

## ***From the Headmaster***

CONGRATULATIONS to Mr. Andrew T. Gargano who was named to the position of Academic Dean effective July 1, 2006. Mr. Gargano will work with the juniors and seniors.

## ***From the Principal***

CONGRATULATIONS to **Benjamin B. Daniels** who has been named a 2007 National Merit Semifinalist, **Alondré Rush** who has been named a semi-finalist in the 2007 Achievement Scholarship Competition and **Martin A. Collier, Grant C. deWilde, Benjamin E. Schneider and Matthew T. Shugrue** who have been named 2007 National Merit Commended Students. These young men, all members of the Class of 2007, are to be congratulated for their accomplishments. They represent their class and Xavier High School well.

**FUNDRAISER:** The ad drive fundraiser, "Students Helping Students," closes on **October 30<sup>th</sup>**. Please encourage your son to meet and go beyond his personal goal of \$60.00. All proceeds from the ad drive go directly to financial aid. Any student who fails to or is unable to meet his personal goal will be required to perform three (3) hours of service for the school. We appreciate your sons' efforts toward this worthwhile endeavor.

**THE OPENING OF SCHOOL MASS FOR THE ADMINISTRATION, FACULTY, STAFF AND STUDENTS** will be held on Friday, September 29<sup>th</sup>. Bishop Cote will celebrate this special Mass and bless the community as we begin the 2006-2007 school year.

**COLUMBUS DAY** is Monday, October 9<sup>th</sup>. School will not be in session and all offices will be closed. **A FACULTY/STAFF MEETING** is scheduled for Wednesday, October 18<sup>th</sup>. Underclassmen will be dismissed at 11:30 a.m. after their testing. **Seniors will not be required to attend school and are strongly encouraged to take advantage of this time for college visitations.** All buses, Middletown and out-of-town, will run at dismissal.

**CANCELLATIONS AND POSTPONEMENTS** of all school activities can be found on the Xavier website.

**CALENDAR:** PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING CHANGES TO THE SCHOOL CALENDAR: **December 1 – Feast of St. Francis Xavier Prayer Service 1:45 p.m.; December 12 – Grandparents Day and Christmas Fine Arts Night Snow Date.**

**REMINDER REGARDING DANCE REGULATIONS:** The student body has been made aware that the administration will not tolerate the modern style of "Dirty Dancing or "Mosh Pits." Any student involved in these activities will be confronted, his parents will be contacted, the student will be prohibited from attending future dances, including proms and/or semi-formals, issued detention, and may face suspension. This is a serious matter and I ask for your cooperation in discussing this matter with your son. "Mosh Pits" are dangerous and the "Dirty Dancing" is contrary to the moral code of Xavier High School. If this situation is not rectified, the future of dances at Xavier will be in jeopardy.

## ***Academic Deans***

**ACADEMIC PROBATION:** If your son failed a course last school year, he is automatically placed on academic probation. In addition to failing one course for the year as mentioned above, students are placed on academic probation by the appropriate academic dean for the following reasons: a) failing two or more subjects for any marking period, b) failing one subject and receiving two or more D's in other subjects for any marking period, or c) exhibiting a serious deterioration in academic performance as evidenced by falling grades, failure to complete homework assignments, negligence in seeking extra help, or a general indifferent attitude toward academics. If a student is placed on academic probation, he will be monitored and evaluated when both progress reports and marking period report cards are distributed. If a student fails to make significant progress in both academic performance and attitude, he may be asked to leave Xavier High School in January or June.

**ACADEMIC REPORTS** The first set of progress reports for the first marking period were available on line on Tuesday, September 26<sup>th</sup> and the second set will be available on line on October 17<sup>th</sup>. Progress reports will indicate a grade of "high pass", "pass", "borderline" or "failure". Teacher's comments on the progress report will further explain your son's academic standing. A letter providing information on how to access your son's progress report on line was mailed home. If you have any problems or questions, please feel free to contact the main office.

