



# Paw Prints

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*Paw Prints is 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!*

## Important Dates:

Friday 9/11 - All School Mass

Girl Scouts visit with Kindergarten

Teacher representatives at Xavier University PLC training

Monday, 9/14 - 8:00 Mass (1-4)

Tuesday, 9/15 - 8:00 Mass (5-8)

First and only Bag4Bucks turn in day

Wednesday, 9/16 - St. Pius X Day at the Erlanger Skyline

**No CCH bus service. Parents may pick students up in front parking lot.**

Friday, 9/18 - 8:00 All School Mass



## Principally Speaking

Dear Parents,

As summer winds down, I hope you are taking time to be with Jesus and your families. The gift of Time is our focus this month and a gift that seems to be elusive at times. We are encouraging our students to be fully present with you and Jesus during the Mass. Students and teachers are also spending time weekly with Jesus during Thursday Adoration. I encourage you to stop by and to spend time with our Creator. You will find great peace with Him and receive many graces.

I would like to thank all the parents who attended our Parent Orientation meetings, PTG meeting, and the BOTCE meeting. Also, a great big thank you goes out to Dr. Holly Danneman for organizing our upcoming Health Screening day and to Mrs. Angie Clifton who has organized Bags 4 Bucks! Make sure to get on the Bags 4 Bucks website and order your bags!

Your commitment to St. Pius X School is incredible. I am inspired each day by your willingness to give of your time, talent, and treasure. Continue to pray for the success of our parish and our school.

Peace in Christ,

Mrs. Jill Lonnemann



## Counselor's Corner:



Dear Ms. Rauen,

My parents are driving me nuts! I was late a lot to school last year and they want me to work harder on getting to school on time this year. I just don't understand the point. Why do I need to be at school by 7:15? What's the big deal about being like 10 or 15 minutes late?

Sincerely,

Late Learner

Dear Late Learner,

There are many good reasons for why it is important to be at school on time. I bet you didn't realize that the first 15-30 minutes of our school day are often the most important minutes you will spend here. During this time you are able to connect with your friends and prepare yourself for what will happen that day. Also, teachers start their lessons right away and use this time to introduce a new concept. When you are late you miss this crucial part of learning. Here are a few tips to help get you out of the door on time:

- **Pack your backpack up the night before.** This includes any papers you need signed or after school materials for clubs or sports.
- **Make sure your clothes are laid out and ready.**
- **Check the lunch menu the night before to see if you need to pack a lunch the next morning.** (Have an idea of what you'd like to pack.)
- **Set your alarm clock about 10 minutes earlier than you usually do to ensure you get out of the house on time.**

Have a question for the counselor?? Email me at [nrauen@teachers.stpiusx.com](mailto:nrauen@teachers.stpiusx.com).

## MATHCOUNTS CLUB

The MathCounts Club will start meeting every Wednesday starting 9/16 from 2:00 - 2:45 in room 601. The MathCounts club is for 6th, 7th and 8th grade. We usually start our meetings with a snack and then look at challenging middle school math problems. We figure out ways to solve the problems, and look for and discuss the quickest and most efficient solutions.

The MathCounts team trains for the February competition at Northern Kentucky University. The competition starts early on a Saturday morning and finishes just after lunch. The competition consists of the following 4 tests: Sprint, Target, Team and Countdown Rounds.

It is a fun day that includes breakfast, lunch and meeting with other middle school MathCounts competitors. If you love snacks, friends and math, you should consider joining the St. Pius X MathCounts Club. Also, hold your friends acc**OUNT**able and encourage them to join too! :)

MathCounts is a national program. More MathCounts information may be found at <http://www.mathcounts.org/>.



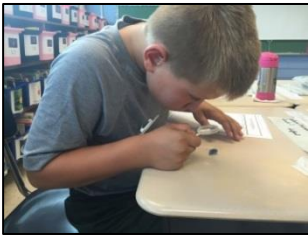


## What's New in the Classroom?



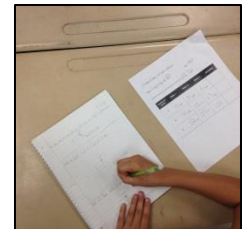
### 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade

We are continuing our fantastic learning about rocks! Last week we became geologists and used magnifying glasses to investigate our rocks! Each student selected a rock and recorded his/her observations. We observed the color, texture (how it feels), luster (dull or shiny) and listed one cool additional observation! Keep up the great work, geologists!



