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Gray Notes 01/16/2020

Memory Verse: "When Jesus saw their faith, he said to him, "Child, your sins are forgiven." – Mark 2:5



COMMUNITY MASS

Come worship with us at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church on Sunday, January 19th at 11:00 am. We welcome Archbishop Wilton Gregory. Students will receive a religion test grade for the Mass. If a student is unable to attend the Mass, they must contact their religion teacher for alternative assignments. Students attending the Mass will be allowed to "Dress Down" on Tuesday, January 21st.

RE-REGISTRATION FOR 2020-2021 IS NOW OPEN

Families should have received an email message from TADs inviting you to re-register your child for the 2020-2021 school year. If you have not received an email message from TADs, please contact the school's Administrative Office immediately. Re-registration closes for the 2020-2021 school year on Friday, February 7th.

MID-YEAR SCANTRON PERFORMANCE SERIES TESTING

Middle of the year Scantron Performance Series Testing will continue over the next few weeks. Students in grades 1 through 8 are being tested. We ask that you make certain that your child gets ample rest, eat a balanced meal and arrives to school on time each day in preparation for testing.

FINGERPRINTING POLICY CHANGE

This is to inform you that there are new fingerprinting policies. All parents who wish to participate in school-related field trips **must** be fingerprinted. The new policy went into effect on January 1, 2020. Please contact the school's Administrative Office for details.

MENTORING PROGRAM

We have started our after school mentoring program through the Youth Leadership Foundation for students in grades 2nd-8th. The program takes place every Thursday from 3:30 pm to 5:00 pm. We currently have space for more girl participants. If you would like your child to participate, please click this link to register: Youth Leadership Foundation SFX Mentoring Program, or contact Dr. Nicole Johnson at Nicole.johnson@catholicacademies.org (202) 581-2010 for more information.

PRAISE DANCE WORKSHOP

Express yourself through the art of praise dance! Get in touch with your inner-creative self. Praise dance allows you to worship God through movement. It allows you to express yourself in a manner that is both good for the body and soul. Let ALL that has breath praise the Lord. The Parent and Student workshop is instructed by Ms. Lonon on Saturday, January 18, 2020 from 9:00 am until 10:30 am at Saint Francis Xavier Academy's Multi-purpose room. If interested please register online at <http://sfx-praise-dance-workshop.ticketleap.com/>

END OF THE YEAR SCHOOL-WIDE TRIP TO SIX FLAGS

Join us for our End of the School Year Field Trip to Six Flags Great Adventure Amusement Park (Jackson, New Jersey) on Monday, June 1, 2020. Please see the attached flyer for additional information. **Please note, the first payment and field trip permission form must be submitted by January 29th in order to reserve a slot.**

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

January 2020

- 19 Mass w/Archbishop Gregory
- 20 **Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (School Closed)**
- 21 **2nd Installment of Graduation Fee Due**
- 24 Mass
March for Life (Grades 7 and 8)
- 26 Catholic Schools Week (01/26 – 01/31)
- 31 **Faculty Retreat (School Closed for Students)**
2nd Quarter Ends

February 2020

- 3 Black History Month Begins
- 5 **Early Dismissal @ 12:30 pm**
1st Semester Awards Program
- 7 Prayer Service
- 13 Winter Break (02/13 – 02/14) School Closed
- 17 **President's Day (School Closed)**
- 18 **School Resumes**
- 21 Mass
Black History Program
- 26 Ash Wednesday Mass
“Dress Up/Wear Purple” Fundraiser
- 28 Mass

March 2020

- 4 **Early Dismissal @ 12:30 pm**
- 6 Mass
Stations of the Cross (Grades 1 and 2)
- 9 Staff “Spring” Collaboration Day (School Closed for Students)
- 13 Mass
Stations of the Cross (Grades 3 and 4)
- 19 Lifetouch Spring Photos Taken
- 20 Mass
Stations of the Cross (Grades 5 and 6)
3rd Installment of Graduation Fee Due
- 27 Mass
Stations of the Cross (Grades 7 and 8)