

winter week of WELCOME

January 12-18, 2026

*For the most up-to-date schedule of events, please visit xavier.edu/winterwow.

Monday, January 12th

SNOW-OFF COURSE

Dorothy Day Center for Faith and Justice
Snowed? Your skills...best moves...get ready to play the room! The CFJ is turning the entire space into a full-scale active playground featuring hopscotch, The Floor Is Lava, and Step on a Crack, where every step is part of the fun.
9:00 AM-5:00 PM | Dorothy Day Center for Faith and Justice (GSC 3rd Floor)

MEET THE NAVIGATORS

Navigator/CCO
Come meet members of the Navigators, a Christian group on campus. Our mission is to know Christ, make him known, and help others do the same.
12:00 PM-2:00 PM | Justice Atrium (outside Hoff Dining)

FAIR TRADE COCOA

Xavier Student Sustainability
Come stop by to warm up with some free fair trade hot cocoa! Get it while it's hot - while supplies last.
1:00 PM-3:00 PM | Gallagher Student Center Atrium (1st Floor)

COLLAGES & CRAFTS

OPus Xavier University
Join Xavier's Chapter of the Ohio Innocence Project (OIP) to create collages. Create a vision board for the new year, some new wall decor, or anything else you'd like and let your creativity shine!
4:00 PM-5:00 PM | GSC Arrupe Overlook (1st Floor)

GSC SPEAKEASY

Gallagher Student Center
Come vibe in the Gallagher Student Center as you enjoy music, mocktails, and more for an evening of suave sophistication. Bring your friends and feel free to dress for the occasion!
5:30 PM-7:30 PM | GSC Ryan's Landing (Lower Level)

WINTER WELLNESS DIY: SPA EDITION

Ladies with Emphasis on Achievement and Distinction
Make your visions glow! Stop by to make a collage vision board with Art Society. Join us as we make vision boards and learn about all the fun events planned for the spring semester!
6:00 PM-8:00 PM | GSC Ryan's Landing (Lower Level)

MAKE A BRACELET AND A FRIEND

In The Loop
Join us to make bracelets and new friends! All materials and instruction will be provided!
6:30 PM-7:30 PM | After Hall 206

Tuesday, January 13th

PEPPERMINT MILKSHAKE SAMPLING

Xavier Dining
Come try a sample of our delicious peppermint milkshake while supplies last in front of True Burger!
11:00 AM-12:30 PM | GSC Ryan's Landing (Lower Level)

RECYCLING & REFRESHMENTS

Net Impact - Xavier University
Stop by to challenge yourself on your recycling knowledge while treating yourself to a warm winter beverage like hot chocolate or cider and learn about Net Impact's waste management strategies!
12:00 PM-2:00 PM | Gallagher Student Center Atrium (1st Floor)

GSC "POOL" PARTY

Gallagher Student Center
Help us break in our brand new pool table with a tropical-themed "pool" party! Stop by for some light refreshments, learn the "pool" rules, and spend time in community with others.
1:00 PM-5:00 PM | GSC Pool Table (1st Floor)

WHERE WHEEL YOU GO?

Center for International Education
Come spin our wheel and answer study abroad trivia to win fabulous prizes! Plus, learn about what it takes to study abroad and why you should consider this opportunity!
2:00 PM-4:00 PM | Gallagher Student Center Atrium (1st Floor)

TREAT YOURSELF TUESDAY - AIRBRUSHED BEANIES

Office of Student Involvement
Swing by and dive into the fun to snag a one-of-a-kind airbrushed, knitted beanie cap. Get 'em while they're hot and keep your head warm!
3:30 PM-6:00 PM | GSC Ryan's Landing (Lower Level)

WORDS FOR THE NEW YEAR

Xavier Inclusion Club
Join us as we create encouraging New Year's bags filled with wishes, advice, and uplifting messages for the semester ahead. Participants will write notes, assemble the bags, and share them with one another at the end of the event. It's a simple, creative way to reflect, connect, and start 2026 with positivity and intention. Come craft, contribute, and leave with a message meant just for you!
4:00 PM-5:00 PM | GSC Clocktower Lounge (3rd Floor)

XAVIER WOMEN'S BASKETBALL VS. DEPAUL

Xavier Athletics, X-treme Fans
Join the fans as we cheer on the Lady Musketeers in a heated game of hoops against DePaul University.
6:30 PM | Cintas Center Arena

