

December 21, 2007

Dear St. Francis Xavier Families,

Last night was our annual Christmas Pageant it was clear how hard our faculty and students worked to prepare. We had an amazing turnout, and we thank everyone who shared this special evening. Thank you also to the 8th grade and their families for the excellent dinner.

The **teachers would like to express their thanks** to the families who have worked so hard to help with the pageant, and for your thoughtful contributions and generous gifts. Thank you to the Home and School Association for their presentation at the pageant. It means a lot to all of us, and **your generosity is very much appreciated.**

St. Stephen Parish has not determined whether they will be re-opening their food shelf. We would like to continue to help the Winooski community, and we were directed to the Winooski United Methodist Church, who also runs a food shelf. They are very grateful for our assistance. We appreciate your contributions and hope that we will be able to continue supporting their efforts to help families in need within the Winooski community with monthly food shelf donations. **You may bring non-perishable food and basic toiletries in to your student's classroom in at any time.**

The week ended today with a **Good News assembly**. It was great to hear about all the successes and interesting news of our students, and it was particularly nice to focus on the positive before we leave for our Christmas Break. The Middle School Honor Roll was acknowledged. The following students made Honor Roll for their academic performance:

Grade 6 High Honors: Alicia McCormick, Ethan Prehoda, Kelly St. Marie
Grade 6 Honors: Patrick Asselin, Raghav Balu, Pierette Lumumba

Grade 7 High Honors: Christian Scanlon
Grade 7 Honors: Liz Fell, Ian Horton, Sarah Lesage, Vishnu Premsankar, Ryan Thornton

Grade 8 Honors: Jenna Campbell, Natalie Crowley, Zachary Martinez, Kylie McAuliffe, Caitlyn McCain

The **second edition** of the **Wildcats Roar**, our school newspaper, came out this week. Look for it now!

The first meeting for the **St. Francis Xavier Girls' Softball Pitching Clinic** will be **Saturday, January 19 from 12 PM to 2 PM** in the gym. **Girls in grades 5 through 8** are welcome! Girls who attend other schools who do not have a softball team are invited to participate on our team. Please call the office at 655-2600 or Coach Chris Horton at 865-2777 for more information.

Saint Francis Xavier Troop 658 Boy Scouts Recognized

Troop leaders, parents and fellow Scouts had the distinct privilege of formally recognizing the following Boy Scouts at our December Court of Honor. Nevin Leary and Peter Mergens successfully completed all of the requirements for Star Scout and were presented with their badges. Alex Lamore successfully completed all the requirements for Tenderfoot, Second Class and First Class rank. Jordan Desrochers completed all the requirements for Second Class and First Class. Both Scouts were presented with their badges. Each Scout is required to complete over 12 requirements for each rank advancement and possess a solid knowledge of Boy Scout principles and outdoor skills. We are all very proud of our Scouts!

The following Scouts were also recognized for their Merit Badge work:

Louis Mongeon	Archery
Nevin Leary	Communications, Golf
Peter Mergens	Communications, Golf
Raymond Trainque	Communications, Golf, Family Life
Jordan Desrochers	Archery, Rifle Shooting
Alex Lamore	Climbing, Shotgun Shooting
Andrew Fuller	Communications, Metal Work, Indian Lore, Swimming

All of our Scouts were congratulated for their efforts, enthusiasm and accomplishments. Many thanks to our parents who helped organize, setup and prepare food for our Christmas Dinner Party.

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 blessed Christmas and a very happy New Year. We will see you on Thursday, January 3, 2008.

Mrs. Maria Horton

Mr. Jesse Gaudette

Mrs. Kathryn LaVigne