

Xavier News



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Tuesday, August 2, 2016 Upcoming Events

- Aug 09 – LRCSS Final Registration @ Immaculata High School 7:30 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.
- Aug 11 – K-6 Extended Care Open House 5:00 – 6:00 p.m., 1409 2nd Avenue
- Aug 16 – Open House, Drop off Supplies & Ice Cream Social, 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.
- Aug 17 – K-6 First Day of School/Half Day/11:30 a.m. Dismissal/Extended Care Open K-6
- Aug 17 – K-6 Back to School Coffee Social, 8:00 a.m. at Xavier
- Aug 17 – K-6 Parent Orientation at Xavier, 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.
- Aug 18 – K-6 First Full Day of School
- Aug 31 – All System Mass, 8:30 a.m., Immaculate Conception Church, 711 S. 5th Street



Note from Mrs. Porter

Hello Xavier Family!

What a wonderful year we have to look forward to!

Our new school theme set by the Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas is...

Each child is a masterpiece of God, created with precision for a specific purpose.

With the new grade configuration many of our teachers have been in and out of school all summer long and attending professional development to enhance the learning that goes on here at Xavier Catholic School.

We are gearing up for Final Registration on Tuesday, August 9, 2016 at Immaculata Catholic School, 600 Shawnee, LV, KS 66048, preschool through twelfth grade. Feel free to take advantage of the online registration opportunity, as well.

Xavier will be *replacing* the LRCSS All System Picnic with a kindergarten through sixth grade Back to School Night, where families may *DROP OFF SUPPLIES, MEET YOUR TEACHER AND ENJOY A FROZEN TREAT* on Tuesday, August 16th from 5:00 PM-6:00 PM at the Xavier Muncie Campus. We can't wait to see you!

NEW and IMPROVED!

This school year, Xavier Catholic School's Extended Care Program, preschool through sixth grade, will be open for service at the Second Avenue Campus from 6:30 AM to 5:30 PM. Please check calendar for days of operation. Students will be bused to Muncie Campus by approximately 7:45 AM and bused to the Second Avenue Campus at 3:45 PM. All students who have not been picked up by 3:45 PM will also be bused to Extended Care and charged accordingly. Extended Care will be hosting an Open House on Thursday, August 11th from 5:00-6:00 PM for all our kindergarten through sixth grade families! Come see and our new set up!

We will have a Xavier *Parent/Guardian* Orientation Meeting on Wednesday, August 17 from 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM. We will host two identical sessions, 6:00-6:25 PM and 6:30-6:55 PM, so that if you have more than one child, you can attend more than one grade level session. During this time, we invite you to ask questions of our Media, PE, Spanish, Band, Music and Extended Care Staff who will be present to answer any questions you may have. Parents will also receive their Educonnect ID and Password and learn how to view information in Educonnect. Please note this is a *parents/guardians only* orientation.

Our LRCSS Uniform Policy has been updated. Please see our website for details. Feel free to visit our PTO Uniform Closet at the administration building. All proceeds go to our wonderful PTO.

Home & School CONNECTION

Working Together for School Success

Xavier Elementary School
Ms. Evie Porter, Principal

SHORT NOTES

Excellent attendance
Being in school every day means your child won't miss out on learning. Try to schedule appointments and family trips outside of school hours. If he takes to stay home "sick leave," remind him of what he'll miss, such as his favorite game or PE class. Explain that he can be absent only if he's sick or if there's a family emergency.

DID YOU KNOW?

Children who regularly eat meals with their families tend to do better in school. Avoid after-school snacking. Letting dinner together is great, but other meals count, too. If you work at night, maybe you could make time for a family breakfast. Or on a weekend, try a picnic lunch.

Celebrate progress

Suggest that your youngster create a list of accomplishments. Let her cover a poster with construction paper and label it "I did it!" Then, she can write each success. "I learned to add fractions!" on a slip of paper and put it in the container. If she's feeling discouraged, have her read the slips.

Worth quoting

"The best way to cheer yourself up is to try to cheer somebody else up!"
—Marianne Moore

JUST FOR FUN

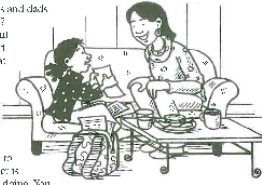
Can a kangaroo jump higher than the Empire State Building?