### 4<sup>th</sup> Grade

The 4th grade has started a new unit on physical science, specifically energy. The students are using HotWheels cars and tracks and a curriculum titled, Speedometry. Speedometry is designed to engage 4th grade students in learning STEM content, using the 5E Model (Engage, Explore, Explain, Elaborate, and Evaluate). In Mrs. Baker's science classes, students are learning concepts such as energy, force, and motion while having a lot of fun!



### 5<sup>th</sup> Grade



Each fifth grader received the Bible they will use as they continue their Religious Education at St. Pius X. Fr. Andrew took time to talk to them about this very important book, blessed the Bibles, and handed each student their very own copy of the Bible. The students are very eager to use them and are quickly learning how to find verses!

Officer Chin began the DARE program in the fifth grade on September 3. He will visit the 5th graders once a week for 9 weeks to raise awareness of drug abuse resistance. The students learn how to stand up for themselves and learn a variety of ways to resist chemical abuse. It also is a wonderful opportunity for them to develop a positive relationship with one of our own Edgewood police officers!



## Spiritwear Sale

Need St. Pius X Spiritwear  
for Spiritwear Wednesdays?

Mark your calendars!!

The website  
([www.proforma.com/saintpius](http://www.proforma.com/saintpius))

will be open Sept. 14-18.

All orders received will be  
delivered the week of  
Sept. 28<sup>th</sup>.

**A portion of the proceeds  
goes directly back to the  
school and helps our kids go  
on field trips!**

Any questions, contact  
Michelle Price at  
[michelle.price@protiviti.com](mailto:michelle.price@protiviti.com)  
or 513-253-3030.



Go Panthers!

## St. Pius School Fundraiser "Bags for Bucks"



As you know, "**BAGS for BUCKS**" started in our school last week on Tuesday, September 1st! Similar to last year, our students are selling high quality colored trash bags and food storage bags - something every family and business needs!

This year, Mrs. Lonnemann and Mrs. Greenwell plan on using the money raised by this fundraiser for **FIELD TRIPS**, so we hope you can help make this happen for our students this year.

A website has been created so that orders can be placed ONLINE this year. We hope this will allow the fundraiser to be widely shared and supported. The website [www.spxbags4bucks.com](http://www.spxbags4bucks.com) is ready and open for business with information on all the products for sale. Please consider sharing the website with your out of town relatives and friends of Saint Pius. Please also keep in mind that if for some reason your family does not need garbage bags or food storage bags, a cash donation can be made via check made out to St. Pius PTG or via the website under "Donate". This insures 100% of your donation will go toward field trips for our students! **PLEASE** make sure when turning in paper orders to school that all orders forms are **COMPLETELY** filled out and all money totals have been double checked. This will insure things go as smoothly as possible for volunteers. Deadline for paper orders and online orders is Tuesday Sept. 15th.

If you are able to help with counting orders after school on September 18th, or with sorting them once they arrive at St. Pius in early October, please contact Kathy Laws at [kathylaws@yahoo.com](mailto:kathylaws@yahoo.com). We sincerely hope all our families and businesses of St. Pius will support this fundraiser in some way...sharing the gift of either time or treasure. Any questions about the fundraiser can be directed to Chairperson Angie Clifton at [info@spxbags4bucks.com](mailto:info@spxbags4bucks.com)!

Thank you in advance for your help so we can reach our goal!



## ODDS AND ENDS-

- **2014-2015 Yearbooks For Sale!** If you forgot to order a yearbook last year, don't fret! There are several hardcover (\$25) and softcover (\$20) issues available. If interested, please send your money to the office in a marked envelope.
- **Birthday Club help needed!** The "Birthday Club" program holds four birthday celebrations throughout the year after school in the library. Students in grades K-6 are invited to donate books to the library in honor of their birthdays. Books that have already been purchased are displayed for students and their parents to select from. A label with the student's name is placed in the front of the book, their picture is taken with the book and treats are served. We are in need of three to four parent volunteers to help out with this program. Volunteers would be asked to help students and their parents check out, bake treats for the party or supervise the treat table. The dates of this year's events are listed below. The time commitment on these four dates would be 1:45-3:15. If you are interested in helping out, please contact Kathy Brunot at [kbrunot@teachers.stpiusx.com](mailto:kbrunot@teachers.stpiusx.com).
  - Thursday, October 1 (Aug., Sept., Oct. birthdays)
  - Thursday, November 19 (Nov., Dec., Jan. birthdays)
  - Thursday, February 11 (Feb., June, July birthdays)
  - Thursday, April 14 ( March, April, May birthdays)
- **Walking with Purpose** - Something big is coming to St. Pius X parish this Fall and I invite you to come and check it out! Walking with Purpose is a women's bible study program that aims to bring women to a closer personal relationship with Jesus Christ. The program can be found in parishes throughout the country and is open to all women. If you are interested in getting together with a group of women to explore your Catholic faith and see how the Scriptures apply to your everyday life, I encourage you to visit the St. Pius X parish website at [www.stpiusx.com](http://www.stpiusx.com) and click "Walking with Purpose". Here you can learn more about the program and register online. Again, all women are welcome and childcare is available.
- **Chess needs your help!** 2 or 3 parent volunteers are needed who will take charge of Chess Club. Chess Club meets after school from 2-3pm, twice a month, on the first and third Thursdays, through March. The parent volunteers work together to organize the club and supervise the children at meetings. No need to be a chess expert! Another parent volunteer has agreed to be our coach. Please contact Gretchen MacKnight at 859-802-7518.