JUSTICE HALL JUMPSTART

Office of Residence Life, Justice Hall
Explore three themed lounges filled with art, food, video games, activities, and karaoke! Collect a stamp from each lounge, then head to the 4/5 lounge to enter a raffle for one of four prize baskets. Each lounge will feature its own special snacks and drinks. Stop by all of them for the full experience!
7:30 PM-9:00 PM | Justice Hall 4/5 Lounge

Wednesday, January 14th

COZY COMMUTER BREAKFAST

Commuter Services
Sample local flavors for a cozy breakfast selection in The Commuter Lounge. If you've seen our stories on Instagram, you will recognize some of your favorites! Come get comfortable and (re)connect with friends.
8:30 AM-10:30 PM | The Commuter Lounge (GSC 3rd Floor)

WINTER CLUB DAY

Office of Student Involvement
Check out a wide selection of Student Organizations looking for new members just like you! Visit enough tables and qualify for Xavier-themed giveaways and prizes. You don't want to miss this festive occasion.
11:30 AM-2:30 PM | Gallagher Student Center

COCOA & COMMUNITY IN CHRIST

All for JC
Join us in the Center for Faith & Justice for a delectable hot chocolate bar, and fellowship, too!
3:00 PM-4:00 PM | Dorothy Day Center for Faith and Justice (GSC 3rd Floor)

HOT CHOCOLATE & HOT TOPICS

LGBTQ+ Alliance
Share your hot takes and enjoy a cup of hot cocoa!
3:30 PM-4:30 PM | GSC Ryan's Landing (Lower Level)

VISION & VOCATION: CRAFTING YOUR YEAR AHEAD

Student Wellbeing Services, Career Development Office
Kick off the new year with cozy vibes and big dreams! Join Student Wellbeing Services and Career Development for a mash-up of vision-boarding, career support, financial wisdom, and a hot chocolate/tea bar. Start your year with purpose (and marshmallows)!
3:00 PM-5:00 PM | GSC Arrupe Overlook (1st Floor)

INTERNATIONAL COFFEE HOUR

Center for International Education
International Coffee Hour is a weekly event co-hosted by the CIE and various departments/organizations around campus! Come out for a good time filled with free food, coffee, tea, and friends from all over the globe!
3:30 PM-4:30 PM | GSC Faces of the World Lounge (2nd Floor)

KARAOKE!

African Student Association
Kick off the semester with good vibes, loud laughs, and unforgettable vocals! Join the African Student Association for a karaoke night full of music from every genre, friendly competition, and community. Whether you are hitting the high notes or cheering from the crowd, this is the perfect chance to meet new friends, start the semester off on the right note.
3:30 PM-4:30 PM | GSC Clocktower Lounge (3rd Floor)

WING IT & WIN IT: HUSMAN TRIVIA SHOWDOWN

Office of Residence Life, Husman Hall
Enjoy wings, sweet treats, and the chance to win prizes at this trivia showdown. Not into trivia? Relax in our quiet space with coloring pages and lowkey activities. We cannot wait to see you there!
6:00 PM-8:00 PM | Husman Hall Basement Lounge

IM SAMPLER OBSTACLE COURSE & GAGA BALL

Xavier Newswire
Come check out our XJIM Sampler Obstacle Course. Test your skills across 5 different mini-challenges, see what XJIM has to offer, and try to get the fastest time! The top 3 times will receive a 2025 XJIM champ shirt to kick off the Spring Semester! Plus, friendly games of gaga will be held.
6:00 PM-8:00 PM | HUB Basketball Courts (2nd Floor)

Thursday, January 15th

#CHALLAH AND CHAT

Jewish Leadership at Xavier (JLX), Dorothy Day Center for Faith and Justice
Celebrate a shabbat, meet Rabbi Jen, and learn about upcoming events.
11:00 AM-12:00 PM | Gallagher Student Center Atrium (1st Floor)

CORE ON THE YARD! TRIVIA W/ ORIENTATION LEADERS

Office of Student Involvement - Orientation & Transition Programs
Join Manresa Core at Bellarmine Circle for a fast-paced trivia experience inspired by Billy on the Street. They'll be posing questions that mix celebrity gossip, orientation trivia, and totally random scenarios - because why not? Have a laugh, win prizes, and learn more about joining the orientation team!
11:00 AM-12:30 PM | Bellarmine Circle

HOLA NEW YEAR'S BANNER-MAKING

Hispanic Organization and LatinX Awareness
Embrace the Hispanic traditions of eating grapes on New Year's by painting grapes on our banner or writing New Year's resolutions or out-of-grapes that you can add to the banner. This will be hung up in GSC for many to remember throughout January.
2:00 PM-3:00 PM | GSC Ryan's Landing (Lower Level)

