

October 18, 2006

Dear St. Francis Xavier Families,

Even though we have a shortened school week, our teachers and students have been working very hard and accomplishing a lot. We are making great strides in preparing for **International Night**, which will be next **Thursday, October 26**, starting at **6 PM**. There is **no school this Thursday and Friday** due to in-service days. The Extension Program will be open both days, and we ask that you call ahead if your student(s) will be attending so we can plan appropriately. Thank you for your help.

We are completing the process to be able to participate in the **Federal Free and Reduced School Meal program**. As part of this process we are sending home an **application form and instructions**. Please complete this form if you would like to be considered for this program. If you completed a request for tuition assistance through FACTS, you do not need to complete this form; the information you submitted will be used and FACTS will provide a report. Please note that qualifying for tuition assistance does not necessarily mean that you will qualify for this program. We would like to keep this process moving along as quickly as possible, so we are asking that **all applications be returned to the school by Friday, October 27**.

The **6th graders** are proud to announce their first **Service Project**: collecting old eyeglasses on Sight Night/Halloween. The Gift of Sight Foundation and the Lions Club recycle these old glasses. They clean, repair, and classify them by prescription, then hand deliver them to people in developing countries. You may drop off your old eyeglasses at the Halloween Party on October 21, or at the main office or at the back of the parish any time up to November 1st. This was a very successful service project last year, and we hope to continue this tradition of service. We appreciate your support. Thank you!

Picture retakes will be done on **Tuesday, October 24**. We were told that all group pictures were lost by the photographer and so all group pictures will be retaken on that day. All students should be in Mass uniforms for the group pictures. If students are also retaking individual pictures, they may bring a change of clothes for those pictures.

A note from Mr. Becker: I would like to take a moment to update everyone on our Jump Rope and Hoops for Heart Event. As a school community we were able to raise just over \$2000 for the American Heart Association. I would like to thank all the families who donated to this great cause, and all the students and staff for all their hard work before and during the event. A special thanks goes out to the 5th grade class, as well as Chris McCormick, Philip Jansen, and Ben Dieringer, for all their hard work on the day of the event.

We would also like to thank everyone for making this such a great event, with special thanks to Mr. Becker for all his hard work. A lot of time and effort goes into coordination, and his dedication makes it such a positive and community building event for our families. We appreciate everyone who helped to make this such a success.

October is **Respect Life month**. We encourage you to take advantage of the opportunity this special month provides to pray for the respect for all human life and to help bring the Respect Life message to your student(s). The U.S. Bishops' Respect Life flier "Created, Loved, Redeemed by God" is available in our lobby for our school community. Other Respect Life resources and articles be found at www.usccb.org/prolife/programs/rlp .

Thank you again 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 nice weekend!

Mrs. Maria Horton

Mrs. Kathryn LaVigne

Mr. Simeon Lewis