- **Schola choir** is a wonderful and diverse group of children from the parish in grades 3-7, providing music for church liturgies at the third 11:30 mass of the month, October through May. Our first practice this year is on Monday, September 21, 6:00-6:50 in the church sanctuary, and we will love to welcome some new members. If interested please contact music director Becky Slater at [bslater2789@gmail.com](mailto:bslater2789@gmail.com) or at 859-802-9344.
- **Vision and Hearing Screening** needs your help! Hearing and Vision Screening will be held on Thursday, Oct. 22 from 7:15 am until noon. We are in need of parent volunteers to help this run smoothly. Absolutely NO medical experience is necessary! Breakfast will be provided. Children in grades K through 3 will undergo hearing screening. Children in grades 1, 3, 5 and 7 will undergo vision screening. If able to help, please contact Holly Danneman by emailing her at [hgdmd6@gmail.com](mailto:hgdmd6@gmail.com).
- **Concession stand volunteers** are needed to work during sporting events on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday from 5-9. This is a great way for students in grades 6 through high school to earn Christian Service hours and for parents to get involved. Interested folks can contact **Brian McKinley** at [brianmckinley56@gmail.com](mailto:brianmckinley56@gmail.com) or 859-468-3295.
- **St. Pius Dads!** Take your Little Lady (or Ladies) out for date night to the SPX Father / Daughter Dance on Sept. 26 from 7-10! Enjoy a dance party, photobooth and sundae bar organized by the Enchanted Evening Committee. Tickets are available online at <http://bit.ly/EEFatherDaughter>  
 \$30 per couple  
 \$40 per family  
 \$50 at the door  
 Have questions or do you want to be a sponsor for the event?  
 Email [stpiusptg@gmail.com](mailto:stpiusptg@gmail.com) for information.
- **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](http://www.krogercommunityrewards.com).
- **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>.
- **ON THE MOVE** will begin on Tuesday, September 8, 2015. Students are invited to come to the gym every Tuesday and Thursday mornings to start their day with a

little fitness and fun. Mrs. Nageleisen will pick the students up from the cafeteria at 6:45 and escort them to the gym. The students will proceed to their homerooms at 7:05. This is a great way to wake up and get moving.

- **CareNet 5K Run/Walk** will be held on Saturday, September 19 at Pioneer Park. CareNet is a Christ centered organization existing to educate, support and empower people before, during and after an unplanned pregnancy, while uplifting the sanctity of human life. For more information on the event please see the attached flyer.  
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- **Girl Scout News** - Interested in having your daughter join Girl Scouts? We will be having an information meeting on Thursday, September 24th at 7:30 in PMR. If you have any questions contact Crystal Bosch at [crystalbosch@yahoo.com](mailto:crystalbosch@yahoo.com).
- **World Youth Day 2016** - Registration is now open for the Diocese of Covington's pilgrimage to Krakow, Poland, July 24 through August 2, 2016! Itinerary, cost, and registration details are included in the [attached](#) pamphlet.
- **SPX Has An App!** We use our SchoolWay app as one way to notify you of important announcements. If you have not had a chance to download the free app from the app store, do it today! See <http://myschoolway.com/StPius> for more information.

### Discipline for Life

*The mission of St. Pius X School is to promote the spiritual, academic, and personal growth of each child by embracing the Gospel values of Jesus Christ. St. Pius X School provides an exemplary Catholic education that helps students to be successful in their families, their communities, and the world.*