

# ST. FRANCIS XAVIER CATHOLIC SCHOOL

## MUSTANG MESSAGE

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### Mask Mandate

Bishop Duca announced by letter, dated August 2, 2021, that all students, faculty and administrative staff of the Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Baton Rouge (“**Diocese**”), without exceptions or exemptions, must follow Covid-19 safety protocols that include physical distancing, proper quarantining and the mandatory wearing of face masks. His stated goals in doing so were to ensure that everyone in our Catholic Schools are as safe as possible every day and to keep our Catholic Schools open for in-class learning with minimal disruption.

### School Aftercare Program

During the month of August, teachers agreed to host the aftercare program. The purpose of this program is to ensure students can remain at school while their parents are working. Hours for the aftercare program are from 3:30 - 5:30 five days per week. There is a one time fee of \$50 for the aftercare program. These funds should be paid to the school.

Big Buddy is scheduled to begin on September 7, 2021. The application for Big Buddy has been sent home along with additional information. SFX teachers will continue to work with students in the Big Buddy program once it begins.

### Water Bottles

Students are required to have their water bottles cleaned and filled when they depart from their parent’s car. The water fountains have been turned off for use by students and school personnel. Please remind your children to bring their water bottles.

### Random Acts of Kindness

The theme for this year is “Random Acts of Kindness”. We are encouraging all students through prayer & action to be kind and giving. Our focus for the next week is to simply listen to others.

### Prayer to Show Kindness to Others

Father of mercies, I am thinking about the story of the good Samaritan and wonder how I would have reacted to such an opportunity. Would I have taken care of someone different than me? I am not sure, and this is why I am before You. I pray that I will have the heart of a good Samaritan. You have promised that You will provide good works for me to do as I live out my life. Please give me the eyes to see opportunities for random acts of kindness. I also pray for courage to administer Your kindness no matter how awkward or inconvenient the situation may be. I pray You make me Your good Samaritan in this dark world. Amen.

### SFX BETA Students

Students participating in BETA will begin their year focusing on financial awareness through analyzing the impact of “shrinkflation”-the process of items shrinking in size while their prices remain the same or increased. Here is one example.



Hefty’s mega pack downsized from 90 to 80 bags but is sold for the same price. However, there are many more examples.

"May the Lord, the God of Israel, under whose wings you have come to take refuge, reward you fully for what you have done." (Ruth 2:12, NLT)

St. Francis Xavier School is so blessed to have those of you that pray unceasingly for our well being and safety. A special thanks is extended to Fr. Ed for his endless support and the enhancements of the lights in the school. Thanks to the Parish Council members for their gifts of encouragement, masks, and water. Continuous prayers and thanks are extended to the members of St. Francis Xavier Church community for their financial donations. Thanks to Sr. Rosalind Barbeneaux who gave of herself to assist with school preparedness during the summer months. May God's blessings for her go far beyond anything we could dream.

### Internet Safety Tips for Kids and Teens

1. Spend time having fun with your parents online and helping them understand technology!
2. Never post your personal information, such as a cell phone number, home number, home address, or your location on any social networking site or through mobile apps like Snapchat or Instagram.
3. Never meet in person with anyone you first "met" on the internet. If someone asks to meet you, tell your parents or guardian right away. Some people may not be who they say they are.
4. Check with your parents before you post pictures of yourself or others online.

If you change your address or phone number, please notify the school.



Please visit our website @ [sfxbr.org](http://sfxbr.org) for the latest news and information.

### Math Problem!!!

The hobby store normally sells 10,576 trading cards per month. In July, the hobby store sold a total of 20,777 trading cards. How many more trading cards did the hobby store sell in July compared with a normal month?

Cayley earns \$5 an hour by delivering newspapers. She delivers newspapers 3 days each week, for 4 hours at a time. After delivering newspapers for 8 weeks, how much money will Cayley earn?  
(Give your answers to Ms. Brown.)

### Mark Your Calendar

August 13 – First Mass; Sr. Rosalind's Birthday  
August 17 – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Student Meeting; BETA Club Meeting  
August 20<sup>th</sup> – Character Day – Required for all students.  
September 3 – School Photos  
September 8 – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation Photos  
September 16<sup>th</sup> – Progress Reports  
September 23 & 24 – Circle of Grace

### First day of School!



God doesn't bless us to make us happy.  
He blesses us to make us a blessing.  
..Warren Wiersbe



