

THURSDAY, MAY 21 2026

THE
**FRIDAY
CRUSADER**



ST FRANCIS XAVIER SCHOOL
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REMINDERS

- 5/22-5/25 - No school Friday & Monday
- 6/1 - Field Day (parent volunteers needed)
- 6/3 - Middle School physicals at PHS (required for next year's athletes)
- 6/4 - 8th Grade Graduation
- 6/5 - Downtown Flower Planting
- 6/5 - Pie-in-the-face (raffle incentive)
- 6/10 - Last day of school



SFX Church bulletin for May 24th

Sign up for Playground Duty - May and June SignUp Genius is available [HERE!](#)

Lunch Menu for May/June found [HERE!](#)

Sign up to volunteer at FIELD DAY on June 1st at PHS Stadium!

A "full" week in May!

Wow! What a busy week! It was a non-uniform week (thank you, families, for helping us exceed our raffle sales goal - what a great incentive!), the salmon were released in the Bear River, the elementary students headed to the Petoskey FieldHouse for their raffle incentive (THANK YOU, Petoskey FieldHouse, for AGAIN providing this amazing incentive to our younger students), the middle schoolers went on a retreat to the Marian Peace Center & Cross in the Woods, elementary school students walked to Central School to watch the steel drum band, younger elementary students went to the Great Lakes Art Center to watch the Singing Zoologist, and we had the SFX Alumni senior walk thru. Are you exhausted yet? :) ***The end of the year activities press on and we are here for it. At the school mass on Wednesday, Father Peter stressed the importance of praying the rosary as a family. As busy as this time can be, praying the rosary is a beautiful way to slow down and make time for God.***

Coming Up

Memorial Day

As the school year winds down and the calendar fills with activities, this weekend offers an opportunity to slow down!. During the **Memorial Day weekend**, may we take time to honor and pray for those who gave their lives for our freedom.

Wishing all families a peaceful and blessed **four-day weekend** filled with gratitude, rest, and time with family. We'll see you back in school on Tuesday.

Field Day – June 1

Our much-anticipated **Field Day** will take place at the **Petoskey High School stadium**. See the flyer below for details. It's always a highlight of the year filled with fun, teamwork, and school spirit!

8th Grade Graduation – June 4

Join us in celebrating our **eighth grade graduates** on **Tuesday, June 4**. Families are encouraged to attend this beautiful service, which includes student and teacher speeches followed by a reception. For families considering middle school at SFX, this event truly showcases the close-knit community and lifelong friendships that form here.

Downtown Flower Planting – June 5

Parents and grandparents are invited to help with **downtown flower planting** on **Wednesday, June 5**. It's a wonderful way to serve our community and share in the beauty of Petoskey.

Golf Outing Recap

Our annual **Golf Outing** took place on Sunday. Although lightning cut the day short, it was a fun day. Thank you to all our sponsors and volunteers who made this event possible—we look forward to next year's outing!

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thank you!



✧ SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS ✧

Looking for the May and June Lunch menu? [Click HERE!](#)

Calling all Harbor Springs families! Our van provides transportation to students who reside in Harbor Springs. Please contact the office you are interested for next year!

ATTENTION middle school athletes for next year! Physicals are required in order to participate in SFX sports, including the middle school co-op sports. The Petoskey Athletic Department will be hosting its annual Physical Clinic on Wednesday, June 3rd from 6-8pm in the PHS Main Gym. Cost is \$15. Middle school parents must be accompanied by an adult.

