



Paw Prints

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March 12, 2015

“Waiting, trusting, and hoping are intricately connected, like golden strands interwoven to form a strong chain.” – Jesus Calling, March 12

Spotlight on Teachers - This week we spotlight Mrs. Angela Anstaett, 7th grade Language Arts teacher! Staff and students are encouraged to write positive comments on her “wall” posted in the faculty room and in the hallway.

School is In Session Tomorrow with Bus Service! Tomorrow, March 13, was originally scheduled as an In-Service Day but we need to use it as a snow make-up day. Although Kenton County Schools are not in session, they **will** provided bus service.

Drop Off and Pick Up - Some parents are “sneaking” into the handicap spots for quick drop off and/or pick up. Please do not use these spots as they are reserved for those who need them. I have alerted our School Resource Officer, Officer Chin, and he will be checking for valid permits to park there.

Healthy Challenge 2015 for students in grades K-4 ends Sunday, March 15. We hope the students met the challenge by eating healthy snacks and meals, exercising and avoiding sugary drinks. Perhaps it can make some permanent changes in your home!

Enchanted Evening is here! Don’t miss this biggest PTG Fundraiser of the year! It will be held at Summit View Country Club Saturday, March 14. Click [here](#) for details about the live auction items, sign up parties, and a description of the evening. Don’t forget to purchase your Grand Raffle Tickets and Teacher Raffle Tickets! The deadline to turn in the Grand Raffle Tickets to be eligible for prizes is **tomorrow, March 13th** at 2:00 pm. Students can earn an out of uniform pass or donut breakfast on March 18 for selling tickets, and the top selling homeroom will get a St. Patrick’s Day ice cream party. Thanks to those who already sold and returned their tickets. So far, K3 is in the lead, followed by 203 and 103. Forms and additional information can be found on our homepage. Thanks to Mrs. Sandy Smith and her committee for planning this event. I hope to see you there!

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.

Congratulations to [February](#) Students of the Month, one from each homeroom, and those students recognized in the area of [Art](#)!

Another Congratulations to the junior high students who were selected to participate in the Diocesan Academic Competition March 9: Religion - Lily Pierson and Timothy Hillebrand (2nd place), Math - Libby Roebker and Nathan Guenther (2nd place), Science - Zach Casteel and Libby Roebker, Social Studies - Carolyn Barlage and Kara Brunot (6th place), Oratory - Sarah Barth (3rd place), Story Telling - Anna Tranter (3rd place), and Art - Jenna Schmahl (3rd place painting) and Kara Brunot (3rd place mixed media). These students represented St. Pius X well!

St. Pius X Kroger Community Rewards - Our latest check from Kroger for the period November 1, 2014 – January 31, 2015 was \$ 2,014.28. We are up to 203 households participating for St. Pius X. This number continues to rise. Thanks so much for your support! Congratulations to [Ms. Julie Lohre](#), our lucky Kroger Community Rewards winner this quarter!!! She wins a \$20 Kroger gift card for designating a portion of her Kroger purchases to St. Pius. Also, this is a reminder that the *re-registration period* will be coming up in *April*. Instructions will be coming soon. 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.

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 4 - Who needs a Priest, anyway? with Fr. Norton. Additionally, 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!

Foster Care/Adoption Meeting with Diocesan Catholic Children’s Home will take place at the Union Library, on March 17th at 6:30pm. We currently have seen a 350% increase in children who need homes in the Northern Kentucky region. These children need families and a safe place to grow and thrive. Please look in your hearts to help our cause! See attached [flyer](#) for more information.

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](#) .

Dream Out Loud Challenge for grades K - 6 ends **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.

Crossing Guards Needed - I am in need of morning crossing guards. If your child is in 6 - 8 grade and gets here by 7 am, please talk to him/her about offering this service to the school. Parents welcome!

NDA Panda Preview Night for 6th, 7th & 8th grade girls is **Tuesday, March 24** from 6:30-8:30 p.m. It's a great opportunity for 6th-8th grade girls to visit NDA's campus and see what it's like to be a Panda. The program begins at 6:30 p.m. and offers two hours of sessions where you can learn about admission, financial aid, student support services and the NDA academic experience. For further information call 859.292.1829. Click [here](#) for a flyer.

Birthday Club! The fourth and final meeting of the St. Pius Library's Birthday Club will be on **Wednesday, March 25th** from 2:00-3:00 in the Library. Students who have celebrated or will celebrate their birthdays during the months of March, April or May will be receiving an invitation. Any other students who were unable to attend one of our other sessions are welcome as well! We hope you will meet your children after school in the Library to make a selection, have some refreshments, and be a part of our Birthday Club. Thank you in advance for continuing to help us add wonderful new books to our library shelves!

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).

Breakfast with the Easter Bunny will be held **Saturday, April 4**, in Milligan Hall. This is the we will be 8th annual event and is free to all parishioners kindergarten and younger. Please help out by volunteering at www.SignUpGenius.com/go/20F0E48ACAB2AA0FC1-breakfast. Student and parent volunteers are invited to help out! Click [here](#) for a flyer with the details of the event.

Leadership Development Camp - Teens ages 13 – 17 who are interested in growing their leadership skills are invited to apply to attend the American Red Cross Leadership Development Camp 2015.

The camp is comprised of peer-created sessions designed to encourage participants to think in new ways about themselves as leaders, and to build leadership skills. Camp will be held July 9 – 12 on the campus of Xavier University. Camp fee is \$200; financial assistance is available on a limited basis. Get all the details and the on-line application at the link below. My daughter has participated in this camp for several years!

<http://www.redcross.org/news/article/oh/cincinnati/Leadership-Development-Camp-set-for-July-9-12>

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

Cov Cath Grade School Football Sign ups - Come learn about and sign up for Cov Cath's Colonels Youth Football for 2nd through 8th grade on **Saturday, April 11** from 11 am – 1 pm in the foyer of the Cov Cath gym (enter through front gym doors). The 2nd grade team is new for 2015! Fee for 2nd to 4th grade is \$75 and 5th to 8th is \$125. Go to www.covcath.org, click on Athletics, click on Colonels Youth Football or contact Bob Morris at harpomorris76@gmail.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. **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 are hopefully past us! Our last day of school will be Friday, June 5.

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.

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.

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.

Thomas More Summer Basketball Camp hosted by the women's basketball team will be offered for girls 7 and up. The emphasis will be on improving individual basketball skills for all levels. Click [here](#) for more information.

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>

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.

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 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.

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

March	13	School is in Session (snow make-up)
	14	PTG Enchanted Evening
	17	St. Patrick's Day! \$1 Out of Uniform for Diocesan Annual Appeal - Wear green! Pro-Life Awards Banquet
	18	Donut Breakfast for Students who sold Raffle Tickets Skyline Night
	19	Lenten Reconciliation for gr. 3 - 8 Deanery Penance Service at SPX - 7 pm
	20	First Day of Spring! Bike Safety Presentation 8:45 am

I hope you have a great week! Mrs. Gerwe