



# 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!*

January 8, 2015

***“Let your weakness be a door to My Presence.” – Jesus Calling 12/18***

**Spotlight on Teachers** - This week we spotlight Mrs. Amber D’Amico, 5th and 6th gr Social Studies Teacher! Staff and students are encouraged to write positive comments on her “wall” posted in the faculty room and the hallway.

**Anti-Bullying Presentation TONIGHT!** Jim Bisenius will be speaking to **parents tonight from 7 - 8:30 pm in Milligan Hall**. At least one parent from each family is expected to attend. Please come early to check in so we can start the program on time. There should be no SPX basketball games scheduled and teachers were asked not to give homework tonight, except for the usual weekly tests that may occur on Fridays. As an added bonus, parents in attendance will receive an out of uniform pass for their child/ren that can be used Friday! Thanks to PTG for funding this wonderful opportunity!

**Progress Reports** - Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a pleasant and restful Christmas Break. We will be marking the midterm of second trimester tomorrow, January 9. Parents of students in grades K - 4 can expect a progress report to be sent home in the Tuesday folder next week. Parents of students in grades 5 - 8 should check grades on-line and make sure their children make up any missed work.

**Registration for Next Year** - Materials will be sent home in the Tuesday folder. Please return with \$100 per child. Parents with a sibling of a child in school who will be here for the first time need to request a new registration packet from the office. Eighth grade parents, please indicate on the form where your child will be going to high school. An Auto Debit Form is included for completion at the end of the year after tuition is set. Please keep it in a safe place.

**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 **tonight**. 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. For more information or to register, call 392-1500.

**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.

**SPX Youth Group** is joining with St. Barbara's Youth Group for some fun at **Top Flight this Sunday, Jan. 11, from 3:20 - 5:30 pm**. The cost is \$9 at the door and permission slips are required. Additional information about the youth group can be found on the St. Pius X parish website ([www.stpiusx.com](http://www.stpiusx.com)).

**Eighth Grade Scholarships** - Congratulations to eighth graders Nathan Guenther, Timothy Hillebrand, Max Liggett and Chase Maschinot who received scholarships from Covington Catholic High School **and** Libby Roebker and Lily Pierson who received scholarships from Notre Dame Academy based on their High School Placement Test scores! We are very proud of these students for representing SPX so well!

**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.

**Baseball Signups** are open on line at [www.spxathletics.com](http://www.spxathletics.com) through January 25th. For any information needed please contact Dave Hagen at [dhags4@yahoo.com](mailto:dhags4@yahoo.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. Please let us know if you have any ideas.

#### **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](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)

**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.

**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/>.

**DCCH Center for Children and Families** will be hosting an informational session for the Therapeutic Foster Care and Adoption Program on Thursday, January 15<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 to 8pm. Please join us and learn more about fostering children, the adoption process, and the difference you can make in a child's life. For more information please call us at [859-331-2040](tel:859-331-2040). Click here for a [flyer](#).

**Edgewood Night at Town and Country** is Sunday, January 18<sup>th</sup> from 6-9 p.m. at the Town and Country Sports Complex in Wilder, Kentucky. The night will include unlimited aero ball, tubes and tunnels, junior gym, junior exercise equipment, two indoor warm water pools with two indoor slides, the large basketball court, sports wall, game bikes, viper rope and dance, dance revolution. Direct parent supervision is required for all activities. The concession stand will be open for snacks and drinks. Please bring a towel for the pool and wear tennis shoes and socks for the land activities. This event is for Edgewood residents only. Residency will be checked at the door. Parental liability waivers will have to be signed.

**Edgewood Day at Lazer Kraze** is Monday, January 19<sup>th</sup> from 10 a.m.-noon. The event is free to Edgewood residents only with proof of residency. They have added a new activity to their building, a trampoline room. This will also be a timed area with your color coded bands at the door. Parents must accompany every child in attendance at the event. Parental liability waivers for Lazer Kraze can be signed before event and are good up to a year from the dated form. Edgewood will have a waiver at the door to be signed for all participants under the age of 18 for the day of the event or visit [www.edgewoodky.gov](http://www.edgewoodky.gov) to print a waiver form under the Parks/Recreation tab. For more information on Lazer Kraze and to download their waiver form visit their website at [www.lazerkraze.com](http://www.lazerkraze.com).

**NKU Women's Basketball County Days** - On January 29<sup>th</sup> the NKU Women's Basketball team will play Stetson University at 7p.m. All Kenton County residents receive admission of \$1 to the game. On January 31<sup>st</sup> the NKU Women's Basketball team will play Florida Gulf Coast at 7p.m. with a half time show by Sherwood Rappin Ropes and a shoot around after the game with the NKU players. All Kenton County residents receive admission of \$1 to the game.

**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](http://www.covingtondiocese.org) for a complete listing and directions on how to register.

**St. Pius X Kroger Community Rewards Update** - If you are not signed up already, you can sign up at any time 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". Click [here](#) for more information. Any questions, please contact Stefanie Reid at 578-9939 or [stefa5678@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](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

January

- 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)
- 14 School Spelling Bee 8:30 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 week!*

*Mrs. Gerwe*