

December 7, 2007

Dear St. Francis Xavier Families,

This week our Home and School Association hosted the Scholastic Book Fair, and they held their Family Event last night. Thanks to everyone who worked to coordinate and run this successful Fair.

With the arrival of the snow, we have had the opportunity to go **sledding** on the hill between the Church and Rectory and school parking lot. For years students at St. Francis Xavier School and members of the local community have used this hill. Sledding is a fun winter activity and, when done in a responsible and careful manner, provides healthy, physical exercise for participants. However, almost every activity carries a risk of injury and sledding is no exception to this. Saint Francis Xavier School does not wish to deprive students of fun, traditional activities during recess and as part of the Extension Program, but the School also does not wish to assume responsibility for injuries which a student may suffer when engaging in these activities.

Therefore, **students will not be allowed to sled on school or church property during school hours or as part of the Extension Program unless they return the attached waiver signed by a parent or legal guardian by Tuesday, December 11.** Even if a student does return a signed form, the School and its agents, employees and volunteers have an absolute right to prohibit any or all students from sledding on school or church property during school or Extension Program hours for any reason, including, but not limited to, dangerous ground or weather conditions, irresponsible, reckless or dangerous behavior by the student while sledding, overcrowding on the hill.

Sunday was the first Sunday of Advent, a season of preparation for Christmas. Students are already busy working on their Christmas Pageant skits and they are looking forward to participating in this tradition. 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 made some additional changes to our calendar. The updated calendar will be posted on our web site. Changes of which you should be aware: **January Progress Reports will go home on January 11, and Parent Teacher Conferences will now be on January 18.** The **18th will be a ½ day of school, and the extension program will be open.** The **Science Fair is now March 6, the second trimester ends on March 7, and Report Cards will go home on March 14.**

During inclement weather we have to have indoor recess. We are putting together a cart with indoor activities for the students. We would like to have things like nerf balls, games, puzzles, crayons and paper, and the like. If you come across items that you would be willing to donate, we would be most appreciative. You may bring them to 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

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