



June 13, 2008

Dear St. Francis Xavier Families,

Today ends the last full week of school, and the last day for our Pre-Kindergarten, Kindergarten, and 8th grade students. We had a wonderful celebration with our Annual Fun Day at Landry Park. Thank you to Mr. Becker for all his work coordinating this day, Home and School for the fantastic barbecue lunch, and to all the family and friends who helped throughout the day. Our **last day of school is Wednesday, June 18**. It will be a **half day, with dismissal at noon**. We will have a **final assembly to share good news starting at 11:15**.

The Eighth Grade has completed their Christian service project. Continuing an Eighth Grade class tradition, the students researched Catholic charities and chose one to support with a percentage of their class trip fund. This year Several Sources Shelters was chosen and students donated \$151.67. Several Sources' mission is to save the lives of unborn babies and shelter their young mothers while providing education and ongoing compassionate support services. They further educate young people to make healthy life choices. They also shelter women who are homeless, sick and elderly and help them to restore their dignity. The Eighth Grade has also donated another \$151.67 to the school as a class gift to be used for a project of their choice. We commend them on their generosity and charitable spirit.

The Celebration for the Eighth Graders will follow the **4 PM Mass tomorrow at St. Francis Xavier Church**. The seventh grade families will be hosting a reception for the graduates, their families and friends following the ceremony in the school gym. **All are welcome to join us!**

Our yearbooks are in. Thanks to Mary Gagne for taking on this project, and for all the families and friends who contributed pictures. Yearbooks are on sale for \$6 each, or \$5 each if purchasing two or more.

This week we were notified of another award won by at St. Francis Xavier student at the State Science Fair. We are pleased to announce that **Christian Scanlon won an award given out by the Tau Beta Pi Engineering Honor Society** for his Science Fair Project entitled Bi-metallic Strips. This award was given to the top project involving engineering or physics for a student in any grade and it comes with a \$50 prize. Congratulations, Christian!

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

We've Gone . . . Over the Top! Thanks to all of you who contributed to the 2007 – 2008 Annual Fund.

I am pleased to report that we have exceeded our goal of \$50,000! More than \$58,000 was raised this year to benefit the students of Saint Francis Xavier School. Thanks to YOU, we will be able to continue to provide a life-changing, life affirming, Catholic educational experience for all our students.

Kudos to Tom and Kathryn LaVigne, this year's Annual Fund Co-Chairpersons, for their leadership and support in enabling us to exceed our goal.

We will be accepting donations for the 2008 Annual Fund until June 30th. If you have not made your donation, and would like to join us and our winning team, please send you donation as soon as possible.

If you have any questions, please contact Kathleen Conlin, Development Director, at 655-7690 or email kathleenconlin_stfrancisxavier@yahoo.com.

Several St. Francis Xavier graduates received awards at the recent **Rice High School Undergraduate Award Ceremony**. **Shawn Fitzgerald** received the **Doc Dengler Physics Award**. **Clayton Willets** received the **St. Anselm College Book Award**. **Daniel Bolger** received the **Principal's Personal**

Achievement Award. Several St. Francis Xavier graduates were acknowledged for their work in the **Peer Ministry: Clayton Willets, Sara Campbell, Kristen Coombs and Tia Tripodi.** St. Francis Xavier graduates acknowledged for their work as **Admissions Ambassadors** were: **Daniel Bolger, Philip Jansen, Meghan Plant, and Nora Varhue.** Congratulations!. We are thrilled to be able to share your successes with our school community.

Our baseball team ended their season with a decisive win over South Burlington at Centennial Field on Monday. After the game, team members and fans participated in the filming of a Lake Monsters commercial. The commercial will air during Red Sox games on NESN and the Fox 10 PM news throughout the month of June. Coach Greg Clairmont then held his own closing ceremony for the boys and their families. **Thank you to Coach Clairmont and the Thomas P. Clairmont Baseball Foundation** for sponsoring the team. **Thanks also to assistant coaches Kevin Remillard, Greg Bolger for their help, and to all the families and friends for their ongoing support.**

Don't forget to sign up for Summer Programs. Please note: All programs require a \$25 non-refundable registration fee. They are open to everyone. Here are the programs we have scheduled so far:

- **June 23-27 (M-Th 8 AM – Noon, Fri 8:00-4:30) Woodshop,** taught by Mr. Irish, Grade 5-Adult, Cost: \$100 St. FX & Rice High School students/families, \$125 Students from other schools.
- **July 7 -11 (8:30 AM – 12:00 PM) Young Rembrandts African Safari and Pastel Drawing Camp,** Grades K-4, Cost \$120 St. FX students, \$130 non-St. FX students
- **July 14 -18 (8:30 AM – 2:30 PM) Drama,** taught by Ms. Nicole Ruggeri Grades 4-8, Cost \$100: St. FX students, \$125 non-St. FX students
- **July 28 – August 1 (8:30 AM – 2:30 PM) Survivor,** taught by Ms. Bethany Rice and Mr. Hal Friday with James Winchester, Clayton Willets and Hannah Dieringer Grades 4-8, Early Bird (by June 18) Cost \$100: St. FX students, \$125 non-St. FX students
Regular rate: \$125 St. FX students, \$150 non-St. FX students

The **Winooski swim team** will begin its season with its first meet next Thursday, June 19. It is not too late to join in the fun. Children of all abilities, up to the age of 18, are welcome and you don't even have to live in Winooski. If you have any questions, please contact Jane McCormick at 660-4996 or jbmcv4@yahoo.com."

St. Francis Xavier is helping the Rice community reach out to poverty stricken children in Tacna, Peru. You can participate by donating gently used children's (grades K through 12) and women's clothing and sporting goods. The sale includes shoes and other accessories. Please, no skiing equipment. Items can be dropped off at Rice throughout the summer. On Friday August 29 students will have a fashion show with some of the donated clothing. The sale will be August 30 at Rice from 8 AM to 4 PM. Any clothing not sold at the end of the day will be donated to the St. Vincent De Paul Center at St. Francis Xavier Church.

Our Lost and Found is getting full! If you are missing clothing, jackets, lunchboxes, shoes, and the like, please stop by and check out the Lost and Found – you just may find them there. Any uniform items left and the end of school will go into the uniform swap, and other items will be donated to the Rice Reaches Out clothing sale.

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. Welcome back to Nancy Ryan, and thank you to Rosemary Overson, RN, for her help while Nancy was out.

Mrs. Maria Horton
Kathryn LaVigne

Mr. Jesse Gaudette

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