**ASSIGNMENTS:** If your son is absent from school, you can obtain his assignments on our website at [www.xavierhighschool.org](http://www.xavierhighschool.org). Click on teacher pages, followed by your son's individual teachers and you will find his assignments. This system should be used in case your son is absent. Students should be regularly writing down their assignments in the planners which were a gift of the alumni association.

**THE CLOSE OF THE FIRST MARKING PERIOD** is Friday, October 27<sup>th</sup>. **REPORT CARD DISTRIBUTION** will be held on Tuesday, November 7<sup>th</sup> for parents of FRESHMEN and SENIORS and on Thursday, November 9<sup>th</sup> for parents of SOPHOMORES and JUNIORS, between 6:00 and 7:30 p.m. Parents will have the opportunity to visit with teachers they wish to see.

**CRITERIA FOR ACADEMIC HONORS:** For a student to attain High Honors for a given marking period, he must have at least a 3.5 grade point average for that quarter and have no grade lower than a B in his major subjects. For a student to attain Honors for a given marking period, he must have at least a 3.0 grade point average for that quarter and have no grade lower than a C in his major subjects.

**Eligibility:** Students who fail more than one course at the end of a marking period may not participate in extracurricular activities of any kind for the entire next marking period, with the time of the ineligibility beginning on the day grades are reported to the school office. Extracurricular activities are defined as any and all school-supervised activities the participation in which constitutes a significant expenditure of time (sports, organized clubs, plays, intramurals, organized weight-lifting, etc.) Ineligibility does not pertain to dances, proms, retreats, or community service. Parents desiring to have their sons become ineligible may do so by notifying Mr. Donohue or Mr. Gargano. At any time during the year, teachers may submit to Mr. Donohue or Mr. Gargano the names of any students they think should become ineligible because of studies or poor attitude. A meeting will be called with the student's teacher to determine his status.



## Admissions Office

**OPEN HOUSE AND ENTRANCE EXAM:** Xavier's Open House for eighth graders and their parents will be held on **Sunday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>**, from 1:00 to 4:00 pm. The entrance exam will be administered on **Saturday, November 18<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 a.m.** As Xavier parents you are in a particularly good position to let others know about the benefits of a Xavier education. If you know of an eighth grade boy who you think should consider attending Xavier, please call Mrs. Keereweer 860-346-7735 x 702 and leave his name and address. We will put him on our mailing list and invite him to the Open House.

*Pre-registration is also available online by accessing the Xavier website at [www.xavierhighschool.org](http://www.xavierhighschool.org) and following instructions.*

## Dean of Students

**AFTER SCHOOL PICK UP/BUSES:** Please do not park in the fire lanes directly in front of the school when picking up your son as this area is reserved for buses only. You may wait to pick up your son in the lanes in the faculty/staff parking area. Just a reminder – it takes approximately 15 minutes after dismissal for the front parking lot to be cleared. If you wait until 2:45 p.m. to pick up your son, you will be able to enter and exit the property without a problem. Also, Xavier respectfully requests that you pick up your son in a timely fashion after any extra-curricular event, i.e., retreats, sporting events, dances, etc. For the safety of your son, Xavier requires that moderators, coaches or retreat facilitators remain at Xavier until all the student participants are picked up. If there is a situation beyond your control, please call the school to inform us so that we are made aware. Thank you for your anticipated cooperation.

**BOOK BAGS/BOOKS:** Parents are asked to remind their sons that their books and book bags should not be taken to the dining room area during lunch periods. Students should place their belongings in their lockers prior to lunch. At no time are book bags allowed to be left unlocked in the locker room.

**CELL PHONES:** Students are not permitted to be in possession of cell phones during the course of the academic day. All cell phones are to be kept either in the student's car or locker. Students are only permitted to use cell phones after 2:25 p.m. in the courtyard area of the school. Any student who violates this policy will be appropriately disciplined which may include suspension.

