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Welcome to St. Xavier Catholic School's Newsletter published by the High School Mass Communication Class. The newsletter will be published several times a year with our purpose to inform you concerning personnel, students, and events at St. Xavier Catholic School.

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### **We Celebrate Those Moving Up and Graduating**



The 8th graders will be promoted on May 17, and the 12th graders will be graduating on May 18. The Baccalaureate Mass will be on Sunday, May 19. The 8th graders will advance to become freshmen next year, while the seniors will be leaving us to start the rest of their lives.

The graduation will be held for the 12th graders in the church. The ceremony for the 8th graders will be in the school gym.

Mr. Augustine said "I am extremely excited as our 8th graders are promoted to high school as well as our seniors graduating and journeying on in their lives. We wish our seniors all the best and invite them to come back and visit us at anytime, and we look forward to seeing the 8th graders back here as freshmen." –Jayden L.

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### **Mister Dancing Shoes**

Sophomore, Charles Q., recently qualified for state while attending the KSHSAA District Music Festival. Becky P., Tobias G., and Charles Q., accompanied by music teacher Mrs. Wiley, attended the KSHSAA District on April 13, 2024. The District Music Festival was held at Tabor College in Hillsboro.

Becky P. received a rating of 2, Tobias G. received a 3, while Charles Q. received a 1--advancing him to state. Charles Q. attended state at Hesston College, in Hesston, Kansas, on April 27, 2024. At state, he received a rating of 2. This was a great experience for Charles Q. showing him where he stands in his musical career as only a sophomore.



Charles was inspired for his choice of music by wanting something that stands out. He is thankful for the opportunity he was presented with and happy to make those around him proud. While asking why he chose his piece his response was, “I like dancing, I like shoes. Put them together and you make a

masterpiece.” –Alyssa E.

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## End of the Year Activities

The yearbook signing party will be held during seminar on May 16 in the cafeteria. The theme of this year’s yearbook is “Where’s Rowdy?” Mrs. Becker stated: “The yearbook staff has worked very hard on this year’s book; hopefully, you will enjoy seeing all the places that Rowdy the Ram was found throughout the building during this school year.”

On May 22, an Accelerated Reader party will be held at the skating rink for grades 1-6. The following day the 7-12th grades will be traveling to the bowling alley after celebrating Mass. This will be the end of the year activity before releasing the students for the summer season. –Naythan H.

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## A Symphony of Colors at the Fine Arts Showcase!



With the end of the year quickly approaching, the Fine Arts Showcase is right around the corner! It will be on Tuesday, May 17<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 pm in the Gym. It will include 7-12th Art, Band, Choir, and Forensics.

Art will be presenting projects they have completed this year. The Band and Choir will be performing several songs, as well as a few solos and duets. The Forensics team will be performing two solos and a duet, which they performed at several tournaments throughout the season.

The Fine Arts Showcase is a highlight of the year, and it is highly recommended that one goes to see it! –Miguel W.

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## A Fun Filled Field Day



Field Day is on Monday, May 20th. The students involved are in grades Kindergarten thru 6th grade. Students in 8th grade and up will help with the events.

Some of the activities on that day will include bubbles, 3-legged race, throwing darts, wet sponge race, balance beam race, tug of war, 100-meter dash, potato sack race, and ping pong. After the activities, they will be treated to ice cream.

The purpose of Field Day is to celebrate all the activities they learned in Physical Education. –Taylor S.

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## Seniors Trippin in Kansas City



The destination for the senior trip was changed from Omaha, NE, to Kansas City. This was because of forecasted storms. It was a good thing that the senior class did not go to Omaha because a tornado tore up a Nebraska interstate and touched down in Omaha.

The destination for the trip was the Rush Funplex in Kansas City. After all the fun activities at the Funplex, the senior class traveled to dine at Dominic's Classic Italian Restaurant. All enjoyed the trip! –Noah F.

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## Another Great Season for Forensics!



Tobias G., Crissy S., and Sierra S. all made it to state forensics! Crissy S. and Sierra S. qualified for state with a duet and Tobias G. with a humorous solo.

