

June 8, 2007

Dear St. Francis Xavier Families,

We had an excellent week this week, and it is difficult to believe that the end of the year is just around the corner. Our Softball and Baseball teams ended their seasons on positive notes. It is so wonderful that our students have the opportunity to participate in these games. We appreciate the dedication and commitment of all the coaches, and thank all the families and fans for their help and support.

Next Friday is our **Fun Day**. Mr. Becker would like to remind families of some important things students will need to maximize their fun:

- ◇ Each student should wear a pair of shoes that can lace or Velcro. There will be a lot of running around and other types of shoes are not as safe.
- ◇ Each student in grades 1 through 8 should bring or wear a bathing suit under his/her clothes. We ask that students be as modest as possible with bathing suits. If there is a question about the appropriateness of a bathing suit, please plan to wear a t-shirt to swim.
- ◇ Students in grades 1 through 8 should also bring a towel and extra undergarments to change into after swimming.
- ◇ Students should put their names on their items. We often have things left behind and it is much easier to find the owner if items have names.

If you have any questions about fun day, please feel free to call Mr. Becker. Thank you for your help in making this a great day!

We are going to have our **step-up events** for students in **grades K through 4 next week**. The step-up event for Kindergarten will be in the Kindergarten classroom on Thursday, June 14 starting at 1:30. Ms. Virginia Yandow will be there, and she will be available to meet with families after school. Step-up for grades 1 through 4 will be on Friday, June 15 from 1:30 to 2:30 (after Fun Day). Students will go to their next year's classroom and meet their new homeroom teacher. Mrs. Susan Catozzi will be in the Grade 2 classroom for the Grade 1 students.

We have more **news** to share regarding our faculty and administration for the next school year. We are happy to announce that Mr. Lewis will continue teaching part-time in the Middle School. Also, as part of the reorganization of the school's administration, the responsibilities for directing the religious program will now be entrusted to Madame Teresa Hawes, who has twenty-six years of experience in catechesis.

We have cancelled several of our summer programs due to low enrollment, and we have space in the following programs:

**Survivor: July 16-20 From: 8:30-2:30 Ages: 6-13 Taught By: Bethany Rice & Hal Friday**  
**\$25 non-refundable registration fee**  
**\$100 for St.FX students \$125 for Non-St.FX students**

**Drama Camp: July 23-27 From: 8:30-2:30 Grades 4-8 Taught by: Nicole Ruggeri**  
**\$25 non-refundable registration fee**  
**\$75 for St.FX students \$100 Non-St.FX students**

**Woodshop Summer Program: August 6-10 Grades 5 through adults**  
**\$25 non-refundable registration fee**  
**\$75 for St.FX students \$100 for Non-St.FX students**  
**Student's need: hammer-Safety glasses-work gloves-nail pouch-pencils**  
**Mon.-Thurs 8:00-12:00 Friday 8:00-4:30**

Please **submit your registration paperwork** for **as soon as possible**. 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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