**DRESS CODE:** Students must wear button down shirts with a tie. Shirts cannot be flannel, Hawaiian-style or multi-colored plaids. A traditional "oxford style" shirt is expected. The coloration of hair is not permitted. With regard to all school policies, please do not make exceptions for your son and please do not put the administration in a difficult position by asking that an exception be made for your son from regular school policy. Any extenuating circumstances with regard to school policies should be put in writing and given to your sons' academic dean. The final decision regarding school discipline policies rests with Mr. Garrity.

**FAMILY VACATIONS:** When scheduling family vacations during the school year, please remember the school policy: *The school feels very strongly that neither parents nor students should be allowed to adjust the official school calendar for their own convenience. In light of this, absences for vacation are to be avoided whenever possible. Parents who anticipate vacation when Xavier is in session, should note that such absences are "unexcused." As such, the student will not be excused from any material that was covered or from any tests and/or exams that took place during such absences.*

**PARKING:** Seniors and juniors who registered for parking received their assigned space during orientation. Any student who drives to school who has not registered for parking will be disciplined appropriately and his car may be towed at the owner's expense.

## Athletic Department

**THE FALL SPORTS SEASON** is will underway. Parents are reminded that directions to all sporting events can be found on the CIAC website at [www.casciac.org](http://www.casciac.org). Cancellations of sporting events will be posted on the school website, [www.xavierhighschool.org](http://www.xavierhighschool.org).

**WINTER SPORTS** will begin at the end of November. In order for your son to participate in a winter sport (basketball, wrestling, swimming, indoor track, ice hockey) he must have had a physical examination by his physician after June 1, 2006. The yellow Sports Evaluation Form must be on file in the nurse's office by November 1, 2006. If your son has not had a physical by his personal physician dated after June 1<sup>st</sup>, he should see Mrs. Peterson to sign up for the in-school sport physicals which will take place on Thursday, November 16<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, November 21<sup>st</sup>.

**THE FIRST DAY OF PRACTICE FOR WINTER SPORTS** is Monday, November 27, 2006.

## Campus Ministry

**Student Service Requirement:** Teaching students the value of community service is an important aspect in Catholic education. As a graduation requirement, all students must complete a minimum of 30 hours of community service by the end of their junior year. This total can be done all at once at anytime if your son has a service opportunity that fulfills this requirement. Hours done over the summer are accepted and welcomed. If your son has done more hours than required, please submit them to the Campus Ministry Office to be part of his service file. All service grants, scholarships, and monies are awarded based on the documented hours in his file. It is strongly recommended that students complete a minimum of ten (10) hours each academic year in order to meet the required thirty hours by the end of their junior year. Freshmen will receive two (2) hours as part of their Freshmen Retreat Day. Juniors can receive seven (7) hours by participating in the Junior Volunteer Program. All students are required to submit documentation to the Campus Ministry Office upon completion of their service hours. Community service opportunities at Xavier include membership in the Ryken Service Society, participation in MYARC, and the Junior Volunteer Program. Other opportunities provided through the Campus Ministry Office are announced and posted, and it is the student's responsibility to sign up if he wishes to take advantage of these opportunities.

## Guidance Office

PSAT's will be administered to sophomores and juniors on Wednesday, October 18<sup>th</sup>. Members of the freshman class will take the National Educational Development Test (NEDT) on that date also.

**GUIDANCE AND ADVISING:** Senior parents are encouraged to make an appointment with their son's advisor regarding the college process. A scholarship booklet will be distributed to your sons during September. It lists all scholarships available the past few years. It will have last year's dates, but as we received the current scholarship applications, the new dates will be posted outside the guidance office, on the T.V. monitors in the classrooms, and on our website. Please review this booklet. If you have any questions about your son's academic progress, please call his guidance advisor. You may call the guidance office directly at 860-346-1368. Your son's pastoral advisor, who most likely is his religion teacher, is also available should you want to talk with him or her about some personal issue related to your son. Any question about pastoral advising should be directed to Mr. Langevin, the religion department chair.

**SENIOR FINANCIAL AID NIGHT** will be held at Xavier High School on Thursday, October 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. and an information meeting regarding the NCAA will be held at Mercy High School on Tuesday, October 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. If you have any questions regarding financial aid or the NCAA program, feel free to contact the guidance office.

