



# 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!*

December 4, 2014

***“Take time to listen to My voice.” – Jesus Calling 12/04***

**Spotlight on Teachers!** This year we are randomly selecting a teacher/staff member each week and are asking 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. Angela Urlage, Kindergarten Aide.

**NO SCHOOL** on Monday, Dec. 8, in celebration of the Feast of the Immaculate Conception!

**VIRTUS Amnesty Month** is December. Please go to [www.virtus.org](http://www.virtus.org) to make sure you are caught up on your bulletins. My monthly report shows lots of parents who were suspended because they were behind. Now is your chance to get caught up so you can volunteer for activities with your children!

**Fifth and Sixth Grade Play** is this weekend! Come see the SPX Production of The Wizard of Oz Friday, Dec. 5, at 7 pm or Saturday, Dec. 6, at 2 pm or 7 pm in the PAC. Good luck to the cast and crew, and thanks to Ms. Joanna Issenmann, Mrs. Stephanie Larcher, and Mrs. Casey Sandfoss for working with the students!

**Good Luck** to the 6th Grade Academic Team as they compete Saturday in the Sixth Grade Showcase at Summit View Elementary!

**Feast of St. Nicholas** is this Saturday, December 6. Do your child/ren a favor and buy a set or two of skill appropriate flash cards for the stockings. Practice sight words and math facts with your child! The base you set early will benefit them forever.

**NDA Grade School Basketball Day** - Notre Dame Academy vs. Simon Kenton **Saturday, Dec.6,**

Freshman Game Time: 4:30 PM; JV Game Time: 6:00 PM; VARSITY Game Time: 7:30 PM

FREE ADMISSION to students wearing a grade school T-shirt or sweatshirt with [FREE ADMISSION PASS](#). Come and join the fun and stay after the game for the Panda Meet and Greet!

**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.

#### **City of Edgewood Events This Weekend:**

- Behringer-Crawford Night will be held this Friday, December 5<sup>th</sup> from 6pm – 8pm. This is a free [event](#) for Edgewood residents and you must show a valid ID. Please consider bringing a canned good for donation for the holiday season for those less fortunate.
- Annual Home Decorating Contest will be held this weekend Friday, December 5<sup>th</sup> – Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup> so please light up your [displays](#) for judging! Winners will be announced on Friday, December 12<sup>th</sup>.
- [Luminary Night](#) will be held on Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup> (rain date December 14<sup>th</sup>) kits are available for purchase at the city building (1 - \$8 or 2 - \$12).
- Letters to Santa will be accepted at the city building from Monday, December 1, through Friday, December 12<sup>th</sup> to be sent to the North Pole! Please make sure that you put your return address on your letter. Santa knows where you live but the post office does not, so to ensure you receive your letter by Christmas Eve include your address.

**Catholic Charities Fall Family Values Newsletter** is available [here](#). Please click to read about the overscheduled child and to learn about opportunities offered through this Diocesan organization.

**Students of the Month** - Congratulations to the November Students of the Month and those recognized in Social Studies. The homeroom teacher chooses one student in each category, except in Social Studies for grades 5 - 8 (determined by Social Studies teachers). Click [here](#) for a list of names.

**Health Screenings** were performed on Thursday, November 20. All students, grades K through 3, underwent hearing screening. All students in grades 1, 3, 5, and 7 underwent vision screening. Letters were sent home to parents if their child had difficulty passing either test. Please keep in mind that these are screenings, and it is recommended that you consult your child's primary care physician if you have any questions regarding the results. If you have any questions regarding the screening process, please contact Health Screening Coordinator, Dr. Holly Danneman at [hgdmd@fuse.net](mailto:hgdmd@fuse.net).

**Thank You** to the following people who helped with the Health Screenings: Holly Danneman, coordinator, Denise Leonard, vision coordinator, Kathy Bilz, Meredith Brueggemann, Kristy Dailey, Suzy Turnpaugh, Heather Isler, Amy Mayer, Kira Kruer, Stephanie Collins, Jill Berkemeier, Ali Reeves, Lisa Tabeling, Dave Tabeling, Carrie Barlage, Amy Fathman, Karen Rennekamp, Jim Rennekamp, Nancy Armbruster, Amy Johnson and Julie Feagan. A special

thank you to Mrs. Carla Kurtz, audiologist from St. Elizabeth Medical Center, for sharing her time and talents and to the Northern Kentucky Health Department and St. Elizabeth Family Practice Center for loaning us audiometers.

