## MOTOWN CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

St. Francis Xavier Academy presents "A Motown Christmas" on Thursday, December 19<sup>th</sup>. There will be two shows on Thursday, December 19<sup>th</sup>. Matinee Show at 1:30 pm and Evening Show at 5:00 pm. Tickets are \$5.00 per person. Tickets will go on sale Tuesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> (seats are limited). **TICKETS WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE FOR SALE AT THE DOOR.**

## INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

In case of inclement weather, parents should listen to the local radio and television stations for updates. You may also receive a message from the school via "School Notify" regarding closings, delayed openings or early dismissals. **We follow PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS for weather related emergencies.**

If Prince George's County Public Schools open two hours late due to inclement weather, Saint Francis Xavier Academy will open two hours late.

**PLEASE NOTE: On days of delayed openings Before Care is not available.**

If Prince George's County Public Schools open two hours late due to inclement weather on a previously scheduled early dismissal day for Saint Francis Xavier Academy, Saint Francis Xavier Academy will not open.

*School may open late or close early due to inclement weather or other emergencies. It is important that the school has current emergency contact information to reach parents/guardians or other designated persons when there are early closings. Please be advised that during such emergencies, the Extended Care Program will not be offered. Please refer to the 2019-2020 Parent/Student Handbook.*

## CALENDAR

### November 2019

**27 Thanksgiving Break 11/27 – 12/1 (School Closed)**

### December 2019

**2 School Resumes  
Order Forms and Payment for 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Class Sweatshirt Due**  
**4 Early Dismissal @ 12:30 pm  
Extended Care Field Trip to Museum of Natural History**  
**6 Lighting of the Advent Wreath/Prayer Service**  
**11 The Christmas Store @ SFXA 9:00 am – 2:00 pm**  
**13 Our Lady of Guadalupe Prayer Service**  
**17 Photos with/without Santa**  
**20 Early Dismissal @ 12:30 pm  
Christmas Break Begins**

### January 2020

**1 New Year's Day (School Closed)**  
**2 School Resumes**  
**3 Epiphany Blessing of the School**  
**10 Mass**  
**17 Liturgy Service (Pre-K through Grade 6)  
March for Life**  
**19 Mass w/Archbishop Gregory**  
**20 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (School Closed)**  
**21 2<sup>nd</sup> Installment of Graduation Fee Due**  
**26 Catholic Schools Week (01/26 – 01/31)**  
**31 Faculty Retreat (School Closed for Students)  
2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Ends**