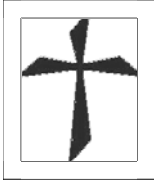


St. Francis Xavier School News



Peek at the Week October 26—30

Monday, October 26

Knowledge Bowl Meet at St. Peter, Paul & Michael School in St. Cloud

Wednesday, October 28

All School Liturgy—9am—
Trinity Hall
Please join us for this perfect prayer.

B.E.S.T. 3:15pm—5:00pm

Thursday, October 29

Students may wear orange and black and will dine upon a special Halloween-themed lunch.

Growing Our Seeds Of Faith



We Reached for the Moon!

Reach for the moon. If you fall short at least you'll be among the stars.~ Author Unknown

Don't you love it when you set a goal and you actually meet it? Quite often we set personal goals that are very difficult to achieve. We may lose steam along the way and give up before we attain the results we were originally seeking. Personally, I know that I do better reaching small goals in shorter time frames or when I work with a group who is committed to making the goal a reality.

A Marathon goal of \$40,000 was lofty, especially when there is a great deal of competition for fund raising. I have purchased a Bison Card, an Irish Card, an Entertainment Happenings Book, cookie dough, a couple of Christmas wreaths, and popcorn—all since the school year began. I KNOW there are lots of groups out there that are asking for monetary support for their cause. And each cause is definitely a worthy one!

As principal I did not doubt for one second that this school community could raise \$40,000. Even in the tough economical times that we are currently immersed in. For, it is in times like these that people turn to God. They reflect on their faith, etc. They reaffirm their commitment to Catholic Education—and they donate to School fundraisers and other worthwhile causes.

Thanks to all of you in this wonderful extended school family, we did meet our goal! Your commitment to St. Francis Xavier School is remarkable. Marathon awards will be given out next Tuesday, October 27th. Smart boards are being ordered, students enjoyed their first serving of chocolate milk yesterday and a clown costume is hanging in the closet in my office – ready to be worn. Wow! \$40,000! We did it—together!

In Gratitude,

Kim



Benefit for Toni Diem is this Sunday!

A benefit for St. Francis Xavier Director of Music Toni Diem will take place Sunday, October 25, 2009. Toni, who completed cancer treatment in 2008, was recently diagnosed with recurrent breast cancer. She and her husband Tim live in Delano and have three young sons.

A Concert featuring all of the different ensembles and groups of the St. Francis Xavier Music Ministry Department will kick off the event. This Concert will begin at 1:30pm and will be held at St. Francis Xavier Church. Although there is no charge for this concert, a free will offering will take place, which will go to support Toni and her family.

At 3:00pm, the event will begin at Huikko's Bowling and Entertainment Center. Those attending the Benefit will enjoy a variety of appetizers and dance to the music of the Schultz Family Band. A Silent Auction featuring many treasures will take place as well. If you would like to donate cash or an item for the Silent Auction, please contact Joy Swearingen at 763-684-0075 ext. 114. Tickets for the Toni Diem Benefit Event are \$25 and may be purchased at the St. Francis Xavier Parish or School Offices or the Delano Catholic Community Parish Office. Cash donations can be made to the Toni Diem Benefit Account at all Klein Bank locations. Come and show Toni and her family your support as Toni begins this new part of her journey!

**Be it known to all who enter that Christ is the reason for this school.
He is the unseen but ever present teacher in its classrooms.
He is the model of its faculty and the inspiration of its students.**

**St. Francis Xavier School
Mission Statement**

*As a Christ-centered faith
community, we foster
spiritual growth,
academic excellence and
a commitment to justice in
the name of Jesus as we
educate our students.*



Reminder

Parents need to call in EVERY DAY that their child is not going to be in school. If leaving a message, please specify the reason for the absence—vacation, appointment, or symptoms (i.e. temperature of ____ degrees, cough, sore throat, etc.) St. Francis Xavier School needs to track this as directed by the Minnesota Department of Health.



Have You Taken Virtus Training?

According to the Virtus website (www.virtus.org), there are many spaces available for the upcoming Virtus Training Sessions: *Protecting God's Children for Adults*. If you are interested in volunteering with children in our school or parish or becoming a substitute teacher, the **Archdiocese requires that you must submit a background check and attend one of these sessions**. The following upcoming session will be offered at the St. Francis Xavier Faith and Education Center:

Sunday, October 25th at 6:30pm (30 of 40 spaces available as of 10/20/09)

If you are unable to attend this session, you may attend one at another Parish. Several neighboring parishes have scheduled training sessions as well. These are listed on the Virtus website (www.virtus.org) Registration must be done online at this website as well.

Do You Feel Sick?

You may have the flu if you have a fever (100°+) or chills
AND
a cough or sore throat.

You may also have a runny nose, body aches, a headache, tiredness, diarrhea, or vomiting.

If you think your child may have the flu, keep him or her at home for at least 24 hours after the fever is gone, without the use of fever-reducing medication.

When calling to report your child's absence from school, please let Mrs. Greenhagen know if he or she is experiencing any of the above symptoms. Mrs. Abramowski needs this information in order to track the health of our students.



On Behalf of the Students, Faculty and Staff of St. Francis Xavier School, I would like to congratulate third grade teacher Heidi Paumen and Matthew Griffith as they are united in marriage this Saturday.

*May your marriage be as a cord
of three strands; your love for
one another secured & completed
by God's love for you.*

- traditional Marriage Blessing -