



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!

March 5, 2015

“Every problem can teach you something, transforming you little by little into the masterpiece I created you to be.” – Jesus Calling %

Spotlight on Teachers - This week we spotlight Mrs. Julie Abeling, Kindergarten teacher! Staff and students are encouraged to write positive comments on her “wall” posted in the faculty room and in the hallway.

Second Trimester Report Cards went home in the Tuesday folder this week for ALL students. Please make sure you received your child’s or contact the homeroom teacher.

Box Tops - SPX sent in 11,816 Box Tops for a profit of \$1,181.60. The total for the year is right around \$3000! Congratulations to Rm. 402 for collecting the most box tops this time. They will receive a day out of uniform and extra recess. Thanks to Mrs. Amy Fuller for all of her work on this beneficial project.

Congratulations to eighth grader Matthew Allen who received a scholarship from Holy Cross High School. Way to go, Matthew!

Healthy Challenge 2015 kicked off today with a visit from "Produce Man" and an assembly! This year we will extend the challenge to students in grades K-4. You should have received information in your child's Tuesday folder this week. That information is important to look at BEFORE they start school next week. The challenge runs from **March 9th to March 15**. Please write a note or email to your child's teacher tomorrow if you did not receive information so that your child will have the necessary supplies to start the challenge on Monday. Have fun finding ways to encourage healthy snacks, healthy meals, exercise and no sugary drinks!

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.

Tickets are on sale now for PTG's Enchanted Evening March 14! Reservation forms have been sent home, or you can print your own [here](#). Get your reservation in early to guarantee an evening of fellowship and fun. Contact Sandy Smith (saber@fuse.net) with questions.

Sponsorships for the Enchanted Evening - Interested sponsors will receive recognition at the event as well as recognition during our parish festival in July. Sponsors donating over \$500 will be included on the large banner that hangs in the gym all year long. Click [here](#) to read more.

Enchanted Evening \$5 for \$5000 Grand Raffle – Please don't forget to sell your Enchanted Evening Grand Raffle Tickets. Each family should have received 15 tickets to sell, and extra tickets can be obtained from the school office or by contacting Sharon Gronotte (sgronotte@fuse.net). Additionally, tickets can also be purchased online at: <https://goo.gl/forms/VRynGPeZ7j>. Don't forget that students can earn an out of uniform pass or donut breakfast for selling tickets, and the top selling homeroom will get a St. Patrick's Day ice cream party. Thank you to those who already sold and returned their tickets. So far, Homeroom K3 is in the lead, followed by Homerooms 203 and 103.

Open Registration began Monday, March 2! If you have not returned the re-registration form in with \$100 per child, your spot may be taken. There are special registration packets for new students, including Kindergarten.

Snow Days - Please plan on our last day of school being on Friday, June 5. Also, **we will be going to school on Friday, March 13**, which was originally a scheduled In-Service Day.

Youth Group Information- Any 6-8th grade parent who wants to be on the youth group email distribution list please email Ashley Marshall at abb171@gmail.com.

Catholic View Lenten Series in Milligan Hall between the 9:30 and 11:30 am Sunday Masses. Taking its cue from television panel shows, "The Catholic View" will address a different topic each week in the format of a TV show, with parishioners in the role of panelists and a local priest, deacon, or religious as the "guest star" We are in Week 3 - Mediums and Ouija Boards: Why Not? with Deacon Britt; Week 4 - Who needs a Priest, anyway? with Fr. Norton, Week 5 - Does Suffering really matter? with Deacon/Dr. Heartabeck, Week 6 - Wonder bread or Bread of Life? with Fr. Knight. Coffee, donuts, and childcare will be available. We hope you can join us!

Easter Meals for the Needy – No Cooking Involved!! What better way to cap off your Lenten experience than providing Easter dinner groceries for a needy family in the Northern Ky. Area? Groceries provided for an Easter feast generally consist of ham, vegetable, potatoes, and dessert. This is an easy service opportunity for families, clubs, scouts, prayer groups, parish committees, or classroom projects. If you'd like to help a needy family's Easter celebration be a special one, please contact Danette Doggett (kadogman@yahoo.com or 344-1235) or Becky Maschinot (bmaschinot1@gmail.com or 859-426-0523 to get more information and a family name assignment (we will give you the family name you will be buying for along with family size).

