



# Renuntio

No nobler training exists but that which cherishes the good, the beautiful, and the true, thus producing disciples of knowledge and lovers of wisdom.

## EDUCATION IS SERIOUS BUSINESS

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In his book, *The Moral Sense*, James Q. Wilson makes a point with great clarity. He states that “the best things in life” invariably “cost us something.” To attain them, to achieve them, to keep them, even to enjoy them takes sacrifice. It is one of the most important lessons that can be learned in life. It is the message we know we must impart to our children; patience, commitment, diligence, industry, and discipline will eventually pay off if we are willing to delay gratification long enough for the seeds we have sown in our lives to sprout and bear fruit.

To become educated is serious business. It cannot and will not happen overnight. It takes unfailing commitment, dedication, and perseverance. It takes unwavering focus. In today’s society it is the “road less traveled.” Not only is the awareness of the classic—whether it be history, literature, art, music, philosophy, or the sciences—lost on many of today’s young people, even the awareness of the lost awareness is lost to them.

Another great lesson of life born out through history is that ordinary people in search of truth and virtue are ultimately the ones who are best able to shape the outcome of human events—not kings and princes, not masters and tyrants. It is regular, everyday people who commonly overturn the expectations of those in society considered brilliant and glamorous, expert and exceptional.

It is usually the plain folks who literally change the course of history because they are the “stuff” of which history is made. They make the world go round on a daily basis. G.K. Chesterton, British philosopher and writer stated, “The most extraordinary thing in the world is an ordinary man and an ordinary woman and their ordinary children.” The greatest hope for our culture lies in the commitment to educate and train “ordinary” young people to become the next generation of culture-shapers.

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## THE XAVIER PROMISE

*Xavier Classical Charter Schools are dedicated to providing a classical, academically rigorous, content-rich, liberal arts education, preparing students to excel in every duty and guiding them toward wisdom and virtue.*

## MARCH EVENTS

- 4/13—TWINS/DUO DAY
- 4/13—FIELD TRIP (GRADE 6)
- 4/16—XAVIER LOTTERY
- 4/17-19—READING CLUB 3:15 p.m.
- 4/17—TRAP AND SKEET CLUB
- 4/19—BOARD MEETING 6:00 p.m.
- 4/21—XAVIER PROM-TURF CLUB
- 4/24—TRAP AND SKEET CLUB
- 4/24-26—READING CLUB
- 5/1—TRAP AND SKEET CLUB
- 5/1-3—READING CLUB
- 5/2—LARGE GROUP FESTIVAL (GRADES 7/8)
- 5/2—NHS INDUCTION CEREMONY
- 5/4—FLIP FLOP/NEON DAY

## Education is Serious Business continued...

At Xavier, our emphasis remains on the things that matter—truth and virtue. We promote love of hearth and home, community and culture, academics and accountability, service and substance, morality and magnanimity, responsibility and resourcefulness—the things that can and should capture the hearts and minds and lives of humanity; the things that make us complete. In theory this is what we all want; in practicality it is more difficult than we can sometimes imagine. But it is our duty; it is our hope; it is our purpose; it is our unwavering commitment to our patrons. Parents and guardians...if you haven't done so, drink the koolaid; that which is academically and morally life giving; that which produces competent, productive leaders. Spread the word. Education is serious business. ~ Becky Baird

### APRIL PILLAR OF THE MONTH

**COOPERATION**— We work with others for the good of all involved with a positive attitude. We equitably participate in mutual responsibilities for the completion of shared ends and direct our efforts and attention accordingly.

**April 2-6** — *“If we did all the things we are capable of doing, we would literally astound ourselves*

~Thomas Edison (American inventor and businessman, b. 1847-1931)

**April 9-13** — *“When it is obvious that the goals cannot be reached, don't adjust the goals, adjust the action steps.”*

~Confucious (Chinese teacher, editor, politician, b. 551-479 B.C.)

**April 16-20** — *“Leaders don't create followers, they create more leaders.”*

~Tom Peters (American author, consultant, b. 1942-present)

**April 23-27**— *“Call it a clan, call it a network, call it a tribe, call it a family. Whatever you call it , whoever you are, you need one.”*

~Jane Howard (English novelist, b. 1923-2014)

## ADDICTED TO MANNERS

The 18th century, a time when men and women were addicted to good manners, is sometimes called the Age of Politeness. Manners were simply the regard shown to others in ordinary situations which allowed transactions and conversation to proceed smoothly and pleasantly. When a man was said to be a person of “gentle manners,” enough had been said.

### Save the Date!!!

**What: Prom**

**Date: April 21st**

**Time: 7:00-11:00pm**

**Pictures at 7:30**

**Cost \$25 each  
Grades 9-12 only**

**Tickets for sale April 1st  
– 13th only**