This year, state forensics was held at McPherson. All the participants qualified for the state tournament by placing first or second in a meet. Tobias G. broke into semi-finals at state. What an honor!

Each of the participants and coach were asked about the season. Mrs. Becker expressed, "Their goal for the year was to qualify for state—the second year in a row—by performing at a very high level. They set the bar high—and reached their goal. Congratulations—so proud of you!"

Crissy said, "Making it to state is such an accomplishment. Sierra is the best partner I could have had. I am excited to go to state, but I am sad to see the season end." Tobias said, "This season was totally 'tubular.'" Sierra said, "Crissy and I



have made it so far as duet partners, and I'm glad that we made it to state." Congratulations to all the Forensics members! –Sierra S.

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## **Saint Xavier Catholic School Annual Blood Drive!**

**SAVE A LIFE**



**GIVE BLOOD**

Saint Xavier Catholic School is holding a blood drive on May 8 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm in the school gymnasium. StuCo and Carrol Miller are sponsoring the blood drive. To be able to donate blood, you must be 16 or older. For people under 18, you will need a parental permission paper filled out. You will also need to meet the weight requirements. Both male and female donors must weigh at least 110 lbs.

Mrs. Salazar said, "Giving blood helps lots of people and hospitals. It's also another way to give back to the community." –Danika E.

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## **The Results are in!**



The numbers are in! Thank you to all the generous donors, patrons, and volunteers who contributed to the St. Xavier Catholic School Auction. With your help, we were able to raise \$116,000 for our parish school. We sincerely appreciate your

support in making this a successful event!

Some items that brought the most money in were the class baskets and senior pairs. The summer basket made \$225, the coffee basket made \$300, and other items raised so much more.

"It was an amazing evening with parents, parishioners, and the community. The support was phenomenal. We had 300 people in attendance and appreciate everyone's contributions towards St. Xavier Catholic School." stated Mr. Augustine. –Hana M.

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## **St. Xavier Senior Named Scout of the Year by The Kansas American Legion**

As a result of her hard work in Scouts over the years, Hana M. has been named Scout of the Year by The American Legion—Kansas Department.

She will be recognized at the state convention in Topeka in June. On behalf of St. Xavier Catholic School, we extend our congratulations! –Mrs. Becker

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## Outstanding Rams—April



Congratulations to our April teacher of the month, Mrs. Wiley! Parents shared that Mrs. Wiley has the chance to work with all students PreK-12 to increase their love of music. She puts together several multigrade performances a year, organizes the pep band, which enhances the atmosphere at basketball games, and contributes to the parish through the children's choir. Children enjoy her class, and they have learned so much from her in her time at St. Xavier. Mrs. Wiley is a fantastic ambassador for the school, as her musical contributions can be seen in the school-based performances that she organizes, the choir performances enjoyed by the parish during holidays, and during Mass on Sundays when she plays the piano and sings. She embodies the school's mission as a teacher and parish member, setting an example for the students at school and in church. Way to go, Mrs. Wiley!

Congratulations to our April high school student of the month, sophomore Nick Fields! Nick has shown so much growth as a student this year. He is more sure of himself in his knowledge and is becoming an accomplished writer. Nick volunteers and participates in class and has been doing well, overall, academically. He completes his assignments, is very respectful, and follows classroom expectations. Nick has been doing a good job not only in class but also in athletics. Nice job Nick! –Mr. Augustine

**EDUCATING FOR ETERNITY  
THROUGH  
FAITH & REASON**

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This section of the newsletter is dedicated to this year's St. Xavier graduates—Class of 2024.

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## *Noah Fields*



### **What are your plans for next year?**

I plan to apply to a technical college and learn a trade.

### **What do you envision for yourself in ten years?**

#### **Where will you be, what will you be doing. . . .**

In ten years, I envision myself working as a tradesman, probably in a different state.

### **What is your favorite St. Xavier memory?**

There have been so many fond memories, so it is a very hard decision on which one trumps which.

### **What was your favorite class (not just this year but all the years you were here)?**

My favorite class was most definitely PE although history was an honorable mention.

### **What advice would you like to give to St. Xavier underclassmen?**

Manage your time wisely, stay on task and target, and don't waste the time you have left. Time tends to creep up on you.

