



September 24, 2009

Dear St. Francis Xavier Families,

Today we had our Jump Rope and Hoops for Heart. It is such a fun activity. The students had a great time! Thanks to Mr. Becker, and all the staff and faculty for making it possible.

Today is a half day for **Parent/Teacher Conferences**. Please call Ms. Nancy in the office to sign up for a time. School will be closed on Friday September 25. The staff and faculty will be attending an In-service in Barre that day. The Extension Program will be closed on September 24th and September 25th to accommodate Parent/Teacher conferences and a staff In-service day.

The New St. Francis Finance Office E-mail is: **finance_stfrancis@yahoo.com**
Please make all finance requests to this E-mail address. Thank you for your help!

Chess Club

Chess Club will begin after school on Fridays on October 2nd. It will begin right after school and end around 3:30pm. Please complete the registration form, and return it to the office.

Website

Have you checked out the school's website today? (www.sfxwinooski.org) We are updating and adding news to the website every day. School events, community news, extra-curricular schedules, and family opportunities will all be regularly updated.

A New Opportunity

Zumba is coming to St. Francis! Zumba is a Latin dance/exercise using mostly Latin music. Classes will start at **6:15pm on Wednesday September 30th** in the St. Francis Xavier School gym. For more information please see the School's Website (www.sfxwinnoski.org). I hope to see you all there!

Religious Program

The Diocesan annual conference for adult formation called "**Gifts for the Kingdom**" will be held at St. Michael's College on October 10th. Bishop Matano will celebrate Mass at 9:00, followed by the keynote speaker, then lunch on campus. There is a choice among 9 different workshops in the afternoon, as well as a special track geared to catechists and parents as the primary educators of their children. Please consult the flyer that is being sent home with your eldest student for more detailed information. This is a wonderful opportunity to deepen our Faith and enjoy fellowship with others. Hope to see you there!

"Every Child Brings Us God's Smile". This is the theme of this year's **Respect Life Sunday**, October 4th. Bishop Matano will celebrate Mass at St. Joseph's Co-Cathedral at 11a.m. This will be followed by an Art Show Reception. Catholic School students are invited to submit artwork illustrating this theme. The deadline is October 1st. Please see the info sheet for more details.

RESPECT LIFE CALENDAR 2009-2010: Your eldest student will be bringing home a copy of the Diocesan calendar of events and activities planned for this school year. In particular, 2^d, 4th, and

8th grades will be participating in the Art Show and reception being held after the **Diocesan Respect Life Mass** at 11pm on October 4th at St. Joseph's Co Cathedral. Any students who would like to serve as greeters or gift-bearers should see Mme. Hawes so she can arrange for your participation.

Rice Fundraiser

The Rice High School Soccer team is sponsoring a **car wash** on Saturday October 3. It will be held at the Checkerbay Car Wash (next to Winooski School) from 8am-4pm.

Volunteer Reminders

The Diocese of Burlington implemented “**Shield the Vulnerable,**” a law based program, for all priests, deacons, teachers, and other persons in a position of trust. **All volunteers, which include the majority of our families, and other persons in positions of trust who spend time with students, are required to complete the Shield the Vulnerable online training program.** The program takes about 90 minutes and is completely internet based. Access Shield the Vulnerable at <http://www.shieldthevulnerable.org/>. **If you do not have internet access, please let us know.** If we have families in that situation we will schedule some times in our computer lab so that our families can complete the course. If families have completed the program for Rice or another organization, please let us know and provide us with a copy of the certificate of completion.

The Charter also requires that we must complete a background check on **all volunteers.** **If you have not yet had a background check done, please submit the form provided in the registration packet.**

Thanks to all teachers and staff who make St. Francis Xavier School a very special place.

God Bless. Have a wonderful weekend.

Jesse Gaudette

Mr. Eric Becker

Mrs. Kathryn LaVigne