

SFXCS Students Excel at CASEF

March 2, 2016

Dear Parents & Children,

Fourteen of our 7th & 8th grade students competed Thursday and Friday at the 2016 Capital Area Science & Engineering Fair at the Whitaker Center in Harrisburg. CASEF is jointly sponsored by The Whitaker Center for Science and the Arts, The Donald B. & Dorothy L. Stabler Foundation, Messiah College, Shippensburg University, Penn State Harrisburg, Penn State College of Medicine, The Carlisle Sentinel, SF & Company CPA, and Hershey Foods.

As was announced prior to the Awards Ceremony, CASEF included participants spanning 12 Counties, 45 schools, and 174 Junior projects were entered.

Congratulations are in order to Mrs. Amy Woods, Grade 4-8 Science teacher and CASEF advisor and to every one of our students who participated! These students have refined the science investigations that they prepared for our school Science & Engineering Fair. Our students introduced themselves to an audience of over 600 in the Sunoco Theater. Of the 174 students competing in the Junior Division, I am delighted to share with you that EVERY ONE of our students were awarded 1st or 2nd at CASEF, with 5 of our students receiving special award during the Award Ceremony. Below is a list of our students, their place award and any special awards they received from the judging panel.

Chemistry

- **Lucy Rogers** (Gr8)- "Determining the Electrolyte Content of Different Beverages"-**1st Award**
 - Chemistry Category Winner
 - Broadcomm MASTERS Middle School Competition Candidate (next level competition)
 - Dr. George Love Judges Award
- **Emily Malesky** (Gr7) - "The Effect of Color on the Brightness of a Sun-Print Image"-**1st Award**
- **Kylie Biesecker** (Gr8) - "The Effect of Salt, Sugar, and Water on Ice"-**2nd Award**

Energy and Transportation

- **Zachary Parr** (Gr7)- "The Effect of Temperature on Battery Life"-**1st Award**
 - American Association of Highway Engineers- Harrisburg Section Award
- **Sherlyn Uribe** (Gr8)- "The Effect of Substrate on Building Foundation Stability"- **2nd Award**



Engineering

- **Daniel Sautter** (Gr7)- "Creating a Solar Powered Portable Outlet" - **1st Award**
 - Engineering Category Winner
 - Broadcomm MASTERS Middle School Competition Candidate (next level competition)
 - Brentwood Industries Award
 - Central Pennsylvania Engineers Week Council Award
 - Harrisburg Pennsylvania Chapter Society for Professional Engineers Award
 - Dr. George Love Judges Award
- **Griffin Kibler** (Gr7)-"Sports Prosthetics"-**1st Award**
 - Broadcomm MASTERS Middle School Competition Candidate (next level competition)
- **Benjamin Martin** (Gr7) -"Creating a Lego Technic Stopwatch"-**2nd Award**
- **Helen Phillips** (Gr8)- "Creating an iPod Projector"-**2nd Award**
- **Austin Staub** (Gr8)- "Creating a Sturdy Bridge"- **2nd Award**

Environmental

- **Andrew Warthen** (Gr7)- "Determining Water Quality"-**1st Award**
- **Madison Sieg** (Gr8)- "The Effect of Land Use on Water Quality"-**2nd Award**
 - American Institute of Chemical Engineers- Susquehanna Chapter Award
- **Leanna Myers** (Gr7)- "The Effect of Plant Life on Erosion"- **2nd Award**

Physics and Astronomy

- **Ashley Stanley** (Gr8)- "Effect of Angle Bracing on the Weight a Bridge Can Hold"-**1st Award**

St. Francis Alumni CASEF Winners

Medicine and Health

- **Clayton Hillson** (Gr9)-"Parental Attitude and Childhood Obesity"-**1st Award**
 - Senior Level Grand Champion Candidate
 - American Statistical Association Harrisburg Chapter
 - Highmark Blue Shield of PA Medical Careers Award
 - U.S. Public Health Service Commissioned Officers Association- Susquehanna Valley Branch
 - Mu Alpha Theta Mathematical Award

Microbiology

- **Tessa Beauchat** (Gr9)- "The Effects of Magnetism on Bacterial Growth"-**1st Award**
 - PA BioGenius Award (next level competition)

We are all very proud of the accomplishments of these students and their advisor Mrs. Woods.

I would also like to take this opportunity to congratulate Sophia Holt, the winner of our SFX Parish Faith Bee. Sophia will be representing our parish at the Diocesan Faith Bee.