### **What information did you learn at St. Xavier that you will remember all your life?**

Something that I learned at St. Xavier that I will remember for a long time is how to do your taxes.

### **What has been your favorite part of your senior year (and not just that you are graduating!)?**

My favorite part of my senior year was being able to come over from statistics class and to participate in PE when they played fun games like duck hunt and ultimate frisbee.

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# Tobias Guthrie

## What are your plans for next year?

I plan to continue working while waiting to be able to join the United States Army.

## What do you envision for yourself in ten years? Where will you be, what will you be doing. . . .

In ten years, I will be a veterinarian in the U.S. Army.



## What is your favorite St. Xavier memory?

My favorite memory is the first time that I helped with field day. I got to throw water balloons at children. I had fun.

## What was your favorite class (not just this year but all the years that you were here)?

Statistics was my favorite class.

## What advice would you like to give to St. Xavier underclassmen?

Don't take this time for granted. It will be over soon and before you know it, Uncle Sam will come knocking at your door talking about TAXES.

## What information did you learn at St. Xavier that you will remember all your life?

Don't challenge Heston in a sport if you don't want a concussion.

## What has been your favorite part of your senior year?

Being encouraged to pursue an internship that lets me get into the veterinary field.

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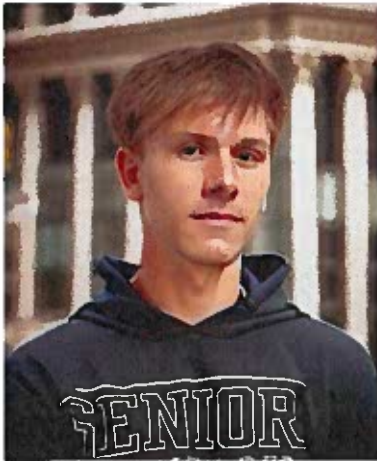
# Naythan Hall

## What are your plans for next year?

I plan to pursue a career in a trade profession and eventually own my own business.

## What do you envision for yourself in ten years? Where will you be, what will you be doing. . . .

Supervising a business in my chosen trade.



**What was your favorite class (not just this year but all the years you were here)?**

My favorite class was physical education.

**What advice would you like to give to St. Xavier underclassmen?**

There's always someone bigger than you.

**What is your favorite St. Xavier memory?**

One of my favorite memories is exploring a tunnel with my friends.

**What has been your favorite part of your senior year (and not just that you are graduating!)?**

I have enjoyed the days when most of the senior class is gone participating in school activities.

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## *Heston Jahnke*



**What are your plans for next year?**

I plan to attend Kansas State University in Manhattan.

**What do you envision for yourself in ten years?**

**Where will you be, what will you be doing. . . .**

In plan to be working on the family farm.

**What is your favorite St. Xavier memory?**

My favorite memory from St. X is from basketball. It was when we beat Peabody in a very close game.

**What was your favorite class (not just this year but all the years you were here)?**

Mr. Becker's statistics class.

**What advice would you like to give to St. Xavier**

**underclassmen?**

My advice to any underclassmen is enjoy everything while it lasts because you will grow up faster than you want to.



**What information did you learn at St. Xavier that you will remember all your life?**

The information I learned at St. Xavier that I will remember all my life is how to be a leader and encourage others around me.

**What has been your favorite part of your senior year (and not just that you are graduating!)?**

My favorite part of my senior year is the comradeship I have formed with my friends.

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## *Hana Moeller*



**What are your plans for next year?**

I plan to attend Barton Community College/Fort Riley to get my associate degree.

**What do you envision for yourself in ten years?**

**Where will you be, what will you be doing. . . .**

I hope to get a job as a forensic scientist or maybe be in the military.

**What is your favorite St. Xavier memory?**

My favorite memory is the homecoming pep rallies with the homecoming court doing special activities.

**What was your favorite class (not just this year but all the years that you were here)?**

My favorite class was English.

**What advice would you like to give to St. Xavier underclassmen?**

Do not procrastinate on any assignments. Get it done first, so you can have free time.

**What information did you learn at St. Xavier that you will remember all your life?**

I will remember that no matter what comes your way, you can always push past it—with the help of others.

