

May 18, 2007

Dear St. Francis Xavier Families,

Today was a half day so that we could complete our Religious Education Certification with Father Lavalley. Thank you for your ongoing support of our faculty.

Thank you to Kelly McAuliffe who did the gardening in front of the school. She did an amazing job, and we are so appreciative of her hard work.

Saturday we held our **5th annual St. Francis Stampede**. The results are attached and there is also a link to them at the bottom of the news section on our web page. Thank you to Steve Eustis for coordinating this wonderful event, and thank you to all the volunteers who helped prepare for this event and worked on Saturday to make it so successful.

Tomorrow our baseball and softball teams will be participating in the **Kids Day Parade in Burlington**. **Thomas P. Clairmont Baseball Foundation and the St. Francis Xavier Teams** will then be hosting the **Home Run Derby** down at the waterfront from 11 AM to 3 PM. We hope that you will be able to take some time and cheer them on. On Sunday, there will be a Calcutta at McKee's Pub from 4PM to 7PM to support the Foundation. If you are interested in purchasing tickets please contact Coach Clairmont at 343-8446.

Mrs. Martinez's **Kindergarten Class is continuing to collect books for refugee children** as their Christian Service Project. They are asking for donations of children's books in new or good used condition to be brought to the Kindergarten classroom during the month of May. Joseph's House will be working with us to get the books to the children who need them. Thank you for your support.

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.

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 continue to be blessed here at St. Francis Xavier School. Thank you all, and have a wonderful weekend.

Mrs. Maria Horton

Mrs. Kathryn LaVigne

Mr. Simeon Lewis