*Very truly yours,
Mrs. Rebecca Sieg
Principal*

Congratulations to the 7th & 8th grade students who participated in the SFX Oral Faith Bee. These students finished in the top 11 of the Diocesan Written Religion Exam. Those who participated in Monday's Oral Faith Bee are as follows:



Elizabeth Bohner (Gr7), Harley Hochard (Gr7), Sophia Holt (Gr7), Leanna Myers (Gr7), Nellie Phillips (Gr8), Lucy Rogers (Gr8), Daniel Sautter (Gr7), Maddie Sieg (Gr8), Austin Staub (Gr8), Austin Stiles (Gr7) and Andrew Warthen (Gr7).

Congratulations to our top 3:

1st Place - Sophia Holt

2nd Place - Danny Sautter

3rd Place - Leanna Myers

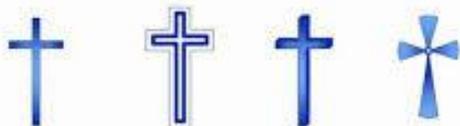
Sophia Holt will represent St. Francis Xavier Parish in the Diocesan Faith Bee in April at the Diocesan Center in Harrisburg.

Congratulations also go out to Zachary Parr (Gr 7), whose name was submitted to his home parish St. Ignatius in Buchanan Valley for the possibility to represent his home parish at the Diocesan Faith Bee.

SAINT OF THE WEEK

"You are rewarded not according to your work or your time, but according to the measure of your love"

~St Catherine of Siena



CYO NEWS

Congratulations to all of our basketball teams this season. Good Luck to our 6th & 7th Grade Boys who will be competing in the Diocesan Rising Stars Tournament the first week in April.

Volleyball practices will begin this week, coaches will contact each team with their practices days and times.

3rd-4th Grade **Intramural Volleyball** will begin Monday, March 7th afterschool until 4:30pm. Please bring a snack to eat before practice.

LIFE QUOTE

"It is not easy to entrust oneself to God's mercy, because it is an abyss beyond our comprehension. But we must! ... 'Oh, I am a great sinner!' 'All the better! Go to Jesus: He likes you to tell him these things!' He forgets, He has a very special capacity for forgetting. He forgets, He kisses you, He embraces you and He simply says to you: 'Neither do I condemn you; go, and sin no more' (John 8:11)."

~Pope Francis

St. Francis Xavier Parish will host its Fifth Annual Lenten Fish Fry Dinners

March 4 and March 18, 5 - 7 P.M., Xavier Center,
465 Table Rock Road, Gettysburg.
Dine in or Take out.

There will be Adult, Senior, Children and Reduced portions available. Children under 5 eat free. Call 334-4048 for more info. **NO FISH FRY MARCH 11**



Gertrude Hawk volunteers needed contact Julie Stanley at jdanash@gmail.com

Raider Rewards needs help with promotions. Work can be done from home. Please email Jim Biesecker at development@sfxs.org

Classroom assistants contact your child's teacher

Lunchroom and Recess helpers contact Mrs. Yeingst at yeingst@sfxs.org

Kitchen helpers contact Priscilla Barahona at priscilla_barahona@yahoo.com

DEVELOPMENT NEWS

THE SFXCS AUCTION IS ONE WEEK AWAY!!!!

Get your Luau spirit on and get to the auction



Call the school office or email Kbrainard@sfxcs-pa.org if you are interested in attending.

This is the last week to reserve your spot at the auction! Tickets are \$30 per person or \$275 for a table of 10. Attached to Wednesday News is a reservation form. Please complete and return to the school office before Thursday March 10 2015.

A sneak peak at some of the great items we have up for bid:

Diamond Necklace from Farleys Jewelers

4 tickets to Orioles vs. Yankees game at Yankee Stadium

Gift certificates to Dobbin House, The Pub and other restaurants

Handmade pottery

Firetruck Ride to School

Delicious assorted Baked Goods

Delone Sports Camps including soccer, volleyball, tennis
football and basketball

Better Homes and Gardens White 52" Ceiling fans

Gift baskets from Hollabaughs and Kilwins

Autographed Super Bowl Helmet #32 Devin McCourty Super Bowl Champ XLIX

DJ and karaoke Services for a party

Childrens Party at Intersection Church indoor Play Gym for 40 children with pizza, drinks and cake from Wells Family Bakery

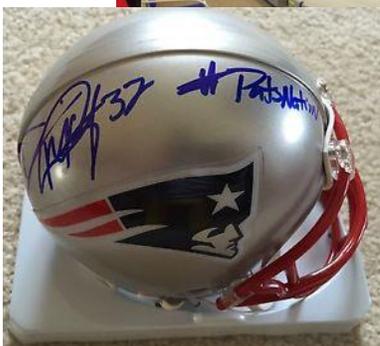
John Wall Autographed NBA Washington Wizards Jersey

8 tickets to "Escape Room Lancaster" <http://escaperoomlancaster.com/>

**Volunteer during the Auction
for ATP Hours**

Contact Kelly Brainard at
Kbrainard@sfxcs-pa.org

Volunteer spots are filling up.