**What has been your favorite part of your senior year?**

My favorite part of my senior year is my last time on the volleyball team. Even though we didn't win many games, we all improved throughout the year.

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# Rebecca Peterson



## **What are your plans for next year?**

I plan to attend Benedictine College in Atchison, KS, and study journalism.

## **What do you envision for yourself in 10 years? Where will you be, what will you be doing. . . .**

In ten years, I will be working as a Catholic journalist for Faith Magazine or the National Catholic Register.

## **What is your favorite St. Xavier memory?**

My favorite St. Xavier memory is playing in the pep band on Homecoming.

## **What was your favorite class (not just this year but all the years that you were here)?**

Statistics

## **What advice would you like to give to St. Xavier underclassmen?**

Make the most of the time you have. Keep up with all your work, so you don't have to stress at the last minute, and make sure you have time for yourself. Don't stretch yourself so thin on time that you can't even enjoy what you are doing. Participate in the events that you want to, but know that it's okay to say no.

## **What information did you learn at St. Xavier that you will remember all your life?**

Faith is important and should work its way into every aspect of your life. Honorable mentions: typing, tying my shoes, and spelling my name.

## **What has been your favorite part of your senior year?**

My favorite part of my senior year was getting the opportunity to participate on the scholars bowl team—especially placing third at regionals and getting to go to state.

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# Crissy Sexton-Snow

## **What are plans for next year?**

I plan to attend community college while working.



**What do you envision for yourself in 10 years?**

**Where will you be, what will you be doing. . . .**

In ten years, I will have a degree, working a great job, and living in an apartment.

**What is your favorite St. Xavier memory?**

My favorite St. Xavier memory is my final home cheer game when the whole gym was cheering and some of us seniors started to cry knowing that it was the last time we would be playing in that gym.

**What was your favorite class while at St. Xavier?**

My favorite class since I have been at St. X would be English. I have learned so many things

while still having fun!

**What advice would you like to give to St. Xavier underclassmen?**

It will be over before you know it. It seems like a lot right now but keep working! It will all pay off when you get to graduate and start your life.

**What information did you learn at St. Xavier that you will remember all your life?**

The information that I learned at St. Xavier that I will remember for the rest of my life will be that family is not necessarily blood, but it's the people around you that you care for.

**What has been your favorite part of your senior year?**

My favorite part of my senior year is all the bittersweet "lasts." My last cheer game, my last volleyball game, and pretty much anything that I have gotten used to over the last four years that will all be coming to an end.

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## *Sierra Smith*

**What are your plans for next year?**

I plan to attend Cloud County Community College to start my associate degree and CAN program.





**What do you envision for yourself in 10 years? Where will you be, what will you be doing. . . .**

In ten years, I envision myself as a registered nurse working at a hospital somewhere in Colorado.

**What is your favorite St. Xavier memory?**

Going to prom for the first time.

**What was your favorite class (not just this year but all the years that you were here)?**

Anatomy and biology—they were both my favorites.

**What advice would you like to give to St. Xavier**

**underclassmen?**

Stay on top of your work and keep a planner to list everything you need to do.

**What information did you learn at St. Xavier that you will remember all your life?**

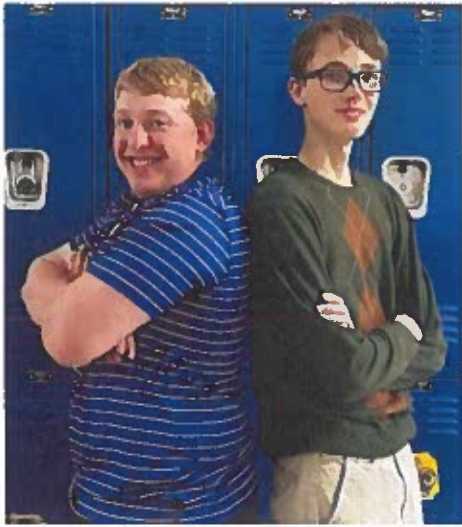
Learning how to work well with others in a team environment.

**What has been your favorite part of your senior year?**

My last cheer season—especially the last home game.

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**Congratulations  
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Class of 2024**

