

June 2, 2006

Dear St. Francis Xavier Families,

It has been an interesting week in which our amazing faculty and students demonstrated their dedication, resilience and creativity yet again. One would never know we had the Memorial Day holiday on Monday; everyone came back to school ready to work and got focused without missing a beat. The weather has been very odd and unpredictable and that has required flexibility with recess, physical education, and other outdoor activities. Our baseball and softball coaches are doing all they can to keep a schedule and get some games in.

On Tuesday we invited pastors from area parishes to visit our school. We received many compliments and our faculty and students were praised. We would love to have other pastors visit. Please feel free to extend invitations if you know a pastor who would like to learn more about our school.

The pastors who visited were very interested in our **summer programs**. We gave them the lists of our programs, and we hope that you also will share this information with family and friends. We are sending home another list, and you can direct people to our website www.sfxwinooski.org for information. If you would like additional lists to share, feel free to photocopy this list, or get extras from the office. Please get registrations in as soon as possible; as hard as it is to believe, it is already June and the teachers of our summer programs are well into their planning.

Next Friday is Fun Day. Details are provided on a separate flyer. Please note that there is a waiver on the back of the flyer which needs to be returned by Wednesday, June 7. Students must have a signed waiver in order to participate. If you are able to help, please contact Michell Langlais. This is always a very popular event, and we are very appreciative of all the work that goes into the coordination and all our volunteers.

The Diocese of Burlington Youth Congress 2006 is scheduled for August 5-6. The Congress “gathers hundreds of Catholic teens from around Vermont for the best presentation of our faith to youth by youth. The all-day Saturday and Sunday event is awesome and packed with fun because it is organized by the Diocesan Youth Council (DYC), who carefully consider how Christ is leading their generation. They turn this reflection into two full days of powerful experiences through music, keynotes, incredible prayer, video, small group interactions, workshops, games, and creativity opportunities. High Schoolers are given the unique opportunity to dare to be Catholic with the strength of their numbers.” (from the Diocese Youth Ministry webpage). The Congress costs \$100, including one overnight and meals. Interested 8th Grade students and/or parents may pick up information and forms at the office.

Brochures for this summer’s **Camp Tara-Holy Cross** are also available at the office. For more information about this opportunity for children ages 7-15 visit the website at <http://www.vermontcatholic.org/CampHolyCross> or call the Camp Office at 658-6110 ext. 110.

The Winooski Memorial Library invites your children grades K-5 to participate in their summer reading program, “*Realms of Reading*.” The first twelve children who sign up will receive a free T-shirt with the program’s colorful logo! Every child who signs up for the program will receive a reading record on which to write the books he/she reads and a certificate signed by Governor Douglas at the end of the summer. The library is planning a free six-week series of activities from July 3-August 11 and is partnering with the Winooski Parks & Rec Summer Youth Enrichment Program to bring children to some special events in their beautiful new quarters at the Champlain Mill. Please contact the library or check online at the Winooski Eagle and/or www.onioncity.com for complete details about the program schedule

There will be a **carwash on Saturday, June 3 from 9 AM to 5 PM** to benefit our **Boy Scout Troop 658**. Take your car to Executive Car Care at 1700 Williston Road in South Burlington, and support our Scouts.

Thank you to everyone who volunteers here at school – your efforts are noticed and appreciated. We are truly fortunate 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