



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 18, 2014

***“The learning possibilities are only limited by your willingness to be teachable.” –
Jesus Calling 12/18***

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. Casey Sandfoss, Spanish Teacher!

Thanks to All of You for the wonderful gifts for the faculty and staff! Through your contributions, each of us received a gift card and a wonderful party! Thanks to PTG, and especially to Sharon Gronotte and her helpers, for putting it all together. On behalf of all of us, I wish you a Blessed Christmas and wonderful New Year!

Penny War - We collected over \$1500 due to your amazing generosity in the Penny War. Student Council will be shopping today to buy items requested from Catholic Charities. Thank you!!!!

Time is Running Out - VIRTUS Amnesty Month is December. Please go to 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! Please don't ask to be unsuspected in January because you didn't take care of this.

Speak Up 2014 - Final opportunity to share your thoughts about the use of technology for learning. Go to <http://www.speakup4schools.org/speakup2014> and click on the Parent Survey Button. The survey closes tomorrow, Dec. 19!. If you have children in more than one school in the Diocese, you only need take the survey once and select the various grade levels.

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.

Bully Proof Speaker, Jim Bisenius, will be speaking to parents at SPX on **Thursday, Jan. 8, at 7 pm** in the gym. At least one parent from each family is expected to attend. All students will have an opportunity to hear him during the school day on Jan. 8, and the faculty will meet with him after school. Thanks to PTG for funding this wonderful opportunity!

Wine Tasting Party! The Enchanted Evening Committee is hosting a Wine Tasting event on Saturday, January 10th from 7 p.m. - 11 p.m. in Milligan Hall. Please see the [attached](#) flyer for details on reserving your tickets!.

Prospective Family Open House - Please invite family and friends who may be interested in attending SPX next year to our Open House **Sunday, Jan. 11 at 12:30 pm** in the PMR's. We will have a brief introduction and then offer tours, led by Student Council members.

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 or call / text at (859) 409-0719.

Duke Energy Free Treasure Kits - Have you signed up for yours? It's easy! Just go to 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.

Youth Group information can be found on the St. Pius X parish website (www.stpiusx.com).

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.

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.

Save These Dates!

- **Everybody Counts** will be held on Thursday, February 19 and Friday, February 20. 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. 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

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 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/>.

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

Religion Courses Offered through the Diocese are open to all parents. Go to www.covingtondiocese.org for a complete listing and directions on how to register.

St. Pius X Kroger Community Rewards Update - Our latest check from Kroger for the period Aug. 1 - Oct.31 was **\$1,767.40!** We are up to 176 households participating, up from 119 last period. Hopefully all our holiday shopping will show us an increase in this next quarter. If you are not signed up already, you can sign up at any time at 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". Click [here](#) for more information. Any questions, please contact Stefanie Reid at 578-9939 or stefa5678@gmail.com with any questions. Thanks so much!!

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.

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.

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.

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.

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

January	5	Return from Christmas Break
	6	Feast of the Epiphany
	7	Lego Club Meets
	8	Anti-Bullying Program with Jim Bisenius
		7 pm - Parent Presentation (required participation)
	10	Wine Tasting in Milligan Hall 7 - 11 pm
	11	Prospective Family Open House 12:30 pm
	13	PTG Meeting 7:15 am (PMR)
		Kindergarten meets with Kenton County Library
		8th Grade Reconciliation 12:30 pm
	14	School Spelling Bee 8 am
	15	Confirmation 7 pm
	17	Middle School Governor's Cup at St. Henry
	19	MLK Day - NO SCHOOL

I hope you have a great Christmas Break!
Mrs. Gerwe