The PTO would like to invite you to

SFXCS Movie Day

Please join us on Saturday March 19, 2016

at 10:00am to see Zootopia at the

R/C Gateway theatre.

To join us at the theatre, each student must have a movie pass from our school for admission.

The pass for each student is \$1.00.

Passes will be sent home on March 16th.

All other family members will cost \$5.00

and can pay at the theatre.

An adult must attend the movie with the student(s).

Concessions are not included in the cost of the movie.

Please return the bottom portion of this flyer with \$1.00 per student by Monday March 14, 2016.

Zootopia Movie day tickets

Name of student(s)

grade

Tickets are \$1.00 per student

total included \$ _____



FUNDRAISING NIGHT



Help support

Delone Catholic Speech and Debate Team

Thursday, March 31, 2016

4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

at the Panera Bread bakery-cafe at
75 Eisenhower Dr

Bring this flyer when you dine with us on Thursday, March 31, 2016, and we'll donate a portion of the proceeds from your purchase to Delone Catholic Speech and Debate Team . It's a handcrafted, delicious meal, all for a great cause!

Learn more about Fundraising Nights at Panera Bread at:
www.PaneraBread.com/fundraiser

Panera Bread® Gift Card, Panera Catering and online purchases are excluded from this event.

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Meetings, Announcements, Reminders



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“Educate them in a
Christian Way of Life.”
~ St. Francis Xavier



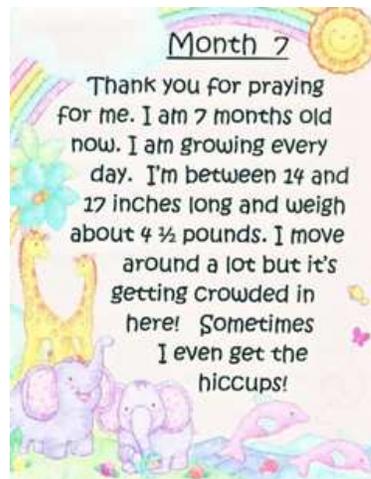
Every Sunday is
a Holy Day of
Obligation

School Cancellation Policy

Cancellation of school takes place during extraordinary circumstances such as extreme weather, equipment failure or public crisis. In most instances, St. Francis Xavier Catholic School follows the Gettysburg School District's school calendar. School postponements and cancellations will be announced over WGTY Great Country 107.7 & WGAL (Channel 8). You can sign up to receive email or text notifications of cancellations, delays and early dismissals through the WGAL website, www.wgal.com.

March 2	Parish Soup & Scripture Program 6pm
March 4	First Friday Mass 8:45am
March 4	Parish Fish Fry 5-7pm @ XC
March 6	2 nd Grade 1 st Communion meeting @ XC 9:30am
March 6	8 th Grade Parent – Child meeting @ XC 6-8pm.
March 7	Pay to Dress Down Day
March 9	Spring Picture Day - Dress Up
March 9	Report Card Day
March 9	Parish Soup & Scripture Program 6pm
March 12	SFXCS Auction
March 16	Parish Soup & Scripture Program 6pm
March 17	Pay to Dress Down in Green
March 18	Parish Fish Fry 5-7pm @ XC
March 23	** Snow Make Up Day #2 **
March 24	** Snow Make Up Day #3 ** (half day)
March 25-28	Easter Break
March 29	Resurrection Parties 2:15 - 2:45
March 30	8th Grade Confirmation Retreat 8:30 - 12:15
April 1	First Friday Mass 8:45am
April 4-7	CoGat Testing (Gr 3-7)
April 18-22	ITBS Testing (Gr 3-8)
April 28	Talent Show / Art Gallery
April 30	First Holy Communion 10am
May 11	8 th Confirmation at 7pm
May 15	Drop at the Rock/Cindo de Mayo
May 20	PreK Graduation 9:30am
May 20	Kindergarten Graduation
May 24	8th Grade Graduation
May 27	Closing of School Mass & Awards

Spiritual Adoption Program



Jesus, Mary and Joseph, we love you very much. We beg you to spare the life of the unborn children whom we have spiritually adopted. Please help the parents to love their child and to do God's will in bringing that child to life. Amen.

