



July, 2015

Dear St. Xavier Students, Parents and/or Guardians,

Welcome to the 2015-16 school year! As we move through the summer, a great deal of work has been done to plan for the start of school in August. From the improvement of the building to the professional development of the faculty, administration and staff, we continue to work towards animating the vision of Jesuit education at St. Xavier High School. We look forward to the opportunity to help your son continue his development into a “man for others.”

The theme for the 2015-16 school year is *cura personalis*, Latin for “care for the whole person.” At St. Xavier, we are not just interested in the academic development of our students, but the growth of our student as an entire person, including his spiritual, intellectual, personal, physical and social development. The 2015-16 school year will include a number of programs designed to support your son in this development and will also include parent education programs. More details will follow in the coming months.

As part of our goal in striving for *cura personalis* for our students, we are moving to new bell schedule. We believe that the new schedule will enhance the student experience by creating more balance in their lives, reducing stress, and allowing more flexibility in scheduling, all while maintaining the high level of teaching and learning that has always been at the heart of a St. X education. The new schedule will require an adjustment period for your son, but he will quickly adapt.

Please pay attention to additional emails sent this week from St. Xavier, which will include your son’s class schedule, the X Prep Week schedule and class specific instructions. The emails will arrive from: StX_noreply.sent_via@rediker.com . If you do not receive the emails, please contact the school so that we can provide this to you. In addition, please note the process for course adjustments. All course adjustment requests will be submitted through Edline using the 2015-16 Course Adjustment Request Form.

I look forward to serving the community during the 2015-16 school year. I hope to see each of you over the coming months at orientations, Class Night, parent-teacher conferences, or one of the many activities that our students participate in, including athletics, theater, music or clubs. Thank you for your continued support and for entrusting your son in our care.

Sincerely,

Terrence H. Tyrrell
Principal

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR SENIORS

Student Schedule

Your class schedule will arrive in a separate email. Students should bring their schedules with them to school on the first day.

Prep Week

It will be necessary for students to visit the school during Prep Week to take care of several matters. Please see the Prep Week Schedule included in this email.

- **Student ID:** Students should visit the library to process their photo ID's. In order to receive an ID, the computer user form on your FinalForms account must be completed and electronically signed by a parent and student.
- **Student Handbook and Lockers:** Locker assignments will be found on the student's schedule. Student handbooks will be given out in homeroom **Parents**, you can find the student handbook on The Parent Portal. Please verify you have read the handbook by electronically signing the handbook section of FinalForms.
- **Computer Accounts:** Students should visit room 3504 to set up their email and computer account.
- **Bookstore:** Students should visit the bookstore to purchase spirit wear and miscellaneous supplies.

Books

The St. Xavier Bookstore /Spirit Shop does not carry books. You can purchase required supplemental books from our virtual bookstore. Access our Virtual Bookstore through the Parent Portal under the Spirit Shop tab. The Parent Portal is accessed from the home page of the St. Xavier website www.stxavier.org.

Parking and Parking Permits

Seniors and Juniors have already applied for parking permits online. These permits can be picked up during Prep Week in the AP office.

Seniors Only

Please be familiar with the off-campus policy which is one of the forms in your FinalForms account. Please note that the privilege for seniors to leave the campus during the school day will not begin until ALL required forms from ALL seniors have been signed.

Please give special consideration to **signing up for the first Kairos, September 22-25**. Over the past few years, Seniors have been slow to sign up for the early retreats, choosing to wait until the second semester to participate. Unfortunately, if too many Seniors wait until second semester, there may not be enough room.

A Final Reminder

Regular school days from 8:00 a.m. to 3:05 p.m. will begin for all students on Friday, August 14. Students may wear dress shorts during the first few weeks. All other expectations of the dress code are in force

St. Xavier High School

Academic Year 2015-2016

X Prep Week

<u>Dates & Times</u>	<u>Bookstore/ Spirit Shop</u> Gym Uniforms, Apparel Supplies & Misc.	<u>Library</u> Student I.D.'s	<u>A.P. Office</u> Freshmen Locker Assignments & Parking Permits	<u>Computer Accounts</u> Rm. 3504 E-Mail & Network Accounts
<u>Wednesday, August 5</u> (Class of 2019)	8:30a – 3:30p	8:30a – 11:30a 12:30p – 3:30p	8:30a – 11:30a 12:30p – 3:30p	8:30a – Noon 1:00p – 4:00p
<u>Thursday, August 6</u> (Class of 2018)	8:30a – 3:30p	8:30a – 11:30a 12:30p – 3:30p	8:30a – 11:30a 12:30p – 3:30p	8:30a – Noon 1:00p – 4:00p
<u>Friday, August 7</u> (Classes of: 2017 & 2016)	8:30a – 3:30p	8:30a – 11:30a 12:30p – 3:30p	8:30a – 11:30a 12:30p – 3:30p	8:30a – Noon 1:00p – 4:00p
Note: During the mornings: ▪ A – L During the afternoons: ▪ M – Z				

St. Xavier High School Bookstore/Spirit Shop

Virtual Bookstore Opens July 28th

Purchase required supplemental books from our virtual bookstore through the Parent Portal under the Spirit Shop tab. Access the Portal from the home page of the St. Xavier website www.stxavier.org

Shop the St. Xavier Bookstore/Spirit Shop for new and exciting Spiritwear and gift items, school supplies, gym uniforms, and sport locks.

