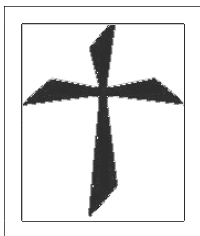


St. Francis Xavier School News



Peek at the Week

April 26—30

Tuesday, April 27

Mrs. Merz's
Preschool Conferences
4pm—7:30pm

Wednesday, April 28

All School Liturgy
9:00am—Trinity Hall
*Please join us for this
perfect prayer.*

B.E.S.T.—3:15pm—5:00pm

Thursday, April 29

Grade 4 & 5 Field Trip
Great River Educational Arts
Theater—St. Cloud

Friday, April 30

NO KINDERGARTEN
Due to Kindergarten Screening
8am—Noon; 12:30pm—2:30pm

Land Lakes Choir Boys
Performance at 12:30pm

Growing Our Seeds Of Faith



*In following the 2010 Spring Fever Theme, **Under the Big Top**, I have decided to infuse my message this week with different phrases (in bold) that have come directly from the circus world.*

***Ladies and Gentlemen, Children of all ages**, on behalf of the staff of St. Francis Xavier School, I would like to thank you for the wonderful success of the 2010 Spring Fever Extravaganza!*

We are grateful that so many of you decided to **toss your hat into the ring** and join the committee. Without your dedication and commitment, an event such as this could not be successful. Perhaps when others realize how fun this group is, more people will **get on the bandwagon** and join the Spring Fever Committee in the future.

Many thanks go out also to the **Jumbo** sized crowd that I believe would have come **rain or shine** to support St. Francis Xavier School! Although we weren't doing any **grandstanding**, I'm sure others **from near and far** would have been impressed with this event!

Next, we must stop **clowning around** and **get the show on the road!** It's time to start purchasing the wonderful things that your generosity allows!

Thanks again to all of you....for helping St. Francis Xavier School be **the greatest school (show) on earth!** Truly your dedication and hard work will not go unnoticed or be forgotten!

In Peace,

Kim

Preparing for Testing Week

Students in grades K—8 will be taking the Spring MAP (Measures of Academic Progress) assessments this coming week. Those in K—5 will participate in Reading and Math assessments, while those in Middle School will take Reading, Math and Science tests. Please help your child prepare for this testing by doing the following:

- Make sure your child gets plenty of sleep the night before the test. Children who are tired are less able to pay attention in class or to handle the demands of a test.
- Make sure your child eats a healthy, nutritious breakfast everyday—but especially during test taking times. A healthy body leads to a healthy, active mind.
- **Attendance and promptness are critical. Make sure your child arrives at school on time and please don't schedule appointments or vacations during MAP testing.**
- Help your child leave the house in the morning on a positive note. Say something encouraging or complimentary as your child leaves. For example, you might tell your child, "I'm proud of you," or "I know you'll try your best today."
- Help your child keep a positive attitude about testing. After school, ask your child how the day went.
- Allow your child to express any concerns. Remember testing can be stressful, so listening to your child and encouraging them to do their best is very important.



**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 faith-filled community, we foster spiritual growth, academic excellence and a commitment to Christ-centered values in the education of our students.



Please keep our second graders and all others in our parish in your prayers who are preparing to receive First Holy Communion this weekend—April 24th and 25th. First Communicants will be at the following Masses:

Saturday, April 24th—5:00pm at the Church
Sunday, April 25th—9:00am at the Church
Sunday, April 25th—1:00pm at the Church

All Students and Staff Members participated in the State-wide Tornado Drill held today at 1:45pm

Where's My Paper Newsletter?

Just a reminder, in an effort to save costs (paper, copier, labor) and “go green” we are transitioning to an electronic version of our weekly newsletter beginning today. You will not receive a “hard copy” or paper version of the newsletter, but will receive any order forms, etc. from the school and flyers, etc. that do not come directly from St. Francis Xavier School (ex. Community Education, Scouts, etc.). Please let us know if you are unable to open the newsletter or have any other issues. We're happy to provide a hard copy when requested.



Bunk Beds Wanted



Do you or someone you know have an extra set of bunk beds that are no longer being used? Deacon Otto is looking for a set to help a family in need. If you are able to help with this request, please call him at 763-684-0075 ext. 104.

Found: One Camera

Mr. Vieau, our custodian, found a camera (and St. Francis Xavier School water bottle) last Sunday, the day after Under the Big Top. Please contact Mrs. Greenhagen at 763-684-0075 ext. 201 to identify and claim.



Who are Those Silly Looking Students?



One of the highlights and most talked about items of Under the Big Top was the wall of caricatures of our students. These were created from the school pictures last fall and are wonderful! (If your child did not have his or her picture taken here last fall, there is no caricature available.) Those in attendance last Saturday were able to purchase these caricatures for \$10 each. If you were not at Under the Big Top or did not purchase your child's caricature but would now like to do so, they are available in Mrs. Greenhagen's office for \$10. You are welcome to stop in anytime to view and/or purchase your child's caricature. The wonderful DVD that was playing is also available for \$10. Enclosed in today's Thursday folder is an order form featuring the DVD and caricatures if you are unable to stop in.

Also available for purchase are small wish list items. Several people have commented that they somehow missed these items while checking out at Saturday's event. If you are interested in purchasing something small for a particular area of the school—classroom, gym, Spanish room, lunchroom, etc., stop in or give Mrs. Greenhagen a call at 763-684-0075 ext. 201.