

January 12, 2007

Dear St. Francis Xavier Families,

Well, the weather has certainly changed. Some of us forgot what winter typically feels like, and we were given quite the reminder this week. Please ensure that your students are dressed appropriately. Next **Monday is a half-day** for students in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr. In the afternoon teachers are scheduled to attend an in-service.

Last week when we acknowledged the hosts of the reception for the Ordination of Dallas St. Peter to the Diaconate, we inadvertently left out the Daughters of Isabella and Union St. John the Baptist #35. We apologize for the oversight, and wish to thank them, along with the Knights of Columbus, for all their hard work. It was a lovely reception and we appreciate their efforts.

A **communion breakfast** will be hosted by the Winooski Knights of Columbus, the Daughters of Isabella and the Society of Saint Jean the Baptist. The breakfast will be held on **Sunday, January 14** at the Winooski Senior Center from 8:00-12:30. The cost is \$5.00 per adult and \$4.00 for children 6-12 with a maximum cost of \$18.00 per family. Proceeds go to support the seminarians of our Diocese.

We are working on organizing our **summer programs**. If you are interested in offering a summer program, please speak with Mrs. Horton. Our programs have been very successful in the past, and we would like to continue to provide a variety of opportunities to our students.

The **5th grade class** is once again working on their **Christian Service Project** by raising funds for **Mississippi Home Again**. The 5th graders are selling cookie grams! Each cookie gram will consist of a bag of 4 chocolate chip cookies, tied up with a brightly colored ribbon. Cookie grams cost \$1.00 each. Orders need to be received by January 18th and will be delivered on January 25th. Order forms went home last week and extras can be found at the front office. Thank you for your support!

Softball pitching clinic for St. Francis Xavier students is being held **Saturdays at 1:30** here at the gym. Girls in grades 5 through 8 are welcome to attend. We are also asking that girls who are interested in playing on the St. Francis Xavier Softball Team sign up at the office. Our team is open to St. Francis Xavier students and parishioners, and students of other schools who do not have a softball team. Last year was the first year in the history of St. Francis Xavier School that we fielded a team, and the girls did an exceptional job. We look forward to having another great season!

With the new year, we know that families are looking at new opportunities and activities to try. We are 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. If you are interested in our **cheerleading program** for girls in grades 5-8, please call Nicole Goulette at 655-9727.

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. Volunteer efforts, and donations of time, energy and money enable us to provide an exceptionally strong and well rounded program for our students. Your commitment and dedication is unmatched. Thank you all, and have a wonderful weekend!

Mrs. Maria Horton

Mrs. Kathryn LaVigne

Mr. Simeon Lewis