APRIL 2025
NEWSLETTER



FX SPOTLIGHT

Message from Principal Fernando Runco

We hope that each of our families will have had a wonderful and restful Spring Break!

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Easter, the feast of the resurrection, is the reason for our faith and hope. As a Catholic school community during our Lenten journey, we have spiritually followed our Lord Savior leading up to Easter. It marks the resurrection of Jesus three days after his crucifixion. Through the resurrection of Jesus, we know that one day we too, will rise, body and spirit, from the dead. As we witness the signs of new life through the Spring Season, may it stay, guide, and comfort you and your family with happiness and peace through Christ's promise of eternal life!

March has brought us excitement with our Athletic Teams! Our Sr. Girls Basketball Team reached the Metro City Div 2 Finals and finished Second Place! Our Sr. Boys Basketball team also reached the City Finals and won the City Championship for the second year in a row, and further, also won the ASAA 4A Regionals Championship which took them to Calgary for Provincials. I am pleased to announce that on March 22, for the first time in St. FX school history, our Sr Boys won ASAA 4A Provincials beating our St. Mary's (Calgary) to become Provincial Champions!!!

Our Badminton Teams are still underway and Rugby and Soccer are about to begin! We thank all of our coaches, players, volunteers, and staff that support our FX Athletics.

Our GLOW ALL OUT Bike-A-Thon was a tremendous success with our school raising \$67,000 in support of the Dream for Kids Foundation (65%), Catholic Social Services (25%), the Food Bank (5%), and FX students in need (5%). A special 'thank you' goes out to Mrs. Bubalo, Mrs. Bremault, Mrs. McInnes, Mrs. Fiorillo, Mr. Dvorak, XU Student Union, staff, and students that biked 24 hours for a great cause! I would also like to recognize Mr. Johns band students as they performed at the Edmonton Catholic Schools Band Share Day at the Winspear Centre. The students performed 2 classical instrumental pieces on the Winspear stage! Thanks Mr. Johns and Mrs. Fehr for your support and providing our students with this amazing opportunity!

I would like to express heartfelt gratitude to Mrs. Jocelyn Chong for her dedication and service as Acting Assistant Principal from February to March. Mrs. Kerri-Ann Kolemans will return from her maternity leave as Assistant Principal beginning March 31st.





Message from the Principal continued...

As safety is paramount at our school, we have practiced a Static Lockdown (staff and students unaware and during instructional time) in March and we will engage in a Dynamic Lockdown (staff and students unaware and during non-instructional time) in the very near future. During the Static Lockdown practice, our students and staff did an incredible job in getting to safety and following the protocol. We also practiced a school-wide Tornado Drill on March 21 in case of a weather emergency. We will also be having two more Fire Evacuation Drills in the upcoming months. At FX, we take safety very seriously so that our school community knows how to act in emergency situations.

As Spring is upon us, April brings us a renewed sense of hope and faith as we look forward to Easter!

Here are some important dates for April:

April 10 - FX Spring Fling Dance

April 11 - FX Staff PD Day - No School for students

April 16- School Council Meeting - 6pm - Learning Center

April 17 - Holy Thursday and Division Wide PD - HALF DAY

April 18 - Good Friday - No School for students

April 21 - Easter Monday - No School for students

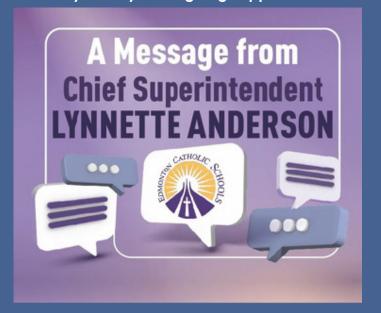
April 24 - FX Easter Mass - HALF DAY

April 25 - FULL DAY



At FX, we are proud to cultivate a school community that embraces, uplifts, and motivates students in their learning journey. The strong connections we have built create a true sense of family, and I am excited to witness our students' continued growth and achievements throughout the year.

Thank you for your ongoing support and collaboration as we embark on another remarkable semester!



Fernando Runco, Principal St. Francis Xavier Catholic High School

Check out Chief Superintendent Anderson's APRIL message on the ECSD website by CLICKING HERE.





THE JUBILEE PRAYER

The Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven,
may the faith you have given us
in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,
and the flame of charity enkindled
in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,
reawaken in us the blessed hope
for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.

