



# 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.

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## THOUGHTS ON EXPECTATIONS

It has been my honor and privilege to return to Xavier Charter School this fall after a six year hiatus. I spent four of those six years as a pre-school through 5<sup>th</sup> grade principal. Although I had previously been the Head of Schools here at Xavier and a K-12 principal elsewhere, this experience afforded me a growth opportunity in that my focus was exclusively on younger students, a new and exciting challenge for a school leader who started his career in adult education. In my spare time, I also “picked up” another advanced degree. It has been exciting to watch from afar as the Xavier Charter School family has continued to grow, mature as an organization, and continually refine practices in the never ending pursuit of excellence.

Similarly, it is our expectation that the graduates of Xavier Charter School will continue to grow, mature, develop, and learn throughout their lifetime. Our behavioral and academic expectations are high. Our classical western civilization based curriculum is historically grounded in America’s core civic responsibility. Its purpose is to inform and educate our youth and encourage them to invest themselves as good human beings, understand the responsibilities of a human being, and influence the world through integrity, responsibility, and purpose. This requires hard work, diligence, and discipline by teacher, student, and parent; and in a world of exponential change is even more important as we build the foundation for our future generations.

Posted on the walls in each classroom at Xavier Charter School are the Nine Pillars of Character. We allot ten minutes each morning in each classroom for “morning opening.” During this time, some of the things classroom teachers and students do are the Pledge of Allegiance, Teacher, School, and Class Creeds, and discussion of the Nine Pillars of Character; one for each month. This is done at a grade appropriate level, with continuity and consistency throughout our school. September’s pillar was ‘responsibility, October was ‘respect,’ November is ‘perseverance.’ We will continue with ‘excellence’ in December, with the others to follow throughout the remainder of the year.

The Nine Pillars, our creeds, explicitly taught high academic and behavioral expectations, and rich meaningful in class discussion are some of the tools that we use in support of the tenets upon which Xavier was founded. Experienced and stable leadership, teachers and support staff that are continually striving for excellence, and committed and involved parents all combine to create a rich learning environment where high level learning is the norm.

Recently, the Idaho State Department of Education released statewide SAT scores for 2019. Xavier students have consistently outperformed their statewide counterparts on this important graduation requirement.

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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.*

### NOVEMBER EVENTS

- 11/5— Trap and Skeet Practice
- 11/7— PFA Meeting 3:15 p.m.
- 11/8— Dress Up Day  
1920’s
- 11/11-22 — Navigatio  
Chocolate Fundraiser
- 11/12— Trap and Skeet  
Practice
- 11/14— Math and Game Night  
6:00-7:00 p.m.
- 11/19— Trap and Skeet  
Practice
- 11/19— PFA/Travel Club  
Chick-fil-A Spirit Night
- 11/21— Board Meeting  
6:00 p.m.
- 11/25-29— Fall/Thanksgiving  
Break—**NO SCHOOL**  
(K-12)



## Thoughts on Expectations...

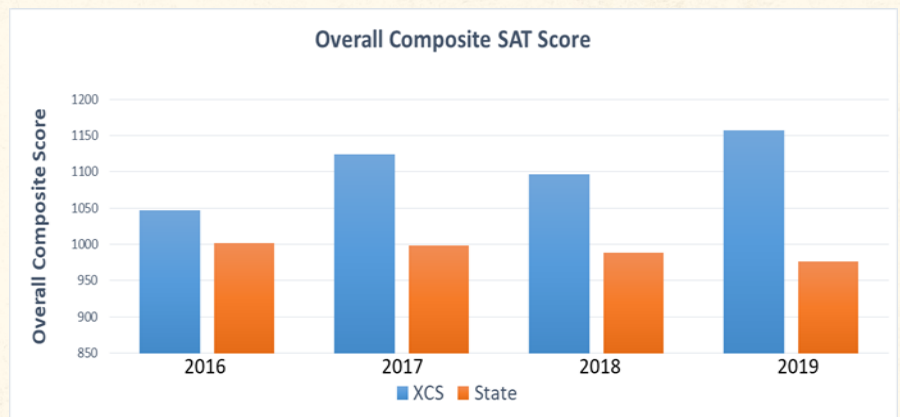
Over the past four years, the percentage of Xavier students that are “College and Career Ready” in Reading and Writing on the SAT exceeds the state percentage by an average of 22%. In Math, Xavier students outperform the State percentage by an average of 24% over the past four years. Starting with our first graduating class in 2011, our students have scored consistently above the state average, and several times in the top ten of all high schools in the state. The class of 2019 ranked 5<sup>th</sup> overall for the entire state of Idaho.

While student SAT results are important for college admission and as a measure of academic success for our school, they are not our focus. Rather, they are a celebrated bi-product of our tenets, character building, quality explicit instruction, and our partnerships with parents and community members. We appreciate your support and commitment in partnering with us on this important work as we continue to build the leaders of tomorrow.

*For additional reading on the Xavier Charter School Tenets and Nine Pillars of Character, go to our website and then select ‘About Us,’ and then ‘Philosophy.’*

*A more detailed review of Xavier SAT results can be found on our website under ‘General Info’ and then by selecting ‘School Performance.’*

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## OCTOBER PILLAR OF THE MONTH

**PERSEVERANCE** — We spurn despair and strive to complete tasks to the best of our abilities, regardless of the difficulty. We respond creatively to overcome obstacles and ask for help when necessary.

Nov. 4 – *“Perseverance is the hard work you do after you get tired of doing the hard work you already did.”* ~Newt Gingrich (American politician/former Speaker of the House, b.1943- )

Nov. 11 – *“Perseverance is not a long race, it is many short races one after the other.”* ~Walter Elliot (Scottish Unionist Party politician, b.1888-1958)

Nov. 18 – *“Perseverance is a great element of success. If you only knock loud enough and long enough at the gate, you are sure to wake up somebody.”* ~Henry Wadsworth Longfellow (American poet, *Paul Revere’s Ride* and *Hiwatha*, b.1807-1882)

*“High achievement  
always takes  
place in the  
framework of high  
expectation.”*

Charles Kettering