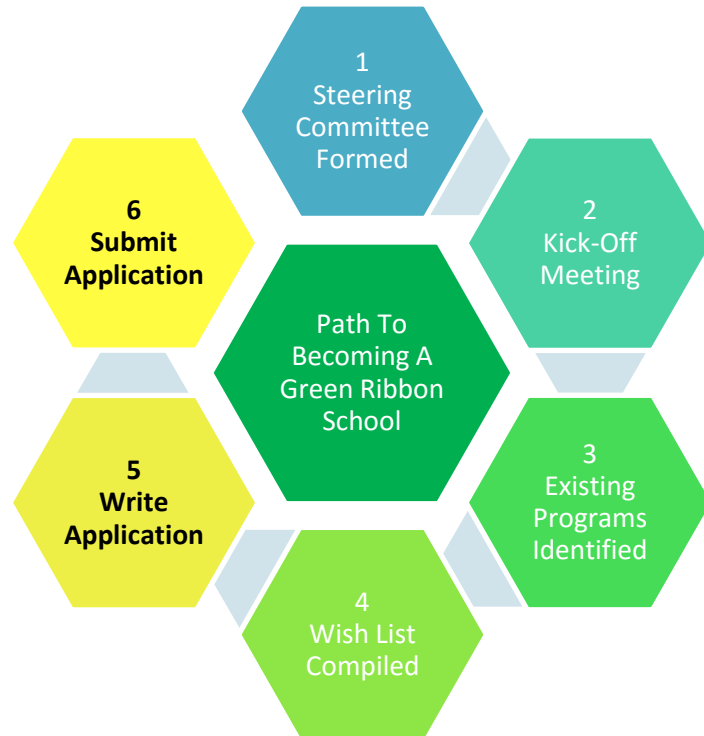


SFX Go Green Bulletin

from the Go Green Group – September 2016

2016-17 will be another year full of great **GREEN** opportunities for the school! We want to make it a place to learn about the environment and take action to help preserve it. God created this world as our home, and we are all responsible for its' care.

Green Ribbon School Application



Completed tasks are in white text
To be completed tasks are in black

Last year was very productive. **We are ready to write our GRS application this fall.**

Congratulations to Urban Community School in Cleveland, for winning the 2016 GRS award for Ohio. We hope to join you soon.

We are in need of **community partners** to help us with 2 big projects on our wish list:

**PAPER
RECYCLING
PROGRAM**



**SCHOOL
GARDEN**

If your company OR group can help us, OR if you can help, we are planning the projects now and would like to hear from you!

Earth Day 2017

The students look forward to our SFX Earth Day Celebration! It's full of fun contests and activities. Every year, we have a **theme**. Last year's theme was **water conservation** and we partnered with Medina Soil and Water Conservation District to help learn about water pollution. The year before, we planted a beautiful earth day tree and the students named it "**The Green Guardian**". What will our theme be this year? We are open to ideas and, of course, some help! Is there a topic you could present or help arrange? Please let us know.



New Green Student Group - Coming Soon

SFX has many students that are interested in caring for the earth. A plan is coming together for a "go green" club for students in grades 3 through 8. We have free resources from Eco-Schools, which outline how to hold a meeting and what activities to complete. Our students can help recycle in the school, conduct school inspections, and suggest ways we could be better stewards of the earth. **The only part that is missing:** a caring, dedicated volunteer (or a few) to get it started. Please consider helping out and making a difference!



For **FIVE** years, students, parents, teachers, & staff have recycled items at SFX. That is something to be very **PROUD** about. See below for our plans for this school year.

Student Recycling Programs



Every **classroom** has a recycling bin for glue and crayons. Entenmann's pouches are collected in the **Xavier Room** and school cafeteria. Please bring in your extras and we will recycle them!

Gently Used Athletic Shoes

Last year, at the Boosterthon Fun Run, enough shoes were donated to fill 2 large boxes. Donating shoes keeps them out of the landfill. The proceeds from the shoes help our partner company to plant thousands of trees in Africa each year, which offsets carbon in the atmosphere and helps raise families out of poverty. Look for future communications about where you can recycle gently used athletic shoes (aka, SFX gym shoes) this year.

Printer Cartridge Recycling



SFX has really made an impact when it comes to recycling printer cartridges. Together, we have stopped **4,300** printer cartridges from being thrown in a landfill. We have partnered with

Planet Green Recycle, and they are able to refill and sell some of our recycled cartridges. The rest are broken down for parts and disposed of responsibly.



SFX accepts ALL kinds of printer cartridges: little inkjets, toner cartridges, and even large toner tubes. All may be dropped off in the Xavier Room Bin or the Church Office.

THANK YOU, VOLUNTEERS!! Our small group of dedicated parents take cartridges to Staples once a month. It's an easy project that raised \$6,000 for the school over the last 5 years. And we need more volunteers. Please contact Sarah Pagura at sarahpagura@gmail.com to help out.



Planet Green Recycle will ALSO gift our school a percentage of every refurbished ink cartridge purchased from their website. Be the first to buy used cartridges and fundraise by clicking our school's link: <https://planetgreenrecycle.com/stfrancisxavier>



Small Electronics Drive

The electronics we throw away can put many dangerous chemicals into the air, water and soil. To help end this problem, the GGG organizes a recycling drive for E-waste. **SAVE THE DATE** (and all of your **SMALL** electronic devices) for Earth Day: **April 22nd, 2017!**

We will take your small items, such as cell phones, tablets, calculators, etc. and send them to our partner, Planet Green Recycle. They take the e-waste and dispose of it responsibly and help us fundraise a little.



Funding Green Initiatives



Go Green Group is happy to announce our first award of \$200 to help fund a hydroponic garden! The Tower Garden will be a wonderful teaching tool for students. It will help SFX towards our Green Ribbon Schools goal, teaching efficient use of resources, healthy eating, and STEM concepts. So, keep recycling and you are helping great projects become a reality!

Let Us Know

So, here is the contact information: Mickie Getz at mickie.getz@gmail.com or (330)421-4263 or Terri Lika at lika@zoominternet.net. We'd love to hear from you and work with you!