

November 10, 2006

Dear St. Francis Xavier Families,

While we have had some clouds and rain, in addition to the sun, this week, the temperature does not feel like November. We are taking advantage of this and enjoying the opportunity to be outside as much as possible.

Now that fall sports are over, we have had several students ask about our after school programs. We are still accepting **registrations** for **Drama, Woodshop, Martial Arts, Instrumental Music and Chorus**. Additional information about these programs and registration forms are available at the front office.

Things are progressing well with the organization of a **cheerleading program** for girls in grades 5 through 8. If you are interested, please call Nicole Goulette at 655-9727.

The **6<sup>th</sup> graders** announce their second **Christian Service Project**. Through contacts with the Benedictine nuns at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Monastery in Westfield, VT, they have learned how to make rosaries out of cord. They will be selling their colorful creations, particularly at the November 18th Craft Fair. Any profits from sales will benefit the Monastery.

Last year Mrs. Magnani contacted the Visiting Nurse Association to arrange for a flu shot clinic for our faculty and staff. This year, we would like to offer this to our families. We will have flu shots here at school on December 7 from 11 AM to Noon. Shots cost \$25 and are available to family and friends who are 18 and older. If you are interested, please contact Charlotte Magnani, our school nurse, to arrange a time.

We are again conducting a **Thanksgiving Food Drive** to help support those in need. This year our food drive is through Joseph's House in Burlington. Each class has a grocery bag with a shopping list of items to collect for the drive. We need to have the bags ready for Friday, November 17. Any additional non-perishable food items collected will go to St. Stephen's Food Shelf. Thank you for your support of our neighbors in need.

The Student Council has organized a **Middle School Fall Dance** to be held this Saturday, November 11 from 6:30 to 9:30. All 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> graders are invited. The cost is \$5 per student and music will be provided by Super Sounds. To ensure that the dance is a safe and fun event, Middle School students were given the school's **conduct and dress expectations** for the dance. The expectations went home last week with the students, and we suggest that parents familiarize themselves with them.

The **5<sup>th</sup> graders** have begun their **Christian Service Project**. They will be fundraising throughout the year to support Mississippi Home Again. This non-profit organization is helping victims from Hurricane Katrina get back into their homes. For more information, please visit their website: [www.mississippihomeagain.org](http://www.mississippihomeagain.org). Their first fundraiser is to collect donations in the collection box that will be located at the front office. Thank you for your support, and we will keep you updated on their service project as the year progresses.

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