



## EMERGENCY HOAXES

This morning several agencies across southwest Ohio received 911 calls about active shooters at several schools. These were found to be hoaxes. It is believed to be a practice called “swatting.” We wanted to make you aware of the situation and let you know that we were not a part of any hoax. Our campus was untouched.



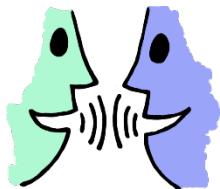
## Morning Care Location Change

As of Monday, September 26, morning care will be moved back to the **cafeteria**. (It had been located there pre-COVID.) Students who will be dropped off for morning care by car between 7:00 and 7:25 should be dropped off at the circle drive doors (off of Denier Place). Parents may pull up to the doors and let students hop out. Please have students ready to exit the car when you pull up to the doors so that other cars aren't backed up on the street waiting to pull into the circle drive. It is recommended that you drop off your kids early to avoid any back up onto Denier Place. You may also still pull into the back parking lot and drop off your kids at the back doors. They may walk through the breezeway and go out the main doors to the side door of the cafeteria. Students who ride a bus will enter through the side door in the morning, which is to the left of the main doors. Mrs. Markham will be at the main doors next week to help direct kids to the right entrance. Cars should not pull into the front of the building as the buses will be dropping off students there. We will try this for the next couple of weeks and make adjustments as needed. We ask for your patience as we navigate next week. Thank you!



### Progress Reports

St. Vivian operates on trimesters. Each trimester is 12 weeks long. Halfway between each trimester we will issue progress reports to indicate how your child(ren) is doing so far in the trimester. This is NOT a report card. It is a “check-in” so you know if your child(ren) needs to improve in any subjects or areas before report cards are issued. It can also serve as discussion points for parent-teacher conferences. Paper copies will be sent for parent/caregiver signature. However, grades can be found in Option C any time you want to check. All families automatically are enrolled in Option C. To access your account, your user name is your email address. Mrs. Valero in the school office can help with passwords for log in. Progress reports should be checked and then signed by parents/caregivers. Students should return the progress reports to their homeroom teachers. Progress reports will be sent home next Friday, September 30.



### Mental Health Instructors begin next week!

St. Vivian has partnered with Hamilton County Education Service Center to provide students instruction on coping, organization, and social skills. Since so many students lost instruction time during COVID, we have seen a drop in scores as well as some anxiety among students. To help students learn valuable skills to help them in and outside of school, Hamilton County will send 2 instructors to St. Vivian each week until Christmas break to work with students in those three key skill areas. One instructor will work with students in preschool through grade 4 and one will work with students in grades 5 – 8. This will begin next Monday, September 26. If we find that we need to extend the services after Christmas break, we will notify the school community.



## Picture Day!

St. Vivian picture day will be Tuesday, October 11. Students may dress up for picture day, but please remember that they still must follow the dress code for out of uniform days and they will still go outside for recess. Students should not wear fancy dresses or suits that they can't wear for recess so that those items don't get ruined.



## **GIRLS 3<sup>rd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> BASKETBALL SEASON INFORMATION SIGN UPS COMING!**

Based on a recent league vote, there will be some changes for the 2022-2023 girls basketball season. Due to declining numbers, the GCCYS wants to be proactive and provide fewer obstacles for girls who want to play basketball but also play another sport. The hope is that these changes result in increased numbers for girls' basketball.

Here are the changes for the upcoming season:

1. The girls' season will begin the first weekend in November and will take place on the following weekends: 11/5, 11/12, 11/19, 12/3 (boys start at this time), 12/10, 12/17, 1/7
2. The girls' tournament will take place from January 12-15
3. Instead of separate 5th and 6th grade divisions, there will now be a combined 5th/6th grade division and will be referred to as the "reserve" division. Levels of play offered will be level 1, level 2, level 3, and level 5 (recreational). Parishes/schools can choose how they want to build the combined grade teams, but they need to register them in the appropriate skill level.
4. Instead of separate 7th and 8th grade divisions, there will now be a combined 7th/8th grade division and will be referred to as the "varsity" division. Levels of play offered will be level 1, level 2, level 3, and level 5 (recreational). Parishes/schools can choose how they want to build the combined grade teams, but they need to register them in the appropriate skill level.