May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation

of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth.

To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever. Amen







ASH WEDNESDAY CELEBRATION



Mme. Bacinski shared her opening prayer, part in French and part in Ukrainian.

Ms. Daantos finished our celebration with her prayer in Filipino (Tagalog). A big thanks to both of them for participating in our celebration in such a special way for our students and staff.



Thank you, Fr. Glenn and Fr. Jullian!

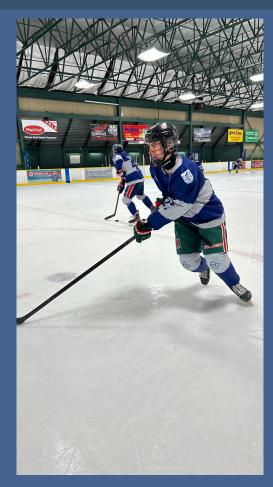
Fr. Glenn McDonald and Fr. Julian Bilyj, both of our Division Chaplains, joined us on Thursday, March 13th to offer the Sacrament of Reconciliation to staff and students. Thank you to those who helped organize this event, providing an opportunity to receive this Sacrament without even having to leave the building!



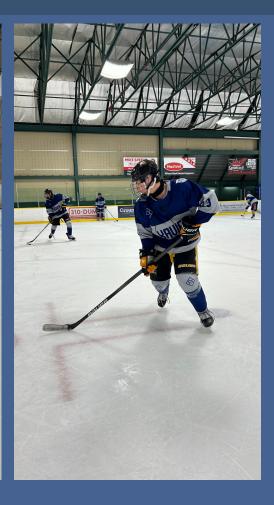
Lent is known as a penitential season, where we take action recognizing we have done wrong (penance). As Catholics, we are asked to give up various items or habits (fasting) and commit to activities that bring us closer to God and our community. Reconciliation is a natural step to cleanse ourselves from sin and start anew with a renewed focus on Christ.



HOCKEY ACADEMY







In March, our Hockey Academy focused on advancing passing with deception. We also worked on refining shooting techniques, improving accuracy and power under pressure to help our players make key plays in crucial moments. Off the ice, gym sessions emphasized strength, endurance, and injury prevention to keep our athletes in peak condition for the playoffs. With this comprehensive approach, our players are ready to face the postseason with enhanced skills and physical resilience.





HP HOCKEY ACADEMY



Our High Performance Hockey Academy has been navigating a very competitive month with several athletes finishing their seasons and playoffs. The group had a strong focus on recovery at Archetype Training, and preparation on ice for their playoff seasons. Through guided sessions, athletes have been incorporating mobility work, stretching, and targeted recovery techniques to enhance performance and reduce injury risk. By prioritizing recovery alongside training, we're ensuring our athletes stay strong, healthy, and ready to compete at a high level when their teams need it most! The group is also looking forward to improving their on ice skill as they prepare for upcoming Junior camps.



BASEBALL ACADEMY











Our athletes have been hard at work getting ready for the upcoming season, which kicks off next month! Training has focused on pitching — building arm strength and refining technique — along with outfield skills and both individual and team defense. We're excited to see their hard work pay off on the field soon!





SOCCER ACADEMY



In Soccer Academy, recently, the players researched post–secondary opportunities by exploring a variety of options, including colleges, and universities. They began by assessing their academic and athletic goals, and then determined the level of soccer competition they wished to pursue. Players were encouraged to reach out to coaches and athletic directors to inquire about the programs offered, potential scholarships, and academic requirements. Additionally, they were encouraged to consult with family, friends that have played at high levels, and academy instructors to gain insights on balancing sports with academic commitments and to evaluate the long-term benefits of each opportunity. This research process ultimately helps them make informed decisions, with the hope they pursue the best fit for their educational and athletic aspirations.



GOLF ACADEMY



In March, our Golf Academy has been focused on refining ball-striking and improving putting strokes using our golf simulators and putting greens. Students have been dialing in their yardages through simulator-based drills, allowing them to develop precise distance control with each club. By combining technical work with simulated on-course play, they're building confidence in their swings and decision-making. The progress has been evident as they prepare for the upcoming season.





ENGLISH DEPARTMENT

WE WISH EVERYONE A PHENOMENAL SPRING BREAK!!!

