



ST. FRANCIS XAVIER SCHOOL

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The Power of Parents

WELCOME

Welcome to the first edition of the St. Francis Xavier P.T.O. Digest! We are very excited to be able to share information about our P.T.O., our mission, our projects and the impact we are trying to make.

Our group meets monthly in the teachers' lounge at the school and we would love to have you join us. We are always looking for new ideas and ways that we can make an impact on the educational, spiritual and social opportunities for our children.

This monthly newsletter will better enable us to keep the entire parent body apprised of what we are planning and why we are focusing on particular projects as well as to keep you informed as to where our fundraising money is being spent. You assist us in so many ways with our ongoing fundraising activities and we want you to know how much we appreciate it and, more importantly, how it is helping our children.

You can look forward to information about upcoming events, the ways we can use your help, budget information, projects we have funded and other interesting information.

This group was established in 2003 and has grown every year since then. We want to continue this trend and need your help to do it! As we look toward the next level of performance for our group, one of our major initiatives is to increase our communication with all parents so that we can represent our students and fellow parents to the best of our abilities.

Visit the PTO page of the school website for ongoing information (www.sfxschoolacushnet.org), keep an eye out for the next edition of our newsletter and, most importantly, join us at our next meeting on December 3rd at 7:00. Hope to see you there!

2007 HARVEST FESTIVAL A SUCCESS



Submitted by April Amaral

I wanted to report that the Harvest Festival was a BIG SUCCESS. A big thank you to everyone who helped me with planning this event, donating items and volunteering that day. A special thank you to the Miss New Bedford Troupe for providing the entertainment.

It was clear that everyone who came to the event enjoyed themselves and we are already working on ideas for next year!

April Amaral
Chairperson
2007 Harvest Festival



Along with the activities and entertainment, everyone enjoyed the crafts, food and raffles at the 2007 Harvest Fest.

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Next meeting 12/3
- Breakfast with Santa coming soon
- Letter from the President
- Parents' Night Out



Together, We Can Make a Difference

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Submitted by David Laplante

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You may have heard about our group through the fundraising activities or the supplies and programs we support at school. Providing these extras is important to us, but our work goes beyond raising money. Our key mission is to promote an environment where teachers and administrators can do their best work and our students can do their best learning. We're always eager to find more great people and ideas to help us meet this goal.

We don't expect a huge time commitment from volunteers. An hour can be a big help to our group and the school, and we have tasks to fit all schedules and interests. Just let us know whether a program, event, or activity interests you and when you might be free to help. (You don't even have to attend a meeting to be involved, although we'd really like to meet you personally!)

Research shows that students whose parents are involved in their education have better grades and fewer discipline problems. Involvement also makes it easier to establish friendships with teachers and other parents. We promise that the time you give our group and the school will be worth your while—and fun.

Feel free to call or e-mail if you have any questions. Together, we can make a difference at our school!

Calendar of Upcoming Events

- PTO Meeting—Monday, December 3rd @ 7:00
- Breakfast with Santa—Sunday, December 9th @ 9:00
- PTO Meeting—Monday, January 7th @ 7:00
- Parents' Night Out—Saturday, February 2nd
- PTO Meeting—Monday, February 4th @ 7:00
- PTO Meeting—Monday, March 3rd @ 7:00
- Easter Egg Hunt—Sunday, March 9th
- Interactive Seminar Series; Music Night—Wednesday, March 19th

Our Vision

To live the principles of the mission statement we created, with the ultimate goal of creating a continuous new level in our school, student body and parent/family involvement.

Who We Are

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OUR MISSION STATEMENT

As a partnership between parents, teachers and parish, the St. Francis Xavier PTO seeks to: Enhance the physical and emotional growth, education, Christian values and safety of our children through communication and pride in the unique experience that is St. Francis Xavier School.