### High School Placement Test for 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

Register 8th graders for the November 19th, 2022 HSPT (High School Placement test). Registration is now open. You can go to the following link to get instructions: [Scholastic Testing Service - Registration \(stsusers.com\)](https://www.stsusers.com). There you will find a list of local high schools that are testing sites and details.

### [Scholastic Testing Service - Registration - STSusers.com](https://www.stsusers.com)

General. The Archdiocese of Cincinnati will administer the High School Placement Test (HSPT) at area high schools on November 19, 2022. Registration opens on August 1st.

[stsusers.com](https://www.stsusers.com)



### October Spirit Wear Day

Our next Sabre Spirit Wear Day is Friday, October 7. Students may be out of uniform on that day as long as they wear something St. Vivian – Sabre t-shirt, gym shorts, etc. Students may wear jeans or joggers or sweatshirts as long as they have on a St. Vivian Sabres item. They can even wear jeans and a St. Vivian logo polo shirt. Show that Sabre pride!!! PLEASE NOTE THAT WE ONLY HAVE 2 OUT OF UNIFORM DAYS PER MONTH – SPIRIT WEAR DAY AND CHARITY DAY, THE FIRST AND THIRD FRIDAY OF EACH MONTH – NOT EVERY FRIDAY.

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- *The Jesuit High School in Cincinnati*
- 600 W. North Bend Road, Cincinnati, OH 45224

## **XPERIENCE NIGHTS**

St. Xavier High School hosts two Xperience Nights (*October 18 and 26*). All 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade families will receive an invitation to attend.

The evening begins in our Chapel of the Holy Companions at 6:30 p.m. and concludes at 8 p.m. Parents will hear a presentation about the mission of St. Xavier from a current student, the parent of a current student, faculty member, and an admissions representative – with ample time for questions and answers afterward. Students will learn about St. X by engaging in experiential learning opportunities that will be directed by current St. X students. Your students will also have the chance to have their questions answered. Families have found these nights to be an opportunity to receive in-depth information and hear different perspectives. Parents and faculty often can give a more “on the ground” view of the school. We ask that families register in advance.

## **OPEN HOUSE**

On *Sunday, November 13 from 1 to 4 p.m.* prospective students and families are invited to attend our annual Open House. Tours are given by current students, allowing families time to speak with teachers, co-curricular moderators, and students about their experiences.

## **SHADOWING**

Shadowing is an integral role in a student’s decision-making process. The shadowing program runs from *September through December* and provides interested eighth grade students with a firsthand experience on campus. Prospective students will be hosted by an Ambassador of Excellence, a freshmen or sophomore qualified to speak on the various aspects of St. Xavier High School. On these days at 8:30 a.m., parents have the opportunity to tour the school and hear a presentation from a St. Xavier representative about programs, tuition assistance, scholarships, and the admissions process. Families may register for shadowing on our website at <https://www.stxavier.org/admissions/visit>.



## Athletics at St. Vivian's



Good luck to all of our Sabre athletes!  
Our girls' volleyball teams play this week.