**Thank You** to Mrs. Leila Miller and all the volunteers for your help with judging the Science Fair, and to all the families who came out to see the projects!

**Congratulations to the Science Fair Winners!** Click [here](#) for a complete list by homeroom.

**Youth Group** information can be found on the St. Pius X parish website ([www.stpiusx.com](http://www.stpiusx.com)). Included is the youth group hoodie order form.

**Thanks for the Thanksgiving Meals** - “You have not lived today until you have done something for someone who can never repay you.” – Many, many thanks to our parish and school community’s response to the call to feed the hungry. Thanks to your generosity, 76 families received groceries to prepare a proper Thanksgiving feast!! Special thanks to the Christian Outreach Committee and van drivers Sue Meier, Terry Averbeck, Judy and Ray Albrinck who help make this happen every year. And also a special thanks to all those who offered to transport donations without notice on Tuesday morning so that none of our volunteers had to make two trips!! Please keep your gift to the needy alive by continuing your prayers for all struggling families. If you didn’t get a chance to help this time or you’d love to help again, our parish will be providing Easter meal groceries for needy families in the spring.

**Duke Energy Free Treasure Kits** - Have you signed up for yours? It’s easy! Just go to [www.xmarks.thekit.org](http://www.xmarks.thekit.org) or call 1-855-386-9548. When you receive your kit, look for the special gold coin. It is redeemable for a class party worth \$100. Thanks to the over 80 families who already signed up. SPX is now entered into the \$10,000 school drawing. We receive one entry for every 25 kits ordered after the first 75, so please help us earn several chances at winning!

**Pledge of Allegiance** - Click <http://b105.com/b105-salute-112414/> to hear Ms. King’s first grade recite the Pledge of Allegiance on B105 FM!

**Boys Volleyball Coaches** – December is the time to ensure that you have your VIRTUS training up to date during the open period! Please make sure you get your training up to date or you will NOT be able to coach a team. The information regarding registering for Boys Volleyball will go out in January but if you need any information or are interested in participating in open gyms prior to the season starting, please contact me at [mfrischfamily5@gmail.com](mailto:mfrischfamily5@gmail.com) or call / text at (859) 409-0719.

**Speak Up 2014** - The Diocese of Covington has asked all schools to participate in this survey so that students, parents, and teachers can share their ideas about the use of technology for learning. The students will complete their surveys, which are done anonymously, during their computer class. We are asking that you complete it at home by going to

<http://www.speakup4schools.org/speakup2014> and clicking on the Parent Survey Button. The survey will be open until **December 19**. If you have children in more than one school in the Diocese, you only need take the survey once and select the grade levels of all of your children.

**Get School Closing Information on your Phone!** We use our SchoolWay app as one way to notify you of weather related 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.

### **Save These Dates!**

- **Thursday, Jan. 8 - Bully Proof Speaker**, Jim Bisenius, will be speaking to parents at SPX on at 7 pm. He will also speak to the students during the day and the faculty after school. Please mark your calendars now as we expect at least one parent from each family to attend. Thanks to PTG for funding this wonderful opportunity!
- **Everybody Counts** will be held on Thursday, February 19 and Friday, February 2. Look for the volunteer sign up link in January. If you know of someone interested in speaking about his or her disability on Friday, February 20, or if you have additional questions about the program, please email Michelle Litmer at [michellelitmer@twc.com](mailto:michellelitmer@twc.com). Thank you!
- **Friday, April 17 - Grandparents and Grandfriends Day 2015** from 8 - 10 am here at SPX. Please communicate the date and help us celebrate these very special relationships across generations! More details to follow. Any questions, contact Beth Hagen at [Hagendbosc@yahoo.com](mailto:Hagendbosc@yahoo.com)

**Paper Retriever Recycling Bin** has been removed from our property because the company has gone out of business. Please recycle your paper products through your home recycling program. We are working on how to continue recycling of paper at school.

