

February 23, 2007

Dear St. Francis Xavier Families,

We have had another very busy week with everyone working to get things wrapped up before a much-needed break. Enrollment forms are going home today with the oldest child in the family. They are in a FACTS folder. Please return them as soon as possible. If they are submitted by March 19, the registration fee is discounted to \$50 per child. We are also sending home the March menu, an announcement about the bowlathon, a registration form for summer programs, and other information.

Pitching clinic will be held this **Saturday, February 24 at 1:30**. There are still a few spots available on the softball team for girls in grades 5 through 8. Please sign up if you haven't already. It promises to be a good year!

A reminder that the **St. Francis Xavier baseball** program will be starting up soon. All boys in grades 6 through 8 will have an opportunity to sign-up during the first part of March.

Congratulations to our MathCounts Mathletes. They represented us well on Saturday. We sent three teams and they consisted of the following students: Will McCormick, Dan Bolger, Nora Varhue, Zachary Scanlon, Caitlyn McCain, Jenna Campbell, Kylie McAuliffe, Zachary Martinez, Christian Scanlon, Braelynn Leppert-Hill, and Vishnu Premsankar. Great job, everyone!

As hard as it is to think right now, summer will be here before we know it. We are running a number of programs this summer. We are sending registration forms home, and additional forms are available at the office. Here are the summer programs we have scheduled so far:

- **July 9-13 (9:00 AM – 2:00 PM) Sci-Fi Academy**, taught by Mr. Hal Friday, Ages 8+  
Cost \$100 St. FX students, \$125 non-St. FX
- **July 16-20 (8:30 AM – 2:30 PM) Survivor**, taught by Ms. Bethany Rice and Mr. Hal Friday Ages 6-13  
Cost \$125 St. FX students, \$150 non-St. FX
- **July 23-August 3 (9:00 AM – 12:00 PM) Baseball Clinic**, taught by Mr. Hal Friday  
Grades 4-8, Cost \$150: St. FX students, \$175 non-St. FX students
- **July 23-27 or July 30-August 3 (8:30 AM – 2:30 PM) Drama**, taught by Ms. Nicole Ruggeri  
Grades 4-8, Cost \$100: St. FX students, \$125 non-St. FX students
- **August 6-10 (M-Th 8 AM – Noon, Fri 8:00-4:30) Woodshop**, taught by Mr. Irish, Grade 5-Adult,  
Cost: \$100 St. FX & Rice High School students/families, \$125 Students from other schools.
- **August 13-17 (9 AM – 2:00 PM) History is Boring**, taught by Mr. Hal Friday, Ages 11-14,  
Cost: \$100 St. FX, \$125 Students from other schools.

All costs include a \$25 non-refundable registration fee.

We have a note from Kathleen Conlin in our Development Office:

**Saint Francis Xavier School will launch its 2007 Annual Appeal on March 5, 2007.** We are honored to announce that Norm and Bonny Picard, parents, grandparents and alumna (Bonny – 50 years in 2008) are Co-chairs of this year's appeal.

The Annual Appeal is so vital to our school, because it bridges the gap between tuition and operating costs. Like generations before them, Saint Francis Xavier students receive an excellent education in a safe and loving environment that is infused with the enduring values of the Catholic Faith.

Saint Francis remains the wonderful school it has always been. During a time when financial constraints have forced severe cutbacks in numerous public schools, Saint Francis Xavier--now in its 145<sup>th</sup> year--is thriving. In order to continue to remain a wonderful school, we need to rely on all of you – parents, grandparents, relatives and friends to support the faith and values that Saint Francis Xavier teaches.

When you receive your Annual Fund Appeal letter, please give as much as you can to help us continue to benefit your children, grandchildren, current students and the entire Saint Francis Xavier community.

To receive additional information on the Annual Fund Appeal, or to make a credit card donation, please call Kathleen Conlin in the Development Office at (802) 655-7690. May God continue to bless you for your support.

The parent session for **students who are making their first reconciliation** has been scheduled for Monday, March 12 from 6 PM to 7 PM in the Audet Room. The parent session for **students who will be receiving their First Communion** has been scheduled for Monday, April 16 from 6 PM to 7 PM in the Audet Room.

**Please take part in our magazine drive.** In order to make it easier for families and friends to support our school by renewing or purchasing new magazine subscriptions, we have added a link to the news section of our web page. Please visit our site at [www.sfxwinooski.org](http://www.sfxwinooski.org).

We are truly blessed here at St. Francis, and we are grateful to all who work so hard to make our school and our school community such a special place. Thank you all, and have a wonderful winter break!

Mrs. Maria Horton

Mrs. Kathryn LaVigne

Mr. Simeon Lewis