



St. Francis Xavier School

Faith ✕ Family ✕ Future

National School of Excellence ✕ SACS/CASI Accredited

November 2018

Dear Parents,

As we enter the month of November, we are thankful for the many blessings we have in our lives. Included in our thanks are our dedicated parents who give tirelessly of their time and talents to support our school; our students who bring us great joy; and our faculty/staff who go beyond ordinary expectations to enrich the lives of our children. May you all have a blessed Thanksgiving surrounded by family and friends.

Open House for new prospective families will be on Tuesday, November 13, 7-8:30pm at the school. This week you will receive a lawn sign to post our Open House date. We appreciate your cooperation in posting these signs. Due to Open House, there will not be an early dismissal on Thursday, November 1st. The early dismissal has been moved to the date of Open House, Nov. 13. There will be no After School Care on this date due to Open House.

This year is our five-year visit for the SACS/Advanced Ed accreditation. The visiting team will be at the school on March 20th and 21st of 2019. In preparation for their visit you will receive information on parent surveys. These parent surveys will provide data needed for their visit in the Spring. We hope that each family will complete the surveys. The School Quality Factors for this evaluation include the following: clear directions, healthy culture, high expectations, impact of instruction, resource management, efficacy of engagement, and implementation strategy.

November is an important month for our 7th grade students who are contemplating high school. Application cards will be distributed on Wednesday, November 14th and must be returned, signed by parents, on Friday, November 16th. St. Francis students experience a very high acceptance rate by the high school of their choice.

We ask your support this month as we collaborate with Deacon Ed's Foodbank and the St. Vincent de Paul Society to collect food items for the Thanksgiving Baskets. There are many families in our area that rely on St. Francis Xavier's Food Pantry for emergency assistance. Thank you for your donations.

Thank you to our families who have donated to the Annual Fund. Please remember that your funding provides campus improvements and curriculum enhancement materials. Your support is proof of your commitment to our charisms of Faith, Family & Future.

Calendar: November

11/1	All Saints Day Mass, 9:45am
11/1	No Early Dismissal, moved to 11/13
11/2	Santa Claus Pictures
11/2	Men's Club Movie Night
11/5	Archdiocese Professional Development for all schools—School Closed
11/6	Election Day—School Closed
11/9	Parent/Teacher/Child Conferences 8:00-10:45am & 12:00-2:45pm
11/11	Turkey Bingo to benefit Deacon Ed's Foodbank (info to follow)
11/13	Open House, 7:00-8:30pm - Early Dismissal, 1:30pm -No After School Care
11/14	High School Application Cards Given to 7 th Graders
11/14	Principal's Appreciation Day
11/15	Men's Club Meeting-6:30pm
11/16	High School Application Cards are due
11/19-23	Thanksgiving Holidays-Let us give thanks to God for all of our blessings!
11/26	Students Return, 8:00am
11/28	Home and School Meeting, 6:30 pm – Gym
11/29	Spelling Bees
11/29	New Orleans Saints Shirt Day-Follow Handbook guidelines
12/1	Home & School Holiday Art Market,SFX School, 9 am to 2 pm

Blessings and Peace in Christ,

Barbara M. Martin
Principal