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Thursday Gray Notes 09/19/19

Memory Verse: *“For, we brought nothing into the world, just as we shall not be able to take anything out of it. If we have food and clothing, we shall be content with that.” – 1 Timothy 6:7-8*

SCHOOL ACTIVITY FEE

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

FR. CUSICK’S INSTALLATION

We would like to thank all students, families and staff who attended Father Cusick’s Installation Service on Sunday, September 15th. Your attendance helped to make this a very special occasion for Father Cusick.

SCHOOL FALL PORTRAITS AND SCHOOL IDs

Fall Portraits/IDs will be taken on Monday, September 30th. All students are expected to come to school on time wearing their Saint Francis Xavier Academy uniform.

Students are not to wear their PE uniforms on this day.

PERFORMANCE SERIES TESTING

Performance Series Testing for our students continues. 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

The Bill Pickett Rodeo Field Trip will take place on tomorrow, Friday, September 20th. Students who previously paid for the field trip will depart from the school at 9:30 am and expected to return by 2:30 pm. Students are asked to come to school wearing their Saint Francis Xavier Academy PE uniform and to bring a bag lunch.

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.

WELCOME OUR NEW EXTENDED CARE TEAM LEADERS

Parents we are pleased to announce that we have added to our team, six new amazing team players. These new staff members are group leaders in our Extended Care Program effective this week. Please greet them with a warm, Saint Francis Xavier Academy welcome when you see them.

Ms. Patrea Johnson, Mr. Robert Minor, Ms. Tobia Woodland, Mr. Calvin Terrell, Ms. Brandi Robinson and Ms. Jasmine Thompson.

SCHOOL-WIDE CLAIRE'S GOURMET FUNDRAISER

The school-wide Claire's Gourmet Fundraiser is well underway. Fundraiser packets were sent home with all students on Tuesday, September 17th. 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 Monday, October 14th. Claire's Gourmet items will be delivered to the school on Tuesday, October 29th. 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.

MENTORING PROGRAM SPONSORED THROUGH THE YOUTH LEADERSHIP FOUNDATION

We will have an after school mentoring program for our students through the Youth Leadership Foundation beginning the first week in October. If you would like your child to participate please contact Dr. Nicole Johnson at Nicole.johnson@catholicacademies.org or (202) 581-2010, for more information.

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).

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.

HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION SPONSORED "SNACK SALE"

Our Home and School Association is sponsoring a "Snack Sale" during all lunch periods on Friday, September 27th. Children should bring small bills to purchase snack items.

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. Please see the attached flyer for additional details.

CALENDAR

September 2019

- 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)