

April 20, 2007

Dear St. Francis Xavier Families,

We have been very busy in this week before our spring break. We were also pleased that the weather turned out to be better than originally predicted, and we hope that everyone has a chance to enjoy some sunshine next week. **Progress Reports** went home today. Please return the signature portion to your child's homeroom teacher.

This afternoon we had a Good News Assembly, and hearing all the good news from our students and their families was a wonderful way to start our break. The Knights of Columbus came and recognized Eighth Graders for their thoughtful essays on the controversial subject of physician-assisted suicide. The top three essays in the Knights' annual contest were: Zachary Scanlon (First Place), Benjamin Dieringer (Second Place), and Emily Germain (Third Place). Great work, Eighth Graders!

Middle School Honor Roll for second trimester was also recognized. The following students made Honor Roll for their academic performance:

Grade 6 High Honors: Christian Scanlon

Grade 6 Honors: Elizabeth Fell, Ian Horton, Braelynn Leppert, Sarah Lesage, Kevin Lynch,
Ryan Thornton

Grade 7 High Honors: Caitlyn McCain

Grade 7 Honors: Elizabeth Babcock, Jenna Campbell, Natalie Crowley, Jacob Jansen

Grade 8 High Honors: Nora Varhue

Grade 8 Honors: Brigitte Gagne, Lauren Guilmette

Congratulations!

Thank you to everyone who has submitted **registration paperwork**. We have received the majority of our enrollment forms. **If you have not yet brought yours in, please get it to us as soon as possible.** This will simplify our planning process.

We are continuing our **summer program planning**. Please **submit your registration paperwork** for summer programs of interest. We will have to make decisions about these within the month. Last year we had several families who were disappointed because we canceled programs for which they were planning to register. Please don't let that happen again this year. Also, please remember that our **Extension Program is open throughout the summer**; students who take part in our summer programs can then join the Extension Program.

Our yearbook volunteers are hard at work putting together the **2006-2007 yearbook** and they **need your help**. If you have **pictures**, and you weren't able to get them in today, please e-mail them to Mary Gagne or Julie Chappell over the break. **They are looking for additional candid shots.**

The **Fifth Grade** will be having their last fundraiser of the year for their **Christian Service Project**. They will be having a **flower sale** to raise money for **Mississippi Home Again**. **Order forms will be going home next week, or you can pick them up at the office.** All orders are due by **May 8**, and flowers will be **delivered Tuesday, May 15**.

The Diocese of Burlington Youth Congress 2007 is scheduled for August 4-5. The Congress "gathers hundreds of Catholic teens from around Vermont to experience their Catholic Faith to its fullest. The all-day Saturday and Sunday event is organized by the Diocesan Youth Council (DYC), who prayerfully discern how Christ is leading their generation. They turn this reflection into two days of fun and powerful experiences of

Eucharist, music, awesome Catholic speakers, deep prayer in adoration and reconciliation, workshops, group discussions, great food, and creative opportunities with many other young Catholics. (from the Diocese Youth Ministry flyer). The Congress costs \$100, including one overnight and meals. Early-bird registration deadline is May 1st. Interested 8th Grade students and/or parents may pick up information and forms at the office.

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 relaxing and rejuvenating break.

Mrs. Maria Horton

Mrs. Kathryn LaVigne

Mr. Simeon Lewis