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Thursday Gray Notes 09/12/19

Memory Verse: "Can a blind person guide a blind person? Will not both fall into a pit?" – Luke 6:39

"BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT"

We thank all parents and families who attended last evening's "Back to School Night". Last evening's attendance was outstanding!

SCHOOL ACTIVITY FEE

This is a reminder that the School Activity Fee is due by **Friday, September 13th**. Cash or (money order/check made payable to Saint Francis Xavier Academy) is accepted.

FR. CUSICK'S INSTALLATION

Fr. Cusick will be officially installed as Pastor of St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church on Sunday, September 15, 2019 at the 11:00 am Mass. All parents and students of St. Francis Xavier Catholic Academy are expected to attend. There will be a reception following the Mass. A "Dress Down Day" will be given to all students who attend this special Mass. **The "Dress Down Day" will take place on Monday, September 16th.**
(Please note, the "Dress Down Day" is a correction from last week's Gray Notes).

CHILD PROTECTION TRAINING

Protecting God's Children is the mandatory child protection training for all Archdiocese of Washington employees and volunteers who have substantial contact with children (i.e. field trip chaperone, etc.)

"Protecting God's Children for Adults" is being offered at Saint Francis Xavier Academy on Thursday, September 26, 2019 from 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm. (Seats are limited)

To register for the "Child Protection Training" please log onto www.virtusonline.org.

Please contact Ms. Harris for information regarding fingerprinting.

PERFORMANCE SERIES TESTING

Performance Series Testing for our students has begun. We ask that you help us by making sure that your child arrives to school on time, get ample rest the night before and eat a balanced meal.

THE “BILL PICKETT RODEO” FIELD TRIP

Permission slips for the Bill Picket Rodeo were sent home with all students last week. Completed Field Trip Permission Forms and money (cash or money order payable to Saint Francis Xavier Academy) are due to Mrs. Washington, 2nd Grade Teacher no later than **Friday, September 13th**.

ANNUAL SCHOOL-WIDE CLAIRE’S GOURMET FUNDRAISER

The Kick-Off to our Annual School-Wide Claire’s Gourmet Fundraiser will take place on Tuesday, September 17th. The fundraiser begins on September 17th and ends on October 15th. Fundraiser packets will be sent home with all students.

8TH GRADE PARENT MEETING

There will be a mandatory 8th Grade Parent Meeting on Tuesday, September 24, 2019 at 5:30 pm. The meeting will take place at Saint Francis Xavier Academy.

GIRL SCOUTS

Calling all girls from Kindergarten to Grade 3! Unleash your inner girl and become a girl scout today. If interested, contact the Troop Leader of Troop 44076, Amy Prigg (aprigg60@gmail.com).

EARLY PICK-UP

Parents/Guardians, please do not pick up students prior to 3:30 pm unless it is an emergency. Please send a note with your child if there are planned appointments that require an early dismissal.

CELLPHONE CHECK-IN

“Student cell phones must be turned in to the main office at arrival time to either Ms. K or Ms. Harris to be logged in daily.” – SFXA Parent/Student Handbook 2019-2020

LUNCH DELIVERY DROP-OFF TABLE

All lunches for students that are being delivered to the school will be labeled and placed on the specified “lunch delivery drop-off table” located in the school’s multi-purpose room. Students will pick-up their delivered lunches at their designated lunch period.

CALENDAR

September 2019

- 13** **School Activity Fee Due**
Mass
- 15** Hispanic Heritage Month Begins
School/Pastor Installation Mass
- 17** Claire’s School-Wide Fundraiser Kick-Off
- 20** Bill Picket Rodeo Field Trip
- 27** Mass
- 30** **Lifetouch Fall IDs/Photos Taken at Saint Francis Xavier Academy**

October 2019

- 2** **Early Dismissal @ 12:30 pm**
- 9 “Youth Day” Field Trip to Franciscan Monastery (select grades)
- 10 8th Grade Parent Meeting @ 5:30 pm
- 11 Mass
- 14** **Columbus Day (School Closed)**
- 15 Claire’s Fundraiser Order Forms and Money Due
- 18 Cancer Awareness Prayer Service
- 20 Community Mass (St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church)
- 25 Mass
- Movie Night
- 29 Claire’s Fundraiser Orders Delivered

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** **1st 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
- 1st Installment of Graduation Fee Due**
- 27 Thanksgiving Break 11/27 – 12/1 (School Closed)