



January 23, 2009

Dear St. Francis Xavier Families,

It has been an amazing week. On Tuesday, Mr. Becker set up our projector in the gym so that we could watch the inauguration on the big screen. On Thursday we had an unusual occurrence when a water main broke on St. Peter Street and the Winooski Public Works Department informed us that they needed to shut the water on the street off so they could make the necessary repairs. We are working with Home and School to develop a plan to inform parents, in addition to notifying the media outlets and updating our website. We appreciate your help and your flexibility.

Today, January 23, is a $\frac{1}{2}$ **day** (noon dismissal) to allow for conferences. If you are not able to schedule a conference today, please speak with your student(s) teachers if you would like to meet.

Next week is Catholic Schools' Week and we have several events planned. Throughout the week student art will be on display at the O'Brien Community Center in Winooski. On Monday, we will have an opening prayer for the whole school at 8:45 in the gym with Father Lavalley. On Tuesday, we are pleased to announce that **Bishop Matano will be celebrating Mass** for our students and parishioners at **8 AM**. On Wednesday, we will have an Open House and the Home and School Association is hosting a breakfast for everyone from 7:30 to 9:00 in the gym. On Thursday and Friday we will be doing special events and prayers within our classrooms. Also on Friday, the Eighth Grade students will be attending the Golden Anniversary Mass at 10 AM at Rice High School. During the weekend of January 31 and February 1 our students will be participating in the Masses at St. Francis Xavier Church.

We would like to thank the Parent Ambassadors who have been visiting area parishes throughout the month of January. Do you know of a family that might be interested in learning more about St. Francis Xavier School? Please invite them to the **Open House on Wednesday, January 28**. Current and prospective families, friends and parishioners are welcome to join us for breakfast from 7:30 to 9:00 AM and then tour the school. Tours will also be offered from 12:15 to 2:00 PM and light refreshments will be served. If families are unable to attend the Open House, please have them contact us. We would be happy to schedule a visit at their convenience.

The first meeting for the **St. Francis Xavier Girls' Softball Pitching Clinic** will be **Saturday, February 7 from 12 PM to 2 PM** in the gym. **Girls in grades 5 through 8** are welcome! Girls who attend other schools that do not have a softball team are invited to participate on our team. Please sign up at the office at 655-2600. For more information, please call Coach Chris Horton at 865-2777 or speak with Mr. Gaudette.

Welcome to new middle school student James Wells and our new Pre-K student who started this week. We are happy to have them and their families join our school community.

Cub Scout Corner

Our meetings for the next 3 months, to be held at school at 6 PM, are scheduled as follows:

Den Meetings

Pack Meetings

Monday, Jan 26th

Monday, February 9th

Monday, February 16th (Pinewood Derby)

Monday, March 9th

Monday, March 23rd

We are planning a winter camping trip to the Vaughn Lodge at Camp Sunrise sometime in late February, early March, we'll keep you posted. It's not too late to join if there are any other interested families! As always you can check for the latest information on our website at

<http://www.bsapack658.org/>.

Students, polish up your acts! The **Annual St. Francis Xavier talent show is coming March 6.**

Auditions will take place during the week of February 2, 2009. Sign up sheets will be posted in each homeroom. More information will follow. Any questions can be directed to Mrs. Richards.

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