As of course. The Empire State Building can't jump!

Tip: Have your child look up the word kangaroo.

Conversations about school

When you think of parents-to-be, do you picture moms and dads volunteering in classrooms? That's one way to help—but research shows that support for your child's education at home is even more important. Here are four conversations that will help you stay involved.



"Let's see what you brought home."

Look at completed work to find out what your youngster is learning and how well she's doing. You could comment on her social studies report or poetry project, for instance. "You know a lot about our state's history!" Also, respond to notes from her teacher, and sign her weekly folder or carry folder if received.

"Show me what you have for homework."

As your child's job to do her homework can vary, take a look. Make sure she knows what she's supposed to do by carrying her materials and getting ready to go. After she finishes her homework, glance over the work to see that it's complete.

"Describe a book you enjoyed today."

This gives you an idea of what your youngster prefers to read. Then, build a daily reading habit by asking what she did to read tonight. Encourage her reading and listening skills by reading aloud to her and letting her read to you.

"Tell me what you learned that you'd like to know more about."

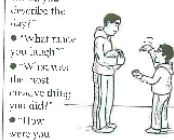
Use her answers as jumping-off points for further exploration. She likes geometry? You might do tangrams.

Tip: If it's too busy to read an "individual" or "parent" title, do a library research project on a subject or to do a zoo or see the animals.

After-school questions

Asking "How was school today?" might not get you far. Instead, ask questions like these for a better picture of your youngster's day.

- "What's the coolest thing that happened?" "What was fun today?"
- "Pretend you're the teacher. How would you describe the class?"
- "What made you laugh?"
- "Who was the 'scary' or 'scary' thing you did?"
- "I have a friend or helpful teacher? Who? Let me find out how to help you!"



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What does respect look like?

Your child's daily dealings with adults and kids will be more pleasant if he speaks and acts respectfully. Here are tips for helping him learn respect.

Respectful replies. Think about some things that you and your youngster disagree on, say, whether to video game. One should be the victor. Model having a respectful discussion about it. You might say that his brain and body are growing and that he needs to run and play to stay "tall." Then, suggest a respectful response, such as, "I want to be healthy, so I need some games." He can then state other activities, such as reading, that will help him stay healthy.

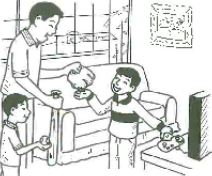
A reading challenge

By reading more complex books, your child can learn new words, facts, and ideas. He'll also be exposed to more complex plots and will gain a new appreciation for the author's suggestions.

- Know something about the topic or setting.
- If he makes a tougher book seem to come offhand, if your youngster is reading a novel set in China, he could talk to someone who has been there or look up the country's history, a children's site for kids, and geographic facts.
- Encourage your child to look at a chapter book or the same subject. A picture book might be a good starting point. Younger youngsters make a checklist of the book's main events, for instance.
- Suggest that your child read on up a bit of material with pencil and paper in hand. He can underline, circle, or mark words on the page, or mark the words to learn more about.

OUR PURPOSE

To help you get the most out of your child's education, we've created a series of articles, activities, and resources. We hope you'll find them helpful and enjoyable. We'll be adding more articles and resources as we go along. We'll be adding more articles and resources as we go along.



Strong study habits

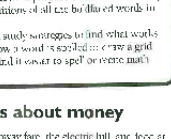
My third grader has to spend more time studying this year. How can I help her study more effectively?

As you've discovered, your child's success in school depends on her study habits. The more she studies, the more she learns. Also, many students find it helpful to set a purpose each time they study. Your child might write, "I will learn the definitions of all the bolded words in chapter 7, section 1." Finally, encourage her to experiment with study strategies to find what works best. She could close her eyes and imagine how a word is spelled; or a grid with 9 squares to solve 3 x 3. Or she might find it easier to spell or review math facts aloud in rhythm or to a familiar tune.