St. Xavier Bookstore/Spirit Shop Hours

Re-opening August 5th for Prep Week

Open August 5, 6, and 7 8:30-3:30

Closed August 10th & 11th

Beginning Regular School Day hours (7:45am-3:45pm) on August 12th

2015 SUMMER READING ASSIGNMENTS

Freshmen - Class of 2019:

<i>Ender's Game</i>	Orson Scott Card	978-0-7653-4229-4
<i>Heroes, Gods, and Monsters of Greek Myths</i>	Bernard Evslin	978-0-5532-5920-9

Sophomores - Class of 2018:

<i>Into the Wild</i>	John Krakauer	978-0-385-48680-4
<i>Alive</i>	Paul Piers Read	978-0-380-00321-1

For iPad:

<i>The Old Man and the Sea</i>	Ernest Hemingway	978-0-684-80122-3
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<https://itunes.apple.com/us/book/the-old-man-and-the-sea/id381645838?mt=11>

Juniors - Class of 2017:

<i>Picture of Dorian Gray</i>	Oscar Wilde	978-1-59308-025-9
<i>Jasper Jones</i>	Craig Silver	978-0-375-86627-2

Seniors - Class of 2016:

Bioethics	<i>Immortal Life of Henrietta Lack</i>	Rebecca Skoot	978-1-4000-5218-9
World Religions	<i>Things Fall Apart</i>	Chinua Achebe	978-0-385-47454-2
All Religion Electives	<i>Man's Search for Meaning</i>	Viktor Frankl	978-0-8070-1429-5

A.P. Classes:

A.P. U.S. History	<i>Founding Brothers: The Revolutionary Generation</i>	Joseph Ellis	978-0-375-70524-3
A.P. European History	<i>Measure of Reality: Quantification and Western Society, 1250-1600</i>	Alfred Crosby	978-0-521-63990-3

ORDER SUMMER READING through the Parent Portal under the Spirit Shop tab. Access the Portal on the home page of our website: www.stxavier.org

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Book Ordering FAQ's

When can I order my student's books?

The St. Xavier Virtual Bookstore opens on July 28th.

How can I access the Virtual Bookstore?

Access our Virtual Bookstore through the Parent Portal under the Spirit Shop tab. The Parent Portal is accessed from the home page of the St. Xavier website www.stxavier.org

My course is not listed on the MBS Virtual Bookstore...

If the course is not listed on the MBS Virtual Bookstore, supplemental books are NOT required.

The book that I need to purchase is offered in New or Used condition...

If the title is offered in "New or Used", the student may choose which to purchase. In some cases, only the "New" option is available.

The book that I need to purchase is on backorder...

Our results with MBS show a 99% in hand by the 1st day of classes delivery rate on titles ordered with standard shipping one week prior to the start of classes.

My son is a freshman; can he purchase all of his books for the iPad?

The school has designated which titles freshmen may download on their iPads and which titles they must purchase as a physical book. That information is designated in the Virtual Bookstore.

I still have questions...

If you have questions about the ordering process, the MBS Direct customer service team is ready to answer questions, 24 hours per day, 7 days per week. Just call 1-800-325-3252 or email VB@mbsBooks.com.

If you have questions about specific books, courses, or teacher requirements, call the St. Xavier Bookstore/Spirit Shop at 761-7815 EXT 706.



VIRTUAL BOOKSTORE OPENS JULY 28th

ORDER YOUR BOOKS!

Dear St. Xavier High School Parents and Students,

At St. Xavier High School, it is our goal to make things as simple and as cost-efficient as possible for you, which is why we partnered with MBS Direct to be our school's on-line book provider.

St. Xavier students are required to purchase supplemental books which are not provided by the school. Supplemental books include such items as summer reading, religion books, foreign language books/workbooks, vocabulary workbooks, etc. Please note that most courses use textbooks which are provided by St. Xavier High School. For those courses that require supplemental books, we are working in partnership with MBS Direct to maintain our Virtual Bookstore. To order your books with convenience and accuracy, follow these steps:

1. Access our Virtual Bookstore through the Parent Portal under the Spirit Shop tab. The Parent Portal is accessed from the home page of the St. Xavier website www.stxavier.org
2. Only courses that require supplemental books are shown on the MBS Virtual Bookstore.
3. Reference your student's schedule by course number and course title.
From your schedule, use your St. X course numbers and titles and match it to the course ID as listed on the MBS Virtual Bookstore. Where the course ID designates "all", all teachers teaching that course are requiring the same books. Where the course ID designates a teacher name, required books are specific to that teacher.
4. Choose new or used books to purchase.
5. Complete sale. Your books will be delivered to your home in a timely fashion.

