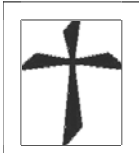


St. Francis Xavier School News



Peek at the Week March 8—12

Wednesday, March 10

All School Liturgy
9:00am Trinity Hall
Please join us!

B.E.S.T. Club 3:15pm—5pm

Friday, March 12

Middle School Ski Trip to
Powder Ridge Ski Area
9am - 2pm



Growing Our Seeds Of Faith



Dear Parents,
I am writing this March Newsletter full of hope that Spring will soon be here. I just overheard a conversation between 2 kindergarten students about how one of them just lost their mittens. It is probably the 100th or so time that conversation has taken place in this hallway. Ah, SPRING—no mittens, no boots, no snow pants—ah, SPRING.

dependent on tuition alone.

Currently, we have more families than ever receiving financial assistance. This is most undoubtedly in response to the economic stresses that we all feel. The financial assistance is available through the Catholic Community Foundation and through St. Francis Xavier Parish and School's tuition assistance program, which has received money from both the Spring Fever and Marathon fundraisers.

How can you help? With the upcoming *Spring Fever*, any donations you can offer would surely be of great benefit! I have attended several different events like *Spring Fever* and am always amazed at the wonderful selections of items found both at silent and live auctions. People have given timeshare points, week-long or weekend stays at their cabins, dinner at their home, autographed items, tickets to sporting events, concerts or live theatrical performances, theme baskets, gift certificates, services such as babysitting, lawn care, etc. Anything that you can give would be most appreciated! It is important, also that you come to the event. It is a great time! Bring your family and friends—and let them know that the proceeds raised that night

benefit all of the students at St. Francis Xavier School—encourage them to be generous!

What does the tuition get you? How much does it really cost? At \$2,900 this equates to \$16.76 per school day...or in other words, less than \$3.00 an hour (\$2.58 to be exact). I'm sure you would agree that in relation to what people pay in child-care costs, baby-sitting and other child-centered care programs, we are offering a bargain!

What an amazing return on your tuition dollar! **(continued on back)**

**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***

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St. Francis Xavier School, has a long history of academic excellence. As a school family, we have high ideals, expectations and academics. But most of all, we teach and instill our Catholic Christian faith and beliefs. We celebrate Jesus Christ each day. We attend Mass each week, we pray every day, and we perform acts of giving and sacrifice. The education here at St. Francis Xavier School is exemplified in our newly revised Mission Statement: *As a faith-filled community, we foster spiritual growth, academic excellence and a commitment to Christ-centered values in the education of our students.*

We are a community, a family, that works together to support the growth and well-being of each child. The cost can be defined by the term value. Besides a tremendous amount of value in the decision to send your child to St. Francis Xavier School you get much value in return. The climate of community and of family is one that is difficult to replicate. To keep it, nourish it, and grow it- it takes time, talent and treasure. Tuition, fundraising and Sunday stewardship are the *treasure* component of these means.

There is no true way to measure the value of your child's education here at St. Francis Xavier School. It will last a lifetime. It will impact your child forever. It is more valuable than money. It is, truly, a treasure. Thank you for your continued support of St. Francis Xavier School and parish. We could accomplish nothing without you. We are blessed to have all of you working together for the growth, education and devotion of our children. What a sacred mission! I am glad we are in it together.

In Christ's Peace,

Kim

Lenten Prayer

God of all mercy and steadfast love, we do not always live the way you want us to. Forgive us. Help us during the season of Lent to examine how we can be more faithful followers of Jesus Christ, your son. Guide us in our pilgrimage of discipleship. May our words and actions truly reflect your will for us.
Amen.



Are you considering dressing up for Spring Fever this year? With a fun theme, like **Under the Big Top**, there are many different ideas for costumes. The Costume Shoppe in Maple Lake has many costumes and several of you have chosen to get items there in the past. Did you know that Tricia Manuel, the owner of the Costume Shoppe, spent several years working with the circus as a professional clown? After traveling all over the world, Tricia is back home again, based in Maple Lake. She continues to train aspiring clowns and designs costumes that are sold to clowns all around the world. Along with the entire room full of clown costumes, Tricia has many other circus themed costumes such as lion tamers, tight-rope walkers, ring leaders, etc. If you are looking for something specific, check out the Costume Shoppe!

Thank you to all of those who have already sent in registration forms for the 2010/2011 school year. Classes are starting to fill! If you have not done so yet, please help us out by getting yours in as soon as possible! It helps tremendously with budgeting and planning for next year.