



Paw Prints

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March 26, 2015

“...in My Presence is fullness of Joy.” – Jesus Calling, March 26

Spotlight on Teachers - This week we spotlight Mrs. Cathy Walters, Art Teacher! Staff and students are encouraged to write positive comments on her “wall” posted in the faculty room and in the hallway.

Spirit Wear Design Contest is open to all current students at St.Pius! Tap into your creative side and design an image to be placed on a t-shirt to be available for purchase in the next couple of weeks! All submissions need to be turned into Kai Knasel #302 by **tomorrow, March 27**. Finalists will be judged by all students during lunch on Tuesday, March 31. Winner will receive a free t-shirt with their own design and a gift card to ToysRUs.

Catholic View Lenten Series in Milligan Hall between the 9:30 and 11:30 am Sunday Masses - Don't miss the last one this **Sunday, March 29!** The topic is “Wonder bread or Bread of Life?” with Fr. Knight. Coffee, donuts, and childcare will be available. We hope you can join us!

Private Transportation Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday **next week**. Please arrange rides for your children in advance and let them know what the plan is. Thanks for your help with this!

Grandparents/Grandfriends Day is drawing near. It is Friday, April 17th from 8:00-10:15 am. We are looking for volunteer parents to help that morning with directing people to the proper places, traffic flow from the church to Milligan Hall and assisting with the morning activities. Please email Beth Hagen, hagendbosc@yahoo.com if you can help out. Also, reminders: RSVP to your homeroom teacher by April 13th, review the video lines with your children for the teachers assisting in this endeavor, and please turn in your family tree by April 15th to the office.

Spirit Wear On-line store will be open from April 1-17. All orders will be available for pickup (or sent home with your child) the week of May 4. Contact Michelle Price (michelle.price@protiviti.com or 513-253-3030) with any questions.

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 Ryan Baker for selling the winning teacher ticket (Ms. Issenmann) and winning grand raffle ticket (grandparents) for the Enchanted Evening! Ryan won a \$25 gift certificate to Learning Express. Homeroom 101 enjoyed an Ice Cream Party for selling the most raffle tickets!

Congratulations to the 149 K - 4 students who completed the Healthy Challenge! These students received a Lazer Craze pass and enjoyed a special recess in the PAC yesterday! Congratulations also to K2 for having the most participation and winning a bag full of new recess toys and to Mrs. Schulte and Isabelle Minning for winning the lottery pull.

Congratulations to our 5th grade students who participated in the Elementary Governor's Cup Competition! We had five students place at the district level: Paige Donnelly, 4th place in LA; Anna Kremer, 2nd place in LA; Jillian MacKnight, 5th place in Written Composition; Kylie Aytes, 3rd place in Science, and Rachel Raziano, 2nd place in Social Studies. Anna Kremer went on to win 3rd place in LA at the regional level! Way to go, girls!!!

Do you have an old I-Pod or I-Phone? Have you had an upgrade lately and found that you are just shoving your old device in your closet or junk drawer? Please consider donating them to SPX. There are so many things that even the most outdated device can be used for here at school- without having to use any data plans at all. Some of these uses may include recording text for struggling readers, recording students while reading, helping with student organization, and installing apps that reads with the students or help with math and reading practice. All donated devices will be reset to the factory settings and wiped clean per manufacturer directions. Please send them to the school office. Thanks!

Enchanted Evening Sign Up Parties - It's not too late to join in the fun from the Enchanted Evening...we have availability in 3 of the sign up parties left still. If you are interested in Boys Night Out Brewery Tour, Lucky Strikes Bowling, or St. Pius Karaoke please see the attached [flyer](#) for dates and specifics. Space is limited. Please contact Jenni at jen_m_ward@yahoo.com or Lori at loriten717@gmail.com if interested.

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 (bmashinot1@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).

Done with Bullying is a free anti-bullying seminar for children ages 8-14 who are Edgewood Residents that will be held at the Edgewood Senior Center **Saturday, April 11th** from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

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.

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.

Service Opportunity - During the St Pius X Lenten speaker series we have heard from Catholic Charities each week regarding their involvement across the Diocese. To bring the work of Catholic Charities to life here at St Pius, we are planning for a St. Pius Outreach Day on **Sunday April 12th from 1-4 pm**. If you were unable to sign up at the speaker series and are interested in joining us for this volunteer day please contact fellow parishioner Dan Meier at dsmeier@fuse.net or 859-331-9323.

DCCH Foster Care/Adoption - A meeting is scheduled for **April 13th** at 6:30 pm. We currently have seen a 350% increase in children who need homes in our region. These children need families and a safe place to grow and thrive. Please look in your hearts to help our cause! See the attached [flyer](#) for more information.

Cincinnati Museum Center spring special for annual family membership passes giving you unlimited access to all 3 museums and this summer's Science of Sports exhibit, free parking, discounts on food, retail and Omnimax. This special is only available **March 28th – April 15th**. Please see attached [flyer](#) for more details.

American Red Cross' Leadership Development Center (LDC) - This four-day, three-night summer [camp](#) provides students ages 13-17 a taste of living on a college campus, the American Red Cross' mission and values, leadership, diversity, and a lot of fun! July 9-12 at Xavier University; cost is \$200 with options for assistance. There is an application required (**priority deadline of April 15, final deadline of May 15**), and here is a link to learn more about the logistics of camp, and the online application: <http://www.redcross.org/oh/cincinnati/local-programs/leadership-development>

Chastity Speaker-The Diocese of Covington Pro-Life Office and St. Elizabeth Healthcare invite students and their parents to attend *Authentic Love* featuring Mr. Charles Marks, on **Thursday, April 16th** from 6:30-8:30pm at Bishop Howard Memorial Auditorium, 1125 Madison Ave, Covington (across from the Cathedral). This [presentation](#) is appropriate for students in 8th Grade and

High School. For more information, please contact the Pro-Life Office at 859-392-1500 or ppiccola@covdio.org.

Terrific Toys is a free event for children Ages 5-12 who are Edgewood Residents that will be held **Saturday, April 18th** from 10:00–11:30 am at The Edgewood Senior Center. Other events include the “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.

Handicap Parking - Please do not use these spots for quick drop off and/or pick up 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.

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!

Last Day of School is Friday, June 5, with an All-School Mass and end of year awards. Dismissal will be at 10:30 am. Please try to wait until after that time to start your vacation plans.

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 avandiver@ccky.org.

St. Pius X Kroger Community Rewards - Our latest check from Kroger was \$ 2,014.28, and we are up to 203 households participating. Thanks so much for your support! 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. Please contact Stefanie Reid at 578-9939 or stefa5678@gmail.com with any questions.

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.

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	30	Private Transportation
	31	Private Transportation
April	1	Private Transportation
		Lenten Prayer Service 12:30 pm (PAC)
	2	Holy Thursday - NO SCHOOL
	3	Good Friday - NO SCHOOL
	6	Easter Sunday
	6- 10	Easter Break

I hope you have a great week! Mrs. Gerwe