***Free UPS Ground shipping on book orders of \$79 or more from July 28 through August 5.**

Ordering books from other online vendors can be quite challenging with many uncertainties and providing you no guarantees of satisfaction. We ultimately chose MBS Direct to provide you with competitive prices, the highest level of service, and because they can guarantee you the correct book every time you order. We urge you to use MBS Direct for your books to eliminate the guesswork associated with ordering.

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Welcome to the St. Xavier Mothers' Club!

We are....St. X moms who volunteer to share our time and energy.

Our primary purpose is....To help build a sense of community at St. X.

Our major fundraiser is....The Christmas Celebration, which includes Boutique Shopping, the Luncheon, and the Fashion Show.

We want to...Establish connections with other St. X moms, get involved at our sons' school, and have fun.

Participate as much or as little as you wish....you are already a member!

Complete a volunteer interest form.

Send an email to mothersclub@stxavier.org or call 513-761-7815 x874 to leave a voice mail.

Watch for our activities and join us!

Here's where you can find us:

Principal's Weekly E-news	Mothers' Club Corner
St. X website news section	www.stxavier.org
St. X news alerts	set up on parent portal
St. X calendar	www.stxavier.org
One Call Now	sign up begins in August
Facebook	St. Xavier Mothers' Club
Twitter	@XMothersClub
Mothers' Club webpage	www.stxavier.org/mothersclub

Save the Date 2015 – 2016:

August		January	
10	Mothers' Mass & Coffee	4	Classes Resume
12	Freshman Parents Welcome Coffee	4	Mothers' Mass & Coffee
12-13	Student Orientation Days	18	No School
14	First full class day for all students	February	
September		1	Mothers' Mass & Coffee
3	Class Night	10	Day of Recollection (Ash Wednesday)
4	Mass of the Holy Spirit /Spirit Day	15	No School
7	Labor Day—No School	March	
October		7	Mothers' Mass & Coffee
4	Grandparents Day for freshmen	9-11	Exams
5	Mothers' Mass & Coffee	11-12	X-Travaganza
7-9	Exams	18	No School
14	Fall Social	25	Easter Break begins
30	No School	April	
November		4	Classes Resume
2	Mothers' Mass & Coffee	14	Walk for X
15	Open House	20	Spring Social
25-27	Thanksgiving Break	May	
December		17-19	Senior Exams
4	No School	20	Musicfest
4	Christmas Celebration	23-25	Exams (Freshman/Sophomores/Juniors)
15-17	Exams	25	Graduation
21	Christmas Break Begins		

St. Xavier Mothers' Club Invites You to "Boutique"

What is the St. X Mothers' Club Boutique?

Each December, the Mothers' Club hosts our largest event – the Christmas Celebration. This is a special event held at St. X with shopping, raffles, lunch, and a fashion show. A very popular part of the day is shopping at Boutique. All of the merchandise sold at Boutique is made by volunteers who work on projects during the spring and fall.

Where?

South Campus – it's the tall building across the street from St. X – right behind the baseball field. Look for the sign!

When?

Every Wednesday

August thru December – 8am-2pm

Evenings - TBA

Why?

It's a great way to meet other mothers – and learn info that you don't hear from your sons ☺
It provides a great service to St. X – funds raised at the Christmas Celebration are contributed directly back to the school

And we serve a free lunch at noon!!

Aren't Crafty? Work?

That's okay! We are all busy – and some of us are "craft-challenged" but we have projects for all skill levels as well as projects that can be done at home. We also enlist the help of friends, neighbors, or relatives that might be able to help us too!

More Info?

Please contact us!

Boutique Committee Chairs 2015

Maryanne Burns Harsh mburnsharsh@cinci.rr.com

Pam Rieke Pam_r@fuse.net

Jennie Tiemeyer jtiemeyer@cinci.rr.com





ST. XAVIER High School

— MEN FOR OTHERS —

St. Xavier High School Parent Volunteers

**** See below for details about training session ****

Parent Volunteers serve the school by monitoring classes for teachers who are chaperoning student retreats, attending professional meetings, or out for some other professional reason. By performing these services in place of members of the faculty who would otherwise take these duties, parent volunteers free teachers to meet with students and prepare classes.

No teaching experience is necessary. Teachers prepare assignments for students to do on their own. The parent volunteers supervise the students as they do these assignments in their regular classrooms.

You decide how often you would like to serve. In addition to helping the school, you will have the opportunity to have an insider's experience of the workings of the school.

If you would like to be a parent classroom prefect or would like more information, please contact our parent volunteer coordinator, Kelley Fitzpatrick, at ftzkelley@gmail.com or call her at (513) 505-9678.

There will be a training session for Parent Volunteers on Wednesday, September 2 from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. in room 1560. New and veteran volunteers are welcome at the meeting. We welcome your ideas and will answer any questions you may have! No need to RSVP. Just come to the meeting if you can. Call or email Janet Reder with questions. 761-7815 ext. 177 or jreder@stxavier.org. Even if you can't attend the meeting, we welcome your services as a classroom prefect.