

Feb. 5, 2010

Dear St. Francis Xavier Families,

This has been a very active and exciting week here at school. We had many activities for the community to participate in, as we are celebrating our identity as a Catholic School. We continue to be very honored to work in such a loving, prayerful, and energetic community. Thank you for your continued support of a great Catholic School!

Registration Packets

Returning student registration packets have gone home this week. A completed registration packet (with registration fee) **will guarantee your child's spot for next year**. If it is filed by **March 1** the registration fee is **\$100 per family**; **after March 1** the fee is **\$200 per family**.

We have seen a lot of interest in our school for next year. Our open house was the most successful to date, and many visitors have recently received a tour of the school. We are very excited to see our community growing in size. With that being said, we need to have an accurate count of the students in each grade. Returning the registration paperwork early assists us in the decision making process for next year.

Please note registration packets cannot be filed unless the registration fee accompanies the forms.

Financial Aid

Families that wish to apply for Financial Aid for the next school year need to get a form from Ms. Nancy in the office.

3 Day Weekend

We will not have school on Monday Feb. 8, 2010. Enjoy the three day weekend!!! The extension program will not be open on Monday. Thank you for your help and understanding.

Catholic School's Week

Thank you all for a wonderful Catholic School's Week. There were so many great activities for the kids, teachers, and the community. We welcomed guests, had a very successful Open House, and prayed together as a school.

Thanks to our very supportive community of parents and friends.

6th Grade Service Project

These past two weeks 6th grade has joined with our parish to support the Right to Life activities in Vermont: the girls brought in \$59.37 and the boys brought in \$59.72 for a class total of \$119.09 !!! Way to go, Sensational Sixers!

A Note from the 8th Grade

“The eighth grade class is hosting a food drive for the Chittenden County Emergency Food Shelf. After Christmas, the homeless are still hungry and the food shelves are empty. We will be holding a food drive from January 31---February 6, 2010. As there are only seven students in our eighth grade, it will be very difficult to make large contributions without the help of the rest of our school. We hope that your children will be able to contribute because we will need all the help we can get. Our goal is to raise 1 ton (2000lbs.) of food by the end of the year. When we accomplish this goal, the school will be rewarded by an afternoon of fun. This service project will be a great way to bring our community together by helping the homeless. Both the graduating eighth grade class and the homeless will be very grateful for your generous act. Thank you and we look forward to your cooperation.”

The Food Shelf has acknowledged that the following items are most necessary:

- Canned tuna-fish, salmon, sardines, etc.
- Peanut Butter
- Cereal: All Varieties
- Canned Fruits and Vegetables: All Varieties
- Canned meat: beef, pork, chicken, etc.
- Canned soups and chili
- Boxed Meals: macaroni and cheese, Hamburger Helper, etc.
- Pasta and Pasta sauce: All Varieties
- Diapers: All Sizes
- Pet Food: All Brands and Varieties (dogs, cats, etc.)

Donation boxes will be in each homeroom. The 8th grade will continue to update the goal (2000 lbs.) in the front lobby. Thank you to Mrs. Jane McCormick, Mr. Lee Winchester, and Mr. David Prehoda for volunteering to transport the food to the food shelf. Thank you for your generosity.

Art Exhibit

Saint Francis Xavier Student artwork will be displayed at the O'Brien Community Center from Monday Feb. 1 to Thursday Feb. 11. Come and see what wonderful work our students have done. Thanks to our wonderful art teachers for making this possible.

Catholic Relief Services

Our prayers and heartfelt considerations go out to the people of Haiti. The school will be collecting aid to send to Catholic Relief Services, which is currently delivering aid to Haiti. Catholic Relief Services is a world wide relief organization that delivers aid to many countries around the world. Please visit their website at: <http://crs.org/> to learn more about their services. If you are interested in making a donation you can do so at their website, or speak to Ms. Nancy in the main office.

Thank you for another wonderful week of school. We are looking forward to a great Catholic School's Week. We look forward to seeing you throughout the week.

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