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MESSAGE FROM MR. SMITH

On behalf of the St. Francis Xavier staff and students, we wish all of you, our wonderful supporters, a peaceful and holy Christmas! 'Tis the season of gift giving, so we want to take this opportunity to thank you for your great gifts to Xavier, which are your prayers and support. Xavier is truly blessed!





We are Called to Serve **Corporal Works of Mercy**

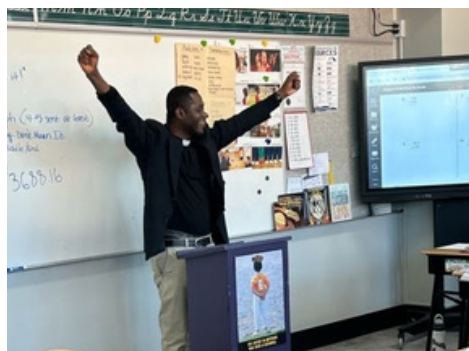


Xavier students had an out of dress code day in October to support the Angel Tree program. In addition to the items, Mr. Smith and students collected \$425.58 to present to Mickey Kelchen, who heads the Angel Tree program.



December's Out of Dress Day was to support Toys for the Needy. Students presented Miriam Eick with a check for \$784.75, along with toys, personal items, and school supplies.

Students brought donations for the Dyersville Food Pantry for November's Out of Dress Day. First grade students delivered the items and learned more about the role of the food pantry in our community.



Father Philip spoke to the 5th grade students about his hometown school in Ghana and his campaign to raise money to replace the current school. 5th grade students decided to hold a penny war and raised \$3,688.16 for Father Philip to put towards his fund.



Veterans Day Celebration with American Legion Post #137



In these days of gift giving, these third graders gave each other the gifts of compliments. Each student received 6 compliments written by his/her classmates. They enjoyed giving others compliments and reading their own.



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6th Grade DARE Graduation ceremony



6th Graders helped their Kindergarten buddies with a project in art class

3rd Graders Impress Field Trip Tour Guide

Xavier 3rd graders took a field trip to Dubuque where they rode the Trolleys of Dubuque and watched and listened to the Dubuque Symphony Orchestra. Our students' exemplary conduct left a lasting impression on one of their tour guides aboard the Trolleys of Dubuque. Read this personalized attached letter from Donna Lowen by clicking the attached link.

“Your students showed respect for one another, for you as their teacher/leader, and to Trolley Tim and me as their tour guides.” -Donna Lowen, Education Coordinator for the Community Foundation of Greater Dubuque

Oftentimes we hear similar feedback to this from other organizations and adults that encounter our students and staff.

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BELOW:





Xavier School Association

The Xavier School Association does so much for our students and staff! Here's a list of some of the wonderful things they have been able to provide for us this school year:

- Classroom supplies
- Monthly coffee for Xavier staff
- 2nd and 3rd floor cabinets
- Stethoscope for school nurse
- Prizes for student games
- New recess equipment
- Winter recess games
- Staff Christmas presents
- Interactive panel



Pictured above are members of this year's Xavier School Association.

Front Row: Shelby Kronlage, Kami Boffeli **Back Row:** Kayla Honkomp, Angie White, Emily Snedden, Kristi Burkle, Emily Domeyer

Missing from photo: Kristen Emerson, Lindsey Wedewer, Holly Reed, Amber Honkomp, and Lynnette Koopman

Thank You



Xavier Affair

Join us for the 15th Annual Xavier Affair! This year's event will take place on Friday, January 26, 2024. We will have an in-person event with food and live music, featuring Elizabeth Mary, along with to-go meal options again this year. The evening will include raffle chances, and silent and featured auction items, such as the ever-popular class projects!

2023-24 Annual Appeal

Our 2023 Annual Appeal Letter has been mailed. Thank you to all who continue to support St. Francis Xavier. Please prayerfully consider donating. If you prefer to give online, click here: xavier.pvt.k12.ia.us/donate. We are so grateful to our benefactors!



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Upcoming Events

CAN DRIVE
JANUARY 13

OUT OF DRESS DAY
JANUARY 17

DINNER CLUB- THE FUSE
JANUARY 17

XAVIER AFFAIR
JANUARY 26

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK
JANUARY 28-FEBRUARY 3

FIGHTING SAINTS GAME
FEBRUARY 2

EARLY CHILDHOOD/KINDERGARTEN OPEN HOUSE
FEBRUARY 5

OUT OF DRESS DAY
FEBRUARY 21

DINNER CLUB - TEXTILE BREWERY
FEBRUARY 21