Talking to kids about money

My children were always taking to buy things like dresses and new games. They didn't seem to understand the cost items weren't in our budget. I wanted them to learn about how we spend our money—and that it is finite. So I got a spiral notebook and labeled it "Family Spending Journal." I explained that for two weeks, everyone would keep a record of what they spent money on. I listed items like my

subject, the electric bill, and food at the grocery store. The children wrote down expenses such as school lunch, soccer cleats, and field trip fees. After a few days, they were surprised by how many things we needed money for. Our kids had no idea, for example, that we paid for taxes on our insurance, the membership in our home reading association. See, even if they still don't buy too many things at the store, but when they're at least they understand why.



The LRCSS will require parents of students with food allergies or intolerances to adhere to the following food policies:

- Provide the classroom teacher with a labeled container of **prepackaged** safe snacks for the school year for students with food allergies or intolerances (i.e. lactose, gluten free etc.). Your child will only be given the snacks that you provide.
- Provide a separate labeled container of safe snacks, if your child attends Xavier Catholic School Extended Care and has a food allergy or intolerance. Your child will only be given the snacks that you provide.

During Halloween and Valentine parties, we invite our parents to join their students and personally choose the snacks you want your child to partake in. If a parent can't attend the parties, not to worry, we will have the prepackaged safe snacks that were provided by you to pass out to your child.

Permission slips will be sent home should we have educational opportunities for our students that include food.

Students who have food allergies will be required to have a Food Allergy Action Plan signed by a medical doctor on file by Wednesday, August 17, 2016. If you have an appointment that falls after the first day of school, please speak with the principal about getting an extension. If your child requires an EPI Pen or other medication, it must be available in the school office and Extended Care, etc., by the first day of school.

It is the responsibility of the parent/guardian to keep all medical records, immunizations, medications, etc. up to date in the school office, so please have all information to us at Final Registration.

You know your child better than anyone and because your child's safety is paramount to us, we are requesting adherence to these policies.

I look forward to seeing you at Final Registration, Back to School Night and parent/guardian orientation! We are very excited to have the opportunity to work with your children and thank God for providing a faith filled Catholic education in Leavenworth, Kansas!

See you all soon! ☺

Evie Porter
Principal, Xavier Catholic School

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Aug 11 – New Parent Orientation, 6:00 p.m.

Aug 17 – Back to School Coffee, 8:00 a.m., Xavier Catholic School, 541 Muncie Road

Aug 18 – Preschool Open House:

2 day – 4:30 – 5:00 p.m.

3 day – 5:00 – 5:30 p.m.

5 day – 5:30 – 6:00 p.m.

Aug 22 – First Day of School for 3/5 day Preschool

Aug 23 – First Day of School for 2 day T/TH Preschool

Aug 24 – First Day of School for 2 day W/F Preschool



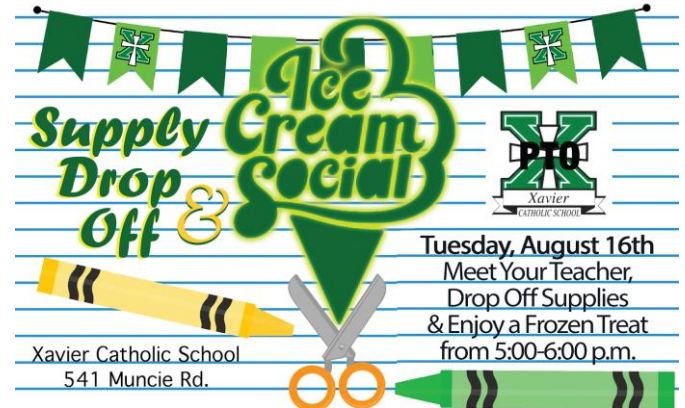
Our mission at Xavier is to keep Christ as the center of our daily lives and to care for one another in a loving and safe learning environment.

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News From PTO

If you purchased a Supply Packet from PTO last May, it has already been delivered to your child's classroom. You can label your supplies on Tuesday, August 16th at the Ice Cream Social from 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.



Xavier PARENTS!

Let's get this year started off right together! Join other parents for a first day of school coffee!






Wednesday, August 17th
at 8:00 a.m.



After you drop your child off, on the first day of school, come join us for some coffee! We will be on the north side of Xavier's Muncie Campus.

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K – 6th Grade

-  Parent Orientation
-  6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
-  Xavier Catholic School

