



September 25, 2008

Dear St. Francis Xavier Families,

Tomorrow there will be no school so that our faculty and staff can attend a diocesan inservice in Barre. We are still working on training new staff in the Extension Program, so it will be closed. We apologize for any inconvenience and we thank you for your flexibility.

It's United Way Campaign Time

Many of you are part of United Way campaigns in your workplace. ***Did you know that you can make a donation to Saint Francis Xavier School through the United Way?*** The process is very simple. If you are donating to the United Way by an outright donation, or through payroll deduction, just designate Saint Francis Xavier School as the recipient of your United Way dollars. This is a wonderful way to support our school and we are very grateful for these designated donations.

Cub Scout News

Thank you to all new and current scouts and parents who turned out Tuesday afternoon & evening for our fall signup. We had a wonderful turnout and are looking forward to all the new faces and seeing our returning scouts again! **A HUGE thank you goes out to Scoutmaster Paul Mergens who made time Monday & Tuesday to hold very exciting scouting activities for the boys in grades 1 - 5. We couldn't do it without him!!!**

We will be having a pack meeting to be held in the Scout room (3rd floor above the Kindergarten rooms) at the school on **Monday, September 29th at 6 pm**. This will be an informal meeting to discuss upcoming scheduled events, new scout introductions and to answer any additional questions families may have. For those families interested, you can leave your completed registration forms with Ms. Nancy at the office. **It's not too late for any families that are still interested in scouting**, you can read more about our pack at <http://www.bsapack658.org/>. Any interested parents can also contact Joeie Clark, Cubmaster at joeie@bsapack658.org if you have any additional questions.

Upcoming events include the **Tiger Days** held at the **VT Air National Guard** on **Friday, Oct 17th** from **6:30 pm- 8:30 pm** which is a lot of fun for the **new Tigers**, boys in 1st grade (fire trucks & fighter jets oh my). Additionally the annual **Haunted Harvest Fest** held at **Camp Sunrise in Benson, Vermont** will be on **Saturday, Oct 19th** from **10:30 am to 3 pm** where the boys can participate in archery, BB range, arts & crafts, hay rides and much more!

The St. Francis Xavier School Board is offering a new tuition discount offer effective 8/14/08. Any new St. Francis family will receive a **\$1,000.00 tuition discount** for each new child enrolled in grades 5, 6, or 7. This special discount applies to the first 5 new children in those grades or until 12/31/08. The school board is offering this tuition discount to these grades since it will cost the school little extra money to add children in these smaller grades and having a larger class benefits both the students and the school.

The **journalism** program/school newspaper will meet again next Friday, October 3, after school. The program is open to students in grades 6, 7, and 8. It isn't too late to join if you are interested.

The Home and School Association is working on **our Cookbook fundraiser** and they are planning to have the cookbooks completed by the middle of November so they will be available to sell at the Craft Fair. If you are thinking about doing some early Christmas shopping, the cookbooks make great gifts. The cookbooks

will be \$8.00 each before September 30th and \$10.00 each after. **A pre-order form went home during the week of September 8 and also is available online by clicking the Home and School Association link on our website: www.sfxwinooski.org.**

Chess club will be after school on Fridays. The first meeting will be on **Friday, October 3** after school in the Audette Room.

October is the month of the Rosary and Right-to-Life month. **Bishop Matano** will be celebrating the Diocesan Mass for Respect for Life Month on Respect for Life Sunday, the first Sunday of October. **The Mass will be at 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 5, 2007 at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception** and will fulfill the Sunday obligation. Before the Mass, at **3:15 p.m.**, Elementary and Middle School students are invited to lead the **Family Rosary for Life**. Please consider participating in this as a family and turn in the signed commitment form to your student's Religion teacher by **Wednesday, October 1st**. Saint Francis faculty members will be present, including Mrs. Winchester, Mme. Hawes, Mr. Gaudette and Mr. Badillo.

Raffle Tickets for the **6x12 Storage Shed** are still available. The shed was built by the woodworking students during the summer program, and you can take a look at it in our parking lot. They did a fantastic job! Delivery within Chittenden County is included. Please register soon! Contact Ms. Nancy in the main office with questions.

Our **students' artwork** will be shown at the **Winooski Harvest Festival** this **Saturday, September 27** from **10 AM to 5 PM** inside the **Champlain Mill**. Mrs. Lajoie will be displaying some of her artwork as well. Come and enjoy the beautiful artwork created by our St. Francis Xavier community!

On Tuesday, **Sister Janet Gelineau** passed away after a long illness. Sr. Janet taught at St. Francis for many years. We ask that you keep her, and all the Sisters who give so generously of their time and talents, in your prayers.

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