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### 8<sup>th</sup> Hills

09/25/2022	8:00 PM	St. Bartholomew - 9375 Winton Rd, Cincinnati, Ohio 45231				
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### 7<sup>th</sup>

09/24/2022	7:00 PM	St. Bartholomew - 9375 Winton Rd, Cincinnati, Ohio 45231				
09/25/2022	6:00 PM	Nativity School - 5936 Ridge Rd, Cincinnati, Ohio 45213				

### 6<sup>th</sup>

09/23/2022	6:00 PM	St. Susanna - 500 Reading Rd, Mason, Ohio 45040				
09/24/2022	4:00 PM	Immaculate Heart of Mary - 7870 Beechmont Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio 45255				

### 5<sup>th</sup>

09/24/2022	6:00 PM	St. Vivian - 7600 Winton Rd, Cincinnati, Ohio 45224			
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### 4<sup>th</sup>

09/24/2022	3:00 PM	SportsPlus - 10765 Reading Rd, Cincinnati, Ohio 45241				
09/25/2022	3:00 PM	St. Bartholomew - 9375 Winton Rd, Cincinnati, Ohio 45231				

### 3<sup>rd</sup>

09/23/2022	6:30 PM	SportsPlus - 10765 Reading Rd, Cincinnati, Ohio 45241			
09/24/2022	5:00 PM	St. Vivian - 7600 Winton Rd, Cincinnati, Ohio 45224			



**Be a Girl Scout!**

Girls, grades kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> grade, are invited to sign up for Girl Scouts — your new friends can't wait to meet you! Can't make this meeting? Learn more at [gsw.org/getstarted](https://gsw.org/getstarted).

Tuesday, September 27, 2022 6:30 p.m.

Finneytown Elementary Cafeteria

8850 Winton Rd. Cincinnati, OH 45231

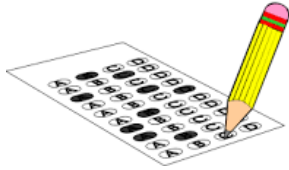
Troops now forming! Leaders and volunteers needed! Contact: Amanda Irwin, [amandairwin@gsw.org](mailto:amandairwin@gsw.org) .



**Caregiver/Parent-Teacher Conferences**

Save the date! Parent/Caregiver-Teacher Conferences will be **Thursday, October 13 from 3:00-8:00.**

\*Calendar reminder: There will be no school on Friday, October 14 as that is our fall break.



## November 19th High School Placement Test (HSPT) – Preparation Opportunity

Learn more and sign-up – [www.RedwoodPrep.com](http://www.RedwoodPrep.com)

Jim Telles and I have been partners in instruction for over 25 years at St. Xavier High School and will be offering a HSPT preparation course for interested 7th and 8th grade students (boys and girls) at St. Xavier High School on Saturday, October 29th and November 5th. The actual HSPT exam will be held on Saturday, November 19th ensuring the concepts and preparation learned in the course stay fresh for exam day.

This is an 8-hour preparatory course for the HSPT. The first 4 hours of instruction are offered on October 29th and the second 4 hours on November 5th.

Students can register for the 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM or 12:30 PM – 4:30 PM session. The time slot that the student chooses to attend on October 29th is also the same time slot he or she will attend on November 5th. If inclement weather forces the cancellation of either weekend session, students are expected to be available on Saturday, November 12th for a make-up session.

Jim and I pioneered the study strategy course at St. Xavier High for incoming freshmen that welcomes over 300 kids over the summer. We enjoy teaching these programs and hearing about the great results our participants achieve.

We work with RedwoodPrep, a group of educators with a nationwide HSPT preparation curriculum and program, to offer an HSPT preparation program here at St. Xavier High. Students often go into the HSPT exam lacking formal preparation leading to poorer results and more stress. Our two day program comprehensively prepares students and addresses all the key topics in each of the exam's 5 major areas: Verbal Skills, Mathematics, Reading, Language and Quantitative Skills. We also teach students key test-taking strategies applicable to the HSPT and – just as importantly – future standardized exams as well (e.g., time management, answer choice elimination). By program's end, students will know how to tackle every type of problem on the HSPT and know how to navigate standardized exams more effectively and efficiently. To learn more and sign-up, visit [www.RedwoodPrep.com](http://www.RedwoodPrep.com).

We look forward to working with you and wish you all the best with your high school admissions process,

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