## Home and School News

**THE HOME & SCHOOL ANNUAL MEETING AND TUITION RAFFLE** will be held on Tuesday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:30 p.m. during which we will hold the "Tuition Raffle." At the conclusion of the meeting you will have the opportunity to follow your son's class schedule and to meet his teachers. **TUITION RAFFLE** information has been sent to each home. If you have not received the information, contact Mrs. Randazzese in the administrative office at 860-346-7735 Ext. 700. Tickets for the Tuition Raffle will also be on sale and may be turned in at the October 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting.

**GIFT DRIVE:** The Gift Drive is in full swing. Gifts may be brought to school the night of the Home & School Meeting and Mini-Schedule on October 3<sup>rd</sup>. We are also in need of Xavier parents who would be willing to coordinate other Xavier parents in their towns to help procure gifts from town businesses. If you would be willing to help in this area, please contact Mrs. Randazzese at 860-346-7735 Ext. 700. We would appreciate all gifts being turned in by October 3<sup>rd</sup>, but we will not refuse gifts after that date. **Please do not send wine or liquor with your son. I would ask that an adult deliver such gifts to the school.**

**AUCTION 2006**, co-sponsored by the Xavier Alumni Association and the Home & School Association, will be held on Saturday, November 4, 2006, at Xavier. "A Taste of Xavier," featuring samplings from some of our area's finest restaurants, and the Silent Auction begin at 6:00 p.m. "A Taste of Xavier" and a wine, beer and soft-drink bar are included with your admission. The Live Auction begins at 7:45 p.m. and includes a wide variety of goods and services from local merchants and supporters. For more information and for tickets, contact the Advancement Office at 860-347-6079. Tickets are \$35.00 in advance and \$40.00 at the door.

**DESSERT SALE:** The Home & School Association is offering Ashley Farms' Ultimate Desserts for the holidays. Information will be mailed home shortly. If you have any questions, contact Mrs. Randazzese.

**TARGET STORES**, through the Take Charge of Education program, donates up to 1% of purchases made using the REDcard SM to eligible schools. It doesn't cost cardholders anything to sign up for the program and is an easy way to support our school. You can designate Xavier as your school in one of three ways: visit Target.com/tcoe; stop by the kiosk in your favorite Target store; or call 1-800-316-6142. **SBC Community Connections** recently sent a contribution check in the amount of \$263.66. This check reflects 5% of the total SBC All Distance billing for our group. To date, the Home & School Association has received a total of \$8,609.16 from the SBC Community Connections program. Signing up is easy. Simply go to [www04.sbc.com/ucontent/0,,100,00.html](http://www04.sbc.com/ucontent/0,,100,00.html) and provide your designation of Xavier High School, account # 2687.

## Media Center

**ALL FRESHMEN** have had orientation to the media center with Mrs. Boothroyd. Students were shown a power point presentation that explained many items in the media center: OPAC (online public access catalog) which allows you to search the entire collection of print/non-print materials; the subscribed educational databases that can be used on school computers; and the Source Citation Guide (now a link on Xavier's website) which is a handbook for research and creating a bibliography.

## Nurse's Office

**REMINDER:** Connecticut State Law requires that all students in **Grade 11** receive physical examinations and a blood assessment during this school year. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Debbie Peterson, our school nurse, at 860-346-7735 Ext. 712.

**MEDICATION POLICY:** Any student taking medication must do so through the Nurse's Office. Connecticut State Law and Regulations require a physician's or dentist's written order and parent or guardian's authorization for Mrs. Peterson to administer medications. Forms may be obtained from the school nurse or in the main office.



