



March 27, 2009

Dear St. Francis Xavier Families,

We had a great week. Everyone has been so busy and it is wonderful to see such enthusiasm about the work they are doing. Our students are doing well academically and athletically.

Our 7th and 8th grade girls' and boys' CYO teams are both State Champions. They will be traveling to Connecticut for regional competitions this weekend. Our 5th and 6th grade girls' and boys' teams were both First Runners Up. Congratulations to all our players and coaches!

A number of our students will be at the **Vermont State Science and Math Fair at Norwich University** on Saturday. Students who are attending are as follows: Michelle Bolger, Hannah Dusharm, Kelly St. Marie, Ethan Prehoda, Brianna Rotella, Ian Horton, Liz Fell, Braelynn Leppert-Hill, Christian Scanlon, and Vishnu Premsankur. Congratulations to all!

The **St. Francis Xavier Girls' Softball Pitching Clinic** will **NOT be held on Saturday, March 28**. Our softball and baseball schedules, as they now stand, are on our website. We will post practice schedules as they are set. If you would like more information about our softball program please contact Coach Chris Horton at 865-2777 or speak with Mr. Gaudette. For information about baseball, please contact Coach Greg Clairmont at 878-5699.

Planning has begun for the **Summer Extension Program**. If you are interested in having your student(s) attend the program, please **sign up outside of the Extension Program classroom**. There is also a **sign up sheet for April Break**. It is important to know if you are planning to attend so that we may staff appropriately. The **Extension Program will not be open during Easter break** (Thursday, Friday, or Monday). Thank you for your assistance with our planning.

Re-enrollment is going very well, and, and we thank everyone who submitted their forms and registration fee. **It 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**.

Do you know of a family that might be interested in learning more about St. Francis Xavier School? Please have them contact us. We would be happy to schedule a visit at their convenience. We have seen a lot of recent interest in the school, and we are meeting with a lot of families. Thanks to all our parents for spreading the word.

Le Grand Concours update: Three first grade students: Jessica Forcier, Béatrice Guariglia, and Magdalena Lelito, qualified for the Speaking portion of the National French Contest. Their answers to 8 questions about a picture have been recorded and sent to the judges. Reaching this level of competition is already a great accomplishment! Congratulations to the whole first grade for their hard work and support of each other. Thank you to Sr. Bibiane and Mme. Hawes who worked together to make this possible.

Library News:

1) The first, second and third graders have listened to, read, discussed and studied at least 5, and up to 10, of this year's Red Clover Books. Last week they had the privilege of casting their ballot for their favorite book. The winner was *Scaredy Squirrel Makes a Friend* by Melanie Watt. Other top vote-getters were:

- *Dadblamed Union Army Cow*
- *When Dinosaurs Came with Everything*

Thanks to all who participated. We will send in our tallies to the Red Clover committee and find out later this spring what the top vote-getters statewide are. If your favorite didn't win at St. Francis, don't despair--it may do better at the state level!

2) Our Destiny library circulation system has just improved by leaps and bounds with the installation of a new computer and scanning system at the checkout desk. This will greatly expedite check-ins and check-outs for all bar-coded books and help us improve our overdue records. All student check-outs are now for two weeks. We are now circulating close to 200 items a week (compared to 35 weekly last year).

3) Parent volunteers are welcome in the library, either on a regular or as-needed basis. Please contact Kathleen Finn at kocf@comcast.net if interested.

Cub Scout Corner

Mark your calendars, the 2009 Land of Champs Cub Scout Spring Games will be held on Saturday, April 4th from 1 to 3 pm at the Champlain Valley Exposition Fair Grounds! All Scouts, their families and friends are encouraged to attend, entry fee is \$4.00. Pack 658 will be sponsoring two fun games of tug-of-war and the balance beam. Come out and have some fun!

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
Wolf and Bear – April 6	Monday, April 27th	Saturday, April 4 th
Tiger – TBD	(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/>.

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.