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

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## GREETINGS FROM MR. MOON

Dear Xavier Family,

It is with great pride and excitement that I write this welcome letter to you as the Xavier Charter School Head of Schools. I am once again honored to have the opportunity to lead a school with such a rich and growing tradition of excellence! Our entire staff has been working in preparation for the 2018-2019 school year and we are excited to get our students back in school today. We have made some changes this year, including the hiring of Mr. Jonathan Goss, our new Assistant Head of Schools / Grade 7-12 Principal. I am excited and eager to bring our new administrative structure to Xavier and to better serve our students and the entire Xavier community.

The Xavier Charter School Faculty and Staff are dedicated to continuing the legacy that has been started and will work hard to maintain strong relationships with parents, students and community partners. We will focus on our Classical Model of instruction providing a balanced liberal arts education as we consistently work to increase student achievement.

All of us at Xavier Charter School are eager and excited to begin what promises to be the best year ever. This year is going to be amazing as we continue to provide academic experiences for our students that are rigorous, relevant, and help them build relationships. As your Head of Schools, it is important to me that everyone who steps through our doors—teachers, students and parents—are excited to be here! This attitude enables us to meet the challenges of academic excellence in a positive, rigorous, and nurturing environment. My door is always open and I welcome your input. Please feel free to call or email me to discuss any concerns you might have throughout the school year.

I look forward to working with you as a team to help each student at Xavier meet their goals and have a successful school year!

Gary Moon  
Head of Schools  
Xavier Charter Schools

## 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.*

### SEPTEMBER EVENTS

- 9/4— First Day of School
- 9/10 — Student Instrument Rental Night 6-7 p.m.
- 9/10 — Continuous Improvement Meeting 6-9 p.m.
- 9/20 — Grammar School Parent Night 5:30-6:30 p.m.
- 9/20 — Board Meeting 6 p.m.
- 9/24— Fall School Pictures
- 10/5 — **NO SCHOOL (K-12) TEACHER IN-SERVICE**
- 10/18 — Board Meeting 6 p.m.
- 10/31— Parent-Teacher Conf. (Gr. 7-12 — 4:00-7:00 p.m.)
- 11/1— Parent-Teacher Conf. (Gr. 7-12 — 1:00-4:00 p.m.)
- 10/29-11/1— Parent-Teacher Conferences (K-6-Mon.-Thurs. by appointment)
- 11/2— **NO SCHOOL (K-12) Teacher Comp Day**

## MEET XAVIER'S NEW ASSISTANT HEAD OF SCHOOLS

Xavier is pleased to introduce to our stakeholders, Mr. Jonathan Goss. As part of his duties as Assistant Head of Schools, he will be serving grades 7-12 as Principal.

Mr. Goss is very excited to be a member of Xavier Charter School in his new leadership role. This will be his 22<sup>nd</sup> year of teaching in Idaho. His educational experience ranges from Secondary Social Studies teaching in Buhl to Secondary Math teaching including Algebra 1 up to Calculus in Bliss and Wendell. He has also been a high school administrator for 11 years at Wendell High School. Originally, he grew up in Connecticut where he received a traditional, liberal arts education in Middle School and High School, eventually earning a bachelors degree from Dartmouth College in Economics.

In his free time, he enjoys fly fishing, cabinetmaking, hiking/camping and coaching soccer.

For those of you who have not had the pleasure of meeting Mr. Goss personally, he is "biting at the bit" to make your acquaintance!

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## PILLAR OF THE MONTH

**EXCELLENCE**— We seek to raise the standard for ourselves to that which surpasses the ordinary. Because we understand that excellence is not an act but a habit, we strive to practice it consistently so that we might grow to be competent and fulfilled.

**September 4** — *"Perfection is not attainable, but if we chase perfection we can catch excellence."* ~Vince Lombardi (b.1913-1970, American football player, Green Bay Packers coach, executive)

**September 10** — *"The secret of joy in work is contained in one word - excellence. To know how to do something well is to enjoy it."* ~Pearl S. Buck (b.1892-1973, American writer)

**September 17** — *"If we all did the things we are capable of doing, we would literally astound ourselves."* ~Thomas Edison (b.1847-1931, American inventor, businessman)

**September 24**— *"Excellence is to do a common thing in an uncommon way."* ~Booker T. Washington (b.1856-1915, African-American educator, orator, author, advisor to US presidents)

## PARENT NIGHT!

Xavier's annual Grammar School Parent Night will be held Thursday, September 20th from 5:30—6:30 p.m. There are two half hour sessions where parents may go to their student's classroom and learn about teacher expectations and procedures for the coming year. This is a great prelude to your child's success in the Grammar School classroom.

## REMEMBER...

**...Xavier Charter School free breakfast is no longer available and students are required to pay full price for both breakfast and lunch unless the student qualifies for the Free or Reduced Lunch Program. We encourage you to fill out the application for Free or Reduced Lunch available in the front office.**

## CLASSICAL THOUGHTS...

Education begins with the cultivation of good taste—that is, a taste for truth, goodness, and beauty. Good taste includes a taste for the virtues of diligence, order and excellence.