



March 14, 2008

Dear St. Francis Xavier Families,

Today, Home and School hosted our annual St. Patrick's Day Bowlathon. Everyone had a wonderful time. Father Lavalley even stopped in for a bit, and we were able to wish him a very Happy Birthday. Thank you all the family, friends, and faculty who helped make this event so successful.

Report cards went home today. Please sign and return the slip to your student's homeroom teacher. If you have any questions or concerns, please let us know.

Re-enrollment is going well, and, and we thank everyone who submitted their forms and registration fee. It really helps with our planning for next year. If you have not yet submitted your forms **please return your completed registration forms for 2008-2009 as soon as possible**. If you have questions or need more information, please let us know. Applications for **tuition assistance are due by Friday, April 18**.

Vishnu Premsankar placed 3rd in the 2007 Middle School Vermont Foreign Language Association poster contest. On March 20 he will attend a reception with Governor Douglas and Lt. Governor Dubie at the State House in Montpelier honoring the 2007 poster and essay contest winners. Congratulations, Vishnu!

It's time to sign up for **baseball**. Boys in grades 6 through 8 who are interested in playing on the St. Francis Xavier team should sign up at the office.

The sign up sheet for **softball** is also at the office. Girls in grades 5 through 8 are invited to play. Our softball team is also open to parishioners, homeschoolers, and girls who attend schools without a team. Come join the team - we are looking forward to a great year! For any girls interested we will be having a pitching clinic and practice this Saturday at noon.

The annual TPC Baseball Foundation Calcutta will be held on Sunday, April 20 at McKee's Pub. \$50 per chance, includes dinner for two. 4 PM to 5 PM – Happy Hour and 5 PM to 6 PM – Dinner. It is a lot of fun and there are many prizes. Grand Prize of \$1500. Please make checks payable to TPC Baseball.

**Here is a note from our Journalism Class:**

“Spirit weeks have had the same themes for many, many years. We would like your help in choosing some new ideas for Spirit Week. There will be a box in the lobby for your suggestions. Thank you for your help.”

There will be a Cub Scout committee meeting on March 25 at 6 PM in the library. All interested parents are invited to attend. The next Cub Scout Pack meeting will be Thursday, March 27 at 6 PM in the Scout Room.

While we are working on our planning for the spring and next school year we have not forgotten about summer. We are planning three summer programs as of now: drama camp, woodworking, and Young Rembrandts program. We will be sending home details next week.

Students may begin wearing the new uniform. We are working with both French Toast and Buckhead Uniforms to get the new requirements set up. French Toast ([www.frenchtoast.com](http://www.frenchtoast.com), school code QS4855) is in the process of updating the information. You should be able to start ordering now. If you access frenchtoast.com through the SchoolPop portal, our school receives a percentage of the order placed. Buckhead Uniforms ([www.buckheaduniforms.com](http://www.buckheaduniforms.com), school code 418) has just the physical education uniform posted; the regular uniform requirements should be posted by the end of this month. Both the old and new uniforms will be accepted for the rest of this year and throughout the 2008-2009 school year.

Many friends and family members have asked about ordering clothing with the St. Francis Xavier logo. French Toast is putting together a separate form for staff, friends and family. Until that is completed, you may order directly by e-mailing Angela Cora at [angela@frenchtoast.com](mailto:angela@frenchtoast.com) or

**Scrapping for a Cure! On Saturday, April 12, from 9 AM to 9 PM in the gym there will be fundraiser for the American Cancer Society Relay for Life.** Come scrapbook for the day and help a great cause along the way. Cost is \$25. There will be door prizes and raffles. Bring your own lunch; pizza and soda will be provided for dinner. Please call ahead to reserve your spot, as seating is limited. For more information or to RSVP please call Patty Brunelle 373-5379 or Robin Riley 879-0762.

We have a note from Kathleen Conlin in our **Development Office**:

Saint Francis Xavier School launched the 2008 Annual Fund on Monday, March 10, 2008. We are very pleased to announce that Thomas and Kathryn LaVigne are this year's Co-Chairs. They are excited about the chance to support Saint Francis Xavier School because of their many years of involvement with the school, the parish and their community.

Your gift to the Annual Fund will help us in so many ways: (1) attract and retain a highly qualified faculty, (2) offer financial aid and scholarships to students, and (3) fund new programs. These are essential needs if we are to move forward in the coming years. When you receive your Annual Fund letter, please give as much as you can to help us continue to benefit your children, grandchildren, current students, and the entire Saint Francis Xavier community.

We have already received a very generous challenge grant to Kick-Off the 2008 Annual Fund. For the second year in a row, the Saint Jean Baptiste Society has announced, through their spokespersons, George and Jackie Bouffard, which they will match the first \$500 we receive for our 2008 Annual Fund. This is a tremendous boost to the start of our Annual Fund campaign. Thank you!

For more information on the 2008 Annual Fund, or to make a donation, please contact Kathleen Conlin, Development Director, 802.655.7690.

**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