

October 22, 2009

Dear St. Francis Xavier Families,

This has been a very active week for us all. We ask all of our students and parents to get well over the three day weekend.

A Few Reminders

International Night will be next Thursday evening after the Home and School Meeting. The kids are all very excited for their projects. We look forward to seeing you that evening.

Our Good News Assembly will be next Friday morning at 11:15am before the end of the day.

The Halloween Party is on Saturday October 24th from 3pm-6pm. It should be a great time!

Extension Program News

The After School program will be closed today October 22 and tomorrow October 23. This will allow our staff to attend faculty and staff In-service training. Thank you!

A Special Event

The Modern Language Department of Saint Michael's College is sponsoring a mass in French, celebrated by Rev. Fr. Marcel Rainville, SSE on Thursday, October 29th at 4:30 pm. Familiar French hymns will be sung, accompanied by the pipe organ. There will be a procession of flags from francophone countries as part of the entrance processional. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Health Reminders

We have had a lot of students sick lately. Please communicate all health concerns to our Health Office. State guidelines recommend that any child who has a fever or has vomited should remain out of school for 24 hours before returning. Thank you for your help!

Boy Scout Camporee

Scouts and adult leaders from our Saint Francis Boy Scout Troop and Cub Scout Pack recently attended the annual Three Rivers District Fall Camporee in Highgate, Vermont. This was the first camporee hosted by the newly formed Three Rivers Boy Scout District and it was a great event for everyone. 550 Scouts set up base camp at the Highgate Airport, where the themes for the weekend were Aviation, Emergency Preparedness and Fire Safety. Volunteer representatives from Local, State and Federal agencies were on hand with lots of equipment and activities for the Scouts to check out. Our Scouts helped put out propane fires, escaped from a "burning" building, and checked out Hazardous materials handling and SWAT team gear. There was a new Blackhawk helicopter and pilots from the Vermont Army National Guard as well as a number of civilian pilots flying small groups of Scouts around the airport. Flying overhead as the weather permitted was a bi-wing stunt plane performing many daredevil maneuvers. On Saturday night we were treated to a fireworks show before retiring to our tents for the night. All in all it was a really fun weekend, where we also learned a lot about the many people who work every day to help keep us safe. Photos at: www.bsatroop658.org

Winooski Events

Festival of Pumpkins.

Hundreds of carved and lit pumpkins will be on display. It begins at dusk on October 30 and October 31 at Smith Park in Downtown Winooski.

Pumpkin Carvers are Needed!

Tuesday, October 27 at 1pm and Wednesday, October 28 at 1pm at the Senior Center. Refreshments will be provided for all participants.

Candles are needed!

If you have any candles that can be used in the pumpkins for the Festival of Pumpkins call Sue (655-1595), Lorraine (655-2112), Nan (655-1520) or Sally (655-3894) or drop them off at Sally's Flower Shop, 325 Main Street.

God Bless!

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