

"Inspiring minds, instilling faith, and illuminating the future..."

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER HIGH SCHOOL

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New School year brings Changes



August 18th was a beautiful day to begin a new school year filled with promise and hope. Our student body could best be described as exuberant, yet compassionate. They are truly a joy to be with! We have a new instructor joining our family, Mrs.

Debra Moore-Smith. She will be teaching chemistry. Mrs. Smith has an extensive background in chemistry and many years in the field and in the classroom.

This year, we have adapted our Wednesday schedule. Our classes are shortened to allow for extra time at the end of the day. Once a month we will use that time for service within the community and for our Church. The other Wednesdays will be devoted to tutoring, special events, speakers and extra-curricular activities.

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- ◆ Changes in new school year
- ◆ Exchange student
- ◆ Faculty highlight
- ◆ Alumni highlight
- ◆ SACS accreditation



Student Highlight

This year we are blessed to have a foreign exchange student attending our school. Viktoria Holtstiege is from Germany. She is a member of the sophomore class and quickly joined in all the activities and excitement! Viktoria is staying with Chan and Lisa Floyd for the academic school year. Viktoria participated in volleyball and plans to join the girls' basketball team. A few weeks ago, the Catholic Miscellany published an article



she wrote on the differences in teenage life here and in Germany. Vicky is one of three children. Her mother is a Chief Financial Officer and her father is a software engineer. We welcome her to our family and hope her time with us will be

SCHOOL EVENTS

St. Francis Xavier Feast Day-Dec. 3rd

Cajun Fest! Feb. 2011

Silent Auction: Mar. 12, 2011

Golf Tourney: May 21, 2011

Graduation: June 3, 2011

Faculty Highlight



RCIA program and Adult education at the St. Anne campus of the Sumter Catholic Community. What does he enjoy most about his job (definitely not wearing the tie!!)? It is working with the students and taking satisfaction in their successes both here at St. Francis and later in their college lives and careers.

Charley is married to the indefatigable Jackie Francis. He enjoys Renaissance Faires, reading, automotive work, and Ham radio.

His teaching philosophy: "I think it is much more effective for the student to find their own answers, so I am a big believer in the Socratic method. As the religion teacher, there are no subjects that I would consider 'off-topic'. I enjoy letting students explore the "untrampled pathways" of knowledge."

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Charley Francis has been the Catholic theology instructor at St. Francis Xavier H.S. since 2002. He holds Masters degrees in Theology and Public Administration. Mr. Francis is a retired AF officer. He is also involved in the

Alumni Highlight



was also a member of Mu Alpha Theta, Spanish Honor Society, and the National Honor Society.

Breanne recently graduated from St. Leo's University with a 3.9 GPA and a Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice. She currently resides in Columbia, SC. Before leaving Sumter she worked for five years at the YMCA (may have been a familiar face to many of you!!). She continues to play softball with a local team.

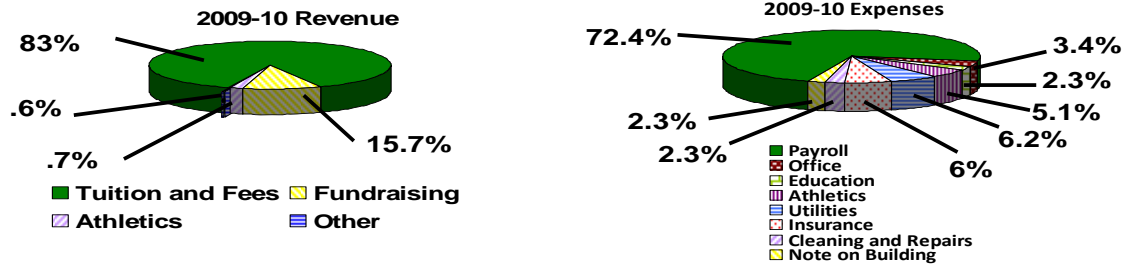
Breanne is the daughter of Denise and Dan Spivey. We wish Breanne all the best of luck and our prayers for a successful future!

Success built upon a strong foundation...

Breanne Williams is a member of the Class of 2005. While at St. Francis Xavier, she participated in volleyball, softball, basketball, and cheerleading.



Revenue – Expense Comparison



Fundraising is vital to the continued success of St. Francis Xavier High School. Our past Annual Fund drives have contributed to the stability and viability of our school. The long-term benefits from an investment in the future of our young people cannot be understated. Every dollar contributed directly benefits our students. Please help us to continue the mission!

SACS Accreditation

The Diocesan Catholic Schools Office has received approval from Bishop Guglielmone to proceed with Diocesan-wide SACS (Southern Association of Colleges and Schools) accreditation of all schools. The

accreditation will be done through the AdvancED District Accreditation Process. Not only will all Catholic schools be able to prove that they meet the same standards as public schools, but that they go further by meeting the

Catholic identity standard.

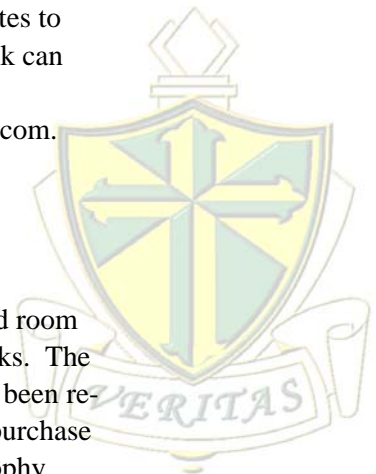
One of the first steps in the process is a survey of all stakeholders. The survey takes about 10 minutes to complete and the link can be found on our website: www.sfxhs.com.

Summer Improvements

It was hard to believe when the end of summer came around the corner. Every summer I always wish we could have more time to finish all our projects! This time, we did manage to get a new sign out front. If you haven't seen it yet, pass in front of the school next time you are driving through town. The rolled wire on top of the fence along Kent

Street has finally been removed. The back yard has been bush-hogged. The shed roof is completed, with thanks and much heartfelt gratitude to Walter Williams. We now have eleven computers in the computer lab. Hundreds of additional books have been entered in the library system. In addition, the older books

have been culled and room made for newer books. The sports trophies have been re-organized with the purchase of two additional trophy cases. The main parking lot was re-striped. Finally, the mower deck on the riding mower was replaced. Our list is not exhausted! We are looking into a replacement phone system and an intercom system.



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