

St. Francis Xavier High School



Newsletter: March 31, 2023

Dear St FX Families,

As a community we enter Holy Week this week on the liturgical calendar. Please note that Friday, April 7 is Good Friday and Monday, April 10 is Easter Monday. Both days are holidays on the calendar - there are no classes on these days. We will welcome students back in the Easter season on Tuesday, April 11. Students at St Francis have continued to collect donations for charitable organizations to give thanks for everything that we have. We want to say a special prayer for Pope Francis who has recently been hospitalized – we pray that he will have a quick recovery from his illness.

Our Muslim families continue to observe Ramadan and we are going to gather for Iftar in the evening next week with our Muslim Student Association. Thank you to the MSA for everyone who is supporting our diverse community.

Thank you to High School Parents who attended Parent Teacher Interviews this week. Please contact your student's teacher if you have any questions or concerns and did not have an opportunity to speak to them at Parent Teacher Interviews. Please note that High School exams are being written from June 21st until June 26th – all students are expected to write their exams on these dates. Grade 9 EQAO Math will be written on June 19th and June 20th.

Elite Skilled Trades Academy:

The Ottawa Catholic School Board (OCSB) proudly introduces a wonderful opportunity for students interested in pursuing a Skilled Trade. The [Elite Skilled Trades Academy](#) will begin operation in September 2023 at St. Paul High School. The Academy is a unique two-year program for Grade 11 and 12 students which will allow them to gain sector-recognized certifications and apprenticeship training while still in high school. This program is supported by the Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program (OYAP).

Summer School Information:

Information for Summer School courses and programs with the Ottawa Catholic School Board and the Ottawa Carleton District School Board are now available. Please see the links below for more detail and the online registration forms.

OCSB - Registration open now ocsb.ca/summerschool

OCDSB - Registration opens on April 3rd ocdsb.ca/continuing_education/summer_school_programs

Graduation Gown Information and Graduation Fee:

This is a reminder to complete the following [Graduation Gown Information Form](#) so that we can order your cap and gown for the graduation ceremony in June. Students must be logged into your OCSB student account to access this form. Graduates who have not yet paid their Grad Fee on School Cash Online are asked to do so by Friday, May 26th as the account will be closed after this date.

Grade 12 Prom Information:

All graduates are required to have their 40 hours of community service completed in order to purchase prom tickets. Prom tickets will be on sale from Monday, April 17th to Friday, May 12th. Students can purchase prom tickets using School Cash Online and are \$100 per person.

OC Transpo Transportation Changes:

We've been informed of the following OC Transpo service improvements for St. Francis Xavier HS that will take effect on Sunday, April 23.

Route 693

The morning trips that currently start at 07:11 and 07:12 will be shifted several minutes earlier, to start at 07:02 and 07:04.

All afternoon trips will be shifted to arrive at the school three minutes earlier, at 14:07, maintaining the 14:17 departure time from the school.

High School Play – Neverending Story: Donations of Dark-coloured Umbrellas:

The Neverending Story High School Play Performances will take place from April 19th to April 21st. Here is the [Neverending Story Press Release](#). We need multiple plain, dark-coloured (black, navy blue, dark grey/brown/green) umbrellas to use for a crowd scene in the school's upcoming production of *The Neverending Story*. Since students are completing choreography with these umbrellas, we cannot confidently say they would be returned to you in working order, so donations would be preferred. Umbrellas can be dropped off in the main office with a note for Mrs. Capyk. Thanks for checking!

Lenten Project Support and Donations Deadline April 6th:

Thank you for the generous Lenten Project support and donations we have received so far! You can donate through SchoolCashOnline until April 6th or contact Mme Oliviero for more information.

Director of Education Winner – Derek Spriet – St Francis Xavier Head of Student Services:

Congratulations to Derek Spriet for winning the Director of Education Commendation Award! This is a very prestigious award in the Ottawa Catholic School Board and Derek Spriet is a most deserving recipient. We are very lucky to have Derek in our St Francis Xavier school community.

Black Excellence Nomination – Olivia Maiorino – High School Focus Teacher:

Olivia Maiorino has been nominated by the BSA students of St FX for the OCSB Recognizing Champions of #ocsbBlackExcellence initiative, part of our Board-wide Black History Month celebration 2023. Olivia is an educator who is committed to supporting Black excellence within our school community. Congratulations Ms Maiorino for everything that you do for our BSA at St Francis Xavier.

Winner of the 2023 MASC Award – Amarissa Nwabuisi:

Congratulations to Amarissa Nwabuisi, winner of the 2023 MASC Award for outstanding achievement in the Dramatic Arts. There were several candidates and Amarissa is the sole winner for the Ottawa area. We are very proud of you and look forward to you showing your talents at St Francis in future years to come!

Our Lady of the Visitation Dinner – April 2nd:

Enjoy another delicious homemade Ham and Scalloped potatoes dinner from Our Lady of the Visitation kitchen. Proceeds to church restoration building fund. This is our last dinner until Schnitzel Day on September 10th. Prepaid \$25 tickets at 613-822-2007 or email with your phone number to:

Events@olvottawa.ca

Curb side pickup Sunday April 2 from 4 pm to 6 pm at 5338 Bank Street.

School Council:

Our next Parent Council meeting will take place on April 17th at 4:45pm.

Parent Updates:

I will be sending out a newsletter on a weekly basis. Important information can be found on the school website fxh.ocsb.ca. You can also follow us on Twitter @StFXOCSB.

We wish all our St FX families a Happy Easter and we wish our Muslim families a Happy Ramadan Kareem. There will not be a newsletter next week due to the Easter Holiday.

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