

January 18, 2008

Dear St. Francis Xavier Families,

Yesterday the chairperson of our NEASC Accreditation Team, Thomas Maynard, visited our school in preparation for the full team's visit in April. During his tour he complimented many areas of our school, including how well kept everything is. We would like to thank everyone for helping to make Mr. Maynard's visit go so well. We would like to express special thanks to Mr. Bob Gray for sharing his expertise with us, and for all his time and effort ensuring our school is safe and well maintained.

Today was a half-day to allow more time for parent/teacher conferences. If you were not able to schedule a conference and would like to do so, please contact your student's teacher(s). Monday will also be a half-day so our teachers can attend an inservice. Thank you for your flexibility.

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 without a softball team are invited to participate on our team. Girls who are interested in playing should sign up at the office. Please call the office at 655-2600 or Coach Chris Horton at 865-2777 for more information.

The **Drama Club** invites 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. **Two performances are scheduled – 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 sent letters to local parish priests asking if we can set up a table with information after Masses over the next two weekends (January 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](mailto:ptweasie@aol.com) or Greg Bolger at [gbolger@ccnne.com](mailto:gbolger@ccnne.com).**

We will be hosting a Family Day/Open House on Wednesday, January 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.

The Student Council is sponsoring the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual SFX **Talent Show** to be held Friday, February 22. The show is open to all students, grades Pre-K through 8<sup>th</sup>. Auditions are required and will be

held Thursday, Jan 30 and Friday, January 31 during regular school hours. A CD player will be available but each act will need to provide whatever music or other props needed. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Richards.

Our school newspaper, the **Wildcats Roar**, will be starting an “advice” column entitled *Ask Avery* in the next edition. Avery is an expert on issues and challenges faced by elementary and middle school students. Students should write their questions out and submit them to any member of the Journalism class or to Mr. Fuller.

Mrs. Magnani would like to extend a big thank you for the 5<sup>th</sup> grade class and Miss Ruggeri for adding color to our “Be a Germ Buster” posters. Look for a poster near each sink. Thank you all!

**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