## Religion Department

**RELIGION PROGRAMS FOR PARENTS:** The Religion Department sponsors a number of parent programs over the course of the next few months, and it is recommended that you attend the one planned for your son's class. We hope that you, like previous Xavier parents, will find them beneficial. **For Sophomore Parents** there will be a program on adolescent development on **Tuesday, October 24<sup>th</sup>**. The program begins at 7:30 p.m. The program for **Junior Parents** will be held in January. This program will deal with adolescent stress. More information regarding the junior program will be published in the December newsletter. **THESE PROGRAMS ARE FOR PARENTS ONLY.**

## Student Activities

**THE 2006 DON** is expected to arrive in early October. Yearbooks will be distributed to all current sophomores, juniors and seniors at school books will be held in reserve at school for members of the Class of 2006 to pick up.

All seniors should have taken or have scheduled a photo date for their senior pictures. Students must select their pictures before the yearbook photo is submitted to the school for inclusion in the yearbook. This must be done by December 1<sup>st</sup>. The yearbook picture must be taken by Images. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Lee.

**SOPHOMORE FIELD DAY** will be held on Wednesday, October 25<sup>th</sup> and **JUNIOR CLASS NIGHT** will be held on **Thursday, November 16<sup>th</sup>**.

**THE BOOKSTORE** will be open on the evenings of October 3<sup>rd</sup> and November 7<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>. Stop by and look at our clothing selections of sweatshirts, sweatpants, shorts, and golf shirts. Jacket orders for Christmas can also be placed. Orders will take 6-8 weeks to arrive.

**JUNIOR CLASS RINGS** are designed by Art Carved Company and a representative from the company will measure the junior class for their rings on November 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. at the school. The Junior Ring Mass will be held on Thursday, April 26, 2007. Please be advised that if, at the time of the Ring Mass, a junior has academic or disciplinary problems, his ring will be held. If a junior should leave the school and his ring was held, all money will be refunded except the deposit.

**REMINDER:** The National Honor and Language Societies Induction will be held on Sunday, November 19, 2006 at 3:00 p.m.

**ITALY TRIP FOR APRIL 2007:** If you are interested in having your son participate in a trip to Italy during April vacation 2007, email Miss Jayne Vitale via Xavier's web page. The trip will be 9 days and the approximate cost is \$2300. All students must be approved for participation in this travel program before they can register. For information, check Miss Vitale's web page. Deadline for deposits is October 10.

## Advancement Office

**XAVIER'S ANNUAL FUND DRIVE:** Every year Xavier conducts its Annual Fund Drive to help support the school's most important need, financial aid for needy students. Last fiscal year (July 1, 2005-June 30, 2006) Xavier awarded over \$600,000 in financial aid and endowed scholarships. During 2006-2007, we have targeted a goal of \$715,000 to better meet the needs. The Annual Fund Drive kicks off with our annual phonathon beginning October 16, 2006. We are grateful for your investment and trust. You may be assured a gift of any amount casts a vote of confidence towards our efforts to form young men who are challenged academically, spiritually alive, physically sound, and technologically aware. You may make a donation by calling the Advancement Office at 860-347-6079 or email us at [advancement@xavierhighschool.org](mailto:advancement@xavierhighschool.org). You may also donate electronically through the secure link below. We accept both VISA and MasterCard. If you prefer, send your donation to the Xavier Advancement Office, 181 Randolph Road, Middletown CT 06457. Make all checks payable to Xavier High School. <http://www.xavierhighschool.org/parents/donate.shtml>

**JOIN A GIVING SOCIETY TODAY:** All gifts to Xavier's Annual Fund Drive enroll the donor in one of our giving societies. All donors are publicly thanked in our *Annual Report* and a Mass is said each month in our chapel for the intentions of the benefactors:

Headmaster's Circle *	\$5,000 and above
Principal's Circle *	\$2,500 - \$4,999
Ryken Leader *	\$1,000 - \$2,499
Xavier Associate	\$500 - \$999
St. Joseph Associate	\$250 - \$499
Kestrel Sponsor	\$100 - \$249
Black and White Sponsor	Less than \$100

\* Participants at these levels receive exclusive membership, with all attendant benefits, in the Saint Francis Xavier Society. More importantly, donors know they are making a major contribution to the future of young men at Xavier High School.

