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Dear Prospective Families,

It is enrollment time for the 2020-2021 school year. This is an exciting time for parents and students to explore educational options available in our community. My name is Todd Van Erp, and my wife Nancy and I have four children who have greatly benefitted from St. Francis Xavier Catholic School. Our children Kate, Maya, Faith and Luke are alum of SFX and now attend Cathedral High School or off to college. I urge you to give St. Francis Xavier Catholic School serious consideration for your child's education.



As a product of public education and a former public school teacher and administrator, choosing a Catholic education for our children did not come easily to me. Our children were doing great in the public school setting, but it wasn't until Nancy (an alum of St. Boniface Grade School in Cold Spring) convinced me to give SFX a try that I began to fully enjoy what Catholic education had to offer our children. The first day that our children came home from SFX, there was an excitement that I had never seen before! I thought the excitement for school and learning would fade as time went on, but it has never subsided. I attribute this excitement to the strong sense of love, support, and common values within the ENTIRE school community (students, staff, administration and families), and the ability to live out the faith and values that we have shared at home in everything they do.

Because of small class sizes and the small school setting, our children got to participate in marvelous leadership and learning opportunities during their time at SFX. They have gotten to participate in the Friday morning school Mass, PAA athletics (football, soccer, volleyball, basketball, baseball, and softball), Knowledge Bowl, Young Authors/Young Artist Conferences, Project Lead the Way engineering curriculum, Christmas programs, environmental camp, band, and orchestra. All of this is in addition to the regular class offerings at SFX which go beyond the basics to include music, Spanish, outdoor recess, physical education, art, and technology. Our children all received outstanding modeling from the teachers and staff on how to pray, practice, and understand their faith daily. I've witnessed how teachers and staff will stop what they are doing to talk about how to treat each other as Christians or pray for someone in need. As an educator, I fully appreciate how SFX has developed the WHOLE child in our own children.

Again, I urge you to seriously consider St. Francis Xavier Catholic School and the top-notch opportunities it has to offer your child and family. Let me know what questions I can answer for you about our school. Best regards to you as make this important decision.

Sincerely,

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