Workshop for Parents - “Calming the Chaos: Essential Skills that Help Smart but Scattered Students Reach their Full Potential” at the Sharonville Convention Center **Wednesday, March 18** from 7 - 9 pm. The cost is only \$25. Use the following links to register: [Online Credit Card Registration](#) or [Mail-in Registration](#) .

Tennis Leagues at Five Seasons - Kentucky [Grade School](#) and [Middle School](#) Leagues start the week of March 9th! These are great low cost programs for beginner and intermediate youth tennis players.

School Choice Bill - Representatives Tommy Thompson and David Floyd have filed House Bill 384 that helps parents exercise their right to choose the educational environment most appropriate for their children. It would accomplish this goal by increasing the amount of tuition assistance available to children enrolled in nonpublic schools, including Catholic schools. More information on the bill can be found [here](#). We need families and school employees to contact their state representatives and ask them to co-sponsor House Bill 384. This can be done by calling 1.800.372.7181 and leaving a message. You can also send your representative an electronic message by visiting www.lrc.ky.gov. Your voice is important.

You can also spread the word by [sharing](#) the CCK blog on Facebook or by [retweeting](#) it. Please contact Andrew Vandiver at the Catholic Conference of Kentucky (CCK) with any questions or concerns. He can be reached at atavandiver@ccky.org.

Dream Out Loud Challenge for grades K - 6 begins January 19 and runs through **March 20**. It is a state-wide contest where students can submit an original drawing, poem, essay or video answering the question “How will I change the world after I go to college?” There is a chance to win scholarship money! Go to KYSaves.com/DreamOutLoud for more information.

Grandparent’s Day is scheduled for **Friday, April 17** from 8 - 10 am. 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

Upcoming Edgewood Events - “Done with Bullying,” a free anti-bullying seminar for children ages 8-14 at the Edgewood Senior Center **Saturday, April 11th** from 10a.m. – 2p.m.; “Terrific Toys” **Saturday, April 18th** 10:00–11:30 am for children Ages 5-12 at The Edgewood Senior Center; “Amazing Race” Road Rally for any group of 2-6 people **Saturday, April 25** 6:30 p.m.; Freedom Park Yard Sale **Saturday, May 16** 9 am - 12 pm. Click [here](#) for flyers.

Computer Programming Summer Camp - Have you ever wanted to animate your own stories or write your own computer games? We will do so this summer at St. Pius X in the computer lab. There will be a morning and afternoon summer camp the week of 6/15 - 6/19. The morning summer camp is from 9:30 AM to 11:30 AM and will cover Scratch for \$90.00. The afternoon summer camp is from 12:30 to 2:30 and will cover ALICE for \$90.00. Click [here](#) for a flyer.

CINSAM 2015 Summer Camps at NKU - Rockets, robots, stars and more to explore for your child this summer... Information in the [attached](#) flyer. Additional information and registration can be found at <http://cinsam.nku.edu/Student-and-Parents/SummerCamps.html>

Morning Traffic Help - I am looking for an interested parent or parents to help direct traffic at the corner of the rectory in the mornings from 7 am to 7:15 pm. Please e-mail me at jgerwe@teachers.stpiusx.com if you would like to help out.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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. Click [here](#) for more information. Any questions, please contact Stefanie Reid at 578-9939 or stefa5678@gmail.com with any questions. Thanks so much!!

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

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| March | 6 | Bike Safety Presentation 8:45 am (church) 4th gr Visit to Planetarium - NKU |
| | 9 | History Mobile for gr. 5, 7 and 8 SmART History for gr. 6 |
| | 10 | PTG Meeting 7:15 am |
| | 13 | School is in Session (snow make-up) |
| | 14 | PTG Enchanted Evening |

I hope you have a great week! Mrs. Gerwe