



Paw Prints

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Paw Prints will be e-mailed to you every Thursday. Please open it and read the bold print to determine if you need to continue reading the items that pertain to you. Thanks!

September 4, 2014

“In the intimacy of My Presence, you are energized.” – Jesus Calling 8/28

Spotlight on Teachers! This year we will be randomly selecting a teacher/staff member each week and ask the rest of the staff and students to write positive comments on their “wall” we create in the faculty room and their doorway. This week we spotlight Mrs. Peggy Kelly, 7/8 Science Teacher!

Congratulations to Mrs. Allie Lampe and her husband on the birth of their new baby boy!

Challenge Club for 5th through 8th Grade Girls - Blessed Sacrament Church has invited our students to join their program. The mission of Challenge is to evangelize and transform the world by forming today’s young girls to give their very best to others so that Christian culture will prevail in the hearts of everyone they meet. The first meeting is tomorrow, Sept. 5, from 3:30 to 5 pm at Blessed Sacrament Church in the Undercroft. Click [here](#) for a flyer with more information.

Parent Teacher Organization (PTG) will have a Meet and Greet on Tuesday, Sept. 9, at 7:15 am in the PMR’s. This is our first meeting of the year. This year we will alternate morning and evening meetings each month to accommodate more parents. Please join us!

New Fundraiser! PTG listened to you and your desire to find a new fundraiser to replace the magazine drive. The magazine drive had been a successful fundraiser for a number of years but with fewer people reading magazines PTG sought to find a fundraiser that would be financially successful and practical. This year we are selling trash bags and zip close storage/sandwich bags to raise money for St. Pius X. We’re very excited to be the only school in the area doing this as a school fundraiser and it will be extremely successful when every family participates! Trash bags and baggies are products that all of us (and our family, friends, businesses, and neighbors) need and use. The best part is that our school makes 50% profit on each item sold! Please check for the [letter](#) sent home with the students today regarding the kickoff next week!

Homeroom Parents Needed! Parents are essential for a successful school year. The homeroom parent’s responsibility is to coordinate with the teacher and other parents in the planning of class parties and any other activity the teacher requests. The following classes are in need of a Homeroom Parent: **K2, 302, 303, 401, 502, 601, 603, 702, 703, 801**. If you are interested or would like more information, contact Anne Marie Fitz at fitz3@twc.com or 578-9466.

Today’s Catholic Teacher Magazine had a great one page article entitled Ten Home Habits for School Success in the Aug/Sept issue. I am sharing a copy of it with you [here](#). I hope it is helpful!

Spirit Wear link is now open on the SPX home page until September 6. The next order date will be sometime in November.

Panther Pulse! Click [here](#) to check out pictures of activities that have been happening at SPX! You can also access the link through our website by clicking on the Panther Pulse heading.

Yearbooks – There are a limited number of yearbooks available from the 2013-14 school year. If you forgot to order a book and would like one, please send a check to the school office made out to SPX School. Softcover books are \$20 and hardcover are \$25. First come, first served!

Library Volunteer needed for Monday mornings from 8:45-10:20 am to check in, check out, and shelf books. This could be a weekly or bi-monthly commitment. If you would be interested, please contact Kathy Brunot at kbrunot@teachers.stpiusx.com.

Used Shoe and Purse Collection is going on now! The Sisters of Notre Dame along with the Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation Commission of Covington is sponsoring this [drive](#) to raise money for a water collection and purification system for the village in Buseesa, Uganda. Please send in used, wearable pairs of shoes and/or purses, duffel bags, swag bags or backpacks – no wheels, please.

Religion Courses Offered through the Diocese are open to all parents and are starting on Sept. 8! September 8, 15, 22, 29 6:30-9 PM at TMC Rev. Ronald Ketteler will present *Ecumenism*. September 8, 15, 22, 29 6-8:45 PM at St. Patrick, Taylor Mill Rev. Jeff VonLehmen will present a prayer workshop on *The Interior Life of Parents & Teachers: Praying through it using tools from St. Ignatius and others*. Go to www.covingtondiocese.org for a complete listing and directions on how to register.

