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SFX School Celebrates 104 Years



St. Francis Xavier Catholic School, a pioneer in Christian education, celebrated a significant milestone—its 104th anniversary. On September 30, 1920, the school opened its doors to an eager public. Since then, it has been the only predominantly African American Catholic School in the Catholic Diocese of Baton Rouge and the Baton Rouge area. The school's diverse student body, from kindergarten to eighth grade, is a testament to our commitment to educating and developing our young children. We are proud to have served as an academic foundation for many Catholic and Non-Catholic students, focusing on their educational, spiritual, cultural, and physical development. Our school has played a vital role in the community, and we are honored to be a part of it. Happy Birthday, St. Francis Xavier Catholic School. **Photo by: School Office**

WILLIAMS PARTICIPANTS IN TEEN COURT



Dequincy Williams, a 6th grader, was selected to participate in the Teen Court of Greater Baton Rouge for the 2024-2025 academic year. Teen Court is a juvenile diversion restorative justice program that allows youth in EBR Parish who committed minor offenses to be judged by a jury of their peers. Williams will receive a remarkable leadership opportunity through our program to learn about due process, restorative justice, and the benefits of volunteering to improve their community. Congratulations Dequincy!!!

STUDENTS ELECTED TO LEAD THE 2024 – 25 PINK PEARLS CLUB



Naturally colored pink pearls are cultured in the first pearl mussel, and various hybrid mussels are bred to produce unique colors and sizes. According to research, pink pearls represent good health, generosity, love, kindness, compassion, loyalty, and happiness. Six students, Jayla McCray (president), Alaycia Williams (vice-president), Emely Guevara (secretary), Eyden Gant (Treasurer), Nina Ashford (chaplain), and Makenzie Williams (Sergeant-at-arms), were elected to lead and represent girls from grades 3-8 as Pink Pearls. Within this club, with the guidance of advisor Ms. Annette Dunn, the students will learn to undertake spiritual guidance and advance a state of wisdom and self-acceptance by lifting their spirits to make a person feel calm and beautiful.

Student Body Attends Volleyball Match at LSU



Ready, Set, and Match. SFX School student body had the opportunity to have a little downtime by participating in a field trip to the LSU vs. North Florida volleyball match held on September 20th. This trip allowed the kids to be exposed to a university campus environment in hopes of being motivated to one day pursue higher education. Also, it provided skills for students to learn, such as calculating player and team statistics, studying the geography of where the players are from, or simply learning the game of volleyball. **Photo by: Melonia Stewart**



Students from K-1 take time out after a busy school day to say, "HELLO" to the principal prior to going home for the day.

Enrichment Activities Kick-Off on a High Note



Some long-standing relationships have been continued, such as our enrichment activities, which now include the Big-Buddy Mentoring, DARE, and Male Initiative programs. The Big-Buddy Mentoring Program is an afterschool program that provides extended learning opportunities that combine academic support with enrichment activities to foster a child's overall growth and development—currently, the program services, on average, 60 kids daily. DARE Program, a substance abuse prevention program designed to equip 5th-grade students with the necessary skills for resisting peer pressure to experiment with tobacco, drugs, and alcohol; and the Male Initiative, sponsored by iCARE, a monthly program designed to work with all males' students focusing on making healthy lifestyle choices, along with guest speakers speaking on pivotal prevention messages that affects young males.

Special thanks to all those who supported the children in some way or another at SFX School during its 104th birthday celebration.

AROUND THE CAMPUS



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Save The Dates

- Oct. 15th - Report Cards go home
- Oct. 18th - School Mass (9:00 a.m.) & Awards Day Program (1:00 p.m.)
- Oct 21-25th - Spirit Week
- Oct. 25th - School Mass (9:00 a.m.)
- Oct. 31st - All Hollow Eve's Dance
- Nov. 1st - School Mass (9:00 a.m.)
- Nov. 5th - Election Day (School Closed)
- Nov. 12-13th - Literacy Fair
- Nov 18-22nd - Scholastic Book Fair
- Nov. 21st - Grandparents Day Luncheon
- Nov. 22nd - School Mass
- Nov. 25-29th - Thanksgiving Break



OPEN HOUSE

- Oct. 17th - St. Joseph's Academy (3:30 - 7 p.m.)
- Oct. 23rd - St. Michael HS (4 p.m. - 7 p.m.)

Start Collecting

Your Community Coffee Proofs of Purchase & Let's Raise Money for St. Francis Xavier Catholic School

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Serving Our Children

Projected Goal - \$1,000

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- Coffee Filters
- Tea Boxes
- Sugar & Creamer
- Hotels & Other Businesses

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