SALT CO-COA

The Salt Company
Join us for a hot chocolate bar! Come warm up with The Salt Co. All are welcome!
2:00 PM-4:00 PM | Justice Atrium (outside Hoff Dining)

TO RECYCLE OR NOT TO RECYCLE

Laudato Si' Action Platform
Make it your New Year's resolution to learn what can and cannot be recycled on campus by playing a waste sorting game with the Laudato Si' Sustainable Lifestyles Committee.
2:00 PM-4:00 PM | Gallagher Student Center Atrium (1st Floor)

SNUGGLE UP FOR SERVICE

Dorothy Day Center for Faith and Justice, X-Change
Learn about opportunities for service while making fleece blankets and enjoying winter treats! X-Change is a program that sends groups of students to engage in weekly service throughout Cincinnati for a whole semester. Learn about different justice issues in our community while making great friends along the way!
4:00 PM-6:00 PM | GSC Arrupe Overlook (1st Floor)

LIGHTS, CAMERA, THRIVE: PAJAMAS EDITION

Dorothy Day Center for Faith & Justice
Join us for a cozy winter movie night! Grab your comfiest PJs, settle in with popcorn and hot cocoa, and unwind with friends. It's the perfect chance to relax, connect, and beat the winter chill together.
6:00 PM-8:00 PM | THRIVE Center (GSC 2nd Floor)

XAVIER MEN'S BASKETBALL VS. BUTLER

Xavier Athletics, X-treme Fans
Root on the Musketeers as they face off against the Butler University Bulldogs for this thrilling home game! Be one of the first 3,000 fans and receive a complimentary towel!
6:30 PM | Cintas Center Arena

WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT CYCLING IN THE HUB

SWEAT
Come join instructor Kendal Bolen for a cycling class in the HUB!
7:30 PM-8:30 PM | HUB Group Fitness Studio

NAV NIGHT

Navigators/CCO
Join us for our weekly night of community with the Navigators. We will play games, hear a short message, and spend time with one another. Our mission is to know Christ, make him known, and help others do the same!
7:30 PM-9:00 PM | HUB 102/103

HOLY ROLLERS

Life After Sunday
Let's go bowling! Get two rounds of bowling at Stone Lanes for free with The Catholic Community. We have 30 spots, so feel free to bring your friends. Make sure to sign-up on EngageXU, spots will go FAST. Plan to meet in Bellarmine Circle beforehand so we can walk over together.
8:00 PM-9:30 PM | Stone Lanes 3746 Montgomery Rd., Norwood OH 45212

GAME NIGHT BINGO W/ MANRESA CORE

Office of Student Involvement - Orientation & Transition Programs
Learn more about the Manresa Orientation Team with a night full of laughs, lucky numbers, and lively vibes. Great people, great prizes, & great food from Condado Tacos - don't miss out!
8:00 PM-10:00 PM | GSC Ryan's Landing (Lower Level)

Friday, January 16th

COCOA W/ COUNSELING SERVICES

Xavier Counseling Services
Visit our hot cocoa bar with all the fixings, receive stress management tips, coping skills, booklets, stress balls, and more!
10:00 AM-12:00 PM | Gallagher Student Center Atrium (1st Floor)

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12:30 PM-2:00 PM | Justice Atrium (outside Hoff Dining)

HOT WINGS CELEBRATION!

Alchemist Club
Come join the Alchemist Club and indulge in some spicy wings and good conversation.
2:00 PM-5:00 PM | Logan Hall 105

THE WAG WHEEL

4 Paws for Ability
Spin the wheel to win candy, surprises, and even a visit with our 4 Paws pups! Quick, fun, and the perfect winter pick-me-up.
2:00 PM-3:00 PM | Justice Atrium (outside Hoff Dining)

AB BINGO

Alternative Breaks
Learn about Alternative Breaks through trivia questions and bingo. You might even win a fun prize!
3:00 PM-4:30 PM | GSC Arrupe Overlook (1st Floor)

COZY COMMUTER CRAFTING

Commuter Activities Board
Design your own travel or makeup pouch and/or baseball hat at this hands-on DIY event. We'll have patches, paint, markers, and plenty of materials so you can create a look that fits your style! Plus, enjoy hot chocolate and winter treats while you work. Come make something useful, relax with friends, and leave with custom pieces you'll actually want to use!
3:30 PM-5:30 PM | GSC Ryan's Landing (Lower Level)

