



St. Francis Xavier Catholic School

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March 5, 2018

Dear Parents,

March is a very busy month for all of us here at St. Francis Xavier School, and in this letter you will find many upcoming events. Archbishop Aymond encourages us all during this Lenten season: "I pray that your Lenten journey has been a time of drawing closer to Christ and responding to his invitation to conversion. As we identify an area of our life that needs change, we can be assured of God's help for us to face our weakness and experience a change of heart. Lent should include standing before our merciful God and asking for his forgiveness in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, better known as Confession. Let us remember one another in prayer as we continue this journey through Lent to the new life of Easter."

Exams for Grades 5th – 7th

Exams for Middle School students are March 7th, 8th, and 9th. Please make sure your child gets a good night's sleep, eats a nutritious breakfast, and arrives to school on time.

Blood Drive for Ms. Penny's Son

Mrs. Penny Montgomery's son, Lee, has been diagnosed with leukemia. There will be a blood drive on Saturday, March 10, from 10:00am – 4:00pm in the School Cafeteria. All Blood Types Needed! The Home and School Association is selling wristbands to support Lee. We appreciate everyone's prayers and support. More information is posted on the school website.

Spring Book Fair

March 16th -23rd St. Francis Xavier will be hosting our Scholastic Spring Book Fair! This season's theme is "Paws for Books!" All students will be visiting the Book Fair during their library time. Parents Shopping Night will be Wednesday, March 21st, from 6:00-8:00p.m.

Home and School Meeting

There will be a Home and School Meeting on Wednesday, March 14, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. There will be a special guest speaker for this meeting. As part of our Lenten journey and spiritual development we have invited Mrs. Cassi Code to speak at the meeting. She lost her 17 year old daughter to brain cancer in 2016. Her topic is "Carrying My Cross", a personal faith journey to survive a major loss. In support of her efforts, magnets will be sold for \$5.00 and all proceeds will go to LSU Health Foundation/Brain Tumor Initiative. Due to the construction of the St. Joseph Altar in the school auditorium, our Home and School meeting will be held in St. Joseph Hall.

St. Joseph Activities

St. Francis Xavier Parish's St. Joseph Altar is one of the most beautiful altars in the area, and it will continue to thrive with your help. Please donate items assigned to your child's homeroom. The St. Joseph Altar viewing will be held on Sunday, March 18th and Monday, March 19th. All families are invited to visit this beautiful altar! School will be closed on Monday, March 19th.

Men's Club Crawfish Boil

St. Francis Xavier's Men's Club would like to invite everyone to their annual Crawfish Boil on Friday, March 16th from 5:00-9:00p.m. In addition to the hot, boiled crawfish and pizza, entertainment will be provided.

Easter Holidays

Enjoy your Easter break – March 29th –April 3rd! Students will return to school on Wednesday, April 4, 2018.

Old Metairie Fest

Mark your calendar and plan to join us on Saturday, April 14, 2018 from 11a.m. to 8 p.m.! Our committee is hard at work planning a wonderful day for our families. Delicious food from area vendors, plus games, prizes, and entertainment by *Weathered* will highlight the day. Please turn in all necessary forms and please pay close attention to all due dates included in your Old Metairie Fest Packet. If you have not signed up to work your booth, please contact Jessica Welty.

We wish you all a holy Lenten season as you experience God's grace in your lives.

Blessings and Peace in Christ,

Barbara Martin
Principal