8th Grade Speech by: Danny Kolp, Student Council President

Good evening, my name is Danny Kolp and I've been a student here at SFX since pre school. As this years student council president I would like to share a few words. First, we would like to thank all of the 7th grade families for helping with our graduation ceremony and reception. We know you put a lot of work in this and we thank you.

Although new to our school this year, our principal Mr. Kanine has found a special place in all of our hearts. We've enjoyed his stories and learned many lessons from him. Thank you for being our principle.

Now a few words about this years 8th grade class: As classmates we have been with each other through our ups and downs. We are different from other classes because we only have one conversation when we talk socially while other classes may have may conversations because of so many kids. Although we only have 9 kids in ours. We each are very different in our own special way. We have the athletic and smart kids such as Seth and Will, Colin and Hunter are the gamers of the class, Nick and Lucas the class clowns, Ally who is like one of the guys and Aria the princess of our class. We each are so different yet we are close and there is no other class I would rather be with.

We would like to thank all of the teachers that we have experienced through out our years here. Every single teacher has had their own role in getting us ready for high school. One teacher in particular that has always disciplined us, been there for us and that has made an impact on me and my classmates for sure is Miss Lechowicz. I remember seeing her on our first day and her first day teaching middle school. We were her first class and I knew for sure she must be pretty intimidated when two 6 foot 6th graders walked into her room for the first day. When we walked in the first thing we all said to her was, "How do you pronounce your last name?" She laughed.

We would like to thank you for all you have done for this class and how you have always been there for us through our middle school years. We would also like to thank Mrs. Swiss for all she has done for our class as our advisor. Coming into this year I would like to thank her for being with us these last 9 months. She always knew how to make us laugh and even though I would always give her a laugh and hard time she still would put up with me and help me with anything I needed. Thank you for all you have done not only as our advisor but for me personally.

I would like to thank this years student council for a successful year. Especially my co-president not vice president but co-president William Coveyou. He always had my back. I want to thank him for always being there for me these past 6 years. We would also like to thank Mr. D for leading this years student council and being our male role model. He was 1 of the 2 male teacher we had at Saint Francis and he is and will always be a great role model for us and up coming students.

We would like to thank Paul, Irv and all the custodians that have gotten us where we need to go and keeping this school a great place for kids to learn and grow in their faith.

Standing in this beautiful church and in front of great friends, a great parish and a great school we would like to thank Fr. Denny for being this schools and our classes leader. We would like to thank you for all of your many lessons you have taught us and your leadership at SFX.
We would like to thank our secretaries Mrs. Hoffman and Mrs. Godfrey our "moms away from home." If we ever needed anything we could always go to them for, cleaning a cut, or getting us a uniform belt if we forgot one.

Last but not least I would like to wrap this up by thanking my class. I know some of us are going to Harbor, Saint Michael's, and Petoskey. I wish all of you the best in high school. Just never forget where you came from and always remember as Mrs. Daily would say you were a crusader first. GO CRUSADERS!!!