Confirmation Meeting for eighth grade students and their parents is Wednesday, Sept. 10, at 7 pm. This meeting is mandatory, so please mark your calendars now and plan to attend.

Prayer Group Forming! Please join school families in the small chapel on the first and third Tuesdays beginning in September and going through May from 10:30 – 11:45 am. Children welcome!

Picture Day is on Wednesday, Sept. 24. Students may dress out of uniform for their school picture. Please have your child dress appropriately and wear closed toe and closed back shoes. Life Touch is looking for a couple of parent volunteers to help on Picture Day from 7 am until noon. Please call the school office if you are able to help.

Chess Club is now accepting online registrations at <http://bit.ly/spxchess>. Registration fees are \$20 per child; additional students in the same family are \$15 each with a family max of \$50. Our first meeting will be held on Thursday, Sept 18th and continues on the first and third Thursday of each month through March, 2-3pm, in the parish meeting rooms. Chess Club is for students in grades 1-8 that already love chess and those that want to learn how to play. According to USA Chess, Inc., chess teaches patience, decision-making skills and good sportsmanship For more information or help with the registration process please contact Mark Romer, romer.mark@gmail.com or Gretchen MacKnight, gmacknight1@aol.com. Any parent with chess knowledge that s/he would like to share with the children is encouraged to contact Mark or Gretchen.

Basketball Signups for 2014 -2015 are underway! First through eighth grade girls and boys registration will take place via the website <https://sports.bluesombrero.com/Default.aspx?tabid=597338&isLogin=True&%2fDefault.aspx%3ftabid%3d597328>. If you already used the website for Volleyball signups, please use the same login. If not, parents will need to create an account and log in to register their children. . All transactions will be done by Credit Card. If a check is preferred, you can mail it to Mark Zimmerman at 2467 Legends Way, Crestview Hills KY 41017. Registrations are due September 30th. There will be a \$10 late fee after that date. Please note we are having 1st and 2nd grade teams this year that will play in the MQH league. For any questions please contact Mike Smith (Girls) smittymjs@fuse.net or Mark Zimmerman (Boys) mnz@schrudde-zimmerman.com.

NDA Volleyball Grade School Night is Thursday, September 11th at NDA gym. First game is at 5:30 pm. It is sure to be a lot of fun, with exciting prizes and activities! The varsity players will be available for poster signing after the game. See the [flyer](#) for more details.

NDA 6th Grade Scavenger Hunt is on Friday, September 19, from 3:30 - 5:30 p.m. This is an afternoon full of fun, friends, and food. The event is FREE but a donation of 2 canned goods per participant will be accepted. The canned goods collected by the future NDA Class of 2021 will be donated to Be Concerned. Please send in your 6th Grade Scavenger Hunt registration form (found at www.ndapandas.org) by Wednesday, September 17. If you have any questions, please call 292-1829 or email Katie Caccavari at caccavarik@ndapandas.org.

Share the Good News! Help us celebrate the accomplishments of our current and former St. Pius X Panthers. If you come across any articles highlighting current or past students' accomplishments, please send them to the school office or email them to kbrunot@teachers.stpiusx.com .

Easy Ways to Earn Money for SPX - Remke Reloadable Gift Cards are available at the school or church office. Kroger Community Rewards program is available by registering your Kroger Plus Card and designating SPX at www.krogercommunityrewards.com.

Lunch Menu – Click [here](#) for a copy of the lunch menu.

Diocesan Facebook Page! - The Diocese of Covington has a Facebook page that shares the good news of our schools with everyone we can. Check out all the exciting things happening in our schools at <https://www.facebook.com/faithfillededucation?ref=hl>. And don't forget that we should only post good things about our school!

Looking Ahead

September 8 Bishop Foys Visit – All School Mass 8 am
9 PTG Meet and Greet 7:15 am
Trash Bag Fundraiser Kick-Off
10 Confirmation Meeting 7 pm
18 EXPLORE Test – 8th Grade

I hope you have a great week! Mrs. Gerwe