

Xavier High School
Concord, Massachusetts

September 28, 1962

Dear Parents of Xavier Students:

This "Principal's Letter" will be written at irregular intervals during the academic year. We hope that it will be mutually helpful.

You may have noticed in our School Calendar that there will be a Parents' Night at 8:00 P. M., Thursday, October 4th. The meeting will open in the auditorium where I shall have the pleasure of addressing you. Then the parents will move to their son's homeroom. Once you have settled down at the desks (and have realized how short a time it has been since you too were a student) each of your son's teachers will talk for ten minutes. He may use the time to conduct a model class, to explain the purpose of his course, or to point out difficulties encountered. We feel that at the end of this hour you will have a much better understanding of each teacher's aim.

After this academic fare you are invited to the cafeteria for refreshments. May we ask the mothers to bring cookies or cake? Any food that remains will be given to your ever-hungry sons at lunch on Friday.

The first marking period ends October 11th. Your son should receive his report by October 16th. Since we are using the Royal McBee forms he will receive a separate report for each subject. You may keep these reports, but we do ask that you sign the attendance slip and return that to the homeroom teacher as soon as possible. This will signify that you have seen and read the report.

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On Monday, October 15th, we shall administer an aptitude test. The fee of one dollar will be payable on the morning of the test.

In popular and professional literature there is considerable criticism of testing. There is merit in some of this criticism and we hope to keep a balanced view. At the same time a moderate use of the best tests can assist administrators, teachers, and parents in understanding and guiding the youngsters.

Our cross-country team has been practicing daily and they are just about ready to begin their eight meet schedule. The red and gold uniforms are on order but we are not certain they will be here in time for the opening meet.

The intramural football league has created great interest and strong rivalry between the various sections, and of course, the gym continues to resound with the shouts of our basketball stars.

The Faculty and I are looking forward to seeing you on next Thursday evening.

With every blessing for you and your families,
I remain

Sincerely yours,

John R. Vigneau, S. J.
(Rev.) John R. Vigneau, S. J.
Principal