

January 11, 2008

Dear St. Francis Xavier Families,

Welcome Back! It is our first full week and everyone is really back. **Progress reports** are going home today. Next **Friday, January 18**, we will have a **half-day for parent-teacher conferences**. Please call the office to sign-up for conferences. As we have done in the past, Nancy will keep the middle school teachers' schedules at the front office to make it easier to sign up for multiple conferences.

The **Drama Club** would like to invite everyone to their performances of **Doc, Doc...Goose!** This delightful story takes place in Nursery Land, where all the Nursery Rhyme characters seem to get themselves into all kinds of "freak accidents" that require a visit to Doctor Goose. **There will be two performances – Thursday, January 24 at 6 PM and Friday, January 25 at 6:30 PM.** There will be a bake sale in lobby before and after each performance. We look forward to seeing you there!!

The week of January 28 through February 3 is Catholic Schools' Week. The marketing team for the School Board is putting together promotional material to let people know about our great school so we can increase our exposure in the area and help build our enrollment. Greg Bolger is sending letters to local parish priests asking if we can set up a table with information after Masses over the next three weekends (January 13, 20, and 27). **We need volunteers who are willing to staff tables after Masses at local parishes, provide informational materials, and answer questions. It would be a great if your student(s) could be there with you in uniform to help represent our school. If you can help, please contact Louise Lynch at ptweasie@aol.com or Greg Bolger at gbolger@ccnne.com.**

We will also be hosting a Family Day/Open House on Wednesday, January 30 from 7:30 to 10:30. Current and prospective families, friends and parishioners are welcome to join us for breakfast from 7:30 to 9:00 AM and then tour the school. Tours will also be offered from 12:15 to 2:00 PM and light refreshments will be served. If you know of a family who would be interested in touring the school on that day, please have them call us at 655-2600 by January 29 to let us know.

On Friday, February 1, Bishop Matano will be celebrating Mass at Rice High School and our students in grades 4 through 8 will be attending. Mass will be at 9 AM, and **they ask that parents drop their students off at Rice by 8:30.** Families are welcome to join us for the Mass. If you would like to attend, please let us know by January 31 so we can ensure appropriate seating arrangements. We will have bus transportation from Rice back to St. Francis Xavier School.

Louise Lynch established a group e-mail list to update families about upcoming events and any requests or needs for volunteers. **If you did not receive an e-mail from Louise on Sunday, January 6th is means that we do not have a current e-mail address for you. If you would like to be added to this e-mail group, please contact Louise at ptweasie@aol.com.**

Home and School would like to drum up interest in a Texas Hold'em fundraiser. **There will be a meeting for anyone who is interested next Thursday, January 17, at 6:00 PM at school.** We would be very grateful if anyone who has experience with this type of event would join us. Questions or concerns can be directed to Jane McCormick at 660-4996 or jbmcvt4@yahoo.com.

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.

Our Cub Scouts held their first den meeting of 2008 Thursday evening with a wonderful turnout. It is pinewood derby time and our pack wanted to extend a very special thank you to Mr. Palmer Irish for opening the woodshop for us and helping all of our scouts with their creations. The boys enjoyed every minute of it! We also want to say thank you to our Scoutmaster, Mr. Paul Mergens, for getting the pack website established. For those interested it can be accessed through our school website, www.sfxwinooski.org. There is a link on the left hand side of our home page. It's never too late to join! If you or someone you know anyone is interested our next den meeting (in lieu of a Pack meeting) will be held Thursday, January 24th at 6 pm to continue work on our pinewood derby cars. If you would like more information, please contact Joeie Clark. Our pack meets twice a month on Thursdays at 6 pm. Thank you!

We received a very generous donation of book bags from General Electric. Each student in grades 1 through 8 and members of our faculty and staff received one. We would like to thank Mr. Kevin Lavallee for organizing this donation for us.

Mount Mansfield Union High School is hosting the Cougar Cubs Cheer Camp! Participants have an opportunity to meet the MMU Cheerleaders, learn new cheers, stunts, dances, and jumps AND perform at an MMU Basketball game. Camp is on January 12th & 13th from 9:00am- Noon at MMU Cost is \$40 per session and a T-shirt is included. Registration will be at 8:00am on January 12th at MMU. The camp is open to anyone (boys and girls) in Kindergarten through 8th grade. For more information contact Head Coach Elizabeth Ramon @ 802-878-4610 or 843-330-7434

St. Francis Xavier School has the following areas with pipe insulation that may contain elements of asbestos. These areas are not accessible to students and are inspected regularly, every 6 months, to ensure that they remain in good condition and in compliance with applicable codes. The areas are as follows: new section, first floor storage, mudded joint packing on non-suspected pipe covering on ceiling area; new section above ceiling tile, mudded joint packing on non-suspect pipe covering; old section, old boiler room, mudded joint packing on non-suspect boiler tank insulation; old section, above ceiling, mudded joint packing on non-suspect pipe covering. The three year AHERA inspection was conducted on October 20, 2005 and all areas passed as well maintained and in good condition.

We ask for your prayers for Gladys Perrotte, mother of Kim McCain and grandmother of Kenzie and Caitlyn McCain. She is hospitalized. We will also be praying for the Jansen family, as they have recently suffered a loss.

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