

## The Flaget Museum

## Xaverian Hall St. Xavier High School Campus



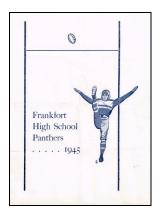
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Most every month, I in the name of the museum ask for memorabilia including football programs. I thought this month I might point out just why these old football programs are so important. Since Flaget did not have a yearbook for each of its years of existence, the football programs can provide a large amount of historical information. Besides the obvious information of who was on the team, positions played, and other information as it applies to the players, a vast amount of other information can be gleaned from the programs. There are photos and information as to who the athletic director, coaches, managers, cheerleaders, trainers etc. were. Very often there are stories and historical facts scattered throughout the years. A football program was sometimes not printed for a game. A game, which may have been considered a lesser contest, may have had just a mimeographed sheet of paper for a program, or there may have been no program at all. The home team was the responsible party when it came to printing the program, so a program made up by an opponent who was the home team contains very little information on Flaget, but the programs used when Flaget was the home team is a treasure trove of information and photos. The inside pages of the programs were supplied to the printer and they would be reproduced in the quantity required. The printer would then use a stock of program covers that would be bought by the printer in large quantities. He would then overprint the cover with the appropriate information as to teams playing, date, time, place etc. Sometimes he would run out of covers of one design and have to use a second design to complete the print run. This accounts for the fact that very often I have seen different cover designs on the same interior programs. Flaget played 292 varsity football games. The museum has programs for 168 of those games. I search the Internet, antique stores, and opposing schools to find programs that we don't have. Some programs seem to be in plentiful supply, as one would imagine, programs for big games, such as those with St. X. are not too difficult to locate. Although we as well as St. X do not have a copy of the 1962 program! Programs for out of town games are also difficult to locate as well as programs for the games played in the first few and last few years of the schools existence when the student body was rather small. In the front of the room is a checklist showing which programs the museum has, and which we are missing. If you should be able to donate any of the missing programs, as well as any program for any other sport, the museum would be most grateful.



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