



April 9, 2009

Dear St. Francis Xavier Families,

As students continue to work hard on their academic work, we take time to reflect on the meaning of Lent and prepare for our Easter celebration. We encourage you and your families to continue your prayerful meditation on our Lord's Passion and Death as the week comes to a close with Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday. These are the Holy Week ceremonies offered at St. Francis Xavier Parish:

Holy Thursday, April 9: No morning Mass. Mass and procession at 7 p.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until Midnight.

Good Friday, April 10: No morning Mass. Celebration of the Lord's Passion, Veneration of the Cross and Communion at 3 p.m. Stations of the Cross at 7 p.m.

Holy Saturday, April 11: No morning Mass. Easter Vigil Mass at 8 p.m.

Easter Sunday, April 12: 7:30, 9:00, and 11:00 Masses.

Please note that there is a **½ day on Holy Thursday, and no school on Good Friday or Easter Monday**. The Extension Program is closed those days as well. Classes resume on Tuesday, April 14.

On Tuesday our Middle School students attended the **Chrism Mass** at St. Joseph Co-Cathedral. This very solemn Mass was celebrated by Bishop Matano and concelebrated by most of the priests in Vermont. Also present were deacons and seminarians.

The **St. Francis Xavier Girls' Softball Pitching Clinic WILL be held on Saturday, April 11**. Our softball and baseball schedules, as they now stand, are on our website. 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.

Congratulations to our Middle School Honor Roll Students for Term 2:

	<u>6th Grade</u>	<u>7th Grade</u>	<u>8th Grade</u>
Honors:	Fleur Diambou Jenna Flint Christopher Jansen Madison Myers Elise Prehoda Kayla St. Marie	Hannah Dusharm Monique Lavallee Angela Trombley	Christopher Farnam Braelynn Leppert-Hill Sarah Lesage Kevin Lynch Gabiella Mantone Andre Paul Christian Scanlon
High Honors:	James Wells Michelle Bolger	Pierrette Lumumba Alicia McCormick Ethan Prehoda Brianna Rotella Kelly St. Marie	Elizabeth Fell Ian Horton Vishnukumaar Premsankar Ryan Thornton

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.

Save the Date!

The annual **St. Francis Xavier Stampede** is coming Saturday, May 9. This fun fundraiser features a .2 mile loop around the school and playground, a 2.5 K race and a 5 K race. The .2 mile loop is geared for younger students and is free. The other races are \$5 for children age 14 and younger and \$10 for those 15 and over. (GMAA members subtract \$1). This year we are delighted to be sponsored by Fleet Feet Sports - each participant will receive a \$10 gift certificate to the Fleet Feet Sports store in Essex! There are also prizes for top finishers. For complete information about the Stampede, please click on the link at the SFX website: www.sfxwinooski.org.

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
Wolf and Bear –		
Tiger – TBD	Monday, April 27th (Blue & Gold Dinner)	

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/>.

Boy Scout Corner

To learn more about our Boy Scout Troop, please see us at: www.bsatroop658.org

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 blessed Easter weekend.

Mrs. Maria Horton

Mr. Jesse Gaudette

Mrs. Kathryn LaVigne