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St. Francis Xavier School is a Catholic faith and academic community serving the students and families of St. Francis Xavier parish and surrounding communities. We strive to develop God's gifts in our students, faculty, and others, working in cooperation and mutual respect with humility and compassion.

We live the teachings of our Lord, Jesus Christ, in the Catholic Christian tradition, demonstrating our faith in action through our care service to one another.

The word "Lent" means springtime. This word comes from the same root as "lengthen," since daytime lengthens during Lent. The Northern Hemisphere turns toward the sun, the source of life, and winter turns into spring. In Hebrew the word for repentance is "to turn," like the turning of the earth to the sun, like the turning of soil before planting.

Dear Parent(s), Guardian(s),

February 26, 2009

This week we began the holy season of Lent. On Ash Wednesday, the entire student body attended mass and the students and faculty received ashes. The students also received Rice Bowls, which is away the students and their families can participate in almsgiving during this Lenten season. I hope to be able to have more prayerful experiences for the students during this time.

Please check the school calendar for the month of March. Please note the events sponsored by the PTO. The family day with the Providence Bruins and the upcoming annual Easter Egg Hunt. The PTO meets on the first Monday of the month in the school library at 7pm. All are welcome to attend these meetings. The second trimester is rapidly coming to an end. Report cards will be issued on Friday, March 13. There will be no Parent/Teacher Conferences. If you need to see your son's or daughter's teachers, please email or call the school to set up a conference. The Grand Raffle will be ending on Friday, March 6. What ever you can do in selling tickets will be gratefully appreciated. Remember that you can put 50% what you sell to your fundraising obligation.

Please note that on Tuesday, March 17th will be a Diocesan Professional Day. This meeting will be held here at Saint Francis. This is a NO SCHOOL Day for all students. I am informing you now so that you can make arrangements.

There are a few families that have not sent in your registration forms. We will be contacting you and asking if your child will be returning to Saint Francis. **Time is going quickly especially for the 8th grade. All financial obligations must be met before final exams can be taken.**

Sincerely,