

September 28, 2007

Dear St. Francis Xavier Families,

My, this week went by quickly. Everyone is hard at work, and doing very well. Next Friday progress reports go home.

This evening is the last regular Friday night Bingo. We thank everyone who has contributed so much to our school for our children over the years. We are very appreciative of all your time and effort. We are hoping to start scheduling other community events here at school, and hope that our dedicated Bingo fans and volunteers will join us for these events.

If you have not returned your Sally Foster orders, it is not too late. Please return them on Monday, October 1 at the office.

On Wednesday, all the boys had an opportunity to visit the Boy Scout room, across from our Wood Shop, and meet with Mr. Paul Mergens, our Scout Master. They had a wonderful time and asked lots of good questions. Thanks to Mr. Mergens for spending a day here with us, and we hope that some of our students will join this wonderful program. We had a Cub Scout pack here in years past, along with our Boy Scout Troop. **We would love to bring Cub Scouts back to St. Francis and we need leaders.** If you would be interested, please contact the office. There are a number of boys who said they would like to be involved.

BOY SCOUT FALL ROUNDUP

Boy Scout Troop and Cub Scout Pack 658 invite you to our Fall **Orientation Night and Sign-up** at **Saint Francis Xavier School, Wednesday, October 3rd, at 6:30 pm.** Information will be provided to inform parents and boys about Boy Scouting and The Boy Scouts of America. Join us for an evening of fun activities, and learn more about our exciting programs and outdoor adventures!!! For information, call 655-2600

We also have an opportunity to have a Destination Imagination Team and participate in the Scripps Spelling Bee. We need families to volunteer in order for our students to take advantage of these opportunities. If you are interested, please contact Louise Lynch.

Chess Club is off to a great start! Last week we had students from Kindergarten to 8th grade come to enjoy a game of chess. The Chess Club meets on **Fridays from 2:40 to 4:00 PM.** Our club is moving into the Audet Room as of today. Come in and join us for a game or two!

We still need **crossing guards** to assist from 2:25 to 2:55. If you notice that we don't have two crossing guards on a particular day, please feel free to ask Nancy for a sign and take a post at one of the two pedestrian crosswalks. Your help is very much appreciated.

Chorus and Band with **Ms. Ashley O'Brien** will be starting next week. **Chorus and band are open to all students in grades 4 and up.** We hope you will consider participating in these fun and educational activities. Registration forms are available at the office, and you may turn them in at the office or with Ms. O'Brien.

We also are accepting **registrations** for our **Drama, Woodshop, and Martial Arts After-School programs**. Additional information about these programs and registration forms are available at the front office. **Drama** will be held on Mondays and began on September 10. It is **open to students in grades 3 through 8**. **Woodshop** runs on Tuesdays and Thursdays and began on **Tuesday, September 11. Woodshop is open to students in grades 5 and up (Rice High School Students are welcome!)** and students may attend either Tuesday, Thursday, or both days. If your student is interested in these activities, yet is currently participating in fall sports or other activities that conflict, please talk to the teacher(s). In most cases, they are able to make accommodations.

Martial Arts will begin on **October 4, 2008 at 5:30pm** in the **St. Francis Xavier School gym**. Spots are still available in the class for students' grades 3-8. All students interested should talk to Mr. Gaudette. Parents and Parish families are also welcome to join.

October is the month of the Rosary and Right –to-Life month. This year for the first time, **Bishop Matano** will be celebrating the Diocesan Mass for Respect for Life Month on Respect for Life Sunday, the first Sunday of October. The **Mass will be at 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 7, 2007 at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception** and will fulfill the Sunday obligation.

Before the Mass, at **3:15 p.m.**, Elementary and Middle School students are invited to lead the **Family Rosary for Life**. Please consider participating in this as a family and turn in the signed commitment form to your student's Religion teacher by **Wednesday, October 3rd**. Saint Francis faculty members will be present, including Mr. Gaudette, Mrs. Martinez and Mme. Hawes.

We are participating in the **Price Chopper Tools for School Program** again this year. Point accrual began August 26 and runs through December 15. In years past we have been able to get some computer equipment and additional materials to use in math, music, and physical education. Every year we earn more points and are able to get more equipment. Please help us continue this increase. **As a special incentive, the top 100 schools will also get a projector that can be used with a laptop computer**. We hope that you will encourage people to sign up as soon as possible; a projector would be a great benefit for our students. If you, your family members and friends have not registered your AdvantEdge card, please do so online at <http://www.pricechopper.com/>, at Price Chopper, or here at the school. **Our school code is 15195**.

We are also continuing to **collect ink and toner cartridges, outdated cell phones, Bxotops for Education, Hood SoxTops, and Campbell's Soup Labels** on an ongoing basis; you may drop those off here at school or at the back of the church at any time. **The Hood SoxTops promotion ends on October 31**. Please pass the word about these programs; they are easy ways to help our school. If you are interested in helping us with these programs, please let Louise Lynch or Kim McCain know. Many aspects of these programs can be done at home.

Thank you again to all our students, faculty, families and friends who work so hard to make our school and our school community such a special place. Have a wonderful and safe weekend!

Mrs. Maria Horton

Mr. Jesse Gaudette

Mrs. Kathryn LaVigne