



January 2012 St. Francis Xavier School Newsletter

Season's Greetings! – On behalf of the staff, I would like to thank you all for the tremendous show of support and generosity that the school community made as we prepared for Christmas this year. Our Christmas Tree presents in support of the Christmas Bureau was highly successful as we donated many generous presents for the Christmas Bureau for the less fortunate children in our community! Truly amazing! Many thanks to Ms. Rinaldis and the Leadership Group for spearheading this very worthwhile endeavour. Watch for information later in the month about our “Casual for Covenant House” day on Wednesday, January 25th.

I had the opportunity to deliver the presents to the Christmas Bureau warehouse and it was truly heart-warming to see the reaction of the staff there to the number and quality of presents raised by our school community. I am certain these gifts brought much joy to many children throughout the city. I know my heart was certainly joyful having the opportunity to deliver these presents on behalf of our generous and caring community.

The true spirit of giving at Christmas was certainly alive and present at St. Francis Xavier School once again this year. This was also evidenced by the many generous gifts that many parents gave to staff members. On behalf of myself and the rest of the staff, I wish to sincerely thank you all for the generous and considerate gifts we received. They were much appreciated and very thoughtful.

In keeping with this spirit of giving, the Social Justice group wants to remind everyone that our school community has committed to raising money to build a school in Kenya. Similar to the Amani well project of a couple of years ago, this is a major undertaking, but one that we know our community will support with heartfelt generosity. The goal is to raise \$8400 to build this school.



School Closures/Snow Days: Weather forecasters continue to predict a harsh winter over the next two months. Please make sure you are familiar with our procedures for Snow Days which were published last month in the newsletter.



**Knights of Columbus
Free Throw Championship
St. Francis Xavier Council 10500**

All boys and girls ages 10 to 14 are invited to participate in the local level and District level of competition for the Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship. The local competition will be held at **St. Francis Xavier School gym at 1:30pm on JANUARY 15, 2012.**

The Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship is sponsored annually, with winners progressing through local, district, and province competitions. International champions are announced by the K of C headquarters based on scores from the state-level competitions. All boys and girls will compete in their respective age and gender divisions. Since its beginning in 1972, over 2.5 million youths have participated in the contest. All contestants on the local level are recognized for their participation. Participants are required to furnish proof of age and written parental consent. Age eligibility is determined by the age of the contestant as of January 1, 2012.

Please pick up Entry Forms/Score Sheets from school main office and return the completed form to the office BY JANUARY 9, 2012. Additional information contact: Catherine in main office or email to Council Youth Director <scmichael.ng@gmail.com>

Basketball Games: League and exhibition games have been scheduled in January and February for our teams. We wish them success but most importantly that they work hard, play fair, and enjoy the games. **GO DRAGONS!!**



Chinese New Year Celebration: This year is the year of the Dragon, and since we are known as the “Dragons”, it is most suiting that we have a special celebration this year to celebrate Chinese New Year. Mrs. Hsu and Mrs. Li, our Mandarin teachers, will be coordinating the celebration by working with their classes over the next two weeks. The celebration will be held on Friday, January 20th at 11:00 a.m. in the Gym. It will be followed by our Noon Dismissal. All students' families are welcome to join us and appreciate students' performance in Chinese. Parents' volunteers are needed these coming two weeks for the project and decoration for Chinese New Year as well. Please contact Mrs. Hsu or Mrs. Li if you can help.

Manner of the Month: January’s manner is to be respectful SFX students at all times. It is hoped that they will exhibit the good work habits and proper classroom manners that they practice during their daytime classes in their Chinese classes as well.

Respect

Gr. 4 & 7 FSA Testing: Students in Grades 4 and 7 will be writing the Provincial Foundation Skills Assessment (FSA) January 16-February 24, 2012. We ask that parents do not schedule trips for their Grade Four and/or Grade Seven children during this time period.

Spring Break 2012: Spring Break makes its return as usual in mid-March. Spring Break this year will begin on Friday, March 16th with a Noon dismissal. School will reopen on Tuesday, March 26th.

Professional Days Upcoming: Just a reminder of the Catholic Educators’ Conference coming in February. Students will be off Thursday & Friday, February 16th & 17th for the annual teachers’ conference. On Wednesday, February 15th we will have Noon Dismissal.

January Events

Tuesday, January 10	3K Workshop
Wednesday, January 11	Kindergarten – Police Museum
Friday, January 13	Staff Mass 9:00 followed by Divine Mercy Chaplet
Monday, January 16	PTA Hot Lunch & Concession Stand
Tuesday, January 17	3M Workshop
Wednesday, January 18	Kindergarten Library Visit Spirit Day – Casual for Covenant House
Thursday, January 19	Gr. 6/7 Ski Trip to Whistler
Friday, January 20	1C Mass 9:00 followed by a prayer for Christians' unity Chinese New Year Celebration in the Gym 11:00 a.m.
Monday January 23	Chinese New Year – No School
Tuesday, January 24	9:10 AM Confession (Gr 6-7)
Wednesday, January 25	Gr. 7 visit from St. Patrick's Regional High School Principal (1:00)
Thursday, January 26	Gr 6/7 Ski trip to Whistler Gr. 2 Science Hi-Touch workshop
Friday, January 27	1W Mass at 9:00
Friday, February 10	Open House



On behalf of the staff we wish all our families a very happy New Year.

Yours truly,

Mr. Brian Fader, Principal

SFX Youth & Young Adult Ministry
Coordinator's Corner (January 2012)
Jenny Mary Ng



January EDGE schedule

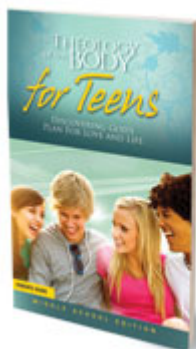
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06 – EDGE New Year Party

13 – Fiat

20 – Chinese New Year Party

27 - Angels Myth Busters (**Parents Night**)



Theology of the Body (TOB) for Middle School Youth

“Theology of the Body” is the teaching of Blessed Pope John Paul II on the dignity and beauty of the human person expressed by his and her body. In an age of sexual confusion, Theology of the Body (TOB) goes beyond "just say no" and gives teens something noble and beautiful to say "YES!" to - opening their hearts not only to a pure life, but the whole Gospel message, and the exciting world of theology. TOB is a message our teens need to experience now, more than ever. We will be using the newly developed resources written for middle school youth by Ascension Press. AP is in the forefront of educating young people on TOB and their TOB for high school teens has generated much fruits.

Parents are required to attend Parents Night on January 27 during EDGE night for an info session on the TOB program.

New EDGE T-shirts

We are in the process of designing a new EDGE T-shirt for our youth so all our Grade 6s and new Grade 7 EDGE youth will sport a team T-shirt soon.

Youth ConnX – March 17-18

Our annual Youth Lenten Retreat will be held on March 17-18. Please mark your calendar.