KUHLMAN WINTER PAINT 'N DIP

Dorothy Day Center for Faith & Justice
Join us for a cozy bulk-swig bar! Paint your own mug, mix a custom hot cocoa, and treat yourself to a donut.
4:00 PM-6:00 PM | Kuhlman Hall 1st Floor Lounge

FOOD TRUCK FRIDAY: CHEESECAKE

Office of Student Involvement
Food Truck Friday is back with The Cheesecakery! Indulge in creamy, dreamy cheesecakes! We are serving the first 150 students, so get yours before it's all gone.
4:00 PM-6:00 PM | Scales of Justice (Xavier North Yard)

IM FRIDAY NIGHT DODGEBALL

Xavier Recreational Sports
Join the XJIM program for some Friday Night Dodgeball. Feel free to drop in solo, or bring a team of friends! XJIM staff will organize games as people show up!
6:00 PM-8:00 PM | HUB Basketball Courts (2nd Floor)

BUENGER HALL BINGO

Office of Residence Life, Buenger Hall
Join the Buenger Hall RA staff for a lively night of bingo, prizes, and community fun!
7:00 PM-8:30 PM | Buenger Hall Lobby

GSC MOVIE NIGHT: "NOW YOU SEE ME: NOW YOU DON'T"

Gallagher Student Center
Come watch this new blockbuster film on inflatable furniture and enjoy magic-themed snacks with friends! XJIM staff will organize games as people show up!
8:30 PM-10:30 PM | GSC Ryan's Landing (Lower Level)

Saturday, January 17th

APARTMENTS BRUNCH BUFFET

Office of Residence Life, Apartments Community
The Apartments staff invites you to a Brunch Bar with a variety of brunch bites and a relaxed community space. Come enjoy food, connection, and a warm space to gather.
10:00 AM-12:00 PM | Commons First Floor Lounge & Villages Multi-Purpose Room

XPLORÉ CINCY: ICE SKATING AT ELM STREET PLAZA

Office of Student Involvement
Bundle up and skate into a winter wonderland with friends! Elm Street Plaza Ice Rink is the perfect spot for laughter, hot cocoa, and cozy memories. Looping shuttle service runs from Currito starting at 11:00 AM. The last pickup from Elm Street Plaza is at 2:00 PM - hop on and off as needed!
11:00 AM-2:00 PM | Currito

XAVIER WOMEN'S BASKETBALL VS. ST. JOHN'S

Xavier Athletics, X-treme Fans
Join us for this special home game, as we celebrate the Blue Blob's birthday with pregame festivities! Come early for the excitement and stay for the game as we bring the energy for our Lady Musketeers!
1:00 PM | Cintas Center Arena

NORWOOD AFTER DARK W/ DJ BRIAN GUINNESS

Check out According to Hoyle in Factory 52, mere miles from campus, and enjoy a DJ set and great vibes while you sample the late night food court options and specials. *Transportation not provided; consider using your discounted Lyft ride or free Metro bus pass!
7:00 PM-11:59 PM | Factory 52 Gatherrall 2750 Park Ave., Norwood, OH 45212

Sunday, January 18th

SUNDAY SHOPPING SHUTTLE

Office of Student Involvement
Welcome back, now time to stock up! Hop on the Sunday Shopping Shuttle to Oakley Station to visit all of your favorite shops including Kroger, Target, Meijer, and more! Shuttle pick-up is in front of Currito at 1pm, 2pm, 3pm, and 4pm with return trips every half hour.
1:00 PM-5:00 PM | Currito

STUDENT MASS

Dorothy Day Center for Faith and Justice
All are welcome to participate in Sunday Mass at 4 PM in Bellarmine. Whether you're Catholic or not, we invite you to join our liturgies!
4:00 PM-5:00 PM | Bellarmine Chapel

STUDENT MASS

Dorothy Day Center for Faith and Justice
All are welcome to participate in Sunday Mass weekly at 10 PM in Bellarmine. Whether you're Catholic or not, we invite you to join our liturgies!
10:00 PM-11:00 PM | Bellarmine Chapel

GROUP FITNESS CLASSES:

(FREE AT THE HUB)

- Cycle Core
- Cycling
- HIIT & Core
- Line Dancing
- Pilates
- Pop Fitness
- Spin & Sculpt
- Strength Circuit
- Tandem Cycling
- Xpress Circuit
- Yoga

And more!



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