As the semester rolls along and assessments are completed, writing and reading, PLEASE remember that help is available every flex block.

STUDIES HAVE SHOWN
THAT KIDS WHO ATTEND
ENGLISH FLEX BLOCK
SESSIONS ARE MORE
LIKELY TO....achieve
higher grades, work for
NASA, be better at
essays, win Pulitzer
Prizes, find success at
Reading Comp.



"Ha ha ha, Biff. Guess what? After we go to the drugstore and the post office, I'm going to the vet's to get tutored."





SCIENCE DEPARTMENT







Our Science classes have been busy in the lab this month: investigating motion, designing their own blood pressure labs, and even building motors out of Lego!





MATH DEPARTMENT



The week of March 10 - 14 we celebrated Numeracy Week at St. FX. We started each morning with daily prayers themed around mathematics and celebrated Pi Day with logic puzzles, word searches and colouring. Students were excited about taking home some math stickers and treats!



SOCIAL STUDIES DEPARTMENT



Current events play a vital role in Social Studies classes, helping students connect historical and contemporary issues to real-world situations.

An ongoing topic of discussion in many classrooms is the election of Mark Carney as the leader of the Liberal Party and, subsequently, the Prime Minister of Canada. This discussion is particularly significant given Carney was an alumni of St. Francis Xavier.





ADVANCED PLACEMENT

Advanced Placement



What to Know About AP Exams

AP Exams are standardized exams designed to measure how well students mastered the content and skills of a specific AP course. Most AP courses have an end-of-year exam, but a few courses have different ways to assess what you've learned. Find dates for your AP courses below.

	AP Exam Schedule			
Week 1		Morning 8 a.m.	Afternoon 12 p.m.	
5-May-25	Mon	Biology		
6-May-25	Tue	Chemistry		
7-May-25	Wed	English Literature and Composition		
8-May-25	Thu			
9-May-25	Fri			

Week 2		Morning 8 a.m.	Afternoon 12 p.m.
12-May-25	Mon	Calculus AB	Seminar
13-May-25	Tue		Physics 2
14-May-25	Wed		
15-May-25	Thu		Computer Science Principles
16-May-25	Fri	Physics 1	Psychology

This year, AP Exams will be given digitally in Bluebook. The digital AP Exams can be either fully digital or hybrid digital depending on the subject.



https://apstudents.collegeboard.org/ap-exams-what-to-know/digital-testing-exam-modes



CTS















Our students continue to showcase their incredible talents across multiple disciplines!

Foods Success: Congratulations to our amazing students who competed in the NAIT Culinary Competition and earned a three-year scholarship!
Their dedication, creativity, and culinary skills truly impressed the judges.
We are beyond proud of their hard work and well-deserved achievement!

Design Innovation: In our Design program, students are pushing creative boundaries by developing laser-engraved metal trading cards. This hands-on project blends technical skills with artistic vision, giving students real-world experience in digital fabrication and custom product design.

A huge shoutout to our students and teachers for making these incredible opportunities possible!

Keep up the amazing work!



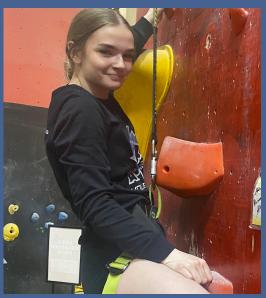


Congratulations to our FX Band for performing at the Edmonton Catholic Schools Band Share Day at the Winspear Centre!



PHYSICAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT









Class field trips to skating, curling, gymnastics in March!



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PHYSICAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT













PE 10's at Bill Hunter - Skating & Broomball



ATHLETICS





Sr Girls Basketball - Congrats to the Senior Basketball Team who won Silver at the Metro City Div 2 Championship Finals!!



ATHLETICS





Sr Boys Basketball - Congrats back to back Metro City Div 1 Champions!! The team also won the 4A Edmonton Zone Regionals and are playing in 4A Provincials!!





Sr Boys Basketball - 1st Time in St. FX SCHOOL HISTORY - 4A Boys High School Provincial Champions!!!











