

June 9, 2006

Dear St. Francis Xavier Families,

It is so difficult to believe that this is the last full week of school. There was still work to be done, and our students and faculty have continued to do it very well. We also take time to focus on the joys in life, and we had our **Fun Day** celebration today. This is a very popular event and again was a smashing success. **Thanks to Mr. Becker, and our Home and School Association** for coordinating this event with the Sports and Fitness Edge in Williston, and all the volunteers who helped make this happen. The students had a great time swimming and playing a variety of games. The barbecue lunch was excellent.

Today was the last day of school for our Early Education students. They have had a very special week, with many fun events. We congratulate them on completing a very successful year, wish them all a very happy summer, and we look forward to seeing them in the fall.

Today was also the last day of school for our 8th graders. They had their class trip this week. Wednesday they spent participating in various activities in the area. Yesterday they went to Montreal, where they had a truly wonderful day. By all reports they were excellent representatives of our school.

We are pleased to announce the **Eighth Grade Honor Roll** for the **Third Trimester**. Recipients of **High Honors** are **Isaac Potvin, Olivia Horton, and Elzbieta Butenas**. **Honors** are awarded to **Mary Crowley, Angela Dupont, and Hannah Remillard**. The 6th and 7th grade honor rolls will be announced on Tuesday. **Eighth grade graduation** is tomorrow, **June 10, after the 4 PM Mass**. We invite everyone to join us.

Rice held their awards ceremony yesterday, and our St. Francis Xavier School graduates continue to shine. We know of some of the awards given to our graduates, and we are awaiting a complete list. We will publish the information as soon as we receive it.

Instructors for our **summer programs** are starting to get their plans in order. There are several programs that are in danger of being canceled. If you have not already signed up and would like to enroll in our **Summer Camps or for our Extension Program**, please contact the office. We will need to make a go/no-go decision on the camps and we want to make sure that we have accounted for everyone who wants to attend. Please share this information with family and friends. 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. We'd love to have all our programs run.

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.

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