

Dear St. Francis Xavier Families,

Saturday was the Kids Vermont Camp and School Fair and we were at the Wyndham from 10 AM to 2PM. We spoke with many families who are interested in our school. Thank you to everyone who organized and staffed the booth. We appreciate everyone's assistance in getting the word out about our school.

As some of you may have heard, Mr. Devarney is planning to retire effective the end of next week. We are sorry to see him go, although we completely understand his desire for some more free time. We are planning a small assembly at 2:00 next Friday, to wish him well and thank him for his dedication to our students and our school. Family and friends are invited to join us.

We are happy to announce that Mr. Bob Gray has accepted the position of custodian, and has been working with Tom since Monday. Bob has worked for the Diocese in many capacities, including at Bishop Brady Center and Camp Holy Cross. Welcome!

As we have written in previous letters, we are working to start a **softball program for girls in grades 6-8**. We **need your help**. We need a **co-head coach and assistant coaches**. We also need more players; right now we do not have enough to field a team. Our team is open to girls in other schools who do not have a softball team, and homeschoolers. If you are interested in helping with this new program, or if you know of girls who would be interested in playing, please contact the school at 655-2600.

We have a lot of great summer programs this year. These programs are open to all students so please feel free to invite friends and family. Here is the list as it now stands:

- **June 21-July 26 Wednesdays – Woodshop**, taught by Mr. Irish (5:30 – 8:30 PM), Grade 5-Adult, Cost: \$175 St. FX and Rice High School students/families, \$250 Students from other schools
- **June 26-30 – Sports Math**, taught by Mr. Friday (8 AM to 10 AM), Grades 4-8 Cost \$40 St. FX students, \$65 non-St. FX
- **July 3-14 – Storytelling: Ancient Heroes**, taught by Mr. Friday (8 AM to 10 AM) Grades 4-8 Cost \$75 St. FX students, \$100 non-St. FX
- **July 3-14 – Frisbee Olympics**, taught by Mr. Friday (1 PM to 3 PM) Grades 4-8 Cost \$80 St. FX students, \$105 non-St. FX
- **July 10-21 – Drama Camp**, taught by Miss Ruggeri (8 AM-12 PM) Grades 4 through 8 Cost: \$200 St. FX students, \$250 Students from other schools
- **July 17-28 – Storytelling: Medieval Heroes**, taught by Mr. Friday (8 AM to 10 AM) Grades 4-8 Cost \$50 St. FX students, \$75 non-St. FX students
- **July 17-28 – Guitar I**, taught by Mr. Friday (1 PM to 3 PM) Grades 4-8 Cost \$125 St. FX students, \$200 non-St. FX Materials fee of \$120 for each student, includes cost of guitar
- **July 31-August 11 – Guitar II**, taught by Mr. Friday (1 PM to 3 PM) Grades 4-8 Cost \$115 St. FX students, \$165 non-St. FX students
- **August 14-18 – Songwriting**, taught by Mr. Friday (1 PM to 2 PM) Grades 4-8 Cost \$70 St. FX students, \$120 non-St. FX students
- **Discount Rate for Guitar I, Guitar II, and Songwriting**: All three classes for \$325 plus one non-refundable \$25 registration fee, and \$120 materials fee for St. FX students. All three classes for \$475 plus one non-refundable \$25 registration fee and \$120 materials fee for non-St. FX students.

Please note that all programs require a non-refundable \$25 registration fee. This fee is not included in the cost of the program.

Tomorrow is the **MathCounts** regional competition. Our mathletes and their coach, Mrs. Varhue, have been working very hard since this fall. Good luck to everyone!

The **Science Fair** is coming up on Thursday, March 9. Students should be putting together any diagrams, pictures, or other materials they will need for their display boards. Middle School students will be working on their display boards in the school during the week of February 20. Thank you again for all your support.

An **important letter** regarding a 7th and 8th Grade parent/guardian meeting will be going home today with the students. If you do not receive a copy, please contact Mr. Lewis.

Mrs. Marcotte is going to be taking a much deserved vacation. There will be **no homework club Tuesday, February 21 through Thursday, February 23**. There will also be **no homework club during the week of March 6**, when we return from vacation. **Homework club will resume on Monday, March 13**. Please contact the Extension Program if you need to make alternative arrangements while Homework Club is closed. Students may not remain on school grounds unsupervised after school hours. Thank you for your assistance.

St. Francis is continuing our participation with the online shopping portal called **SchoolMall**. Today we sent home information and a booklet of notecards to be filled out. The notes are similar to those students complete during our magazine sale. Students share the news about SchoolMall with their friends and relatives. The school receives money for each completed booklet, and students receive a gift for completing a booklet and turning it in. Students who **complete a booklet** and turn it in will also receive an **entry into a drawing for the robot** in front of Miss Nancy's office. There is no cost or obligation to us, to you, or to the folks to whom the information will be mailed. If you, your families and friends are shopping online we encourage you to check out both SchoolPop and SchoolMall. We receive a portion from every sale made through those portals.

Thank you to everyone who volunteers here at school – your efforts are noticed and appreciated. We are truly blessed here at St. Francis and we are grateful to all the students, faculty, families and friends who work so hard to make our school and our school community such a special place. Have a wonderful weekend!

Mrs. Maria Horton

Mrs. Kathryn LaVigne

Mr. Simeon Lewis