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Gray Notes 01/23/2020

Memory Verse: "Jesus went up the mountain and summoned those whom he wanted and they came to him." – Mark 3:13

School will be closed for students on Friday, January 31st as our staff will be offsite attending a staff retreat. School resumes for both staff and students on Monday, January 27th.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK (January 27 - 31, 2020)

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK SCHEDULE

Monday, January 27, 2020	COMMUNITY DAY - students allowed to "dress down" and participate in Community Service projects in and around our school and church.
Tuesday, January 28, 2020	TWIN DAY - students allowed to dress as a twin with a friend. Students will participate in a game with Prayer Partner classes.
Wednesday, January 29, 2020	RED, WHITE & BLUE DAY - students allowed to dress in RED, WHITE & BLUE attire. Uniforms will be the only substitute attire permitted. We will participate in activities related to our Nation on this day.
Thursday, January 30, 2020	SCHOOL SPIRIT/VOCATION DAY - students will have the option of dressing in SCHOOL COLORS or in attire that represents a PROFESSION of interest to them. We will also have our annual School Spirit Pep Rally on this day.
Friday, January 31, 2020	School Closed for Students Staff Retreat (offsite)

COMMUNITY MASS

Thank you to all students, families and staff who attended Community Mass on Sunday, January 19th.

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.

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.

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

- 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**
- 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)