

October 17, 2007

Dear St. Francis Xavier Families,

We had our first Good News Assembly this afternoon and there was a lot of good news to share. The Cross Country Team finished a great season yesterday in Shelburne.

Congratulations to the whole team! Our Student Council Elections were held last week.

We are excited to see an active student council once again.

We have a shorter school week this week to allow our teachers to participate in inservice training. Our extension program will be open on Thursday and Friday. Thank you for your flexibility and support.

The **School Directories** are here. You can purchase them for \$1.00 each at the front office. They will also be available at International Night.

Next Thursday, October 25 is International Night. The evening will begin with a brief Home and School meeting at 6 PM. Families and friends then will visit classrooms from 6:30 until 7:30. Students and teachers have been working very hard to prepare for this even, and our students are eager to show off what they have learned. We look forward to seeing you there!

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. 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. 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 **Cub Scouts had an organizational meeting on Tuesday, October 16** and there was a very good turn out. If you were unable to attend, it is not too late to get involved. Please contact Joeie Clark. You may leave a message for her at the office.

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!

We are also continuing to **collect ink and toner cartridges, outdated cell phones, Boxtops 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