Ride the Wave of Success
To The
St. Francis Xavier 11th Biennial Fundraising Auction Luau

Saturday, March 12, 2016 * St. Francis Xavier Center
Proceeds to Benefit the Technology Program and Development Fund

Reservation Form

- ⑦ Yes, I would like to attend the auction.
- ⑦ I cannot attend but would like to make a charitable donation in the amount of \$_____ to support St. Francis Xavier School.
- ⑦ Please contact me about a possible item donation.

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Email Address: _____

(All confirmations will be sent via email. No tickets will be issued.)

Phone: _____

Number of Tickets @ \$30: (Checks payable to SFX PTO) _____

Number of Tables (of 10) @\$275: (Checks payable to SFX PTO) _____

Attendee information (This will promote a faster check-in. Please use reverse if needed):

Name	Address	Email	Phone
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**For more information on reservations, please contact Kelly Brainard at
kbrainard@sfxcs-pa.org.**

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Ride the Wave of Success to the

St. Francis Xavier 11th Biennial Fundraising Auction Luau

This is the first auction for many of our parents. Some of you may have questions.

Doors at Xavier Center open to everyone at 5pm. Appetizers are available at 5:00pm. Beer, wine, tea, soda, water and coffee are available through the night. BYOB is also acceptable. Light dinner buffet is served from 5:30-6:30, followed by a wide assortment of desserts. Live Auction items start at 7:00. When you arrive at 5 you can start bidding on silent auction items, you will be handed an Auction Catalog that will explain all the items and bidding end times etc. The silent auction items are grouped and display according to categories such as baked goods, services, wine and dine, home and garden etc. Each silent auction table bidding closes at a different time throughout the night. For example Baked Goods bidding would end at 7:15 and Wine and Dine bidding would end at 7:45 and so on. Silent items are displayed throughout the multi-purpose room while the Live items are auctioned from the stage. The auctioneer will auction the Live items off throughout the night. We will try to have all auctions closed by 9pm. Following the close of all bidding checkout begins which could take about ½ hour. If you have won an item you must checkout that evening and you will be given your winning item to take with you. All items need to be removed the night of the auction, so that Xavier Center can be ready for mass the next morning. This is an adult only event, please no children. Many parents from SFX attend as well as community and parish members. If you do not have a table of ten then no problem at all, the auction committee does try to seat people from school at the same table or near each other. Most people spend the evening walking around mingling with everyone and bidding. The atmosphere is very casual and relaxed, in the past people have worn jeans, shirt and tie, casual dresses to more dressy attire. Whatever you are comfortable in (excluding pjs)

I hope this answer many parents' questions that have not attended an auction at SFX in the past. It really is a great night to spend with friends, family and others while eating, drinking, and bidding on great items and raising funds for our school. This year's Waves for Success luau theme is sure to be fun for everyone! See you there!

Checkout our website at www.sfxs.org development page
<http://sfxs.org/development/biannualauction.html>





Dear Friend of St. Francis Xavier Catholic School:

For nearly 140 years, St. Francis Xavier Catholic School has educated thousands of students in a Christian way of life. A school rich in tradition but always looking forward, St. Francis Xavier understands the importance of keeping up with technology and current teaching methods. It is with the generous help of our community through fundraisers and donations that we are able to do so. Since 1996, St. Francis Xavier has hosted its biennial auction. The past ten auctions have raised nearly \$400,000 for our school's Development and Technology funds, enabling us to offer tuition assistance to our families in need and to support the continual upgrades to the Dr. Irvin A. Karam Computer Lab.

We are proud to announce that St. Francis Xavier will host its 11th Biennial Fundraising Auction, Saturday, March 12, 2016, at the Xavier Center. During our last auction in 2014, you graciously donated item(s) to be auctioned off during the event. As a valued friend of St. Francis and past supporter of our event, we hope you will continue to support the children and wonderful programs of St. Francis School by participating in this year's auction. The auction averages more than 350 people in attendance in which to showcase your business or product. Auction donors are thanked in our school newsletter and all items are published in the event's program. To continue your support of our school and our 2016 Auction please follow the steps below:

- Download the attached auction donor form or download one from our website at www.sfxs.org.
- Please complete a form for each item you wish to donate to the event. Please verify that the contact information and item descriptions are accurate.
- Please email the form to the school at development@sfxs.org or mail it to the address below.
- All items need to be received at the school no later than March 4th.
- If you have a question about an item you wish to donate please email our office at development@sfxs.org.

Please join us! Tickets to the auction are available to attend this great night of FUNraising. Tickets are \$30 per person or \$275 for a table of 10. Please consider attending the event in addition to supporting us with your donation!

Thank you again for your continued support of St. Francis Xavier Catholic School.

Sincerely,

The St. Francis Xavier Catholic School
2016 Biennial Auction Committee