



March 6, 2009

Dear St. Francis Xavier Families,

The month of March is off to a great start. We had our science fair yesterday and, as always, it is wonderful to see the work the students have done. Thanks to all the faculty and families for your support, and special thanks to Mary Ellen Varhue for all her hard work. Today we had our talent show, which was a great way to end the week. Students have put in a lot of effort and it was such fun to watch. Thank you to Cathy Richards for her work coordinating our talent show. Great Job Everyone!

Re-enrollment is going very well, and, and we thank everyone who submitted their forms and registration fee. It really helps with our planning for next year. If you have not yet submitted your forms **please return your completed registration forms for 2009-2010 as soon as possible**. If you have questions or need more information, please let us know. Applications for **tuition assistance are due by Friday, April 17**.

We would like to **thank the Parent Ambassadors** who visited area parishes. We have seen a lot of recent interest in the school, and we are scheduling a lot of visits. Thanks to all our parents for spreading the word.

Do you know of a family that might be interested in learning more about St. Francis Xavier School? If families were unable to attend the Open House, please have them contact us. We would be happy to schedule a visit at their convenience.

The **St. Francis Xavier Girls' Softball Pitching Clinic** will be from **12 PM to 2 PM** on **Saturday, March 6** 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.

A Note from our Development Director:

Watch for the "Kick – Off" 2009 SFX Annual Fund The Challenge Continues

Saint Francis Xavier School will launch the 2009 Annual Fund Campaign on Sunday, March 1, 2009. George and Jacqueline Bouffard, Co-Chairs of the 2009 Annual Fund, and Honorary Co-Chair, Sister Carmen Proulx, the Superior of the Sisters of Providence, are excited about the opportunity to ***Continue the Challenge*** to support Saint Francis Xavier School.

Annual giving is the financial lifeblood of any school. It helps sustain programs and activities that are not covered by tuition. Simply, annual giving is the best way possible for alumni, grandparents, parents and friends to help make a difference in the future of Saint Francis Xavier School. Annual Fund dollars are essential to: (1) provide scholarships and tuition assistance, (2) advance curriculum development, (3) compensate our dedicated faculty, (4) maintain and improve our school facilities and campus, and (5) ensure that a new generation of students has access to the gift of a Catholic, value-based education.

Father Lavalley provided us with an early boost to our Annual Fund Campaign last fall with his \$10,000 Challenge Grant. It is now up to us to ***Continue the Challenge*** to achieve our fund raising goals. Please look for your Annual Fund letter in the mail and when you receive it, please

donate as much as you can for the benefit of the entire Saint Francis Xavier School community.

In order to help us meet our goal, L' Union Saint-Jean-Baptiste , division of Catholic Family Life Insurance, has announced that they will match the first \$500 we receive for this campaign. This is the third year they have given us a matching grant and we are very thankful for their continued support.

For more information on the 2009 Annual Fund, or to make a donation, please contact Kathleen Conlin, Development Director, 802.655.7690.

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	Special Events
Monday, March 9 th	Monday, March 23 rd	Saturday, April 4 th
Monday, April 13 th	Monday, April 27 th (Blue & Gold Dinner)	District Pinewood Derby

It's not too late if there are any other interested families! As always you can check for the latest information on our website at <http://www.bsapack658.org/>.

St. Francis Xavier School students are participating in the Champlain Valley Regional Art Show at the University Mall from Sunday, March 8 through Friday March 20. Come see all the fantastic art work our students have done!

Scrapping for a Cure! On **Saturday, April 4, 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 which includes dinner. There will be door prizes and raffles. Sandwiches and soup will be available for purchase at lunch. Please call ahead to reserve your spot, as seating is limited. Representatives from Creative Memories, Close To My Heart and Island Scrapbooking will be on site. 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