

Dear St. X Students, Parents, and Friends,

As we conclude another school year, I hope you are looking forward to the summer months and all the potential fun that comes with this time of the year. By the time you receive this bulletin message, our students will have finished their final days of classes and exams. While the students may be finished and enjoying their first few days of summer vacation, the finer details of the yearend work are still in progress as teachers and administrators are diligently tying all of the pieces together to finish the school year and communicate final grade information. What may appear as an easy task is, quite frankly, a significant undertaking that requires all components to be completed on time and with great precision. As principal and a team member in this process, I am always wowed by the work and both grateful and very proud of the success of our faculty and staff.

While the summer vacation is a wonderful time to recuperate from a long school year, it never was intended to escape opportunities to learn. I hope students will engage their natural curiosity and consider using some of the stretch of summer time to pursue meaningful activities that stimulate the brain, such as reading. As you are well aware, reading is a skill that requires continual practice; it is not only a vehicle for greater knowledge, but will also assist with fostering and developing higher-level thinking and processing skills such as interpreting, predicting, and inferring. Consequently, reading not only assists with developing skills, but also exposes us to a greater understanding of the world around us.

Also, during your summer vacation, I always encourage you to make a concerted effort to spend time with your family. Personally, my family time is priceless. Although my responsibilities as a school administrator require me to work most of the summer months, my commitment to being present and spending quality time with my wife and children is an important part of my life and necessary for the overall unity of my family. In a time when families are disjointed and struggle to find time simply to eat supper together, I hope you and your family are able to agree to spend some quality time together on a consistent basis throughout the summer. I am sure it will make a difference in your life and in the relationship you have with one another.

Lastly, I want to take this opportunity to thank the faculty, staff, and administrators of Saint Xavier for all of their hard work and dedication to the students and school community. These fine individuals continue to make a huge difference in our world as they, without hesitation, offer their gifts, talents, and knowledge to the young men of St. X. I am so proud and feel privileged to be a member of this school community, its legacy, and the legacy that the Brothers and Xaverian education have given to us and the greater Louisville community.

Best wishes for a fun and relaxing summer!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Francisco M. Espinosa, Jr." The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial 'F'.

Francisco M. Espinosa, Jr.  
Principal