**Cafeteria Workers Needed** from 10 am - 1 pm every day! Please call Sharon Depenbrock at 341-4900 x104 or e-mail [sdepenbrock@teachers.stpiusx.com](mailto:sdepenbrock@teachers.stpiusx.com) if you can help out.

**Playground Duty Openings!** Teachers need help on the playground during recess. Please sign up to be a recess monitor at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4AA5AF22A6FE3-recess>

**Cafeteria Charges** - Please check your child's account and take care of any debts. There is a Diocesan policy on charging found on our website.

**Schoolbelles Winter Sale** going on now through January 6! 20% off jumpers, skirts and skorts! FREE shipping on orders over \$50. Up to 25% OFF essential uniform items such as pants, shirts and active wear. Click [here](#) for a flyer.

**New Beginnings** - An eight-week session of New Beginnings, a support group for divorced and separated persons, sponsored by the Diocese of Covington and hosted by the Dept. of Catechesis

and Formation, will begin January 8, 2015. Meetings will be held on Thursday evenings from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. through February 26 and will provide the opportunity for healing and growth. In this faith-based group, participants will find new understanding of themselves and their relationships and gain courage to discover new life. For more information or to register, call 859-392-1500 ext. 1533.

**American Girl Fashion Show Model Calls** have been scheduled for January 2015 and registration is taking place for little girls ages 4-12. Click [here](#) for a flyer. More info can be found on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/pages/American-Girl-Fashion-Show-to-benefit-the-Aubrey-Rose-Foundation> or at <https://agfs.aubreyrose.org/>.

**NDA Spiritwear** makes a great Christmas gift! Click [here](#) for a Bambootique Holiday Flyer.

**Prayer Group!** Please join school families in the small chapel on the first and third Tuesdays from 10:30 – 11:45 am. Children welcome!

**St. Pius X Kroger Community Rewards Update** - Sign up directions were sent home in the Tuesday folder. Please sign up today at [www.krogercommunityrewards.com](http://www.krogercommunityrewards.com) and click on “View your Rewards Details.” Under Community Rewards Section, click on “Enroll”, enter St. Pius X Organization #80036, click search, select SPX and save changes. Once you are signed up, check the bottom of your receipt to make sure it says “2014-2015 Kroger Community Rewards: You requested Kroger to donate to St. Pius X”. Thanks for helping! Click [here](#) for more information.

**Does your child like to sing?** - St. Pius X Schola Choir is open to all children of the parish in grades three to seven. Please click [here](#) for more information.

**Kindergarten Cut Off Age Remains October 1st**- The Kentucky Department of Education has plans to change the cut off age for entrance to Kindergarten to children turning 5 on or before August 1st. This was supposed to be effective next school year 2015-2016 but they have delayed the change. Their current plans are for this to be effective beginning the 2017-2018 school year. St. Pius X School kindergarten cut off age remains October 1st.

**Religion Courses Offered** through the Diocese are open to all parents. Go to [www.covingtondiocese.org](http://www.covingtondiocese.org) for a complete listing and directions on how to register.

**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](mailto:kbrunot@teachers.stpiusx.com).

**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>. And don't forget that we should only post good things about our school!

**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.

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

### Looking Ahead

December	4	Advent Reconciliation gr 3 – 8
	5-6	5/6 Play – Wizard of Oz
	6	Sixth Grade Showcase – Summit View
	7	Choir Concert 1 pm
	8	<b>Immaculate Conception – No School</b>
	9	PTG Meeting 7 pm
	10	Conservation gr 5 and 6 12:10 pm
	12	Choir Concert after 8 am Mass
	13	High School Placement Test
	14	Confirmation Retreat
	15	Faculty/Staff Christmas Party
	17	Kenton Co. Library visits Kindergarten Skyline Night
	17-18	Kids on the Block
	19	Buddies after Church; Last Day before Christmas Break!

*I hope you have a great week!*  
*Mrs. Gerwe*