

October 12, 2007

Dear St. Francis Xavier Families,

We are at the end of another beautiful week. Students and teachers are accomplishing so much, and preparations for International Night are well under way. Today our students in grades K through 5 went to St. Michael's to participate in a scavenger hunt at the new Teaching Garden, read a book related to the garden, and share lunch in their cafeteria. We appreciate the time the folks at St. Michael's spend with our students here and all the effort involved in putting together this trip.

Thank you to all the students who helped with the collection last weekend, and to the families who support them in their efforts. We also thank those students who are helping Mr. Bob. We are pleased to be able to provide students other ways to be involved and help our school. We have started a program called **Mr. Bob's Helpers**. On **Wednesday and Friday, right after school**, students can help empty the classroom wastebaskets and recycling bins. There may be some other tasks with which he can use some assistance. Students should plan to spend about 15 to 30 minutes. We are pleased to see students participating in these activities.

**The Cross Country team and the 8th grade class need your help!** We are volunteering to work at **water stations for the Green Mountain Marathon on Oct. 20th**. This is a great activity for kids of all ages. All are welcome to come and help out. It is Oct. 20th from 8am-1pm. Any time you can give would be appreciated. This will be a great help to the Cross Country team, and the 8th grade class. All who are interested should contact Mr. Gaudette at 655-2600 or [gaudette\\_stfrancis@yahoo.com](mailto:gaudette_stfrancis@yahoo.com). Thank you.

We have a **note from Mr. Becker regarding Jump Rope/Hoops for Heart**:

"I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for another successful Jump Rope and Hoops for Heart. It was a great day all around and the kids had a wonderful time. I would like to take a moment to thank the eighth grade class for running the stations and helping keep the kids on track. I also want to thank Mrs. Jane McCormick and Mrs. Maureen Connelly for helping set up and run the wonderful snack table for all the kids. As a school we were able to **raise a total of \$1963.48** I would like to thank everyone for supporting the school and this great cause." We would like to thank Mr. Becker for all his hard work coordinating this event, and all the teachers for their assistance. Thank you!

Spooks are looking for your specs!!! 6th grade is participating in **SIGHT NIGHT**, an **opportunity to donate the prescription glasses or prescription/regular sunglasses** you no longer wear to people who need them. This project is sponsored by the Give the Gift of Sight Foundation and Lions Clubs International. The eyeglasses we collect will be repaired, classified by prescription and given to people in developing countries who cannot afford eyeglasses. Last year we collected over 100 pairs! Please donate your old eyeglasses. You may give them to a 6th grader, or leave them at the main office by Friday, November 2nd. Thank you.

We have had many families asking about **physical education uniforms** and we apologize for the delay. Families are able to order plain blue uniforms through [www.buckheaduniforms.com](http://www.buckheaduniforms.com). Our **school code is 418** and you can also search using our school name. Items with the St. Francis Xavier logo should be available within the next two weeks, and we will let you know as soon as that set-up is complete. Thank you for your patience.

The first draft of the volunteer sign-up booklet can be found in the lobby in the clear bins next to Nancy's window. Each activity outlines what is needed and who the contact person is. You should write your name,

number and email on the sheet. Louise Lynch will be checking the book each week and adding the names listed to a database that we are developing. When your particular activity is needed, the contact person will notify you by phone or email. If you have specific questions, Mrs. Lynch can be reached at 658-2432 or [ptweasie@aol.com](mailto:ptweasie@aol.com). If you are already signed up for a particular activity through the Home & School Committee, she already has the lists from the Home and School Association, so if you already signed up for an activity on those lists you do not need to sign up again. Thank-you!

The **Cub Scouts will have an organizational meeting on Tuesday, October 16 at 6 PM in the library.** Any parents who are interested are welcome to attend. Kids are welcome to accompany parents. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Joeie Clark. You may leave a message for her at the office.

**Chess Club is off to a great start!** Last week we had students from Kindergarten to 8<sup>th</sup> grade come to enjoy a game of chess. It has come to our attention that there was an error in the schedule. The Chess Club meets on **Fridays from 2:40 to 3:40 PM.**

Are you or someone you know looking for an au pair? Julie, the 21 year-old French daughter of friends of Mme. Hawes is looking for a family who would be interested in welcoming her as an au pair to take care of children in their home for a year. The visa, insurance, travel arrangements and contract would be arranged by an official au pair organization. If you would like more information about Julie and what this entails, please contact Mme. Hawes. Merci!

Please continue to encourage your family and friends to register their Advantage cards **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.

We will be hosting a **VNA flu shot clinic** here at school on **Tuesday, October 23 from 11 AM to noon.** The cost per shot is \$25. To facilitate our planning, please call the office to sign up.

**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