GIRLS SOCCER TRYOUTS



For more information contact Mrs. Olson





BOYS SOCCER TRYOUTS



For more information contact Mrs. Parker



THANK YOU COACHES

Coed Indoor Soccer - Pina Perri, Helena Parker

Curling - Nancy Pinto & Ray Rozycki

Basketball -

Sr Girls - Ray Huot & Nicholas Schwarz

Sr Boys - Brad Farish & Jeremy Posteraro

Jr Girls - Sheila Phan, Augustine Gallardo, & Nicholas Schwarz

Jr Boys - Jordan Bunch & Marko Balthazar

Badminton - Lucas Motkoski

Upcoming Spring Sports -

Rugby - Mrs Curtis, Barbara MacKnight, Megan Thomas, Catherine Bacinski, Jody Coughlan

Soccer - Helena Parker, Breanna Olson, Jennifer Nordhagen, Taylor Stephen

Coed Slo Pitch - John Lintz, Warren Sanregret, Stephen Zipp, Joey Dvorak

Track & Field - Jeremy Hurtubise, Zach Kohn & Megan Brain Flag Football Men's - Lucas Motkoski



FRENCH LANGUAGE AND CULTURE

On Wednesday, March 19th, French Language and Culture students attended a concert with Hip-Hop artist 2Moods at St. Joseph's High School.

Dan Ndala, AKA 2Moods, is a francophone musician originating from the Republic of Congo.

His music is a fusion of rap, hip-op, and Afrobeat.

Students had absolute blast dancing and singing along in French to the tunes of this talented artist.

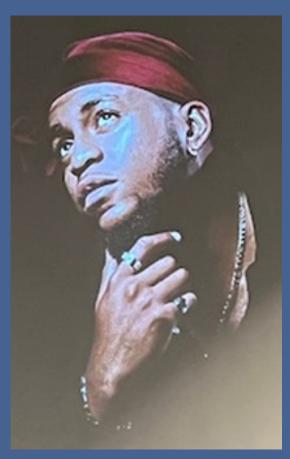
A shout out and gros merci to Canadian Parents for French for funding this event.







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PARENTS
FOR FRENCH
ALBERTA









SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER

Are you a High School student with a curiosity for policing? I am excited to announce that SRO Unit has just posted two sessions for the Youth Recruit Academy (YRA) held at the Northwest Police Station this summer.

Apply for either JULY 7-11 OR AUGUST 18-22 ***



How do students apply? Check out the posters hung around the school and the QR code on this slide to learn more. Come talk to me about applying. It's an amazing experience!

Robbery, Air 1, Traffic, and Forensics.



Reg. #2270

Cst. Jody Coughlan **Edmonton Police Service** School Resource Officer Unit st. Francis Xavier Catholic High School



QR code with YRA video & info



BRAIDED JOURNEYS

What an incredible semester 2 it has been! We're thrilled to have you as part of the Braided Journeys family and can't thank you enough for your dedication to supporting your students every day. As we go into spring and gear up for an exciting summer, I'm excited to share some of the fabulous events Braided Journeys has in store for the month of April.

Braided Journeys is all about sparking student success in a vibrant, inclusive, and uplifting environment where First Nation, Métis and Inuit students can truly shine. We celebrate their contributions and culture with a variety of free resources, from academic and cultural to leadership, career, and transition support, all topped with plenty of encouragement and guidance on their educational adventure. ~Kathy

Kathy Davis

Braided Journeys Graduation Coach St. Francis Xavier (C) 780-637-1195 (E) kathy.davis@ecsd.net









BRAIDED JOURNEYS





PIRRA POST SECONDARY FIELD TRIP TUESDAY APR 29 @ 10:30-12:30PM @ LUMEN CHRTSI

PIRAA: Post Secondary Indigenous Recruitment Association. This field trip is aimed to have Indigenous recruiters an opportunity to recruit and update Indigenous students on different post secondaries.





OFF CAMPUS EDUCATION





Bike-A-Thon Fun! 24 hours and \$67,000! Congrats to all who participated!











EQUITY, DIVERSITY, AND ANTI-RACISM - EDIAR

Facilitated by Jocelyn Chong, Richard Raposo, and Joshua Yen, as an FX school community, we are having courageous conversations with our staff as part of our Community of Practice to grow in our equitable education, address discimination and racism to build accountability, and to celebrate inclusion to foster belonging for all those who enter in our school.

