

November 30, 2007

Dear St. Francis Xavier Families,

We hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving break. When we returned everyone got right to work, and we've had a great week.

Weather forecasters are indicating that we may be in for a storm Sunday night into Monday. We wanted to remind families that if school is canceled we will contact local television and radio stations. If internet access is available, we will also post a notice on our web site. We are aware of the distances that some of our families travel and safety is paramount. If schools are closed in your area due to hazardous traveling conditions, please do not risk driving. We ask that you call the school to let us know that your student(s) will not be in.

Sunday is the first Sunday of Advent, a season of preparation for Christmas. Classes are already busy working on their Christmas Pageant skits. Please note that we have a **date change for the Christmas Pageant**. The Pageant will be held on **Thursday, December 20, starting at 6 PM**, and we will hold Friday, December 21 in the event that we have a snow day on the 20th. The **8th grade class** will be serving food the night of the Pageant in the cafeteria starting at 5pm.

We have a date change for our school Mass next week. **We will attend Mass as a school community on Monday, December 3 at 8 AM for the Feast of St. Francis Xavier.** Please note that we will also attend Mass on **Wednesday, December 12** for the **Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe**. Attendance at those two Masses will be in place of our regular Tuesday Mass.

Next week Mr. Irish would like to start a **new three-day project for evening woodworking**. He is scheduling **three dates – Tuesday, December 4, Thursday, December 6, and Tuesday, December 11** for students/families who would like to build a stable and manger. The program will run from 5:30 to 8:00 PM on those dates, and families are encouraged to bring their nativity so that the appropriate measurements can be taken. The cost for the program is \$30 (there may be an additional cost for materials).

We held our **first Cub Scout pack meeting** last evening with a wonderful turn out. Thank you again to all of the parents for their time and involvement with our pack. All the boys had a great time. Special "thank you" to our ever helpful Scoutmaster, Paul Mergens, whose assistance is so greatly appreciated, and our two Den leaders, Colin Keenan and John Ellis-Monaghan, who are doing wonderful work with our boys! Everyone is working hard to earn their badges. Three of our cub scouts; Casey Keenan, Jon Clark and Jenness Clark have earned their first badge, the Bobcat badge. Congratulations and well done! It's never too late to join! Our pack meets twice a month on Thursdays at 6 pm. If you would like to learn more, our next **den meeting will be held Thursday, December 13th at 6 pm**. If you would like more information, please feel free to contact Joeie Clark. Thank you!

One of our St. Francis parents, Dave Prehoda, has created a two volume set of books called *A Year In The Life* which contain the homilies given over the course of a year at St. Francis parish by Father Lavalley and other guest priests. The net proceeds from the sale of the books go to benefit St. Francis Xavier School. We are so grateful to Mr. Prehoda for his generous support. You can give yourself, or someone you care about, a wonderful, spiritual gift and help the school at the same time. What could be better? Order forms are available at the front office.

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 weekend.

Mrs. Maria Horton

Mr. Jesse Gaudette

Mrs. Kathryn LaVigne