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SPOTLIGHT ON THE ARTS

Aural Arts teacher, Kim Kokx, has been teaching under the stage lights for 17 years. She has directed over eighty musical productions with her most recent credits being "Les Miserable's School Edition." Vocally trained in Miami, Florida, Kim believes in strong, spot on, thorough technique blended with an unbeatable excitement for the stage, allowing young minds to express themselves to their fullest potential. Mrs. Kokx holds a Bachelor of Arts degree, is certified in K-12 Music Education, and is currently working on a Masters of Education. She loves the students of Xavier Charter School and their enthusiasm for the High Arts. Kim is married to a very quiet college professor, has two dogs, a goldfish that has lived an incredibly long time, a turtle, and a son who survived being raised by a dramatic mom.

OPEN ENROLLMENT THROUGH March 31, 2012

SENIOR CHARACTER AWARDS

NOAH WEBSTER SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

A scholar is first one who is teachable; one who is a disciple of knowledge and a lover of wisdom; one who is a man or woman of books, characterized by deep, intensive learning; one able to research and reason; one who knows and practices truth; one whose scholarship has been fashioned in character through diligence and industry; and one who applies his/her scholarship to the edification of others.

James
Adamson
2012



VIRTUE OF THE WEEK

PROBLEM-SOLVING - the ability to find the answer to difficult and complicated situations.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK - "We are all faced with a series of great opportunities brilliantly disguised as impossible situations." ~Chuck Swindoll

Chuck Swindoll is an author, educator, and radio preacher. He founded Insight for Living which airs a radio program of the same name on more than 2000 stations around the world and in 15 languages. Chuck is a sought after speaker who focuses on life issues.

PHILOSOPHY

Xavier Charter School's philosophy lies in the strong belief that all children can learn. It is our goal to prepare each student with personal tools that will assist them in making life's choices. We do so by addressing the needs of the whole child—body, mind, and spirit.

XAVIER UPCOMING MEETINGS

FEBRUARY SCHEDULE

2/9 - PFA Meeting - 5 p.m.

2/9 - Board Meeting - 6 p.m.

2/16-17 - Teacher In-Service Days
(No School)

2/20 - President's Day
(No School)

2/28 - Community Open House

STUDENT MEETINGS AND PERFORMANCES

FEBRUARY

2/1-2/14 - Valentine's Food Drive

2/10 - Poetry Outloud 7:00 p.m.

2/10 - Steppin' Up to Date Night
5:30-9:00 p.m.

2/11 - Sweetheart Dance
7:30-10:00 p.m.

2/17 - Ski Club

2/22 - Rock the Arts
(Shakespeare Festival)

2/24 - 7th Grade Hooverville
(Mr. Pfafflin)

2/25 - Ski Club

STUDENT ART



Halfway Day Celebration

The third and fourth grades marked halfway through the school year by immersing themselves in fractions. They learned how to use fractions in daily life with time and measurement and explored these concepts with hands-on activities. Students created an art delight with Four Square Masterpieces using only squares. The overwhelming opinion of the students was, "Fractions are fun!" Who says math and art cannot coexist?

SWEETHEART DANCE



Just in time for Valentine's Day! Saturday, February 11, Xavier will sponsor a Sweetheart Dance for grades 7-12. This Valentine event is from 7:30-10:00 p.m. at the school. All sweethearts should come dressed in semi-formal or formal attire. Tickets are \$3 for singles and \$5 for couples. Bring a canned food item for \$1 off the ticket price. See you there!

XAVIER SCHOOLS OF THE ARTS AND SCIENCES

Yes, that is correct. Xavier Charter Schools are indeed schools of the Arts and Sciences. The classical or ancient meaning of science comes from the Latin "to know" or "knowledge." Interestingly, the classical connotation of science encompasses both hard and soft science. Hard Sciences are those which strictly and rigorously hold to a scientific standard. By definition this includes subjects such as physics, math, chemistry, and geology. On the other hand, Soft Sciences refer to psychology, sociology, philosophy, and history.

Classical education also embraces what is known as the High Arts. Subjects that are meant to be both academic and studio-based with an outcome of display and performance constitute Kinetic (dance and drama), Visual (painting, sculpture, photography, etc), Aural (music), and Written (literature, poetry, writing, etc.) Arts. It's who we are!

THE CLASSICAL MINDSET

Classical education helps students develop a long view of life. By studying the classics, students learn to deal with questions of human existence and to place them in proper context. Classically educated students learn to value things truly worth having like wisdom and discernment. We seek to produce mature adults with "marketable skills."

FEBRUARY OPEN HOUSE

Xavier Charter School will be hosting a community Open House on February 28th from 5-7 p.m. This is an opportunity to both welcome and educate the Magic Valley about who we are and what we are about. Now is the time to begin inviting friends and neighbors who may want to be "in the know" about classical education.

WHY WE LOVE XAVIER! STUDENTS SPEAK

Ethan Hodges' thoughts on Xavier:

"I like Xavier. The fact that Xavier is a bit more challenging than other schools just proves that all the teachers are committed to helping kids become smarter. We read lots of big (300-400 pgs.) books and some people (including me) read books 700+ pages just for fun!"



OUR TENETS

- **High Expectations:** Xavier students are capable of great things
- **Teacher Attitude and Responsibility:** Xavier teachers seek to teach with positive attitudes
- **All Children Can Learn:** Xavier teachers seek not to use labels for Xavier students
- **Build Self-Esteem:** Xavier teachers seek to help students find their sense of self
- **Climate of Mutual Respect:** The Xavier community views mistakes as opportunities for growth
- **Teacher Knowledge and Skill:** The Xavier Board seeks teachers advanced in learning theory and teaching methods



BOY SCOUT DAY AT XAVIER

On February 15, Xavier young men who are Boy Scouts will be allowed to wear their uniforms to school in order to fulfill a requirement expected of them by the Boy Scout organization.