- We're already doing God's work with our inclusive communities. If we don't acknowledge and celebrate our ministry, nobody else will do it for us.
- All students, staff, and families of Edmonton Catholic School Division will be provided with an inclusive, welcoming, caring, respectful, safe, and Catholic environment that promotes the wellbeing of all and fosters community support for achieving this goal.
- Catholic education is a gift to be lived, treasured and shared with all of God's children.



ENGLISH AS AN ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE

Semester Two Update

Number of EAL students enrolled on Sept. 3, 2024 enrolled on March 3,

Fun Fact: 2025 Number of EAL
This is the most EAL students St. FX has had in the last 10 years.

EAL REGISTRATION

Grade 10-11 EAL students will register with Mrs. Pavone during Flex and Lunch in March.

Grade 12 EAL students who need to finish their diploma or upgrade courses for post-secondary at St. Joe's will register at St. FX with Sabrina Filiplic from St. Joe's in APRIL. The date and registration appointment times will be confirmed later.



GRAD COACH



<u>NOTE:</u> Students must be on the grad list to purchase grad tickets and attend commencements

- 1. <u>Alberta Grad Requirements:</u> You must be scheduled for and passing all the courses required to graduate according to the Alberta Education Requirements.
- 2. <u>Religion:</u> You need to have 9 credits in Religion (or 1 Religion for every year you attended a Catholic School) to be eligible for participating in the graduation ceremonies at St. Francis Xavier.
- 3. <u>School Fees:</u> In order to purchase banquet tickets, fees must be paid at the Bookstore.

2nd Grad List -April 14th, 2025

Final Grad List -May 21st, 2025



* See Ms. Chong in you have any questions or concerns.





SECOND LANGUAGE COURSE CHALLENGE



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Filipino, French, Italian, Polish Spanish, Ukrainian

When:Saturday, March 8, 2025, 9:00a.m.

(Arrive 1/2 hour early with a pencil)

Where: Lumen Christi Catholic Education Centre

9405 50 Street NW

Cost: \$63 per student (non-refundable)

Registration:



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Important Dates and Information:

- 1. You will need your Alberta Student Number (ASN) to register
- 2. There will be no alternate writing date (no exceptions)
- 3. Below are the deadlines that must be met:



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October 21, 2024	Registration Opens				
February 12, 2025	Registration Closes				
Payment must be made to finalize registration. Project details will be distributed once the registration has been finalized with payment.					
February 21, 2025 @ 3:00p.m.	Project Deadline				
February 21 - March 12, 2025	Oral Exam (via TEAMS) Examiners will arrange a time to meet with the student				
Saturday, March 8, 2025 at 9:00a.m.	Exam begins @ 9 a.m. sharp Lumen Christi Catholic Education Centre (0405 50 Street) Plenty of parking South side of building Students enter through the West doors only				



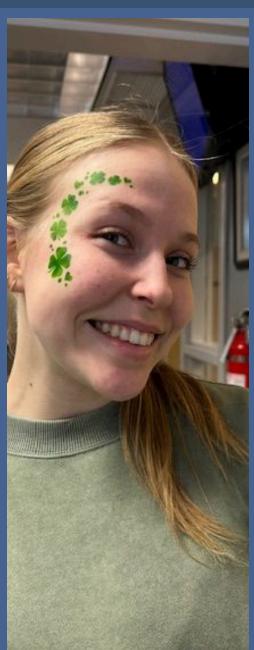


XAVIER UNION









On St. Patrick's Day our students were treated to
A Lucky Charm Breakfast.
Lunch brought Glitter Tattoos,
Green Sprite and A Fruit Roll Up Eating Contest!!





XAVIER UNION



SPRING IS IN THE AIR....
What better way to celebrate than a DANCE!!!!
FX Spring Fling:
Thursday, April 10 8:00 pm-11:00 pm
Tix are \$5.00 (will be sold April 2-7)



FX STUDENT ATTENDANCE

Student attendance is critical to a student's academic success. In accordance with section 7 of the Education Act, regular school attendance is required and expected of all students from the age of 6 to 16, although this policy applies to all students at St. Francis Xavier. Supporting student attendance is a shared responsibility shared by the school, the teacher, the student, and the parent/guardian and the community.

The responsibility for regular attendance lies with the student and the parent. Students must also accept the consequences of their actions should they choose not to fulfill this responsibility. Students have an obligation to contribute to, as well as benefit from, the learning experience. Irregular attendance curtails a student's ability to contribute and often hinders the progress of the class.

