

# St. Francis Xavier Newsletter

*From the Principal's Desk*

**March 10, 2010**

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## **St. Francis Xavier School Mission Statement**

**St. Francis Xavier Catholic School is committed to providing students with a quality education emphasizing spiritual growth, academic excellence and community service. We follow the teachings of Jesus by loving and respecting each person in everything we do and say.**

### **Magnify the Lord**

*O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together. Psalm 34:3*

At St. Francis Xavier School, the theme for this Lenten season is "Magnify the Lord." Each week we focus on ways to praise, worship and spend more time with Jesus. This third week of Lent we are focusing on Jesus with laughter.

### **Glasses Found**

A pair of children's glasses was found in the girls' restroom in the front hallway. They are in the school office awaiting their owner.

### **Congratulations to the Vos Family**

Preschool teacher, Mrs. Nicole Vos, her husband and sons, Jack and Matt, are excited about the birth of Landon Daniel. Landon weighs 6.15 lbs. and is 19 inches. Jack and Matt love him and are so excited! Mrs. Vos wrote that Jack and Matt didn't want to leave him on Monday when it was time to go to school. Congratulations Vos Family!

### **Transportation Forms for 2010/2011**

Transportation forms are coming home today with the family messenger.

### **Vision and Hearing Screening**

Vision and hearing screening is scheduled for tomorrow. PineCone Vision is volunteering their expertise in helping to provide basic vision screenings for students in grades 1, 3 and 5. This is not intended to replace a comprehensive eye exam by your primary vision provider. Referrals will only be sent for those students with identified potential vision problems. Families who receive a referral notice are encouraged to take their child to their own eye care provider for a more comprehensive exam. Please ensure that students who wear glasses or contacts are wearing them for the screening.

School Nurse, Tara Flint

### **Cinnamon Roll Sunday**

The Home & School Association will be selling cinnamon rolls after Masses this weekend. Be prepared to take home something delicious!

### **Registration Discount Deadline Extended**

In a letter to parents of SFX students in preschool through 5<sup>th</sup> grade, Fr. Lauren announced that he has extended the deadline from March 1<sup>st</sup> to March 17<sup>th</sup> to have half of a student's \$100 registration fee deducted from September's tuition.

## **Evaluation of Environment**

Brad Kaffer, Ph. D, from the Department of Special Education at SCSU, is evaluating our school's environment this week to determine the level of bullying at SFX. Based on the outcome of his evaluation, it will be determined if, or what, changes may be made.

## **Auditions for Sleeping Beauty**

Students in grades 2-6 will be auditioning for parts in *Sleeping Beauty* after school on Monday, March 15th from 3:15-5:00 p.m. Students may have a snack in the cafeteria between the end of the school day and the beginning of auditions. Depending on their parts, some of the cast members will stay for rehearsal Monday evening. The students who come to auditions on Monday, March 15<sup>th</sup>, need to stay for the complete audition process-until 5:00 p.m. A schedule of rehearsal times for the remainder of the week will be given to the cast members at the auditions.

## **Suppers during Play Practice**

Parents, if you plan to bring your child something to eat on Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday it needs to be here by 4:30. Make sure your child's name is on it. The time of supper breaks is not scheduled. To guarantee that your child has food when a supper break is taken, you may choose to send a bag lunch from home.

## **Fundraising**

### **Meat Sale Fundraiser**

Total sales	\$6,047.00	
Manea's bill	<u>\$4,214.69</u>	
SFX profit	1,832.31	The profit includes a donation for \$75.

### **Spring Flower Fundraiser**

In round numbers, SFX still needs to raise \$9,000 to satisfy the fundraising budget. So, we are going to have a Spring Flower Fundraiser. This will be similar to the Christmas plant sale; it is with the same company. Orders will be taken the first half of April. Delivery will be the weekend of Mother's Day. SFX did this a number of years ago, and people really liked the ability to pick up their order and have something beautiful for all the women they remember on Mother's Day or for their own decks and gardens.

## **Minnesota Food Share March Campaign 2010**

SFX is participating in the parish effort to collect food for the food shelf. Our students are focusing on foods that kids like, although any contribution is welcomed.

Hunger is the physical and mental condition that comes from not eating enough food due to insufficient economic, family or community resources. Hunger exists in families when members take turns eating, skip meals, or eat smaller meals to make food last longer. Almost half of all food shelf participants are children.

### **\*\*LAST CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS\*\***

This weekend, March 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>, the Home & School Association will be conducting their annual Cinnamon Roll Fundraiser. Proceeds benefit S. Francis School.

We could use your helping hands to make rolls this Saturday morning!

Also, if you are available to help sell rolls either after Saturday 5:00 mass or Sunday morning mass at 8:30 that would be great too.

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## Scholarship Information

**From:** Susan Lorenz, Program Officer  
**Re:** Andy & Carol Hilger Pro-Life Scholarship

Please note that we have a **new scholarship application process this year!** We can now offer the following scholarship application through an **online scholarship software program:**

### The Andy and Carol Hilger Pro-Life Scholarship

There are two \$600 scholarships and they will be awarded in May of 2010. **Students should be a senior at one of the following high schools: Cathedral H.S., St. Johns Prep, St. Cloud Christian School, Tech H.S., Apollo H.S., Foley H.S., Sauk Rapids-Rice H.S., ROCORI H.S., Eden Valley-Watkins H.S., or Sartell H.S.**

**Or students can be enrolled or already attending St. Cloud Technical College, St. Cloud University, College of St. Benedict, or St. John's University.**

**The deadline for the application is April 1, 2010.** Recipients will be selected and notified at the end of May 2010.

**On-line applications** are available on our website at [www.communitygiving.org](http://www.communitygiving.org).

Click on Scholarships

Click on Apply for Scholarships

Students can sort the Scholarship List by School or College

Click on the link "Apply Here"

**If the applicant is a first time user of the Central Minnesota Community Foundation's online scholarship system, they will be required to "create a new account." Once an account has been established the system will remember the log in information and will automatically be linked to any other online scholarship applications submitted through the Community Foundation's online system.**

Please call me if you have any questions at (320)-253-4380 or email me at [slorenz@communitygiving.org](mailto:slorenz@communitygiving.org).

## Summer Camp Information

Summer must be coming because the information about summer camps has started arriving in the mail. Information about the following summer camps is available in the school office:

### Camp We-No-Wheeze

August 6-9 for kids ages 7-13 who have asthma

### Saint John's Prep Summer Camps

Art-Nature Camp is a day camp for boys and girls ages 9-15 June 21-25

Leadership Camps – There are 4 sessions of residential camps for girls and 2 sessions of residential camps for boys. The camps are held in June and July.

German Camp is a residential camp for boys and girls held July 11-16

### Franciscan Girls' Camp

For girls who have completed 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade on June 29-July 1

## SFX March Calendar

3/11	Vision and hearing screening for students in grades 1, 3 and 5
3/12	Stations of the Cross led by gr. 3
3/13, 14	Home & School Cinnamon Roll Sunday Fundraiser
3/15	Auditions for Prairie Fire Theater's, <i>Sleeping Beauty</i>
3/16	Marketing Committee Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
3/19	<i>Sleeping Beauty</i> performances at 1:00 and 7:00 p.m.
<b>3/22</b>	<b>Think Spring! Students may wear hats and sunglasses to lunch which will be picnic style in the gym!</b>
3/26	Stations of the Cross led by gr. 6
3/29-4/6	Spring Break and NCEA Convention for Catholic teachers
4/7	Classes resume