

December 14, 2007

Dear St. Francis Xavier Families,

We have had a very busy and productive week. Students and teachers have been working on Christmas Pageant skits, in addition to their regular work. Please note that the Christmas Pageant is scheduled for **Thursday, December 20**, with a snow date of Friday, December 21. In keeping with tradition, we will have a dress down day on Friday. The 8th Grade class will be **servicing food in the cafeteria starting at 5pm**. There will also be food for sale in the main lobby. Join us for dinner!!

The Stock Market Game ended last week, and we had one team place in the top 3 in the state of Vermont. Kelly St. Marie and Pierrette Lumumba finished 3rd in the state with \$114,471.72. Congratulations!!

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**. 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.

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 for older students, puzzles, crayons and paper, and the like. If you come across items that you would be willing to donate, we would be most appreciative. We want to thank the families who have already contributed items. If you have items to donate, 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

Mrs. Kathryn LaVigne