

March 23, 2007

Dear St. Francis Xavier Families,

After having so many things happening last week, it seemed so quiet this week. It has been especially nice to be able to spend more time outside. Everyone is focused on work and making the most of this third trimester.

More than half our families took advantage of the discounted registration fee, and registrations continue to come in. If you have not already brought your forms in **please return the completed forms as soon as possible**. This will help facilitate our planning.

It's time to sign up for **baseball**. Boys in grades 6 through 8 who are interested in playing on the St. Francis Xavier team should sign up at the office.

### **Saint Francis Boy Scouts**

For almost 100 years, the Boy Scouts of America have been preparing young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes. On Wednesday, St. Francis Xavier School was honored by the Land of Champs District of the Boy Scouts of America in Chittenden County for having one of the longest continuous charters in the State of Vermont. St. Francis Xavier has been hosting the Boy Scouts for 83 years. Scouting provides an educational program for boys and young adults to build character, to train in the responsibilities of participating citizenship, and to develop personal fitness.

**Cub Scouts** is a year-round program for boys in grades 1 through 5. Cub Scouting involves a variety of activities, projects, and sports; encourages good behavior; teaches lifelong values; and strengthens the bonds of family. Boy Scouting is a year-round program for boys age 11-17. Boy Scouting is a program of fun outdoor activities, peer group leadership opportunities, and a personal exploration of career, hobby and special interests, all designed to achieve the BSA's objectives of strengthening character, personal fitness and good citizenship.

We are blessed here at St. Francis to have such a strong scouting program lead by committed and dedicated volunteers. We hope that you will take the time to learn more about this program; we would love to see more of our students participate. For more information go to [www.bsatroop658.org](http://www.bsatroop658.org), or call Paul Mergens at 863-5933.

Don't forget to register for summer program. Registration forms are available at the office. Programs are open to all, so please invite friends and family to join us. Here are the 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 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 weekend!

Mrs. Maria Horton

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