



June 12, 2009

Dear St. Francis Xavier Families,

This is our last day of school for the 2008-2009 school year. We are sending home report cards, school calendars, supply lists, and, if applicable, summer reading lists. They will be available on our website as well. We have not received the results of our students' standardized testing. We will send those to you with our summer letter.

Today is our annual Fun Day, and again Mr. Becker has done a wonderful job with all the planning and coordinating. Despite the fact that the weather did not cooperate, everything went amazingly well. Thanks to our Home and School Association, especially Jane McCormick, and all the families and friends who helped out; it would not be such a success without you.

Our eighth grade graduation ceremony will be Saturday, June 13 following the 4 PM Mass at St. Francis Xavier Church. We hope you will join us to wish them well.

Congratulations to our **Middle School Honor Roll** Students for Term 3 and for the School Year.

Term 3:

<u>6th Grade</u>	<u>7th Grade</u>	<u>8th Grade</u>
Honors:		
Fleur Diambou	Pierette Lumumba	Elizabeth Fell
Jenna Flint	Brianna Rotella	Ian Horton
Madison Myers	Angela Trombley	Sarah Lesage
Elise Prehoda		Kevin Lynch
Kayla St. Marie		Vishnu Premsankar
James Wells		Christian Scanlon
		Ryan Thornton

High Honors:	
Michelle Bolger	Alicia McCormick
	Ethan Prehoda
	Brianna Rotella

School Year:

<u>6th Grade</u>	<u>7th Grade</u>	<u>8th Grade</u>
Honors:		
Jenna Flint	Brianna Rotella	Elizabeth Fell
Madison Myers	Angela Trombley	Sarah Lesage
James Wells		Billy O'Brien
		Andre Paul
High Honors:		
Michelle Bolger	Pierette Lumumba	Ian Horton
Fleur Diambou	Alicia McCormick	Vishnukumaar Premsankar
Elise Prehoda	Ethan Prehoda	Ryan Thornton
Kayla St. Marie	Kelly St. Marie	

Since 1979, the Center for Talented Youth (CTY) at Johns Hopkins University has focused on the needs of students with exceptionally high academic abilities. The CTY community includes very bright students from all over the world. 25% of St. Francis Xavier School students qualified for these programs. Three students who participated were recognized with SAT/ACT Certificates for High Honors at the 30th CTY Award Ceremony held in Middlebury last week: Alicia McCormick, Ethan Prehoda, and Christian Scanlon. Congratulations!

In an effort ensure appropriate staffing and more efficient use of our Extension Program, we are implementing the following policies for the coming school year:

- Families must provide us with a schedule indicating when your child(ren) will be attending the program at the beginning of the year. Please give 2 weeks notice of any change in schedule.
- Families will be billed weekly for days scheduled, regardless of attendance.
- Drop-in students will be accommodated on a space available basis, and payment must be made that day.
- If a family is more than two weeks in arrears without making payment arrangements with us, the child(ren) will not be allowed to attend the program.

We recognize that families sometimes face unforeseen circumstances and we will work with families if real emergencies arise, but otherwise the above policies will be implemented with no exceptions. Thank you for your cooperation.

Report on 2009 Annual Fund from George and Jackie Bouffard, Co-Chairs – We Are Almost There!

Sister Carmen Proulx, Honorary Co-Chair of this year's Annual Fund, joins us in thanking each of you for your generosity. It is especially gratifying to know that in these tough times, the support for Saint Francis Xavier School remains strong.

In a few short weeks our Annual Fund will conclude. We have to raise only a few thousand dollars to meet our goal. If you have not yet made your gift, please do so before June 30th! Thanks to all of you for your gifts of time, talent and treasure in support of our school.

Library News from Mrs. Finn:

Thanks to all for making such great efforts in returning library books; we have relatively few lost items now.

I want to thank the wonderful library volunteers who have done so much to "keep the wheels on the machine" this year as we revitalize our school library. Many thanks to Nancy Trono, Sister Doris Gastonguay, Jessica Beaudoin, Kristin Wells and Kristen Blow, an St. FX grad now at Rice Memorial High School.

Summer Reading Programs for K-5—"Don't Go On Vacation from Reading!"

We encourage families to check out the many summer reading programs offered throughout our area. There are lots of fun and no-to-low cost summer reading programs around the area such as:

- "Be Creative!—at most public libraries
- Champlain Valley Fair
- TD Banknorth
- Price Chopper/VT Lake Monsters
- Barnes & Noble
- Borders

As an added school-wide incentive *not* to go on vacation from reading, we will offer a dress-down day in the fall for any K-5 student who brings in a certificate or other document attesting

to the completion of a summer reading program. If it's not convenient for your family to enroll in an area summer reading program, a note from parent or guardian documenting summer reading is acceptable, too. **Have a great summer reading!**

Note from the Lunch Room Staff

We are looking for volunteers to work in the lunchroom next school year beginning on August 27, 2009. We need two volunteers each Monday through Friday from 10:30 to 12:30 when lunch is being served. We are asking for volunteers now in anticipation of next year, so we might be able to get a schedule in place before the school year begins.

If you have 2 hours one day a week to help with the lunch program, please call Miss Nancy at the front office, 655-2600. If you have a particular day that works better for you, please let her know. If two people would like to alternate, please let her know that as well.

We would like to thank Miss Bonny and Miss Paula for all their hard work this year. They have done a great job with our lunch program. Thank you!

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. Thanks to all our parents for spreading the word. We are available to speak with interested families, answer questions, and show them around our school.

Take Me Out to the Ballgame...

Friday, August 7th is St. Francis Xavier School night at the Vermont Lake Monsters. We have been chosen to sell 50/50 raffle tickets at the baseball game that night and we will be pre-selling tickets to the game itself. The proceeds from these sales will benefit next year's 8th grade class as well as our school's athletic teams. **Please save the date and keep an eye out for our announcement that the tickets are available.** If you have any questions at this time, please contact Jane McCormick at 660-4996.

Adult Softball Anyone?

We need adult softball players for an SFX team. The team will be made up of faculty and parents. We will participate in a slow pitch league and play other businesses and organizations. This is a great opportunity to stay in touch with SFX folks over the summer and have fun. All abilities are welcome. We need ten parents to make a viable team. Please contact Jane McCormick at jbmcvt4@yahoo.com or see Jesse Gaudette at school. Thanks in advance for your interest.

Cub Scout Corner

Cub weekends at Camp Sunrise are scheduled for July 11/12, July 25/26 and Aug 1/2. Please let your Den Leader or Cubmaster know which weekend will work for you. 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/>.

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 wonderful summer break!.