



May 16, 2008

Dear St. Francis Xavier Families,

We have had another busy week. Students and teachers continue to work hard, and our baseball and softball seasons are in full swing. Tomorrow, our teams and other students from our school will participate in the Kids Day parade, and our teams will then be part of the St. Francis Xavier School Homerun Derby, sponsored by the Thomas P. Clairmont Baseball Foundation at the Burlington Waterfront. We hope to see you there.

On Wednesday, the 6th grade and Spanish elective students went on a field trip to Rocque's, a Mexican restaurant in Burlington. The owners of the restaurant arranged to have a fluent Spanish speaking server, and he courteously engaged the students in conversation and challenged them to provide more descriptive answers. They all did a wonderful job, and everyone enjoyed a true Spanish dinner and a unique immersion experience.

We have an announcement from Kathleen Conlin in the Development Office:

The **2008 Annual Fund Campaign is at 80% of its goal!** Through your generosity, more than \$40,000 has been raised toward our target of \$50,000!

We have been humbled by your response and are deeply grateful for all that has been given to us. But we need to do just a little bit more. Our fiscal year ends June 30, 2008, so there is still time for you to donate. Would you consider making a tax-deductible contribution to Saint Francis Xavier School? Your gift will help the students of Saint Francis, which I know is the reason so many of you have supported us so generously in the past. Your contribution would go a long way to help us reach, or even exceed, our goal.

Thank you so much for your generous – and invaluable – support.

6th Grade Final Project! The 6th grade class invites you to come and see their U.S. History final projects. The students will be presenting their projects about U.S. Presidents. They will be showing their PowerPoint slide shows, and talking about their topics. The Presentations will begin at **1pm on June 10th**. All are welcome to attend!

Survivor Camp is back! We are planning the **week of July 28 through August 1**. You can sign up at the office. We are also in the planning stages of another, similar camp with a twist that we are hoping to offer earlier in the summer. We will get details to you as we get them.

Our Extension Program runs throughout the summer with a Fun Camp, starting on June 16 and ending August 15. The program will be open from 7:30 AM to 5:30 PM Monday through Friday and children can attend part-time or full-time. Summer Fun includes a variety of activities, including daily visits (weather permitting) to the pool, art and craft projects, sports, and some special field trips. Non-St. Francis Xavier students are welcome. Please speak with Clarissa Gibbons or Stephanie Ryan about your student(s) schedule for the summer, so they can staff appropriately. You can reach them at school 655-2600, or in the Extension Program room 655-4660.

Please remember we are still collecting **box tops and Campbell's soup labels**. You can find these on products other than cereal boxes and soup, so please keep an eye out for them, and bring them in. We just received a check for \$227 for box tops! We also collecting the **Hood SoxTops** – we earn money for each Hood top, and the school with the most caps (per capita) will win a visit from a Red Sox player. **Please encourage family and friends to contribute box tops, labels, and Hood SoxTops to our school!**

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