

March 24, 2006

Dear St. Francis Xavier Families,

There are so many positive things going on here. In fact, last week after we sent out our letter, we realized that there was more good news we inadvertently left out. On Tuesday, March 14, Mary Crowley and Pierrette Lumumba were honored in Montpelier for their prize winning posters for the Vermont Foreign Language Association Poster Contest. Governor Douglas was in Iraq visiting our troops, so Lt. Gov. Brian Dubie met with them. He was very impressed with our students, and with our foreign language program, and spoke very highly of our school.

Pierrette also received her First Communion on Tuesday at our school Mass, as did Persephonie Beaudoin. It is wonderful to see students begin to participate fully in the life of the Church, and we congratulate Pierrette and Persephonie on this occasion.

There is a lot to be excited about at our school. We have been receiving many phone calls, and meeting with people who are interested in joining our school community. We have had two students join us in the last two weeks, and there have been many positive comments about our program and our community. We hope that a majority of the families with whom we have met will be enrolling new students. We don't want any of our current families to miss out. Most of our families have returned **registration forms** - if you have not, please get it to us as soon as possible. We do still have some classes that are very small, so please continue to get the word out.

We have an announcement from our Development Office:

Saint Francis Xavier School is "Kicking Off" its 2006 Annual Appeal this week. We are so excited to have parents Bruce and Lucy Dupont as our co-chairs of this year's fund appeal.

The Annual Fund is so important to our school because each donation provides an unrestricted source of dollars to support our mission of helping all students discover their own potential through hard work and academic commitment in a faith-based environment. As Bruce and Lucy stated in their Annual Appeal letter, "Providing students with an excellent education is a top priority in our school, with an emphasis on Catholic values, faith and respect."

Look for your Annual Fund Appeal letter and brochure in your mail this week. We are asking you to share your blessings in support of this very important mission and prayerfully consider making your largest gift ever to the 2006 Annual Fund. We accept cash, checks and credit cards.

If you have any questions about donating, or if you have additions or corrections to our Annual fund mailing list, please contact Development Director, Kathleen Conlin at 655-7690. God bless you for your continued support.

We are holding sign-ups for the St. Francis Xavier Baseball team. The team is open to boys in grades 5-8. If you have any questions, please call Coach Greg Clairmont at 878-5699 or 343-8446.

We are going to have a girls' softball team! The team is open to girls in grades 6-8. Co-coaches are Karl Deavitt and Mary Gagne. More details will be forthcoming. If you have questions, please contact the office.

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