**MEMORIALS:** If you would like someone to be remembered in Xavier's school prayers, contact the Advancement Office at 860-347-6079. For a suggested \$10 donation, a card will be sent to the family in your name.

**ESTATE PLANNING/PLANNED GIVING:** Should you be interested in donating real estate, securities or other property to the school, please contact the Advancement Office at 860-347-6079. We can help.

# Xavier Alumni/Homecoming Weekend

October 13, 14 & 15, 2006

*Come One, Come All!!*

## Friday, October 13<sup>th</sup> at Palmer Field 7:00 p.m.

- Xavier's State Champion Falcons vs. Notre Dame of West Haven
- *Hospitality Tent – Sponsored by the Xavier Alumni Association*

## Friday, October 13<sup>th</sup> Xavier Alumni/Homecoming Weekend Block Party 10:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m. (following the football game - *Open to all members of the Xavier Community who are 21 years of age and older*)

- Sponsored by:
  - Hair of the Dog Bar - Walter Stojak '92 – 544 Main Street, Middletown
  - La Boca Mexican Restaurant – Gary Giannelli '70 – 520 Main Street, Middletown
  - Nikita's Bar & Bistro – William Longo '96 – 484 Main Street, Middletown
- *Drink specials are available to all those who purchase a Xavier Block Party bracelet. Bracelets are \$10 per person.*

## Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup> at Xavier. Family Fun Day, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. (for all members of the Xavier Community – *a fun event geared for kids and kids at heart*)

- Picnic
- Open Gym
- Children's Scavenger Hunt
- Clowns and Jugglers
- 3 JV and or Frosh Games
- \$6 Per Person; Children 5 and Under - FREE

## Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup> at Xavier. Oktoberfest Night, 7:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m. (A social evening for all members of the Xavier Community – *Alumni, Past & Present Parents, Faculty, Staff, Friends*)

- German & American Cuisine
- Premium German Beer
- \$40 per person

## Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup> at Xavier. Mass of Remembrance for all Deceased Alumni and other members of the Xavier Community (*open to all members of the Xavier community*)

- Brunch following the Mass

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### Xavier Alumni/Homecoming Weekend

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Class Of \_\_\_\_\_

I wish to participate in the following weekend events (include # attending): \_\_\_\_\_

Total enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Visa/Mastercard \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_

Please make all checks payable to Xavier High School  
Return to Xavier Advancement Office 181 Randolph Road Middletown, CT 06457  
advancement@xavierhighschool.org

**Xavier High School's**  
**15th Annual Harvest Auction**  
*"One of Xavier's most enjoyable social evenings."*

Co-sponsored by  
The Xavier Alumni Association and The Xavier Home and School Association

**Saturday, November 4, 2006**

<b>Doors Open</b>	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Silent Auction, Preview, "Taste of Xavier"</b>	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Live Auction</b>	<b>7:45 p.m.</b>

The Annual Harvest Auction and "Taste of Xavier" combine to make this one of Xavier's most enjoyable fund-raisers of the year. "A Taste of Xavier," included with your ticket, offers a sampling of food from many of the area's finest restaurants and includes a wine, beer and soft-drink bar.

**All Parents, Friends of Xavier, Alumni, Faculty and Staff Invited**

**Advance Tickets: \$35.00/person**  
**At Door: \$40.00/person**

Order now and save!!!!

*MUST BE 21 YEARS OF AGE TO BID ON AUCTION ITEMS*

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**TICKET REQUEST FORM**

Return by October 31st to the Xavier High School Advancement Office, 181 Randolph Road, Middletown, CT 06457

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Day Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Evening Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Check Enclosed Visa/Mastercard # \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*Please note that tickets purchased in advance will be held at the door.\*\***

**Table reservations available for parties of 6 or more.**

**\*\*Tables will only be reserved if all individuals are listed below and paid for.\*\***

**Number of Tickets Requested:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Total Enclosed: \$** \_\_\_\_\_ **# of Tables Reserved** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please list all people in your party**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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**Please make checks payable to Xavier High School\***