We are so excited for our SFX Field Day coming up on Monday, June 1st at Petoskey

Northmen Stadium! This is always one of the most memorable days of the year for our students — full of laughter, teamwork, games, sunshine, and school spirit! *This year, we are hoping to make Field Day the BEST ONE YET, and we would love your help to make that happen.*

We are looking for as many parent volunteers as possible to help run stations, encourage students, keep activities moving smoothly, and simply help create an unforgettable experience for our kids. Whether you can help for part of the day or the entire event, your support makes a huge difference! [Click here to sign up!](#)

A few upcoming dates:

- June 1st - Field Day
- June 2nd - One Room SchoolHouse (4th Grade)
- June 3rd - Middle School Physicals at PHS Main Gym 6-8p \$15
- June 4th - Revolutionary Days (5th Grade)
- June 4th - 8th grade graduation (all school families welcome to attend!)
- June 5th - Downtown Flower Planting
- June 5th - Pie in the Face (Raffle incentive)
- June 10th - Last Day of School (11:40a dismissal)
- June 22nd - Vacation Bible School week



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TO HAVE
FUN!



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4TH-8TH GRADE

12:00 PM-2:30 PM

★ ONE SCHOOL. ONE TEAM. ONE AMAZING DAY! ★

Volunteer for Field Day!



PTO & GALA UPDATES



The last PTO meeting of the school year will be held on Monday, June 1st. Please join us!



OTHER HAPPENINGS....



Thank you to the Marian Peace Center and Cross in the Woods for hosting our middle school student retreat. It was a wonderful day of learning, praying, and service. The kids raked and weeded at the Marian Peace Center. Thank you, Katie Moe, for speaking at our retreat!




Middle
School
retreat





The salmon were released into the Bear River this week!



 SALMON RELEASED INTO BEAR RIVER



Thank you to Petoskey FieldHouse for providing this amazing raffle incentive - the students love to play ping pong, rock climb, play soccer & play arcade games. What a perfect day!



Students walked over to Central Elementary to watch the Petoskey Steel Drum band perform. It was great to see a few SFX Alumni!



Our preschool students learning to pray.





What a blessing to have our SFX Alumni walk the halls today before they graduate high school. We are proud of all of your accomplishments and know that your futures are bright! Check out a few of the SFX Alumni below!



DOMENICO FANTOZZI

Class of 2026



"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." Philippians 4:13

Domenico is the son of Lynn and Archie Fantozzi.

Throughout his time at St. Michael, Dom has been a dedicated student-athlete, competing in basketball, ski team, and golf. He has especially enjoyed philosophy and values the memorable friendships built during senior year basketball bus rides. Inspired by St. Thomas Aquinas, Dom's St. Michael experience has been exciting and formative.

This fall, Dom plans to attend North Central Michigan College while pursuing opportunities in the trades.



ST. MICHAEL HIGH SCHOOL
A CHESTERTON ACADEMY



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Congrats!

LEAH SULITIS

Petoskey Education Foundation

Scholar/Athlete Scholarship

The Scholar/Athlete Scholarship is awarded to an outstanding PHS senior who has excelled in an academically rigorous and well-rounded course of study reflective of his/her career goal, been a member of any PHS athletic team, and will be attending an institution of higher education.

MATTHEW CESARIO

Class of 2026



"And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose." Romans 8:28

Matthew is the son of Laurie and James Cesario.

Throughout his time at St. Michael, Matthew has been an accomplished student-athlete, participating in both golf and ski team at SMHS, including earning a place at the state level as a member of the ski team. He has especially enjoyed physics and values memorable experiences like the sophomore year rafting trip. Inspired by St. Matthew, Matthew's St. Michael journey has been adventurous, energetic, and full of growth.

This fall, Matthew plans to attend Michigan State University to pursue a degree in business.



ST. MICHAEL HIGH SCHOOL
A CHESTERTON ACADEMY



Congrats!

LIAM CLEARY

Petoskey Education Foundation

**John Newton
Memorial Scholarship**

The John Newton Memorial Scholarship is awarded to an outstanding PHS Senior who has excelled in an academically rigorous and well-rounded course of study, demonstrated leadership, character, service, and will be attending an institution of higher education.

The RaiseRight program will continue throughout the summer! Cards will be available for purchase at the parish office or online. Check out the information below!



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