Excused Absence - home and school agree that absences are acceptable, thus excusable. Examples may include: personal illness, illness or death in the family, impassable roads due to inclement weather, religious observance, quarantine, required court appearances, attendance at health clinics, approved college visits, pre-approved family vacation, approved cooperative work programs, field trips, suspensions, and more.

Unexcused Absence – This refers to instances where a student may have missed class without a valid reason. While a student's home may consider this absence justifiable, the school does not view it as acceptable. To avoid confusion, it's advisable to verify any questionable absences with the school in advance.

Students of St. Francis Xavier has the academic responsibility to:

- · Regularly attend class punctually with the necessary materials to be successful
- · Demonstrate strong effective study habits
- · Participate fully and complete any assessments to the best of their ability · Refrain from any academic plagiarism or cheating





FX STUDENT ATTENDANCE

Work is expected to be submitted on the due date posted on the Google Classroom or in PowerSchool (as per St. Francis Xavier Assessment Policy)

Student Responsibility

- · Attend each class registered in and attend punctually.
- In all absences, it is the responsibility of the student to check google classroom, approach and/or email the teacher and inquire what materials/homework were assigned during the absence, and to complete the missed work in timelines agreed upon by both parties.
- If the student knows in advance, that they will be away for a scheduled exam for a legitimate reason, the student will alert the teacher beforehand.

Students are expected to not exceed a 10% Unexcused attendance rate. If 10% is exceeded:

- Students may not be permitted to participate in extracurricular activities
- · Students may not be permitted to retake the course if they fail at FX
- Students have two opportunities to complete an assessment after initially missing it. These opportunities are available during Flex time or Friday Exam Hall. However, students are not permitted to use this option if there is a pattern of missed assessments or classes.
- Students may be placed on an attendance contract outlining expectations for attendance.
- A parent/student meeting may be booked to address attendance concerns.



FX STUDENT ATTENDANCE

Vacations (2 weeks or more)

- Students are responsible for informing the teacher in advance and picking up a vacation form from the main office.
- Students are responsible for completing missed major assignments and assessments upon return in a timely manner
- This will be agreed upon with the teacher's discretion
- If a student is going to be away for longer than 6 weeks, there will be a discussion with the Grade Coordinator Assistant Principal that an alternative form of education may be required.

Teacher/Grade Coordinator Responsibility

 Attendance serves as an official record, and it is the teacher's professional responsibility to accurately document it.

Teacher/Student Meeting (prior to 5 absences or 7% absent)

• The teacher will review a copy of this attendance policy with the student and direct him or her to take it home to be reviewed with a parent or guardian.

Parent Contacted by Teacher (5-7 absences or 10% absent)

 The teacher will contact the parent and affirm that information regarding the students' attendance and progress has been received.

Administrative or Guidance Referral #1 (8-10 absences)

- If contacting home does not reduce the AU, the teacher will alert the Grade Level Coordinator.

 A meeting will occur between parents, student and grade coordinator to:
- Review previous attempts at contact and interventions
- Outline consequences
- Develop a plan for resolution (attendance contract)
- Keep weekly attendance review and monitor student progress

Administrative or Guidance Referral #2 (behavior has not changed after previous meeting)

- If attempts at remediation have not improved, an administrator will take action to bring an abrupt change to students' behavior. This could include:
 - · Outline and create an attendance contract to be signed by parents and student
 - Daily attendance monitoring
 - Class withdrawal
 - Alternative Education







		Aprii 2025		
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	1	2	3	4
	Day 2	Day 1	Day 2	Day 1
7	8	9	10	11
Day 2	Day 1	Day 2	Day 1	FX Staff PD
			FX Spring Fling Dance	
14	15	16	17	18
Day 2	Day 1	Day 2	Day 1	No School – Good Friday
493.0		School Council Meeting -	Holy Thursday	
		6pm	DWPD Half Day	
21	22	23	24	25
No School – Easter	Day 2	Day 1	Day 2	Day 1
Monday			Easter Mass	Full Day
			Grace for the Heart and Soul afternoon Half Day	
28	29	30		
Day 2	Day 1	Day 2		
April 28-	May 2 Multicul	tural week		
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JOIN THE FUN!



STAY UP TO DATE







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