



October 17, 2008

Dear St. Francis Xavier Families,

We have had such lovely fall days this week, including a few that felt closer to spring and summer. It has been the perfect backdrop to continue the hard work within the classrooms. Our apologies for not including the information on the day change for Mass in last Friday's letter. We appreciate your flexibility.

Please note that next **Thursday, October 23** is a **half-day with dismissal at noon**. There is **no school on Friday, October 24** to allow our faculty, staff, and school board to attend an inservice and retreat. The extension program will be open those two days. The Home and School Halloween Party will be held on Friday the 24th from 3 to 6 PM.

There will be **no chess club** on **Friday, October 24** or **Friday, October 31**. Chess club will resume on Friday, November 7.

Last Friday, the 8th graders sent home Halloween Candygram order forms. Candygrams will be delivered on Friday, October 31, and they are a fun way to send good wishes to students, faculty and staff. Each Candygram is \$1 and the money raised goes toward the 8th grade class trip. **Order forms** should be submitted by **Tuesday, October 28**. You can get additional forms from our website (go to Class Pages and then Eighth grade) or ask at the front office.

Please remember to cross only at crosswalks and not between cars. There is a lot of traffic on St. Peter Street at drop-off and dismissal and we want to ensure that nobody gets hurt. This is a serious safety issue for adults and children.

Make up day for school pictures is Tuesday, October 28. If you would like to have your students' picture retaken, please have him/her bring any photos back in. You should keep the class picture, since they will not reissue class pictures unless a new class picture has been taken. Students who missed the first picture day are welcome to have their pictures taken on the 28th.

St. Francis Students are volunteering at the Green Mountain Marathon.

The 8th grade class and the Cross Country Team will be volunteering at the Green Mountain Marathon on **October 18th** in South Hero and Grand Isle. The students will be passing out water and Gatorade to the runners, and cheering them on as they pass. If you are interested in helping out with this please contact Mr. Gaudette at the School. The first water station begins set up at **8:30am**, and takes down around **1:30pm**. It will also give us a chance to cheer on **Steve Eustis**, St. Francis Xavier parent and school board member, as he runs in the marathon. Go Steve!!!

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.

PLEASE JOIN US TO CELEBRATE OUR STARS

Sunday, November 9, 2008 we are hosting our first Annual Recognition Reception!

We want to recognize and extend our heartfelt thanks and gratitude to our generous supporters. You have helped ensure the continued success and vitality of Saint Francis Xavier School for nearly 150 years! **A Celebratory Mass will be held at 11:00 a.m. at Saint Francis Xavier Church. Our celebrant will be Father Richard Lavalley, Pastor of Saint Francis Xavier. The Recognition Reception from 12 noon to 2:00 p.m. will follow at Saint Francis Xavier School.** An array of festive food and drink will be served. There is no need to RSVP, please just join us! If you have any questions, please call Kathleen Conlin, Director of Development at (802) 655-7690.

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 see it in our parking lot. They did a fantastic job! Delivery within Chittenden County is included. Please register soon! Contact Ms. Nancy for more information.

Scrapping for a Cure! On **Saturday, October 25, 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 \$30. There will be door prizes and raffles. A Creative Memories Consultant will be on site with supplies and a Close to My Heart Consultant will also be on site. 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.

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